## MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS

OUR MISSION IS TO INFORM AND ASSIST VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS OF THE VARIOUS COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL BENEFITS.

## **COUNTY BENEFITS**

## Burial Allowances

# □ Flags and Bronze Flag Holders

# Certification and recording of Military Discharge documents

#### STATE BENEFITS

## **Derived Experimental Contract Fund**

## **Real Estate Tax Exemption**

#### **State Homes**

#### FEDERAL BENEFITS

## DISABILITY COMPENSATION

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#### **HEALTH CARE**

## **DISABILITY COMPENSATION**

A benefit that is paid to a veteran who was injured or disabled during his or her time in service. This compensation is defined as "service related."

ELIGIBILITY: Other than dishonorable discharge and a service related disability.

#### COMPENSATION RATING TABLE (VETERAN ALONE)

10%	\$123.00
20%	\$243.00
30%	\$376.00
40%	\$541.00
50%	\$770.00
60%	\$974.00
70%	\$1228.00
80%	\$1427.00
90%	\$1604.00
100%	\$2673.00

## **VA PENSIONS**

- Benefit paid to wartime veterans who have limited or no income, and who are age 65 and older, or if under 65, are permanently and totally disabled.
- Veterans who are more seriously disabled may be entitled to additional benefits identified as Aid and Attendance and Housebound.

Aid and Attendance: Claimant can no longer manage the functions of day to day living. Factors such as not being able to self medicate, cook and clean, and needing assistance with mobility are all examples of aid and attendance requirements.

Housebound: When claimant is substantially confined to a premise due to a disability or disabilities. Pension benefits are income driven and are made to bring the veteran's total income to a level set by congress.

- To be eligible income cannot exceed the established rate nor can your Net Worth exceed \$80,000.00. The VA allows you to deduct any unreimbursed medical expenses to reduce your total income number.
- Countable income includes any earnings, social security, retirement and dividend earnings.
- Unreimbursed medical expenses are defined as any "out of pocket cost to you".

If in assisted living or needing housebound care, medical costs associated with care can be deducted.

If requiring Aid and Attendance, 100% of care costs can be deducted from income number. Nursing Home patients would almost always fall in this category.

Doctor's diagnosis and evaluation of patient's condition required.

#### INCOME LIMITS VETERAN AND DEPENDENT

VETERAN ALONE	\$11,830
VETERAN & DEPENDENT	\$15,493
VETERAN ALONE WITH AID AND ATTENDANCE	\$19,376
VETERAN & DEPENDENT WITH AID AND ATTENDANCE	\$23,396
VETERAN ALONE WITH HOUSEBOUND	\$14,457
VETERAN & DEPENDENT WITH HOUSEBOUND	\$18,120

#### INCOME LIMITS SURVIVING SPOUSE

SURVIVING SPOUSE	\$7,933
SURVIVING SPOUSE WITH AID AND ATTENDANCE	\$12,681
SURVIVING SPOUSE WITH HOUSEBOUND	\$9,696

#### CALCULATION TABLE EXAMPLE

- VA Adjusts for unreimbursed medical expenses from the veteran's and or surviving spouse's total annual household income.
- If remaining income falls below the annual income limit, VA will pay the difference between the claimant's household income and the established limit.
- □ VA established rate for Vet & Spouse: \$15,493.00
- Vet & Spouse Total Income
- Unreimbursed Medical Expenses
- Adjusted Income
- Pension Award

- : \$18,000.00
- : \$ 4,000.00
- : \$14,000.00
- : \$ 1,493.00

#### HEALTH CARE

- VA uses Priority Groups to balance demand for health care enrollment.
- Entry into the system begins by applying for enrollment with the Form 10-10 EZ.
- See attached Group classifications and typical co-pay requirements.