



Maria's Corner

Something exciting is on the way at Celtic Angels!

When a family begins searching for home care, they often have questions—and they need answers quickly.



That's why we're putting the finishing touches on a refreshed Celtic Angels website designed with you in mind.

Our updated site will make it easier to:

- Find the services that best fit your loved one's needs
- Learn about our caregivers and care philosophy
- Navigate important information with fewer clicks
- Connect with our team quickly and confidently
- Access helpful resources for seniors and family caregivers

At Celtic Angels, we're always looking for ways to improve the experience of those who trust us with their care. This website refresh is about more than a new look—it's about making it simpler, faster, and less stressful for families to find the support they need.

We can't wait to share it with you. Stay tuned!

Wishing you a beautiful, peaceful summer.

With love,

Maria Burke, RN
Founder & President
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Veterans May Be Eligible for Financial Assistance with Home Care

For many of America's veterans, the desire to remain safely and comfortably at home is priceless. What many families don't realize is that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers programs that may help eligible wartime veterans and surviving spouses pay for the care they need to continue living independently.

One of the most valuable programs is the **VA Aid and Attendance** benefit. This enhanced monthly pension provides additional financial assistance to eligible veterans and surviving spouses who require help with everyday activities such as bathing, dressing, grooming, meal preparation, medication reminders, or mobility. The benefit can often be used to help offset the cost of professional in-home care, assisted living, or nursing home care.

To qualify, applicants generally must already be eligible for a VA pension and meet medical and financial requirements. Veterans typically must have served at least one day during a recognized wartime period, have received a discharge other than dishonorable, and demonstrate a need for regular assistance with activities of daily living. Surviving spouses of qualifying veterans may also be eligible.

Applying for VA benefits can feel overwhelming, but the effort can be well worth it. Many families are surprised

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Many eligible veterans and surviving spouses never apply for the VA Aid and Attendance benefit simply because they don't know it exists. If you think you or a loved one may qualify, contact your local Veterans Service Officer (VSO) or visit the VA website to learn more about eligibility and the application process.



Celebrating Our Irish Centenarians: A Century of Wisdom, Faith and Resilience

In Irish tradition, reaching one's 100th birthday is an extraordinary milestone—and one that is honored in a very special way. Through the **Centenarian Bounty**, the President of Ireland recognizes Irish citizens, wherever they live in the world, who celebrate their 100th birthday. Each centenarian receives a personal letter of congratulations signed by the President along with a commemorative coin, acknowledging a life that has spanned a century of history, perseverance, and accomplishment.



For many Irish families here in the United States, this recognition is especially meaningful. It serves as a beautiful reminder that although they may have built their lives thousands of miles from Ireland, their homeland continues to celebrate them and the legacy they have created.

At Celtic Angels Home Health Care, we are privileged to know many older adults whose stories inspire us every day. They have lived through world wars, economic hardships, technological revolutions, and incredible social change. Yet what stands out most isn't simply the number of years they've lived—it's the wisdom they've gained, the families they've nurtured, the traditions they've preserved, and the kindness they've shared along the way.

If you have an Irish-born family member approaching their 100th birthday, you may be eligible to apply for the Centenarian Bounty on their behalf. It is a wonderful opportunity to honor a remarkable life and create a cherished keepsake for generations to come.

As we celebrate summer—a season of family gatherings, storytelling, and making memories—we encourage everyone to spend a little extra time with the oldest members of their family. Listen to their stories. Ask about their childhood, their journey to America, and the lessons they've learned over a lifetime. These conversations become treasured gifts that last long after the day has passed.

To every centenarian, especially those of Irish heritage, we extend our heartfelt congratulations. Your strength, resilience, faith, and love continue to inspire us all. Here's to celebrating 100 remarkable years—and the extraordinary legacy that follows.



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE TURNING 100?



Turn to page 3 to learn How to Apply for Ireland's Centenarian Bounty

Discover Ireland: Galway - The Cultural Heart of the Emerald Isle

If there is one place that truly captures the spirit of Ireland, it's **Galway**. Nestled along Ireland's rugged west coast where the River Corrib meets Galway Bay, this vibrant city and its surrounding county are known for their breathtaking scenery, rich history, lively music, and the warm hospitality of the Irish people.

Often called "Ireland's Cultural Heart," Galway effortlessly blends medieval charm with modern energy. Stroll through its colorful streets and you'll discover talented musicians performing traditional Irish tunes, cozy pubs filled with laughter, artisan shops, award-winning restaurants, and friendly faces eager to share a story.

Just beyond the city lies some of Ireland's most spectacular scenery. The rugged landscape of Connemara offers rolling mountains, crystal-clear lakes, stone walls, and miles of unspoiled countryside that seem untouched by time.

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How to Apply for Ireland's Centenarian Bounty

If you have a loved one who was **born on the island of Ireland** and will soon celebrate their **100th birthday**, they may be eligible to receive the **Centenarian Bounty**—a special recognition from the President of Ireland honoring this remarkable milestone.

Who is Eligible?

Applicants must:

- Be 100 years of age or older.
- Have been born on the island of Ireland and be an Irish citizen, even if they now live abroad.
- Applications may be submitted by the centenarian or by a family member, caregiver, or legal representative.

What You'll Need

To complete the application, you'll typically provide:

- An original birth certificate and/or Irish passport.
- If applicable, a marriage certificate or legal name change documentation.
- Two recent proofs of current residence (such as utility bills, pension correspondence, or nursing home documentation).

What They'll Receive

Recipients receive:

- A personal congratulatory letter signed by the President of Ireland.
- A commemorative gift in recognition of their extraordinary milestone. Beginning with their 101st birthday and every birthday thereafter, recipients also receive a newly designed commemorative coin presented in a keepsake box.

How to Apply

Applications can be submitted through the nearest Irish Embassy or Consulate, or directly through the Office of the President of Ireland.

For complete eligibility details, application forms, and contact information, visit:

President of Ireland – Centenarian Bounty

It's a wonderful way to honor a lifetime of memories, celebrate an enduring connection to Ireland, and create a treasured keepsake that families will cherish for generations.



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Visitors can also explore the dramatic Atlantic coastline, where waves crash against ancient cliffs and quiet beaches invite peaceful reflection.

No visit to County Galway would be complete without seeing the charming village of Clifden, known as the "Capital of Connemara," or taking a ferry to the Aran Islands. These islands provide a glimpse into Ireland's past, where the Irish language is still spoken daily, ancient stone forts stand proudly above the sea, and traditions passed down through generations remain an important part of everyday life.

Galway is also famous for its festivals. Throughout the year, the city comes alive with celebrations of music, literature, arts, food, horse racing, and culture, attracting visitors from around the world. Yet despite its popularity, Galway has never lost its welcoming small-town feel.

Perhaps what makes Galway so special isn't simply its beautiful landscapes or historic landmarks—it's the people. There is a saying in Ireland that strangers are simply friends you haven't met yet, and nowhere does that feel more true than in Galway. Whether you're enjoying fresh seafood along the harbor, listening to a fiddle player on a cobblestone street, or watching the sun set over Galway Bay, you'll quickly understand why so many visitors leave a piece of their heart there.



As we celebrate our Irish heritage, Galway reminds us that Ireland is much more than a destination—it's a feeling. It's a place where history, music, family, and community come together to create memories that last a lifetime.

Slán go fóill (Goodbye for now)... until our next journey through Ireland!





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to learn they may qualify for financial assistance that helps make quality home care more affordable while allowing their loved one to remain in the comfort and familiarity of home.



At Celtic Angels Home Health Care, we are honored to care for many veterans who have served our country with courage and dedication. While we cannot determine eligibility or file VA claims, we're happy to help families understand the types of home care services available and connect them with trusted Veterans Service Officers (VSOs) or VA resources that can guide them through the application process.

If you or a loved one is a veteran—or the surviving spouse of a veteran—it may be worthwhile to explore whether these valuable benefits are available. After all, those who served our nation deserve every opportunity to receive the care and support they've earned.

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