

ENTITLEMENT

Military service requirements are met for a non-service-connected pension if the veteran served: • For 90 days or more during World War II, the Korean conflict, the Vietnam era or the Persian Gulf War. • Served less than 90 days during the above war periods and was discharged or released from service for a service-connected disability; or • For a period of 90 consecutive days or more, part of which must have been during a period of war. • For an aggregate of 90 days or more in two or more separate periods of service during more than one period of war. Generally, veterans who entered active duty on or after Sept. 8, 1980, or officers who entered active duty on or after Oct. 16, 1981, may have to meet a longer minimum period of active duty (24 months; see 38 C.F.R. § 3.12a for inclusions and exclusions). The veteran must also be considered permanently and totally disabled and not exceed statutory income and net-worth limitations.

WARTIME SERVICE

World War II: Dec. 7, 1941–Dec. 31, 1946. •

Korean conflict: June 27, 1950–Jan. 31, 1955. •

Vietnam era: Aug. 5, 1964 (Feb. 28, 1961, for veterans who served “in country” before Aug. 5, 1964)–May 7, 1975. •

Persian Gulf War: Aug. 2, 1990, through to a date to be set by law or presidential proclamation