

PERSONALIZED ESTATE PLANNING

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Wills + Trusts

VA + Medicaid Planning

Asset Protection Planning

Probate + Estate Administration

Guardianship + Conservatorship

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The Department of Veterans Affairs provides tax free monetary benefits to eligible veterans and surviving spouses who are paying out of pocket for medical expenses.



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Protecting Your Family, Your Estate, Your Business

VA PENSION "AID + ATTENDANCE"

MONTHLY BENEFITS AMOUNT

Veteran
\$1,097 - \$2,169+

Surviving Spouse
\$735 - \$1,176+

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VA Quick Facts

VA PENSION RATES (2018) – MAXIMUM MONTHLY AMOUNT

	Single Veteran	Married Veteran	Un-remarried Surviving Spouse
BASIC: 65+	\$1,097.00	\$1,436.00	\$735.00
HOUSEBOUND: Substantially confined to premises without assistance	\$1,340.00	\$1,679.00	\$898.00
AID + ATTENDANCE: Requires assistance with 2 ADLs	\$1,829.00	\$2,169.00	\$1,176.00

VA Terms Defined

Benefit Amount =

[Maximum Monthly Amount] – [Income for VA Purposes (IVAP)]

IVAP =

[Gross Income] – [Unreimbursed Medical Expenses]

Unreimbursed Medical Expenses Include:

Nursing Home, Assisted Living, In-Home Care, Adult Day Care, Medicare Part B, Private Health Insurance, Prescriptions, Non-Prescriptions required by doctor, adaptive equipment, "medical or nursing services," etc.

Eligible Wartime Periods:

WWII (12/07/41–12/31/46); Korea (06/27/1950–01/31/55); Vietnam (02/28/1961–05/07/1975)¹; Gulf War, 08/02/1990–....)

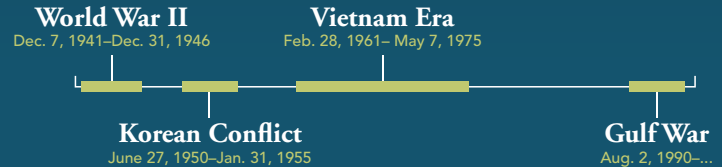
¹ Veterans serving 02/28/61 – 08/05/64 subject to "Boots on the Ground" requirement

Benefit Requirements



WARTIME SERVICE

- 90 days active duty
- At least 1 day during a specific "wartime period"



- No dishonorable discharge



INCOME

Spending income on qualifying expenses:

Assisted Living
Prescription Drugs
Mobility Equipment
In-Home Care
Non-Prescription Drugs

Recurring Doctor Bills
Adult Day Center
Medical Insurance
Monitoring Equipment

Nursing Home Care
Medicare Part B
Many other expenses....



HEALTH

The veteran or surviving spouse must meet one of these 3 criteria.



NET WORTH

With proper legal planning, many individuals can immediately qualify.

Benefit amounts are based on figures provided by the Department of Veteran's Affairs in 2018. Benefit amounts will vary based upon medical rating, financial circumstances, and changes in governing law. This flyer is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice.