



### **Basic Eligibility for VA Pension**

1. Be a veteran who served at least 90 days of active duty or the surviving spouse of a wartime veteran (married at the time of veteran's death).
2. At least one day of active duty had to be during wartime:
  - WWII – 12/7/41 to 7/25/47
  - Korea – 6/27/50 to 1/31/55
  - Vietnam – 8/5/64 to 5/7/75
3. Does not need to have been in combat.
4. Discharged other than dishonorably:
  - Honorable discharge
  - Discharge under honorable conditions
  - General Discharge
  - Bad conduct discharge, Discharge under other than honorable conditions, or Undesirable discharge may still be eligible after a "character of service determination" hearing

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5. Physical need: In home assistance needed to accomplish things the veteran or spouse used to do themselves.

6. Financial Need:

a. Income less than \$1,644 per month for an unmarried veteran, or \$1,949 if married, once out-of-pocket medical expenses are considered (less than \$1,056 per month for a surviving spouse). (legal documents can be put in place that will allow someone to qualify)

b. Net worth less than approximately \$50,000 (determined on a case-by-case basis, net worth can also be modified through legal documents to allow qualification).