

# ARE YOU AWARE OF YOUR VA AID AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

## VETERANS OF THE US ARMED FORCES ARE LIVING LEGENDS

The VA Aid and Attendance Program provides financial assistance for veterans and their spouses to help offset the costs of retirement living and assistance with certain Activities of Daily Living (ADL), up to \$23,000 tax-free.

Our associates will be happy to assist you through the entire process, including identifying who you should contact and what information you should gather.

The eligibility and benefit level are based on the costs of retirement living and any assistance a veteran or surviving spouse may need with any number of physician documented ADL, as well as some unreimbursed medical expenses.

While it can take a few months to finalize the process, your financial assistance will be paid retroactive to the 1st of the month following your application.

To qualify, the veteran must have been on active duty during wartime. The wartime service dates are:

- WWI - April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
- WWII - December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
- Korean War - June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955
- Vietnam War - August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975
- Desert Shield/Desert Storm - August 2, 1990 to February 28, 1991

In order to apply, the following documentation is required for the veteran:

- Discharge Papers
- A letter from the Assisted or Independent Living Community stating:
  - The applicant is a resident of the community
  - The monthly cost for that resident
  - The level of care the resident requires
- A letter from a physician stating:
  - Resident's medical history
  - Current medical conditions
  - Limitations, i.e. why the resident needs Assisted or Independent Living
- Proof of resident's net worth (must be less than \$80,000)

For the spouse, the information above is required in addition to a marriage certificate and/or death certificate.

This explanation is only a brief summary of Veterans Benefits and how they can benefit you or a loved one. For more information, please contact your local Veterans Service office.

