



MAXIMUM ANNUAL BENEFIT RATES

| Veteran Family Status | Basic Pension Income Limit | Housebound Income Limit | Aid & Attendance Income Limit |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Veteran with no dependents | \$12,868 | \$15,725 | \$21,446 |
| Veteran with a spouse or child* | \$16,851 | \$19,710 | \$25,448 |
| Surviving spouse/ death pension | \$8,630* | \$10,548 | \$13,794 |

*Add \$2,198 for each additional child

WARTIME DATES

- World War II
(December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946)
- Korean Conflict
(June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955)
- Vietnam Era
(February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975 for Veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam during that period; otherwise August 5, 1964 – May 7, 1975)
- Gulf War
(August 2, 1990 – through a future date to be set by law or Presidential Proclamation)



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Veterans “Aid and Attendance” Benefits

Call us at **610-278-3285**

BACKGROUND

VA Improved Pension Benefits (also known as “Aid and Attendance” benefits) are needs-based monthly stipends for wartime veterans and/or their eligible spouse. Aid and Attendance means that the claimant requires assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) and receives that care from a paid provider. Only medical expenses paid out-of-pocket may be used to help financially qualify.

WHO QUALIFIES?

In order to qualify, an applicant must show the following:

- ★ The veteran has a minimum 90 days of continuous active duty service, one day or more of which is during wartime (as defined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.)

OR:

- ★ Served 24 months active duty service if service was after 9/7/1980 (with wartime service.)
- ★ The claimant has less than \$80,000 in assets and has not transferred assets in order to qualify for this program.
- ★ The claimant’s monthly income falls below their income limit once countable medical expenses are deducted.
- ★ The claimant is over age 65 or is receiving SSI/SSD benefits
- ★ The veteran must have a qualifying character of discharge.
- ★ Divorced spouses DO NOT qualify for this benefit.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Every county in Pennsylvania has a dedicated office that assists residents apply for VA benefits. The Montgomery County Veterans Affairs Office offers a team of experienced Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) to assist each resident with their claim.

Using a VSO to represent your claim is free. Generally speaking, claims prepared by VSOs process faster and are denied less often than claims submitted by veterans without representation.

Montgomery County’s VSOs are available to answer your questions and assist you through the entire process. If possible, please have a copy of the veteran’s discharge form on hand when you call us at:

610-278-3285