



ABQ Elder Law, PC

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Basic Eligibility for VA Pension

1. Be a veteran who served at least 90 days of active duty or the surviving spouse of a wartime veteran (married at the time of veteran's death).
2. At least one day of active duty had to be during wartime:
 - WWII – 12/7/41 to 7/25/47
 - Korea – 6/27/50 to 1/31/55
 - Vietnam – 8/5/64 to 5/7/75
3. Does not need to have been in combat.
4. Discharged other than dishonorably:
 - Honorable discharge
 - Discharge under honorable conditions
 - General Discharge
 - Bad conduct discharge, Discharge under other than honorable conditions, or Undesirable discharge may still be eligible after a "character of service determination" hearing
5. Unreimbursed medical expenses that exceed income.
6. Net worth less than approximately \$50,000 - \$80,000 (determined on a case-by-case basis).