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PENSION INCREASE FOR VETERANS AND WAR WIDOWS

More than 340,000 veterans and war widows will shortly receive pension increases of up to \$23.60 per fortnight, the Secretary of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, Mr Ian Campbell, announced today.

"Veteran pensions, including the Service Pension, War Widow Pension and Disability Pension, will increase from 20 September and be paid from the next pension pay day on 23 September," Mr Campbell said.

"This increase will help to support the living standards of veterans and their families now and into the future."

Changes to key rates are outlined below:

Pension	Old fortnightly rate	New fortnightly rate
Special Rate (TPI) Pension	\$1,069.30	\$1,092.90
Extreme Disablement Adjustment	\$590.20	\$603.30
100 per cent General Rate of Disability Pension	\$379.90	\$388.30
Intermediate Rate Disability Pension	\$725.50	\$741.60
Service Pension – single	\$701.10	\$716.10
Service Pension – couples	\$1057.00 couple \$528.50 each	\$1079.60 couple \$539.80 each
War Widow Pension	\$709.60	\$725.10
Income Support Supplement	\$211.90	\$216.60

A full list of rates will be available on the DVA website from 20 September at www.dva.gov.au/pensions_and_compensation/pensions_and_rates/Pages/index.aspx.

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