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## The Nuts and Bolts of Veterans Benefits

Who qualifies as a veteran, and how much are the benefits worth?

The Veteran's Pension and Survivor's Pension programs offer benefits to veterans, or their surviving spouse, to help ease the financial burden of paying for nursing homes, assisted living facilities and even in-home care. You do not have to be in a veterans facility to receive these benefits. As long as the veteran served 90 days, with only one day of service occurring during wartime, you may qualify for these benefits earned in service to your country.

### Qualified War Periods\*

#### WWII

Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946

If in service on 12/31/46 with continuous service before 7/26/47, this is acceptable as war time

#### Korean War

June 27, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955, Inclusive

#### Vietnam War

"Feet on the ground" in Vietnam from Feb. 28, 1961 - Aug. 5, 1964

Starting Aug. 6, 1964 - May 7, 1975 you did not have to physically be "in country" to qualify

#### Persian Gulf War

Aug. 2, 1990 - date to be determined by Congress

\*Must have been active duty for at least 90 days, with one day of service during wartime.

### Benefit Amounts for 2018 Based on Family Status

	Maximum Monthly	Maximum Annually
<b>VETERAN WITH SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT</b>		
Aid and Attendance	\$2,169	\$26,036
<b>SINGLE VETERAN</b>		
Aid and Attendance	\$1,830	\$21,962
<b>WIDOW OF A VETERAN</b>		
Aid and Attendance	\$1,176	\$14,113

Edwards Group LLC is one of the only law firms in Central Illinois to be accredited by the VA to help veterans apply for benefits. Did you know that 72% of veterans who could qualify for assistance miss out on the benefits they earned in service to their country? Don't miss out. Give us a call today to schedule a FREE phone assessment at 217-726-9200.