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## RA 11164: An Act Increasing the Monthly Old Age Pension of Senior Veterans

This law increases the old age pension of veterans who served in World War II, Korean War and the Vietnam War from PhP 5,000.00<sup>1</sup> to PhP 20,000.00, provided that they do not receive pension from the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Lt. Gen. Ernesto G. Carolina (Ret.), Administrator of the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO), reported to the Senate that since the approval of the law in 2019, the agency has continuously delivered the mandated pension increase to qualified veterans. Based on PVAO's records, as of June 30, 2020, there were 3,733 living senior veterans that receive the mandated benefits under this law.



The PVAO Administrator observed that there is growing clamor from the surviving spouses of veterans to have their monthly

pension increased as well, which is currently pegged at PhP 5,000.00 as per RA 6948 (as amended). While PVAO supports any increase in pension of all veterans and their surviving spouses, the agency is asking Congress to prioritize those surviving spouses "who are already old and sickly." Administrator Carolina noted that bills currently filed in the Senate and House of Representatives propose to increase the spouses' pension to PhP 8,000.00.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://pvao.gov.ph/president-duterte-signs-law-raising-senior-veterans-pension-to-php-20000/