James Larsen is a Korean Conflict and Peacetime veteran. He served in the Navy from June 12, 1950 to April 6, 1954.

1. Service connection for asbestos related pleural disease is granted with an evaluation of 60 percent effective April 27, 2001.

2. Entitlement to individual unemployability is granted effective April 27, 2001.

EVIDENCE

- VA Examination, Puget Sound Health Care System, dated November 7, 2001
Swede called today and said he doesn't mind if anyone has a question to ask him about a service connection for asbestos related pleural disease. If you served on the Evans in an area where you were exposed to asbestos you may be evaluated after being recommended to the Veterans Hospital. Please give him a call if you have questions.

Dear Mr. Larsen:

We made a decision on your claim for service connected compensation received on April 27, 2001.

This letter tells you about your entitlement amount and payment start date and what we decided. It includes a copy of our rating decision that gives the evidence used and reasons for our decision. We have also included information about additional benefits, what to do if you disagree with our decision, and who to contact if you have questions or need assistance.

What Is Your Entitlement Amount And Payment Start Date?

Your monthly entitlement amount is shown below:

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<th>Monthly Entitlement Amount</th>
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When Can You Expect Payment?

Your payment begins the first day of the month following your effective date. You will receive a payment covering the initial amount due under this award, minus any withholdings, in approximately 15 days. Payment will then be made at the beginning of each month for the prior month. For example, benefits due for May are paid on or about June 1.