

# Non-Service Connected Pension Qualifying Criteria



## VA Approved War Periods

Must have served at least 90 Days of active duty (if before 1980), 1 day during the periods of conflict listed:

### World War II:

12-7-1941 through 12-31-1946, inclusive if in service on 12-31-1946 with continuous service before 7-26-1947, acceptable as war time

### Korean War:

6-27-1950 through 1-31-1955, inclusive

### Vietnam War: (Note: Two Periods)

2-28-1961 through 8-5-1964, inclusive for veterans who served in Vietnam during this period  
08-6-1964 through 5-7-1975, inclusive for all others

### Persian Gulf Wars:

8-2-1990 through current date  
(24 months of Active Duty required)

## VA Medical Necessity Guidelines

Veterans, Surviving Spouses, Dependent Children:

Basic Pension	★ Unreimbursed medical expenses exceed income
+Housebound Benefit	★ If also not able to leave home without assistance
+Aid & Attendance Benefit	★ If also care provider assists with at least 2 activities of daily living (ADL's include; dressing, bathing, grooming, personal hygiene, incontinence, medication management, transferring)

## Additional Qualifications

### Merchant Marines:

- ★ Must have served 90 days of active duty, one day during 12/7/1941 to 8/15/1945

### Reserves and National Guard:

- ★ Must have served 90 days of Federal active duty, one day during a period of conflict



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