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JULY 25 RECAP:

In the July 2025 issue of the Vietnam Veterans Newsletter, my report included, (In part) an article about Understanding Indexation and made reference to certain facts such as:

“Your Service and other veterans’ pensions increase twice a year in line with increases in the cost of living and the average wage.

The Bureau of Statistics calculates how much cost of living has increased (CPI Index) and how much the average wage has increased. The Service Pension is increased using the greater of these two increases.

This process is known as ‘indexation’.

Along with the Service Pension you get the Supplement. The Pension Supplement is an extra payment, paid on a fortnightly basis, to help with utility, phone, internet and medicine costs.

But here’s the rub. Whilst the Service and other veterans’ pensions are indexed to cost of living and wages, the Supplement is indexed only to increases in the cost of living.

This has not mattered in recent years because the cost of living has been increasing faster than wages. But that seems now to be reversing. It looks like increases in wages are overtaking increases in cost of living.”

DECEMBER 25 IN REVIEW:

In December issue of 2025 I will include an article about matters and concerns raised by ESORT to the government, minister for Veterans’, and DVA, and included, in part,:

“... that over the past few years there have been quite a number of issues and matters of great concern that have been raised with the Government/Minister for Veterans’ Affairs/DVA, through the ‘Ex-Service Organisation Round Table Forum (ESORT)’, and from other Veterans’ Forums.

The “ESORT” Forum Members consist of ‘Representatives’ of most of the larger Ex-service Organisations (ESO’s), Department of Defence (ADF) and several others whom the ESORT Forum has deemed appropriate for this purpose....”

The articles in full, summarised briefly above, may be found in full among the pages of the Vietnam Veterans Newsletter, which is available, and posted at the time of publication, to all current paid up members of our Association, the Sub-Branches, and the Vietnam Veterans Federation of Australia, nationally. Membership is \$30 per annum, and due from 1st January each year, expiring on December 31st each year.

So join your local State Branch or Sub-Branch to receive your free copy each April, July, and December.

For the president:
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