

VA PENSION-AID AND ATTENDANCE PROGRAM

Veterans or their spouse who are age 65 and older or permanently and totally disabled may be eligible for monetary support to meet their home care, assisted living and/or nursing home expenses. The veteran must have 90 days or more of active military service with at least one day during a period of war. The veteran's discharge must have been under conditions other than dishonorable and the disability must be for reasons other than the veteran's own willful misconduct.

1. What is a period of war?
 - a. WWII: December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946.
 - b. Korean War: June 27, 1950 through January 31, 1955.
 - c. Vietnam War: August 5, 1964 (February 28, 1961 for "in country" service) through May 7, 1975.
 - d. Gulf War: August 2, 1990 through present.
2. The disability does not need to be service related. Applicant requires assistance in personal functions of daily living, bedridden or in a nursing home.
3. Applicant must have limited assets and income. There is no set limit for assets. Each case is based upon the care needs of the applicant.
4. Applicant must have actual expenses relating to the care assistance. These expenses are used to calculate the benefit.
5. VA pension can be received in conjunction with other government benefits.

Hehr & Myers is a proactive law firm with attorneys accredited by the Veterans Administration to aid Veterans and their families in applying for VA benefits. We also guide families with their estate planning needs, wealth protection and Medicaid planning.

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