



VETERAN'S AID & ATTENDANCE PROGRAM

Aid and Attendance through the Veteran's Administration can help pay for your In-Home Care costs. If your spouse, or you, is an honorably discharged Veteran of the US Military, you may qualify to receive up to \$23,388.00 yearly. This benefit is paid monthly and goes directly to the Veteran or surviving spouse.

Monthly Benefit Paid:

- Widow of Veteran \$1056.00
- Single Veteran \$1644.00
- Married Veteran \$1949.00



How do I know if I am eligible for the Aid and Attendance benefit?

Do You Have the “3-Ms”?

- **Military:** Are you a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran who served at least 90 days on active duty, at least one day during wartime*, with an honorable discharge? (Persian Gulf War veterans must have two years of active duty.)
- **Medical:** Do you have a non service-connected medical condition causing you to need assistance with activities of daily living?
- **Money:** Do you have limited income and assets? (Your home and car are exempt.)

Did you serve during one of the *VA Defined War Periods?

- World War II: Dec 7, 1941-Dec. 31, 1946
- Korean Conflict: June 27, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955
- Vietnam Era: Aug. 5, 1964-May 7, 1975 For veterans who served Feb. 28, 1961-Aug 5, 1964, must have served “in country” (Vietnam).
- Persian Gulf War: Aug 2, 1990- date to be prescribed by Presidential proclamation or law. Must have served active duty for 2 years.

If you answered yes to all three questions, you will more than likely qualify for Aid & Attendance. There are some financial qualifications through the VA. The VA will compare your monthly income to your medical expenses. If your medical expenses are greater, then you will most likely qualify for the maximum benefit.



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What is the difference between the Aid and Attendance and Housebound Benefits?

- **Aid and Attendance (A&A)** is a benefit paid in addition to monthly pension. This benefit may not be paid without eligibility to pension. A veteran may be eligible for A&A when:
 1. The veteran requires the aid of another person in order to perform personal functions required in everyday living, such as bathing, feeding, dressing, attending to the wants of nature, adjusting prosthetic devices, or protecting himself/herself from the hazards of his/her daily environment, **OR**,
 2. The veteran is bedridden, in that his/her disability or disabilities requires that he/she remain in bed apart from any prescribed course of convalescence or treatment, **OR**,
 3. The veteran is a patient in a nursing home due to mental or physical incapacity, **OR**,
 4. The veteran is blind, or so nearly blind as to have corrected visual acuity of 5/200 or less, in both eyes, or concentric contraction of the visual field to 5 degrees or less.
- **Housebound** is paid in addition to monthly pension. Like A&A, Housebound benefits may not be paid without eligibility to pension. A veteran may be eligible for Housebound benefits when:
 1. The veteran has a single permanent disability evaluated as 100-percent disabling **AND**, due to such disability, he/she is permanently and substantially confined to his/her immediate premises, **OR**,
 2. The veteran has a single permanent disability evaluated as 100-percent disabling **AND**, another disability, or disabilities, evaluated as 60 percent or more disabling.

A veteran cannot receive both Aid and Attendance and Housebound benefits at the same time.

- We help you determine if you qualify for the VA Aid & Attendance Pension Benefit.
- We assist you to identify and obtain documents needed for the application.
- We help you complete and submit the application to the VA.
- We provide your home care right away.
- We monitor your application's progress, and assist with responses to VA requests for additional information until your pension is approved.

