**Required Documents/information to file for
Special Monthly Pension – (AID & ATTENDANCE)**

* **Original (or certified copy if available) of Discharge/Separation Papers (WD-AGO 53-55) or DD-214 if discharged after Jan 1950.**
* **Copy of Marriage Certificate (Not applicable if the Veteran is filing and Veteran is widowed or Single)**
* **Copy of Death Certificate (Only if Surviving Spouse is filing for benefits)**
* **Information about Veteran’s and Spouse’s (if applicable) previous marriages. Dates of previous marriage(s), where marriage took place, how marriage ended (Death or Divorce, etc) and the date this occurred. (documented proof not necessary)**
* **Proof of on-going medical expenses – Heath/medical or hospital insurance premiums, etc.**
* **Complete the Income and Net-worth worksheet showing all income/assets from all sources. If available, bring in evidence; Social Security Award letter, pension/retirement statement, interest income from investments, current bank statements, CD’s, stocks, bonds, annuities, IRAs, other properties (NOT PRIMARY RESIDENCE), etc.**
* **Aid & Attendance form (21-2680) must be filled out by applicant’s physician. This form will be used by the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office to determine eligibility for Aid & Attendance.**
* **Evidence showing all income; Social Security Award Letter, Pensions, Retirement, Interest Income from Investments, Annuities, etc.**
* **If in Assisted Living, have the facility provide a letter on their letterhead stating the date entered, the services they are providing including any medically related services and the cost breakdown. This letter must be signed by an official at the facility. VA requires that the client is being provided assistance with at least two or more ADL’s.**
* **If in a Nursing Home, VA 21-0779 Request for info from a Nursing Home, signed by the Nursing home official.**
* **If you pay someone to provide care at home, have the Attendant Affidavit filled out and signed as indicated.**
* **If you are the court-appointed guardian of the Veteran or Surviving Spouse, a copy of the Court order of the appointment is required.**
* **Direct deposit information (voided check will do).**
* **DO NOT MAIL INFORMATION TO OUR OFFICE. CALL FOR APPOINTMENT.**