



LONG-TERM CARE BENEFITS FOR WARTIME VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSE

VA's PENSION	AID & ATTENDANCE (A&A)	HOUSEBOUND
<p>VA's pension program provides monthly benefit payments to certain wartime Veterans with financial need, and their survivors. You <u>MAY</u> be eligible if:</p>	<p>Aid and Attendance (A&A) is an increased monthly pension amount paid to a Veteran or surviving spouse. You <u>MAY</u> be eligible for the increased A&A amount if:</p>	<p>Housebound is an increased monthly pension amount paid to a Veteran or surviving spouse who is substantially confined to his or her home because of permanent disability. You <u>MAY</u> be eligible if:</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> You were discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Served 90 days or more of active military, naval or air service with at least 1 day during a period of war, AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Your countable income is below the maximum annual pension rate, AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Meets the net worth limitations, AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Is age 65 or older, OR is a patient in a nursing home, OR is receiving Social Security disability benefits.</p> <p>(Veterans who entered active duty after September 7, 1980, must also have served at least 24 months of active duty service. If the total length of service is less than 24 months, the Veteran must have completed his/her entire tour of active duty.)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> You are eligible for basic pension benefits AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> You require the aid of another person in order to perform activities of daily living, such as bathing, feeding, dressing, toileting, adjusting prosthetic devices, or protecting yourself from the hazards of your daily environment OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> You are bedridden, in that your disability or disabilities require that you remain in bed apart from any prescribed course of convalescence or treatment, OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> You are a patient in a nursing home due to mental or physical incapacity, OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> You have corrected visual acuity of 5/200 or less, in both eyes, or concentric contraction or the visual field to 5 degrees or less.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> You are eligible for basic pension benefits AND</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> You have a single permanent disability evaluated as 100 percent disabling AND, due to a disability or disabilities, you are permanently and substantially confined to your immediate premises, OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> You have a single permanent disability evaluated as 100 percent disabling AND another disability or disabilities, independently evaluated as 60 percent or more disabling.</p>

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MILITARY/ VA DISABILITY PENSION

The Federal VA offers a financial assistance program entitled “Non-Service Connected Pension with Aid and Attendance” that can assist wartime veterans and their surviving spouses while residing in a Nursing Home, and in some cases while in an Assisted Living Facility.

This benefit is “means tested.” The VA reviews several factors to determine eligibility including income, net worth, level of disability, and medical expenses.

Generally those with assets of \$80,000 or less (not including their primary residence) are financially eligible for this benefit program. Entitlement to pension benefits is determined on a case-by-case basis and requires the completion of 5 separate VA forms (one of which the Nursing Home or Assisted Living Facility completes).

Listed below are the **maximum** VA benefits payable under this program:

If Veteran or their spouse is receiving Long-Term Care Medicaid:

- Single Veteran/Surviving Spouse - \$90/month for personal needs only

If Veteran or their spouse is paying privately:

- Single Veteran – \$1881
- Married Veteran – \$2231
- Surviving Spouse – \$1209

If you think you may qualify OR
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