



## Senior Living Advisors

### VA Benefit Overview

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#### AID AND ATTENDANT VETERAN BENEFIT/PENSION PROGRAM

Allegheny County:	American Legion	(412) 395-6230
Beaver County:	VA Office	(724) 770-4452
Butler County:	VA Office	(724) 284-5352
Westmoreland County:	Gov. Vet Outreach & Assist. Ctr.	(724) 830-3530
Washington County:	VA Office	(724) 228-6865

#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR VETERAN:

- Discharge Papers (original or certified with Courthouse seal only)
- 1099's or other proof of annual income.
- Letter from facility where claimant lives, including date of arrival / admission, monthly rate, or letter indicating cost of services provided by caregiver
- Voided blank check from claimant's checking account.
- Proof of medical expenses.
- Proof of Identity (social security card, birth certificate, or similar documentation may be required)

#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR SPOUSE:

- All of the above, plus marriage certificate (copy acceptable).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Income / Assets must be less than \$80,000.
  - Does not include unsold primary residence or vehicle
  - Once the above are sold, it is considered income/part of net worth.
- Veteran must have served at least one day during wartime.
- If you cannot locate discharge papers, order online at: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>
- If Veteran is alive, he / she is the only person who can file—family can assist.
- If Veteran is deceased, spouse can apply, and supply copy of Veteran's death certificate.
- Form 21-526 for Veteran and Form 21-534 for Widow requires 2 witnesses.
- Additional benefits may be available if Veteran sustained war-time injury.
- Benefits will be paid retroactive to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the first full month in which the application was submitted.
  - Example: Applications submitted in May, approved benefits begin June 1.
- Process typically takes 6 months or more for VA to approve benefits.
- Obtain all necessary forms from your local VA office.

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## Acceptable Wartime Dates

In addition to honorable service, most Veteran's Benefits require active duty during "time of war". Currently recognized wartime periods are:

World War I	April 6, 1917 – November 11, 1918
World War II	December 7, 1941– December 31, 1946
Korean War	June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955
Vietnam War**	August 5, 1964 – May 7, 1975

\*\* If Veteran was in country of Vietnam between 02-28-61 and 08-04-64, this is also considered wartime service

Gulf War	August 2, 1990 – through a date to be set by Law or Presidential Proclamation
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