

# VETERANS

## AID & ATTENDANCE



### OVERVIEW

Veterans and their spouses may be eligible for benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs when assistance with activities of daily living are needed, such as assistance with dressing, feeding, or bathing due to physical or mental limitations.

#### PENSION ELIGIBILITY

Pension is a benefit paid to wartime veterans (or their surviving spouses) who have limited or no income, and who are age 65 or older, or, if under age 65, who are permanently and totally disabled. Surviving spouses who have not remarried can be eligible at any age and do not have to be disabled.

If the application is approved, payments can be awarded and used to help pay the cost of assisted living expenses up to the maximum amounts listed in the table in the sidebar.

#### AID & ATTENDANCE ELIGIBILITY

The following are eligibility requirements for a veteran or surviving spouse to qualify for a VA pension with Aid & Attendance benefits:

- The Veteran needs to have served a minimum of 90 days of active military service and at least one day of that service needs to have occurred during a period of war. The veteran needs to have been discharged under conditions not deemed dishonorable.
- The veteran or surviving spouse needs assistance with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, or feeding. Please note that the need for assistance does not

have to be related to the veteran's time in the service, nor do you have to submit medical evidence of disability with this application. However, documentation showing the need for assistance with activities of daily living as indicated on the assisted living resident assessment and a physician's assessment must be provided during the claim processing.

- As this is a need-based program, income and net worth limits must also be met. Net worth includes such assets as bank accounts, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc. excluding home, car, personal furnishings, and clothing. Countable income includes earnings, disability and retirement payments, interest and dividends and net income from business.

*Note: The non-reimbursed cost of medical care and assisted living care could offset income and asset requirements. Therefore, those that exceed the income or net worth limits listed should still apply.*

Sit down with one of our staff members today to fill out your paperwork for VA Aid & Attendance. Don't miss out on financial benefits for you and your loved ones.



#### MAXIMUM ANNUAL PENSION RATE WITH AID & ATTENDANCE BENEFIT (EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2013)

STATUS	PENSION	AID & ATTENDANCE
VETERAN, NO DEPENDENTS	\$12,652	\$21,107
VETERAN W/ SPOUSE	\$16,569	\$25,022
SURVIVING SPOUSE	\$7,498	\$13,362

#### MAXIMUM ANNUAL INCOME LIMITS FOR AID & ATTENDANCE (EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2013)

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#### DOCUMENTATION

FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION	TO BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION
DRIVERS LICENSE	DD 214 OR EQUIVALENT
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO	DIVORCE DECREE OR DEATH CERTIFICATE
DOCUMENTS INDICATING DATES OF SVC & SVC NO.	ASSISTED LIVING AND PHYSICIANS ASSESSMENTS