**Vietnam Veterans – Checklist**

Service Number

Full Name

War Disability Pension Number

Disability Percentage

Doctor’s Name

Doctor’s Telephone Number

Veteran Affairs Case Manager’s Name

Veteran Affairs Ph: 0800 483 8372 Email: [veterans@NZDF.mil.nz](mailto:veterans@NZDF.mil.nz)

Ministry of Social Development (for Veterans Pension) Ph: 0800 650 656

**Upon Death, notify the following**:

* Veteran Affairs – WP
* Ministry of Social Development/Veteran Pension
* Your local RSA

**Widow/Partner may be eligible for the following:**

1. Surviving Spouse or Partner’s Pension – where veteran’s death was service related.
2. Travel – Visitors Travel – to help with travel costs, visiting a veteran in long-term hospital care.
3. Work – you may be able to access training and support for back-to-work if your veteran partner is unable to work or has passed away from a service related cause for up to three years.
4. Veterans Independence Programme Services – may be kept by you as needed for a limited period

* upon the veteran entering hospice or hospital care, or
* on the veteran’s death if the veteran was living at home then.

1. Funeral – help with funeral costs – must have served before 1 April 1974.

$2,482.43 as at 3 April 2017.

1. Lump Sum Payment (upon Death of veteran or spouse)

* Veteran $5,885.04 as at 3 April 2017
* Spouse $4,487.51 as at 3 April 2017
* Also, if veteran was, before 1 April 1990, receiving a war veterans allowance under the War Pension Act 1954, payment of $14,838.65 as at 3 April 2017

1. Interment in a Service’s Cemetery, may be arranged for a Veteran and Spouse or Partner

Memorials for interment in a Service’s Cemetery, may be arranged (with costs covered by VA) for Veterans/Spouse/Partner.

Where internment is in a Public or Private cemetery, VA may help with cost of a memorial.

Arrange all of this with your Funeral House, VA or local RSA

1. Families of Vietnam Veterans may be able to access Support for Families recognising hardship, suffering or loss from a veteran’s service

**or**

Grants to relieve poverty or hardship (from the Vietnam Veterans and Families Trust – MOSD website).

1. If the veteran has whole person impairment of at least 52%, VP may have benefits for the families too including automatic entitlement for Community Services Card for Partner

**RSA Support Services (People Helping People)**

We help past and present servicemen and women including NZ Police. Dependents are also eligible for assistance.

We also provide help for Ex Commonwealth and Allied Servicemen and Women through Trusts and Poppy funds. You don’t have to be a member of the RSA to qualify for assistance nor operational Service.

***How we Support***

Through your Local District Support Advisors throughout New Zealand. Local RSA support can include, financial support, advocacy and supportive discussions on War Disability Claims or Reviews.