

VA Alerts 2 Million Vets on Questionnaires

The Veterans Administration alerted two million veterans and dependents who get monthly VA pension checks that they will receive annual income questionnaires with their November 1 checks.

The VA asks these pensioners to do two things:

1—Fill out the questionnaire accurately and completely.

2—After signing it, the recipients should return the form to VA—no later than January 15, 1971.

M.W. McDonaugh, Director of the Juneau VA Regional Office pointed out that as 1971 pension payments will be based on submitted information, the questionnaires must be returned by the January 15 deadline to insure non-interruption of pension checks.

VA pension is paid to veterans totally and permanently disabled from non-service connected disabilities. Widows and children of deceased veterans may also be eligible for VA pension if they meet certain income limitations.

Parents of deceased veterans who receive dependency and indemnity compensation are also required to fill out and return the questionnaire.

The annual income questionnaire requests information on the amount of income the beneficiary received in 1970, and the amount anticipated in 1971.

It was emphasized that if the questionnaire is not returned to the VA, beneficiaries will not only lose next year's benefits, but may also be required to refund payments received during 1970.

Each year, hundreds of VA beneficiaries are inconvenienced because they fail to promptly return or completely fill out their income questionnaires, McDonaugh pointed out.

Mr. McDonaugh urged veterans and dependents who need help with the questionnaire to contact their nearest VA office.