

DON'T BE A VICTIM OF PENSION POACHERS

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Pension exists to help financially disadvantaged wartime Veterans and their survivors. We can help you file a VA pension claim **free of charge**.

CALL WDVA AT 800-562-2308

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BE AWARE: Be cautious if someone offers to move your assets around for you to qualify for VA pension. This type of scam is often directed toward Veterans and family members who do not actually qualify for VA pension, meaning you could be required to repay these benefits to the government.

Washington State Law prohibits a person from certain practices related to assistance in the preparation of a Veteran's benefits claim.

If you are concerned about a possible pension poaching scam contact the Attorney General's Office at **800-551-4636** or <http://www.atg.wa.gov/FileAComplaint.aspx>



VETERANS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

The Veterans Enhancement Program is a partnership between the Washington Health Care Authority, Washington Department of Social and Health Services, and the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs.

WDVA Benefits Specialists connect with Veterans who might not realize they are entitled to benefits from the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

Often benefits provided by the VA are more generous than those provided by Medicaid. VA benefits do not affect your entitlement to assistance programs from DSHS.

WDVA has helped over 4,000 Washington Veterans and their survivors apply for and receive VA benefits, saving over \$30 million to our State's Medicaid Program.

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WASHINGTON STATE PENSION AND SURVIVORS PENSION AID & ATTENDANCE



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PENSION

The Veterans Pension Program provides monthly payments to wartime Veterans who meet certain age or disability requirements, and who meet income and net worth limits set by Congress.

To Qualify:

Age requirements:

- World War I (April 6, 1917 - Nov. 11, 1918)
- World War II (Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946)
- Korean Conflict (June 27, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955)
- Veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam (Nov. 1, 1955 - May 7, 1975)
- Veterans who served outside the Republic of Vietnam (Aug. 5, 1964 - May 7, 1975)
- Gulf War (Aug. 2, 1990 through a future date to be set by law or presidential proclamation)

AND

- You're at least 65 years old; **OR**
- You have a permanent and total disability; **OR**
- You're a patient in a nursing home for long-term care because of a disability; **OR**
- You're getting Social Security Disability Insurance or Supplemental Security Income.



SURVIVORS PENSION

Survivors Pension (formerly called **Death Pension**) is a needs-based benefit paid to surviving spouses and children of wartime Veterans, who have limited or no income.

To Qualify:

The deceased Veteran must meet the same wartime requirements found under "Pension."

AND

For Surviving Spouses:

- You were married to the Veteran at time of death; **AND**
- You have not remarried*

For dependent children:

- Unmarried child of the deceased Veteran who is under 18; **OR**
- Unable to care for oneself due to a disability that happened before 18; **OR**
- Is between 18 and 23 and pursuing a course of instruction at an approved educational institution.

*A spouse could have remarried and have Survivors Pension benefits restored if the subsequent marriage was terminated prior to November 1, 1990.

AID & ATTENDANCE

Aid and Attendance is a supplemental benefit that is based on your level of care and is paid in addition to a Pension or Survivors Pension.

To Qualify:

You must be eligible for Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension:

- You need another person to help you perform daily activities, like bathing, feeding, and dressing; **OR**
- You have to stay in bed – or spend a large portion of the day in bed – because of illness; **OR**
- You are a patient in a nursing home due to the loss of mental or physical abilities related to a disability; **OR**
- Your eyesight is limited (even with glasses or contact lenses, you have only 5/200 or less in both eyes; or concentric contraction of the visual field to 5 degrees or less).

Notes:

- Old Pension and Section 306 Pensions are not eligible for A&A.
- You cannot receive a VA non-service connected pension and service-connected compensation at the same time; but the VA will automatically award which ever benefit is the greater amount.

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