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The **Veteran Administration Aid and Attendance benefit** is a monthly benefit available to veterans and their surviving spouses. This benefit is available to help offset costs of medical care which may include some of the cost of nursing homes, assisted living communities and in-home care.

Benefits:

Monthly benefits are paid directly to the veteran or surviving spouse and are **TAX FREE**. The following is the current 2013 maximum monthly benefit allowed for the Veteran Administration Aid and Attendance pension level.

	Monthly (Approx.)	Annual (Approx.)
Veteran alone	\$1,731 / month	\$20,793 Total
Veteran with Spouse	\$2,054 / month	\$24,648 Total
Surviving Spouse	\$1,113 / month	\$13,360 Total
Veteran married to Veteran	\$2,748 / month	\$32,985 Total

Source: United States Department of Veterans Affairs as of 01/01/2013

Qualification:

To qualify for the Aid and Attendance benefit you must meet four criteria. For a more detailed explanation of these criteria please consult with a VA accredited Elder Law Attorney.

1. Service Requirement

- a. Veteran must have served 90 days of active duty, 1 day of which must be during specified war dates, and have other than a dishonorable discharge.
- b. Veteran did not have to serve in a theater of conflict

2. Need of Medical Care

- a. Veteran must be 65 or older
- b. Be in need of medical assistance

3. Asset Level Analysis

- a. Your countable asset level must not exceed a VA analysis
- b. Asset level varies depending on your situation, age, expenses, assets, etc.

4. Medical Expenses Must Exceed Income

- a. Household medical expenses must generally exceed household gross income
- b. Expenses include ongoing, recurring medical expenses such as long term care, prescriptions, insurance, in-home care, assisted living, skilled nursing care, etc.

For more information on the Veteran Administration Aid and Attendance benefit please schedule an appointment with us and a VA accredited Elder Law Attorney by calling (314) 985-0291 x1.

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