

Rates for widows are slightly higher if the deceased held a rank higher than that of Colonel or equivalent rank, the annual rate being \$2,160, but those for children remain the same for all ranks.

The Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act, Parts I to X, provides for the payment of pensions to or on behalf of persons who served in certain civilian groups that were closely associated with the war effort during World War II and who suffered injury or death as a result of such service; these include merchant seamen, saltwater fishermen, auxiliary services personnel, ferry pilots of the RAF Transport Command, firefighters who served in Britain, etc.

1.—Pensions in Force under the Pension Act, as at Dec. 31, 1966

Service	Disability		Dependant		Disability and Dependant	
	Pensions in Force	Liability	Pensions in Force	Liability	Pensions in Force	Liability
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
World War I.....	32,010	36,862,240	13,894	28,179,112	45,904	65,041,352
World War II.....	105,926	103,013,618	15,822	26,770,402	121,748	129,784,020
Regular Force.....	2,330	1,756,604	615	1,348,215	2,945	3,104,819
Special Force.....	1,871	1,582,425	186	308,208	2,057	1,890,633
Totals.....	142,137	143,214,887	30,517	56,605,937	172,654	199,820,824

War Veterans Allowances and Civilian War Allowances

War Veterans Allowance Board.—The War Veterans Allowance Board is a quasi-judicial body consisting, at present, of nine members appointed by the Governor in Council. The Board administers the War Veterans Allowance Act and Part XI of the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act and reports to Parliament through the Minister of Veterans Affairs. The Board acts as an appeal court for an applicant or recipient aggrieved by a decision of a District Authority and may, on its own motion, review and alter or reverse any adjudication of a District Authority. The Board is also responsible for instructing and guiding the District Authorities in the interpretation of policy and for advising the Minister with respect to Regulations concerning the administration of the Act.

War Veterans Allowance District Authorities.—In 1950, 18 District Authorities were established in the regional districts of the Department of Veterans Affairs and granted full power to adjudicate on all matters arising under the War Veterans Allowance Act. In 1960, a separate Authority, the Foreign Countries District Authority, located in Ottawa, was established to look after recipients living outside Canada. The members of a District Authority are employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, appointed by the Minister with the approval of the Governor in Council.

War Veterans Allowances.—The purpose of the War Veterans Allowance Act, 1952, as amended, is to provide an allowance to otherwise qualified war veterans who, because of age or infirmity, are no longer able to derive their maintenance from employment and to ensure that their income does not fall below the scale specified in the Schedule to the Act. Widows and orphans of qualified veterans are eligible for benefits. Since its inception in 1930, the Act has been amended 14 times to meet additional needs of veterans