

V.A. NON-SERVICE CONNECTED PENSION WITH AID & ATTENDANCE



Ask an elderly Veteran if they are aware they may be eligible for a pension from the Veteran's Administration and they will tell you, "I'm not eligible because I wasn't injured in the war." There are several Veteran pensions, but the pension designed to help elderly Veterans and surviving spouses pay for costly home health care or assisted/skilled care is called Non-Service Connected with Aid & Attendance. The amount one receives depends upon whether or not they are married, how much their medical expenses are and their current financial and medical status. Pension requirements are listed below:

Military Service Requirements

The veteran must have at least 90 days of active military service, one day of which was during a wartime period. Overseas service is not required.

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| World War II | 12/07/41 - 12/31/46 |
| Korea | 06/27/50 - 01/31/55 |
| Vietnam | 08/05/64 - 05/07/75 |
| Persian Gulf** | 08/02/90 - ending date not set |

***Note: Veterans who enlisted after 9/7/80 generally must have served at least 24 months, or the full period for which they were called to active duty if they served in the Guard or Reserves.*

Disability Requirements

Veterans must be 65+ and receiving medical care in order to receive V.A. Aid & Attendance pension benefits. Typically, assistance with ADLs is a qualifier.

Income Requirements

V.A. pension is a needs-based program. Financial eligibility is based upon review of income, assets and unreimbursed medical expenses.

To see if you qualify for this benefit, please 262-670-8888. We will be able to answer immediate questions over the phone. For additional information, please refer to our website www.veteransbenefitsinc.com

2009 Maximum Annual Rates

| Single Veteran | | Surviving Spouse | |
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| Annual | \$19,736 | Annual | \$12,670 |
| Monthly | \$1,644 | Monthly | \$1,055 |
| Married Veteran | | | |
| Annual | \$23,396 | | |
| Monthly | \$1,949 | | |

Rates effective 12/01/2009 per VA web site. There is no COLA for 2010 so the rates are the same as 2009.

