

## VA Aide & Attendance (A&A) Benefits

Available at Camino Retirement Apts~505-298-9976 ~ CaminoRetirement.com

Westwind House Assisted Living~WestwindHouse.com~505-831-0002

### Can we help you qualify for an extra \$2,050/month as a wartime Veteran?

The “Aide and Attendance” program provides extra payments to qualified veterans who live in a “protected environment” like Camino. You can use the VA payment to cover safety, rent and meals at Camino, letting you keep the money you currently pay for housing and food. We are **working with Patriot Angels, a non-profit** whose sole purpose is to help you qualify for this benefit.



### The Rules:

1. Veteran over 65, who served during war time, with an honorable or general discharge (no flexibility)
2. Or surviving spouse, married to the qualified Veteran at the time of death (no flexibility)
3. Needs some care assistance, or a protected living environment (some flexibility)
4. Must not be receiving a benefit for wounds suffered during service (some flexibility)



### Patriot Angel Role:

1. Patriot Angels will do a free “initial evaluation” to see if you qualify for this benefit.
2. They will help you identify and collect all the documentation needed for a formal application.
3. They will review your documentation to confirm eligibility, and organize to support VA approval.
4. Only if the documentation supports your eligibility, Patriot Angels will charge a one-time fee of \$1,195 for a pre-filing consultation and Long Term Care Assessment with VA accredited attorney before submitting your application to the VA, and follow the process until a benefit is awarded.



### Camino Role:

Camino Retirement qualifies as a protected living environment with support services that include 24 hour staffed emergency call on site, meal planning and preparation, housekeeping for a clean and healthy living environment, and transportation to medical appointments. These services can meet the basic requirements of the VA program, and qualify for use of the new funds provided directly to the veteran. Residing at Camino will help your application meet the qualifications and review by the VA. If assistance needs are higher, or increase over time, higher level care needs can be accommodated in your same apartment via Camino’s assisted living program.

### Next Steps:

1. Call Erin Walker at Patriot Angels. **Erin Walker** Community Relations Manager Office  
**Phone:** 844-757-3047 **Direct Line:** 615-656-7245 **Email:** Erin@PatriotAngels.com  
**Website:** [www.PatriotAngels.com](http://www.PatriotAngels.com)
2. In a week, Erin will complete a preliminary screen to see if you qualify, and if so, will connect you with other Patriot Angels staff to continue collecting and evaluating additional documentation required. The VA review process can take 3-4 months after the formal application is completed.
3. The VA benefit will be back-dated, effective to the date of submission. If your application is submitted on January 1<sup>st</sup> and approved on April 1<sup>st</sup>, you will receive the benefit back-dated to January 1<sup>st</sup>.