



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Veterans Benefit Administration
Regional Office**



VA File Number



**Represented By:
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Rating Decision
04/29/2026**

INTRODUCTION

The records reflect that you are a Veteran of the Peacetime. You served in the Navy from January 31, 1979 to January 28, 1983 and from July 1, 1988 to June 29, 1989. We received your supplemental claim on March 5, 2026. Based on a review of the evidence listed below, we have made the following decision(s) on your claim.

DECISION

Entitlement to special monthly compensation based on aid and attendance is denied.

EVIDENCE

- VA Form 21-4138, Statement in Support of Claim, received April 7, 2026
- Section (§) 5103 Notice, received March 31, 2026
- VA Form 21-22a, Appointment of Individual as Claimant's Representative, received March 9, 2026
- VA Form 21-4138, Statement in Support of Claim, received March 5, 2026
- VA Form 20-0995, Decision Review Request - Supplemental Claims, received March 5,



- 2026
• BVA Decision, received June 6, 2025

REASONS FOR DECISION

Entitlement to special monthly compensation based on aid and attendance is denied.

Entitlement to special monthly compensation based on aid and attendance/housebound is denied.

You have been granted special monthly compensation based on loss of use of one foot. You were also granted a higher level special monthly compensation based on loss of use of one arm at a level, or with complications, preventing natural elbow action with prosthesis in. The granting of special monthly compensation A&A based of the same disability would be pyramiding.

The evaluation of the same disability under various diagnoses is to be avoided. Disability from injuries to the muscles, nerves, and joints of an extremity may overlap to a great extent, so that special rules are included in the appropriate body system for their evaluation. Dyspnea, tachycardia, nervousness, fatigability, etc., may result from many causes. Some may be service connected; others, not. Both the use of manifestations not resulting from service-connected disease or injury in establishing the service connected evaluation and the evaluation of the same manifestation under different diagnoses are to be avoided. (38 CFR 4.14)

As such, entitlement to special monthly compensation based on aid and attendance/housebound is denied.

Favorable Findings identified in this decision:

You require aid and attendance. A review of your VA Form 21-2680 Examination for Housebound Status or Need for Aid and Attendance received June 16, 2022, identifies a need for aid and attendance.

REFERENCES:

Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Pensions, Bonuses and Veterans' Relief contains the regulations of the Department of Veterans Affairs which govern entitlement to all Veteran benefits. For additional information regarding applicable laws and regulations, please consult your local library, or visit us at our website, www.va.gov.