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***Are You or Your Loved One Eligible for a Veteran's Pension?***

Veterans with active service during a wartime period are often eligible for a pension, giving them **extra spending money**, even while on Medicaid. The unmarried, surviving spouse of these vets may likewise be eligible.

**You must *apply* for this pension, it is *not* automatic.**

Please review a pamphlet I have prepared called "Wartime Veterans and Nursing Home Medicaid". On **Tuesday**, I am available directly across the street from the Oxford State Veterans' Home to answer your questions and assist you to file for this benefit. On **Monday, Wednesday or Friday**, I am available in the Binghamton Office, at 44 Hawley Street (4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Broome County Office Building). **Please call ahead to confirm counselor availability.** We work by appointment.

Upon receipt of your call, I will mail you a package of information which contains the list of documents and financial information which you will need to collect prior to our appointment. The appointments usually take 60-90 minutes. Messages left on the Oxford number are retrieved on Tuesdays. Other days of the week you may reach me at our main office in Binghamton. There is no secretary in either location. **The Binghamton number is (607) 724-1299.**

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Len Sas".

Len Sas.  
State Veterans Counselor



## Wartime Veterans and Nursing Home Medicaid

The vast majority of veterans who enter nursing homes, will eventually utilize Medicaid to pay for at least a portion of the expense for their care. Wartime veterans, and also the un-remarried surviving spouse of wartime veterans in nursing homes may be eligible for an important benefit:

### Pension with Aid & Attendance.

#### This is a pension, available to:

- \*Veterans who served at least 90 days of active duty
- \*One day of service must be during a wartime period (actual combat not required)
- \*The veteran received an honorable discharge
- \*The veteran is in need of the 24-hour assistance of another

There are *income and asset standards*. A widow/widower of such a veteran may also qualify. In most cases, if you qualify as above and you are on medicaid, the veteran (or their widow/widower) will receive \$90 per month. **If the recipient lives at a NYS Veterans' Home, they may receive a**

**much higher pension per month.** This is in addition to the \$50 per month Medicaid limitation.

Depending upon income and assets, a married veteran who has a spouse still living in the community, may also qualify for this benefit.

This Pension is a valuable supplement; moreover, **you will be required to apply for this benefit as part of the Medicaid screening process.**

To assist with your application for Pension with Aid & Attendance, a NY State Veterans Counselor is normally available;

**on Tuesday  
across the street from the  
Oxford Veterans' Home  
or  
on Mon. Wed & Fri.  
44 Hawley St.  
Binghamton, NY 13902  
(Broome County Office Bldg)**

#### **If possible, bring the following documents with you to the appointment:**

- \*Nursing Home admittance letter, signed by the Administrator
- \*Verification of current income and resources
- \* DD214 (or other discharge documents, preferably an original or certified copy)
- \*Marriage license, if ever married
- \*If the spouse has passed away, a non-certified copy of the death certificate

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The interview takes about 60-90 minutes. **We suggest you call ahead to check on counselor availability.** Please plan to arrive before 2:30 PM, so the application may be completed before the office closes.

#### **Veterans often mistake the "period of war" requirement with actual combat.**

Honorable service outside of the "war zone" (such as stateside) during these periods below will still meet the "wartime" requirement:

War	Time Period
Persian Gulf War	08/02/90 -(not ended)
Vietnam Era	08/05/64 -05/07/75
Korean Conflict	06/27/50 -01/31/55
World War II	12/07/41 -12/31/46
World War I	04/06/17 -11/11/18
Mexican Border War	05/09/16 -04/05/17

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NY State Veterans Counselor**

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