

# “Veterans Aid and Attendance Pension Benefits”

## 2026 Rates

This Veteran’s Program is designed to help veterans and/or their surviving spouses receive the financial support necessary to ensure their continuing care in their own home or in an assisted living or nursing home setting. Benefits may also be available for house-bound individuals that require daily assistance to maintain their health, dignity and safety.

	<b>2026</b>	
	<b>“Aid &amp; Attendance”</b>	
Veteran & Spouse	\$ 2,878.00 / month	<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p style="margin: 0;">2026 Bright Line \$163,698</p> </div>
Single Veteran	\$ 2,424.00 / month	
Surviving Spouse	\$ 1,558.00 / month	
Healthy Veteran / Sick Spouse	\$ 1,903.00 / month	

### Eligibility Requirements:

1. Veteran must have served at least 90 days of active duty, with at least one day served during a time of war.
  - a. World War II: 12/07/1941 – 12/31/1946
  - b. Korean War: 06/27/1950 – 01/31/1955
  - c. Vietnam 02/28/1961 – 08/05/1964 (Serving “In Country”)
  - d. Vietnam 08/06/1964 – 05/07/1975
  - e. Gulf War 08/02/1990 – Present (Requires Special Service Requirements)
2. Assets & Financial Need – Many variables require each case to be evaluated individually regarding the level of assets and income needs an applicant may have.
3. **Medical diagnosis:** *There must be a reason you need some help with some Activities of Daily Living (ADL’s), such as bathing, dressing, using the toilet, transferring/mobility, or mental impairment such as dementia or mental illness.*

***Important:*** *If your basic income, assets or care needs appear to be a barrier to receiving the benefit, be aware that there are little-known regulations that may still allow you to qualify for these or other benefits.*

### Accreditation Required to Assist Veteran

- As of June 23,2008, the VA requires ANYONE who assists a veteran or family member with the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of a claim for benefits to be accredited by the VA BEFORE they can legally provide assistance. To protect yourself while going through the VA process, be sure to use an accredited agent. You can check if a person is accredited by visiting: <http://www4.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp> and type in their name.
- Attorneys and properly licensed advisors may charge a pre-filing consultation fee to assess whether there are any benefits you may be eligible for through the VA or other government agencies and to assist in understanding qualification options. However NO ONE can charge you to assist with the preparation, presentation or prosecution of your claim. The Senior Veterans Council’s Accredited Agent will provide a 30-minute FREE for anyone who wants to discuss whether they can qualify for Veterans or other government benefits.

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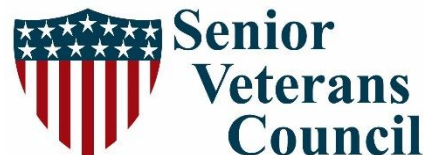
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### **ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE REGARDING PENSION "AID & ATTENDANCE"**

This overview will provide additional insights that a claimant must meet in order to qualify for the VA Pension Aid & Attendance benefit. These factors include:

1. Service during a "qualifying" War Time Period

WWII: 12/7/1941 - 12/31/1946  
Korean: 6/27/1950 - 1/31/1955  
Vietnam: 8/6/1964 - 5/7/1975  
Gulf War: 08/02/1990 – Present (With Special Service Requirements)

2. Assistance with at least two of these activities of daily living (ADL) - bathing, dressing, toileting, transferring (in/out bed/chairs) and feeding (food to mouth not meal preparation) -- **IF** there is a diagnosis of Dementia, Alzheimer's or Legally Blind, then this requirement is not necessarily needed as the VA may consider assistance with meal preparation, medication management, transportation, financial oversight, housekeeping and laundry services as qualifying ADL needs.

3. Countable Liquid Net-Worth under \$163,698 - If liquid assets are greater than this amount, there are regulations that can allow for a reduction in "countable" assets that may allow the claimant to qualify.

4. Receiving services/care with your activities of daily living as defined in #2 - someone needs to be providing hands-on assistance or regular supervision to meet the ADL needs described above.

5. Paying someone, or an entity, to provide services/care as defined in #2

If all of these requirements are met, then the claimant meets the basic qualifications, and will most likely qualify for the Pension Aid & Attendance benefit if a fully developed application is submitted to the VA.

**Regarding eligible expenses:** The VA does not take into consideration regular monthly expenses such as rent, food, utilities, etc. If the claimant is paying out more for care and eligible expenses than what they are bringing in, then they may be eligible for the maximum benefit allowed by the VA. If they are not paying out all of their gross income on eligible expenses, then the VA might award a reduced benefit based on their residual income. If the residual income is more than what the potential maximum benefit would be, then the VA will deny the application for excess income.

**\*\*\* SEE REVERSE FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE\*\*\***

**2024 Maximum benefit rates are as follows:**

Married Veteran . . . . .	\$ 2,878
Single Veteran . . . . .	\$ 2,424
Surviving Spouse (Widow) . . . . .	\$ 1,558
Healthy Veteran With Sick Spouse. . . . .	\$ 1,903

The benefit only stays in effect as long as the claimant is paying out for care each month. The VA can and does, from time to time, send out paperwork to be completed in order to show that these requirements continue to be met.

When applying for benefits, the VA requires a doctor to complete a VA form showing that required care is necessary. They also require that the claimant (person applying for benefits) show paperwork defining what care is being performed, how often the care is being provided and how much they are paying. The person performing the services must provide an affidavit stating that they are providing the services, how often they are performing the services, and how much they are being paid.

We hope this helps further explain the complex requirements needed to qualify for the Pension Aid & Attendance benefit.

If you feel that there is a possibility that you can meet these requirements and would like to schedule a no-cost 30-minute consultation with one of our benefit advisors, please use of these options to schedule a call:

- 1) Use the following link to set a time for a follow up call:  
[www.calendly.com/davidcolenc](http://www.calendly.com/davidcolenc)
- 2) Text your available time to: (919) 245-7568
- 3) Email your availability to: [info@seniorveteranscouncil.com](mailto:info@seniorveteranscouncil.com)
- 4) Leave a voicemail message on our message line: (919) 245-7569, as to your need for a call and your availability.

With a few days' notice, we should be able to respond and schedule a call that meets your schedule.

Please note that there are other benefits that may be available in regards to a Veteran that are **service connected issues**. The VA announced an unprecedented program with the PACT Act which addresses disability related to Toxins. Here is a statement right from the VA's website:

**"The PACT Act is perhaps the largest health care and benefit expansion in the VA history."**

If you feel that you may be eligible for benefits through the PACT Act, please let us know.

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