

VETERANS SERVICES

APPOINTMENT CHECKLIST

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The following checklist will help you gather the information you will need to file complete *Compensation, Pension (Veterans and Survivors)*, and *Dependency and Indemnity Compensation* claims.

Once ALL materials have been gathered, please call (701) 241-5756 or email cass-vet@casscountynd.gov to make an appointment

COMPENSATION CLAIMS

You must provide the following to file a *Compensation* claim:

- Original or certified copy of **DD Form 214** or equivalent.
- Copies of all, if any, current relevant private treatment records or **Disability Benefits Questionnaire(s)**. (https://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/dbq_disabilityexams.asp).
- Direct deposit information including account number, bank routing number, and voided check if available.
- Any military records in your possession.

If you are claiming dependents, you must also provide:

- Copy of marriage certificate.
- If veteran or spouse was previously married, a complete history of previous marriage(s) including date and location of each marriage (city and state), name of spouse, how did marriage end (death or divorce), and date and location marriage ended. If possible, include documentation of final dissolution of marriage(s).
- Copy of birth certificates or final decree(s) of adoption for dependent children.
- Medical evidence supporting a helpless child claim.
- Social Security numbers of dependents.

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PENSION CLAIMS (Veterans and Survivors)

You must provide the following to file a *Pension* claim:

- Original or certified copy of **DD Form 214** or equivalent with proof of wartime service. Certain VA benefits require wartime service. Under the law, the VA recognizes these periods of war time:
 - World War I:** April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918.
For Veterans who served in Russia, April 6, 1917, through April 1, 1920.
Extended through July 1, 1921, for Veterans who had at least one day of service between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918.
 - World War II:** December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946.
 - Korean War:** June 27, 1950, through January 31, 1955.
 - Vietnam War:** August 5, 1964 (February 28, 1961, for Veterans who served “in country” before August 5, 1964), through May 7, 1975.
 - Gulf War:** August 2, 1990, through a date to be set.
- Direct deposit information including account number, bank routing number, and voided check if available.
- If veteran is under the age of 65, not in receipt of SSDI, and not in a nursing home, include copies of recent medical records signed by a physician and showing clinical description of permanent and totally disabled status, diagnosis, and prognosis.
- A listing of all current income and net-worth information such as Social Security benefits, retirement income, and dividends.
- Completed Income and Asset Statement in Support of Claim for Pension or Parents' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)
<http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21P-0969-ARE.pdf>

If you are claiming dependents or filing as a survivor, you must also provide:

- Copy of marriage certificate.
- If veteran or spouse was previously married, a complete history of previous marriage(s) including date and location of each marriage (city and state), name of spouse, method of marriage dissolution (death or divorce), and date and location marriage ended. If possible, include documentation of final dissolution of marriage(s).
- Copy of birth certificates or final decree(s) of adoption for dependent children.
- Medical evidence supporting a helpless child claim.
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If you are claiming aid and attendance or housebound benefits, you must also provide:

- A completed **VA Form 21-2680**, *Examination for Housebound Status of Permanent Need for Regular Aid and Attendance* (available on the VA's website at <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-2680-ARE.pdf>)
- If veteran, spouse, or survivor is in a nursing home, also provide **VA Form 21-0779**, *Requesting for Nursing Home Information in Connection with Claim for Aid and Attendance* (available on the VA's website at <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-0779-ARE.pdf>)
- If claiming medical expenses from a caregiver or assisted living or nursing home, provide a completed **Care Expense Statement** (available on the Veterans Service Office website) <https://www.casscountynd.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=5753>

DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION CLAIMS

In order to file a *Dependency and Indemnity Compensation* claim, you must provide:

- Original or certified copy of **DD Form 214** or equivalent.
- Copy of Veteran's Death Certificate. **DD Form 1300** or equivalent, if veteran died on active duty.
- Direct deposit information including account number, bank routing number, and voided check if available.
- Copy of marriage certificate to show dependency.
- If veteran or spouse was previously married, a complete history of previous marriage(s) including date and location of each marriage (city and state), name of spouse, method of marriage dissolution (death or divorce), and date and location marriage ended.

If you are claiming aid and attendance, or housebound benefits, you must also provide:

- A completed VA Form 21-2680, *Examination for Housebound Status of Permanent Need for Regular Aid and Attendance* (available on the VA's website at <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-2680-ARE.pdf>)
- If spouse is in a nursing home, also provide VA Form 21-0779, *Requesting for Nursing Home Information in Connection with Claim for Aid and Attendance* (available on the VA's website at <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-0779-ARE.pdf>)
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