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VA AID & ATTENDANCE HOUSEBOUND

AID & ATTENDANCE (A&A) is an increased monthly pension amount paid to a Veteran or surviving spouse. You may be eligible for the increased A&A amount if: [1] You are eligible for basic pension benefits **AND** [2] you require the aid of another person in order to perform activities of daily living, such as bathing, feeding, dressing, toileting, adjusting prosthetic devices, or protecting yourself from the hazards of your daily environment, **OR** [3] You are bedridden, in that your disability or disabilities require that you remain in bed apart from any prescribed course of convalescence or treatment, **OR** [4] You are a patient in a nursing home due to mental or physical incapacity, **OR** [5] You have corrected visual acuity of 5/200 or less, in both eyes, or concentric contraction of the visual field to 5 degrees or less.

HOUSEBOUND is an increased monthly pension amount paid to a Veteran or surviving spouse who is substantially confined to his or her home because of permanent disability. You may be eligible if: [1] You are eligible for basic pension benefits **AND** [2] you have a single permanent disability evaluated as 100-percent disabling **AND**, due to a disability or disabilities, you are permanently and substantially confined to your immediate premises, **OR** [3] You have a single permanent disability evaluated as 100-percent disabling **AND** another disability or disabilities, independently evaluated as 60-percent or more disabling.

► **What do I need to know about the organizations that are offering assistance with claims for pension benefits? <►► The U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging** found that **some organizations** are misrepresenting themselves while helping Veterans and survivors apply for VA pension. In a June 2012 hearing, the Committee addressed concerns that some organizations are marketing financial products & services to enable claimants whose assets exceed the VA pension program's financial eligibility thresholds to qualify for VA pension benefits. Committee also learned these organizations often charge substantial fees when **most services are available - FREE!!**

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"IF IT'S TO BE, IT'S UP TO YOU AND ME! LETS HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN."