

Veteran's Aid & Attendance Benefit 2026

MAXIMUM MONTHLY AID & ATTENDANCE PENSION*

**Actual benefit amount determined by the VA based on eligibility.*

SINGLE VETERAN	SURVIVING SPOUSE	
\$2,422	\$1,556	
TWO MARRIED VETERANS	MARRIED VETERAN WITH CARE NEEDS	MARRIED VETERAN SPOUSE NEEDS CARE
\$3,841	\$2,871	\$2,871

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must have served at least 90 days of active duty with at least one day during a period of war.
- Must have anything other than a Dishonorable discharge.
- A surviving spouse must have been married to the veteran at the time of his passing.
- Must require the assistance of another person to perform some of the daily activities of living.
- Must meet income and countable asset criteria established by the VA.
- Must be 65 years and older or totally disabled.

Eligible Periods of War:

- **World War II:** December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946, inclusive. If the veteran was in service on December 31, 1946, continuous service before July 26, 1947, is considered World War II service.
- **Korean conflict:** June 27, 1950 - January 31, 1955, inclusive.

- **Vietnam era:** The period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on May 7, 1975, inclusive, in the case of a veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam during that period. The period beginning on August 5, 1964, and ending on May 7, 1975, inclusive, in all other cases.
- **Persian Gulf War:** August 2, 1990, through date to be prescribed by Presidential proclamation or law.

Diagnosis: The applicant must have a medical diagnosis stating that he/she requires regular assistance with activities of daily living as a result of medical concerns.

Spouse benefit: Spouses are not eligible if they have divorced the veteran. Spouses who are widowed and remarry another veteran may be eligible based on a VA review. It is worth the time to check with the VA if this situation arises.

Processing time: Processing time varies for each applicant. Sometimes additional information is requested by the VA. If the benefit is granted, it will be retro-paid back to the first month after the initial application.

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