

Veterans ElderCare Consulting



Introduction to the Veteran's Aid & Attendance Pension

What is the Aid & Attendance Pension?

There is a tax-free financial benefit available to wartime veterans with *non-service-connected* disability or their surviving spouses who require assistance with activities of daily living. This benefit, commonly called **The Veterans Aid & Attendance Pension**, provides qualified veterans and surviving spouses who have limited financial resources, a tax-free pension that helps pay for private duty home care services or assisted living.

Qualifying Criteria

- The veteran must have been on active duty for at least 90 days, one day of which must have been during a period of conflict or war.
- The veteran must have received a discharge from the military that was not under dishonorable circumstances.
- A veteran must be permanently disabled due to non-service-connected causes and need the assistance of another person with activities of daily living, the need for which must be supported in writing by a physician.
- A surviving spouse must need assistance with activities of daily living, supported in writing by a physician and must have been married to the veteran at least 12 months prior to and at the time of his or her death and be un remarried.
- The veteran or surviving spouse must meet the VA's income and asset limitations.

How much is the maximum pension for qualifying individuals? (2025 Rates. Increases annually at same rate as Social Security)

- Surviving spouse **\$1515/month or \$18,187/year**
- Veteran w/o dependent **\$2358/month or \$28,300/year**
- Veteran with dependent **\$2795/month or \$33,578/year**

How does Veterans ElderCare Consulting help?

We provide information and advice* for seniors and family members who may be in the process of identifying and arranging for eldercare services and may at some point need to apply for VA or other eldercare financial resources to help pay for them. VEC's consultation may include assessing eligibility for such programs, helping obtain supporting documents and providing advice regarding eldercare services in general. While VEC may assist with completing or filling out various program forms, *specifically*, VEC *does not* charge for any such assistance with VA forms.

Required Information and Documents for VA Pension:

- ✓ Legible copy of the veteran's military discharge papers
- ✓ Married veteran or surviving spouse claimants must provide a copy of the marriage certificate
- ✓ Surviving spouse claimants must provide a copy of the veteran's death certificate that shows the cause of death.
- ✓ Claimants must disclose *all* sources of income, including Social Security, pension, interest, etc.
- ✓ Complete and accurate information and recent statements for all assets, including bank accounts, investments, etc. The claimant's primary residence, automobile and personal belongings are not considered assets for VA purposes.
- ✓ Primary care physician's name, address, phone and fax numbers. (*The need for assistance must be confirmed by a doctor. VEC will contact the doctor and obtain the appropriate forms*)
- ✓ Name and contact information for care providers. (for care in the home or assisted living)

When necessary and as possible, Veterans ElderCare will assist with researching and obtaining supporting documents.

**For additional information or to request a consultation,
call 866-507-0003**

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