

ELIGIBILITY FOR QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Persons, MALE or FEMALE, who served as members of the Armed Forces, at least one-half of whose service was not commissioned service (other than as a warrant officer or limited-duty officer), are eligible to become residents of the home if qualified under at least one of the following circumstances:

- Category 1:** Persons who were honorably discharged or released after 20 or more years of active service in a regular component of the Armed Forces.
- Category 2:** Persons who are determined under rules prescribed by the Chief Operating Officer to be suffering from a service-connected disability with a VA Disability Rating of 50% or greater.
- Category 3:** Persons who served in a war theater during a time of war declared by Congress or were eligible for hostile fire special pay under section 310 or 351 of title 37, United States Code, and who are determined under rules prescribed by the Chief Operating Officer to be suffering from injuries, disease, or disability.
- Category 4:** Persons who served in a women's component of the Armed Forces before June 12, 1948 and are determined under rules prescribed by the Chief Operating Officer to be eligible for admission because of compelling personal circumstances.
- Category 5:** Persons who served in the Armed Forces (Regular, Reserve, or National Guard) who are eligible for retired pay and benefits according to Ch.1223 of Title 10, USC including those individuals with over 20 years of creditable service in the Armed Forces who have reached retirement age and those who qualified for an early retirement (TERA/DISABILITY).

To be eligible, all applicants MUST have no felony convictions, be honorably discharged from military service, and be physically and mentally qualified for an independent level of care upon admission to AFRH.

ELIGIBILITY FOR QUALIFIED SPOUSES OF RETIRED VETERANS

SPOUSES: An individual, whether or not he/she served in the Armed Forces, who is married to a veteran accepted as a resident of AFRH may be admitted if the spouse was a covered beneficiary at the time of the veteran's retirement, within the meaning of section 1072(5) of title 10, United States Code.

- Must submit proof of eligibility by providing a copy of the marriage certificate showing that the couple married before the veteran became eligible for retired pay and that the dependent spouse is a covered beneficiary registered with DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System).
- Must be able to live independently and meet the requirements for living in the retirement community.
- If approved as a Dependent Spouse, both individuals will share an apartment in Independent Living when coming into AFRH.

Spouses of Category 2, Category 3, and Category 4 veterans must meet military qualifications in their own right to apply. Non-Military Spouses of deceased veterans are not eligible to apply on their own.

FEE STRUCTURE

AFRH offers 5 levels of care for eligible individuals who served as members of the Armed Forces. Members will pay residential fees based on a percentage of the veteran's gross income and the level of care they are receiving. All applicants of the home must be able to live independently when they move to the home in order to be accepted for residency. In 2021, veterans admitted in Independent Living pay 46.7% of the veteran's gross income, but would not have to pay more than \$2050 per month, for the amenities and services included at AFRH. Dependent Spouses pay an additional flat rate to the veteran's monthly fee if approved to share an apartment with the primary veteran applicant. There is a discount available if a couple consists of two eligible veterans who choose to live in the same unit rather than occupy two apartments.

<u>Level of Care</u>	<u>2021 Rates</u>
➤ Independent Living:	46.7%
➤ Independent Living Plus:	50.0%
➤ Assisted Living:	63.0%
➤ Long Term Care:	70.0%
➤ Memory Support:	70.0%

Fees are based on the veteran's gross income and are capped at a maximum amount for each level of care. Monthly fees for an eligible beneficiary spouse joining a veteran resident are set at a fixed flat rate.

Please call for details regarding Maximum Monthly Rates, Spouse Fees, and Available Discounts in 2021



Thank you for applying to the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Please answer ALL questions in the application packet. Please feel free to contact the AFRH at 1-800-422-9988 option 1 with questions. Failure to complete ALL forms correctly will delay your application for residency at the Armed Forces Retirement Home. If you do not have proof of service (DD-214), please contact:

Write to:

National Personnel Records Center
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138

Order a copy of your military records online at:

www.vetrecs.archives.gov

www.va.gov/records/get-military-service-records

Telephone: 314-801-0800

Toll Free: 866-272-6272

Note: Peak calling times are weekdays between 10:00 am CST and 3:00 pm CST. Staff is available to take your call from 7:00 am until 5:00 pm CST.

If you are 65 or over and do NOT have Medicare Part A and Part B and supplemental insurance (TRICARE or Medicare Supplemental Insurance), please visit:

www.medicare.gov

www.TRICARE4u.com