

# 2017 VETERANS MAXIMUM ANNUAL PENSION RATE TABLE<sup>3</sup>

AMOUNT

A&A Without Dependents	\$21,531
A&A With One Dependent	\$25,525
Two Vets Married to Each Other One A/A	\$25,525
Two Vets Married to Each Other Both A/A	\$34,153

<sup>3</sup>U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: [http://www.benefits.va.gov/pension/current\\_rates\\_veteran\\_pen.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/pension/current_rates_veteran_pen.asp)



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**benefit**



## ASSISTED LIVING AND THE VA AID AND ATTENDANCE BENEFIT

If you are a Veteran or surviving spouse, you may qualify for help paying for Assisted Living through the VA Aid and Attendance Benefit.

## WHAT IS THE AID AND ATTENDANCE (A&A) BENEFIT?

The A&A is a federal monthly benefit that qualified veterans and their surviving spouses can receive to help with the cost of care when they require assistance with certain activities of daily living (ADLs). Through the A&A, an increased monthly pension amount to pay for the cost of care for ADLs can be used to pay for Assisted Living.



## WHAT IS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA?

Veterans and surviving spouses eligible for a VA pension can apply for the A&A. This benefit is in addition to the pension and is paid monthly<sup>1</sup>. According to the California Department of Veterans Affairs<sup>2</sup>, applicants must meet one of the following conditions:

- » The veteran requires the aid of another person in order to perform ADLs such as bathing, feeding, etc.
- » The veteran is bedridden, due to a disability
- » The veteran is a patient in a nursing home due to mental or physical incapacity
- » The veteran has 5/200 visual acuity or less in both eyes, or concentric contraction of the visual field is 5 degrees or less



## HOW DO I APPLY?

### IN PERSON

County Veterans Service Offices\* can help with filing VA claims. To find your county office, call (800) 952-5626, or visit <https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/CVSO-Locations.aspx>.

*\*Please contact your local office for services offered.*

### BY MAIL

Send a completed VA Form 21-2680 to the regional Pension Management Center (PMC) or to the closest VA regional office. Provide copies of evidence from your physician that will help support your claim.

### PMC:

St. Paul VA Regional Office  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Claims Intake Center  
Attention: St. Paul Pension Center  
PO BOX 5365  
Janesville, WI 53547-5365  
Fax: 1-844-655-1604

### Regional Offices:

Los Angeles Regional Benefit Office  
11000 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90024

San Diego Regional Benefit Office  
8810 Rio San Diego Drive  
San Diego, CA 92108

Oakland Regional Benefit Office  
1301 Clay Street, North Tower  
Oakland, CA 94612

**For anyone not currently receiving a basic pension, complete the appropriate form listed below and submit it with the 21-2680.**

### Veterans:

- » VA Form 21-526 OR VA Form 21-526EZ

### Survivors:

- » VA Form 21-534 OR VA Form 21-534EZ

<sup>1</sup>Income eligibility requirements apply for the basic pension, and additional income from the A&A could cause a change in eligibility. Someone who exceeds the eligibility requirements due to A&A income may be eligible to receive a basic pension at A&A rates.

<sup>2</sup>CalVet Veteran Services Pension: <https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/Pension.aspx>.