

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

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| 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:**

- Net Worth must be less than \$123,600.
  - Add up all countable/non-exempt assets + Annual Income (adjusted gross income) - Subtract Unreimbursed Medical Expenses (UMEs) = Net Worth
  - UME = on-going out of pocket medical expenses (e.g. not covered by health insurance).
  - Does not include primary residence or vehicle until sold.
  - 3 year look back period
- 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:

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|---------------|--|
| 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                                  |

## How to Request DD214 Form Information, Veterans Service Records

Online, go to <https://www.archives.gov/>

Click on "Veteran's Service Records," click on "Request Military Service Records" tab, Click on "Request Records Online,"

Click on "For Burials and Emergency Requests," Follow steps provided below:

### *"Emergency" Requests and Deadlines*

If your request is urgent (for example, upcoming surgery, a funeral, etc.) give the nature of the emergency and your deadline in the "Comments" section of eVetRecs or in the "Purpose" section of the Standard Form (SF) 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records.

Fax your request to Customer Service Team at 314-801-0764.

Call customer service staff at 314-801-0800 if you have questions or require same-day service. Due to the large number of calls received at this number, hold times are often long. However, once you reach a technician, he or she will be happy to assist you with emergency service.

### **Current maximum benefits for 2019 for Aid and Attendance\*:**

|                                     |                              |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| (1) Veteran with no dependents      | \$1,881/month; \$22,577/year |
| (2) Married Veteran                 | \$2,230/month; \$26,766/year |
| (3) Widow with no dependents        | \$1,209/month; \$14,518/year |
| (4) Healthy Veteran with ill spouse | \$1,477/month; \$17,729/year |

\* Actual award amounts will vary depending on individual situation.