



V.A. BENEFITS – AID & ATTENDANCE PENSION

Qualifications for Non – Service Connected Aid and Attendance Pension*

Claimant may be: Veteran, Ill or Widowed Spouse, Disabled Adult Child

- Veteran must have served at least ninety (90) days active duty with one day of the ninety during a war period (Ninety days do not have to be consecutive);
- Veteran must be 65 **OR**, be permanently and totally disabled, not due to his/her own willful misconduct.
- Veteran must have had an “Other Than Dishonorable Discharge”;
- Claimant’s physician must declare him/her as Housebound and/or in Need of Assistance from another individual (This may include services offered by assisted living/in home care);
- Claimant’s household out-of-pocket yearly medical expenses must exceed or come close to his/her total yearly household gross income (Total yearly cost of assisted living/in home care is generally considered a medical expense);
- Widowed spouse must have been married to the Veteran for at least 1 year, OR have had children by the Veteran if married less than 1 year, AND never remarried; (Minor or disabled children may qualify for limited benefits on their own); and
- Widowed spouse must have been living with the Veteran at the time the Veteran’s death, unless the separation was due to medical or military reasons.

2018 Maximum Pension Rates for Aid and Attendance

- Single Veteran.....\$1,830 monthly (\$21,962 Yr.)
- Veteran with Spouse/Dependent..... \$2,170 monthly (\$26,036 Yr.)
- Two married Veterans.....\$2,903 monthly (\$34,837 Yr.)
- Surviving Spouses.....\$1,224 monthly (\$14,685 Yr.)
- Healthy Veteran with Disabled Spouse.....\$1,446 monthly (17,347 Yr.)

WW II _____ 12/07/1941 – 12/31/1946
Vietnam Era _____ 08/05/1964 – 05/07/1975
(In Country 02/28/1961 – 05/07/1975)

Korean War _____ 06/27/1950 – 01/31/1955
Gulf War _____ 08/02/1990 - Unspecified

*Note: Each VA claim is unique and the above criteria is generic in nature and may not be applicable to each Claimant.

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