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This column is designed to give veterans official VA ar-swers to their Readjustment problems. All veterans and families of veterans are urged to use Right Guide, 1401 South Broadway, Los Ange-les 15, Calif. Death pensions are being paid 9,732 veterans' beneficiaries in Southern California according to the VA's March 1 report. There were 385 cases pending at the end of the month. An average of at least 12 widows, mothers and other beneficiaries file claims with the VA every working day in the 11 Southern counties of Califor-nias Every effort is made to assist them and expedite their claims but few of them are in formed as to what constitutes they must have to submit their claims.

cy must have to submit that ims. Long and unnecessary delays pension checks can be avoid-if each veteran will deter-ine and collect now the evi-nece his beneficiary will need case of his death. An hour ent NOW at a VA office will ve months of embarrassment ter.

spent NOW at a VA office will save months of embarrassment later. Question: My late husband of his National Service Life In-surance. Am I entitled to any part of it? Answer: This question Is ask-ed hundreds of times each month and the answer is, NO. The entire benefit will go to Ihe primary beneficiary named, or in case of the death of the primary beneficiary the unpald balance will go to the second beneficiary. The only recourse the wife has is to file sufficient evidence to show the husband minded to change his benefi-ciary and name her as reci-pent.

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Peterby ins instance between the intervention of a veteran have under the GI Bill? A—The Servicemen's Readjustment Act (GI Bill) specifically states its benefits are for veterans only. Civil Service gives preference to widows of veterans and there are pensions and other benefits under the "GI Bill?. Q—Ts the widow of a deceased veteran who died of a service conceted disability entitled to treatment and hospitalization in a VA hospital? A—They much she is a veteran.

A-No, unless she is a vet eran. Q-How much pension are wi-dows of veterans entitled to? A-Pension laws differ with different wars. Awards depend upon the widow's income, num-ber of children, the cause of the veterar's death, and other factors. In general, however, widows who have not remarried are entitled to pensions ranging from \$35 to \$50 per month with extra amounts for each child. The best way for a veteran's widow to determine her eligibili-ty is to call at her nearest VA office.

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