

VETERAN NAME:

CLAIMANT NAME:

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VETERAN SSN:

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SN:

DATE:

We are submitting a claim for benefits based upon the military service of the above-captioned veteran together with supporting evidence as indicated below.

Form 20-572		Form 21-4165	Certified Birth Certificate (s)
Form 21-0512		Form 21-5655	Certified Death Certificate
Form 21-0779		Form 21-4185	Certified Discharge Certificate
Form 21-22		Form 21-0849	Certified Dissolution of Marriage (s)
Form 21-526		Form 21-8416	Certified Marriage Certificate
Form 21-527		Form 22-1990	Application for State Benefits
Form 21-530		Form 22-1995	Medical Documents/SMRs
Form 21-534		Form 22-5490	VCAA
Form 21-535		Form 26-1880	
Form 21-686c		Form 28-1900	
Form 21-2680		Form 29-4125	
Form 21-4138		Form SF 180	
Form 21-4142		NARA Form	

MEMO:

Sincerely,

CVA OFFICE USE ONLY:

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TO:

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VSO INITIALS:



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SECTION VI Tell us about your travel status	20a. Were you injured while traveling to or from your military assignment? (If "Yes," answer Items 20b thru 20e and Section I of Part B: Compensation)	20b. When did your injury happen? / / mo day yr	20c. Where did your injury happen? (City, State, Country)	20d. Where were you treated? (Provide name and address of Doctor's office, hospital, etc.)	20e. What agency did you file an accident report with?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				

SECTION VII Tell us about your military benefits When you file this application, you are telling us that you want to get VA compensation instead of military retired pay. If you currently receive military retired pay, you should be aware that we will reduce your retired pay by the amount of any compensation that you are awarded. VA will notify the Military Retired Pay Center of all benefit changes. You must sign 21e if you want to keep getting military retired pay instead of VA compensation. Please see page 4 of the General Instructions for VA Form 21-526. If you have gotten both military retired pay and VA compensation, some of the amount you get may be recouped by VA, or in the case of VSI, by the Department of Defense	21a. Are you receiving or will you receive retired or retainer pay that is based on your military service? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If "Yes," answer Items 21b thru 21f. If "No," skip to Item 22)	21b. What branch of service is paying or will pay your retired or retainer pay?	21c. What is the monthly amount? \$ _____														
	21d. What is your retirement based on? <input type="checkbox"/> Length of service <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> TDRL (Temporary Disability Retired List)																
	21e. Sign here if you want to receive military retired pay <i>instead of</i> VA compensation _____																
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SECTION VIII Give us direct deposit information If benefits are awarded we will need more information in order to process any payments to you. Please read the paragraph starting with, " <i>All federal payments...</i> " and then either: 1. Attach a voided check, or 2. Answer questions 22-24 to the right.	All federal payments beginning January 2, 1999, must be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT) also called Direct Deposit. Please attach a voided personal check or deposit slip or provide the information requested below in Items 22, 23 and 24 to enroll in Direct Deposit. If you do not have a bank account we will give you a waiver from Direct Deposit, just check the box below in Item 22. The Treasury Department is working on making bank accounts available to you. Once these accounts are available, you will be able to decide whether you wish to sign-up for one of the accounts or continue to receive a paper check. You can also request a waiver if you have other circumstances that you feel would cause you a hardship to be enrolled in Direct Deposit. You can write to: Department of Veterans Affairs, 125 S. Main Street Suite B, Muskogee OK 74401-7004, and give us a brief description of why you do not wish to participate in Direct Deposit.
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SECTION IX Give us your signature

1. Read the box that starts, "I certify and authorize the release of information:"
2. Sign the box that says, "Your signature."
3. If you sign with an "X," then you must have 2 people you know witness you as you sign. They must then sign the form and print their names and addresses also.

I certify and authorize the release of information:
 I certify that the statements in this document are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize any person or entity, including but not limited to any organization, service provider, employer, or government agency, to give the Department of Veterans Affairs any information about me except protected health information, and I waive any privilege which makes the information confidential.

25. Your signature	26. Today's date <div style="text-align: center;"> / / mo day yr </div>
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27a. Signature of witness (If claimant signed above using an "X")	27b. Printed name and address of witness
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SECTION X

Remarks— Use this space for any additional statements that you would like to make concerning your application for Compensation and/or Pension

IMPORTANT
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29. Remarks (If you need more space to answer a question or have a comment about a specific item number on this form, please identify your answer or statement by the part and item number). (See page 5 "Tips For Filling Out Your VA Form 21-526.")

SECTION II Tell us about any previous marriages

NOTE: You should provide copies of divorce decrees or death certificates

In the table below, tell us about:

- Your previous marriages, and
- Your spouse's previous marriages

Your previous marriages

13a. How many times have you been married before? _____

13b. When were you married?	13c. Where were you married? (city/state or country)	13d. Who were you married to? (first, middle initial, last)	13e. When did your marriage end? mo day yr	13f. Why did your marriage end? (death, divorce)	13g. Where did your marriage end? (city/state or country)
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Your spouse's previous marriages

14a. How many times has your current spouse been married before? _____

14b. When was your spouse married?	14c. Where was your spouse married? (city/state or country)	14d. Who was your spouse married to? (first, middle initial, last)	14e. When did your spouse's marriage end? mo day yr	14f. Why did your spouse's marriage end? (death, divorce)	14g. Where did your spouse's marriage end? (city/state or country)
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SECTION III Tell us about your other dependents

In this section we want to know whether your parents are financially dependent on you (Question 15) and more about your **dependent children**. VA may recognize a veteran's biological children, adopted children, and stepchildren as dependent. These children must be unmarried and:

- be under the age of 18, **or**
- be at least 18 but under 23 and pursuing an approved course of education, **or**
- have become permanently unable to support themselves before reaching the age of 18.

You should provide: a copy of the public record of birth for each child or a copy of the court record of adoption for each adopted child.

15. Are your parents financially dependent on you?
 Yes No (If "Yes," we will request additional information from you later.)

16. Do you have dependent children?
 Yes
 (If "No," Skip Items 17-21f.) Go to the bottom of page 3 and write your name and Social Security number.)
 No

17. How many dependent children do you have?

 Give us more information about these children in the tables on the next page (Items 18 through 21f).

SECTION III Tell us about your dependents (continued)

18a. What is the name of your unmarried child(ren)? (first, middle initial, last)	18b. Date and place of birth (city/state or country)	18c. Social Security Number	19a. Biological	19b. Adopted	19c. Stepchild	20a. 18-23 yrs. old and in school	20b. Seriously disabled before age 18	20c. Child previously married
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Tell us about your dependents listed above who *don't* live with you

21a. Do all the children listed above live with you?

Yes (If "Yes," skip Items 21b thru 21f and write your name and Social Security number below.)

No (If "No," complete Item 21b and the table below (Items 21c -21f) and write your name and Social Security number below.)

21b. How many of the children do not live with you?

21c. What is the name of your child? (first, middle initial, last)	21d. What is your child's complete address?	21e. What is the name of the person your child lives with (If applicable)? (first, middle initial, last)	21f. How much do you contribute each month to the support of your child?
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Your name	Your Social Security Number
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Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Form 21-526, Part D: Pension

Use this form to apply for pension. Remember that you must also fill out a VA Form 21-526, Part A: General Information, for your application to be processed. Be sure to write your name and Social Security number in the space provided on page 4.

SECTION I Tell us about your disability and background

Complete this section if you are claiming pension because of permanent and total disability not caused by your military service.

Attach current medical evidence showing that you are permanently and totally disabled.

Note: If you are a veteran who is age 65 or older or determined to be disabled by the Social Security Administration, you **DO NOT** have to submit medical evidence with your application.

1a. What disability(ies) prevent you from working?

1b. When did the disability(ies) begin?

____/____/____
mo day yr

2. Are you claiming a special monthly pension because you need the regular assistance of another person, are blind, nearly blind, or having severe visual problems, or are housebound?

Yes No

3a. Are you now, or have you recently been hospitalized or given outpatient or home-based care?

Yes No
(If "Yes," answer Items 3b and 3c also)

3b. Tell us the dates of the recent hospitalization or care

Began _____
mo day yr
Ended _____
mo day yr

3c. What is the name and complete mailing address of the facility or doctor?

4a. Are you now employed?

Yes No
(If "No," answer Item 4b also)

4b. When did you last work?

____/____/____
mo day yr

4c. Were you self-employed before becoming totally disabled?

Yes No
(If "Yes," answer Item 4d and 4e also)

4d. What kind of work did you do?

4e. Are you still self-employed?

Yes No
(If "Yes," answer Item 4f also)

4f. What kind of work do you do now?

4g. Have you claimed or are you receiving disability benefits from the Social Security Administration (SSA)?

Yes No

4h. Circle the highest year of education you completed:

Grade school
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
College
1 2 3 4 over 4

4i. List the other training or experience you have and any certificates that you hold.

SECTION II Tell us your work history

In the table below, tell us about all of your employment, including self-employment, for one year before you became disabled to the present.

5a. What was the name and address of your employer?	5b. What was your job title?	5c. When did your work begin?	5d. When did your work end?	5e. How many days were lost due to disability?	5f. What were your total annual earnings?												
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SECTION III Tell us if you are in a nursing home

In this section, tell us if you are in a nursing home. If you are in a nursing home, give us more information about the nursing home.

<p>To get your claim processed faster, provide a statement by an official of the nursing home that tells us that you are a patient in the nursing home because of a physical or mental disability and tells us the daily charge for your care.</p>	<p>6a. Are you now in a nursing home?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>(If "yes," answer Item 6b also)</p>	<p>6b. What is the name and complete mailing address of the facility or doctor?</p>
	<p>6c. Does Medicaid cover all or part of your nursing home costs?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>(If "no," answer Item 6d also)</p>	<p>6d. Have you applied for Medicaid?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

SECTION IV Tell us the net worth of you and your dependents

In this section, we ask you to give us specific information about your net worth and the net worth of your dependents. You will need to enter this information in the tables on page 3.

You must include all assets in your net worth except those items you use everyday (See definition of net worth below.)
 You should subtract from the market value of your real estate any amounts that you owe on it (such as mortgages, liens, etc.)
 You can subtract mortgages on any property, and the value of the house or part of a building that you live in as your primary residence.
 You can report farms or buildings that you or a dependent own by reporting its value as "real property."

VA cannot pay you pension if your **net worth** is sizeable.

Definitions:
 Net worth is the market value of all interest and rights in any kind of property less any mortgages or other claims against the property. However, net worth does not include the house you live in or a reasonable area of land it sits on. Net worth also does not include the value of personal things you use everyday like your vehicle, clothing, and furniture.

Go to Page 3 and fill out the table.

SECTION IV
(Continued)

Tell us about your net worth and your dependents' net worth.

For items 7a-h: provide the amounts. If none, write "0" or "None"

Source	Veteran	Spouse	Child(ren)		
			I. Name: <small>(first, middle initial, last)</small>	II. Name: <small>(first, middle initial, last)</small>	III. Name: <small>(first, middle initial, last)</small>
7a. Cash, non-interest bearing bank accounts					
7b. Interest bearing bank accounts, certificates of deposit (CDs)					
7c. IRAs, Keogh Plans, etc.					
7d. Stocks and bonds					
7e. Mutual funds					
7f. Value of business assets					
7g. Real property (not your home)					
7h. All other property					

SECTION V
Tell us about the income you have received and you expect to receive

In this section, we ask you to give us specific information about the income you have received and the income you expect to receive from all sources. You will need to enter this information in the tables on Page 4. In these tables,

Report the total amounts before you take out deductions for taxes, insurance, etc. Do not report the same information in both tables.

If you expect to receive a payment, but you don't know how much it will be, write "Unknown" in the space.

If you do not receive any payments from one of the sources that we list, write "0" or "None" in the space.

If you are receiving monthly benefits, give us a copy of your most recent award letter. This will help us determine the amount of benefits you should be paid.

Payments from any source will be counted, unless the law says that they don't need to be counted. VA will determine any amount that does not count.

8. Will you receive any income from rental property or from operation of a business within 12 months of the day you sign this form?

Yes No

9. Will you receive any income from the operation of a farm within 12 months of the day you sign this form?

Yes No

10. Do you expect to receive money from a civilian agency, corporation, or individual, because of personal injury or death within 12 months of the day you sign this form?

Yes No

SECTION V (Continued) Monthly Income—Tell us the income you and your dependents receive every month.

For Items 11a-12f if none write "0" or "None"

Sources of recurring monthly income	Veteran	Spouse	Child(ren)		
			I. Name:	II. Name:	III. Name:
			(first, middle initial, last)	(first, middle initial, last)	(first, middle initial, last)
11a. Social Security					
11b. U.S. Civil Service					
11c. U.S. Railroad Retirement					
11d. Military Retired Pay					
11e. Black Lung Benefits					
11f. Supplemental Security (SSI)/Public Assistance					
11g. Other income received monthly (Please write in the source below:)					

Next 12 months —Tell us about other income for you and your dependents

Sources of income for the next 12 months	Veteran	Spouse	Child(ren)		
			I. Name:	II. Name:	III. Name:
			(first, middle initial, last)	(first, middle initial, last)	(first, middle initial, last)
12a. Gross wages and salary					
12b. Total interest and dividends					
12c. Worker's compensation for injury					
12d. Unemployment compensation					
12e. Other military benefit (Please write in the source below:)					
12f. Other one-time benefit (Please write in the source below:)					

<p>SECTION VI</p> <p>IMPORTANT—Items 13A through 13E should be completed only if you are applying for nonservice-connected pension.</p>	<p>Tell us any information concerning, Medical, Legal or Other Expenses— Family medical expenses actually paid by you may be deductible from your income. Show the amount of unreimbursed medical expenses you paid for yourself or relatives you are under an obligation to support. Also, show medical, legal or other expenses you paid because of a disability for which civilian disability benefits have been awarded. When determining your income, we may be able to deduct them from the disability benefits for the year in which the expenses are paid. Do not include any expenses for which you were reimbursed. Show the Medicare deduction in line 1. If more space is needed attach a separate sheet.</p>				
	13A. AMOUNT PAID BY YOU	13B. DATE PAID	13C. PURPOSE <i>(Doctor's fees, hospital charges, Attorney fees, etc)</i>	13D. PAID TO <i>(Name of doctor, hospital, pharmacy, Attorney, etc.)</i>	13E. DISABILITY OR RELATIONSHIP OF PERSON FOR WHOM EXPENSES PAID

Your name	Your Social Security Number
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REQUEST FOR NURSING HOME INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH CLAIM FOR AID AND ATTENDANCE

VA DATE STAMP
(Do Not Write In This Space)

INSTRUCTIONS: The claimant named in Item 3 has filed a claim for aid and attendance benefits and has stated that he/she is in a nursing home. In order to arrive at a fair decision in this case, we need the information requested below. Please complete Section II and return to VA at the address shown in Item 2. Please be sure to sign and date this form in Items 13A and 13B. For free help in completing this form, call VA toll-free at 1-800-827-1000. (Hearing Impaired TDD line 1-800-829-4833.)

Section I - IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION (To be completed by VA)

1A. NAME OF NURSING HOME	1B. ADDRESS OF NURSING HOME
2. ADDRESS OF VA REGIONAL OFFICE	
3. FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL- LAST NAME OF CLAIMANT	
4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	5. VA FILE NUMBER

SECTION II - NURSING HOME INFORMATION (To be completed by a Nursing Home Official)

6. DATE ADMITTED TO NURSING HOME (Month, Day, Year)	7. DATE MEDICAID BEGAN (Month, Day, Year)
8. AMOUNT PATIENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OUT OF POCKET \$	
9. I CERTIFY THAT THE CLAIMANT IS A PATIENT IN THIS FACILITY BECAUSE OF MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY AND IS RECEIVING: <input type="checkbox"/> SKILLED NURSING CARE <input type="checkbox"/> INTERMEDIATE NURSING CARE	
10. NURSING HOME OFFICIAL'S NAME (First & Last) (Please print)	
11. NURSING HOME OFFICIAL'S TITLE (Please print)	12. NURSING HOME OFFICIAL'S OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)
13A. SIGNATURE OF NURSING HOME OFFICIAL	13B. DATE SIGNED

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: The VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations 1.526 for routine uses (i.e., civil or criminal law enforcement, congressional communications, epidemiological or research studies, the collection of money owed to the United States, litigation in which the United States is a party or has an interest, the administration of VA programs and delivery of VA benefits, verification of identity and status, and personnel administration) as identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22 Compensation, Pension, Education, and Rehabilitation Records - VA, and published in the Federal Register. While you are not required to respond, your cooperation in providing this relevant and necessary information will help us determine the claimant's maximum benefit entitlement under the law. Information that you furnish may be utilized in computer matching programs with other Federal or state agencies for the purpose of determining the claimant's eligibility to receive VA benefits, as well as to collect any amount owed to the United States by virtue of the claimant's participation in any benefit program administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT INFORMATION COLLECTION: We need this information to determine eligibility for benefits and the proper rate of payment (38 U.S.C. 5503, 38 U.S.C. 1115 (1)(E)), 38 U.S.C. 1311(c), 38 U.S.C. 1315(h)). Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 10 minutes to review the instructions, find the information and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at www.whitehouse.gov/library/omb/OMBINVC.html#VA. If you desire, you can call 1-800-827-1000 to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.

Physician's Statement
In Support of Claim for Housebound or A&A Benefits

VA FILE NUMBER: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____

NAME OF CLAIMANT: _____

Indicate if the claimant is competent to handle his/her own legal and financial affairs. If the claimant is not competent, please state the specific diagnosis affecting competency.

1. GENERAL: (Describe posture and general appearance)

Diagnosis:

2. UPPER EXTREMITIES: (Describe restrictions of each upper extremity)

3. LOWER EXTREMITIES: (Describe restriction of each lower extremity, with reference to extent of limitation of motion, atrophy, contractures or other interference, also if affected, please comment on weight bearing, balance, and propulsion of each lower extremity)

4. SPINE: (Describe restriction of the spine, trunk and neck)

5. OTHER: (Set forth all other pathology including the effects of advancing age, such as dizziness, loss of memory, poor balance, which affects the claimant's ability to perform self-care, ambulate, or travel.)

Indicate which of the below functions the claimant is unable or requires assistance in performing:

Dress and undress

Keep clean and presentable

Eat Meals

Attend to the needs of nature

6. AMBULATION: Indicate if the claimant can walk without ambulatory aids or the assistance of another person, and if so, indicate distance:

If ambulatory aids are required for locomotion, what aids are utilized (cane, braces, crutches, walker, etc.)? Also indicate the distance the claimant can walk with the aid.

State if the claimant is restricted to his/her immediate premises, and if bedridden, indicate the number of hours per day spent in bed.

Describe how often per day or week and under what circumstances the claimant is able to leave home or immediate premises.

7. OTHER INFORMATION: (Is the claimant blind? If so, indicate best corrected visual acuity)

Name and signature of physician

Date

Date of last examination or treatment



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SECTION II - SOURCE OF INFORMATION

7A. LIST THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE SOURCE SUCH AS A PHYSICIAN, HOSPITAL, ETC. <i>(Include ZIP Codes, and also a telephone number, if available)</i>	7B. DATE(S) OF TREATMENT, HOSPITALIZATIONS, OFFICE VISITS, DISCHARGE FROM TREATMENT OR CARE, ETC. <i>(Include month and year)</i>	7C. CONDITION(S) <i>(Illness, injury, etc.)</i>

8. COMMENTS:

YOU MUST SIGN AND DATE THIS FORM ON PAGE 2 AND CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BLOCK IN ITEM 9C.

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