

- DEATH GRATUITY A one-time, nontaxable payment to help surviving family members deal with the financial hardships that accompany the loss of a service member.
- SSSB Social Security Survivor Benefits are monthly benefits paid to eligible family members of a deceased service member who has worked and paid Social Security taxes.
- SSIA Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance is a benefit for surviving spouses who receive a Survivor Benefit Plan annuity that is offset by a Dependency and Indemnity Compensation payment from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- SGLI Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance is life insurance coverage for a service member.
- TSGLI Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection is financial assistance for service members who incur physical losses due to traumatic injuries.
- **FSGLI** Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance is life insurance coverage for a service member's spouse and dependent children.
- **DIC** Dependency and Indemnity Compensation is a tax-free monthly payment to survivors provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- SBP The Survivor Benefit Program is a taxable annuity for survivors paid through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.
- TRICARE The uniformed services' health care program.
- DEA Dependents Educational Assistance is an educational benefit provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

For additional resources, visit:

- Long-term care at https://go.usa.gov/xAztY
- Days Ahead Binder at https://go.usa.gov/xAzt2
- Survivors Guide to Benefits at https://go.usa.gov/xAztT



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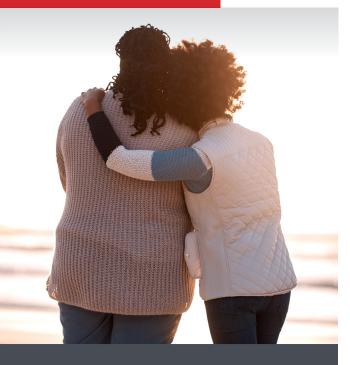












Today And Tomorrow

Department of Defense milestone guide for survivors of service members who died in an active-duty status



This milestone guide outlines the change in benefits survivors can expect and what decisions a survivor may need to make.

Primary and Secondary Next of Kin (Includes Spouses)

Within 14 Days

- Meet your casualty assistance officer.
- > Verify family information.
- > Choose whether to authorize the disclosure of information to other government organizations for benefits and support.
- Review the will and any estate planning documents.
- Plan a funeral if you're the person authorized to direct disposition.
- Track and submit reimbursement claims for the funeral and related travel.
- Obtain a new dependent ID card (if applicable). (www.dmdc.osd.mil/self service)

Within First Year

- Update vehicle title and registration.
- Settle bank accounts, loans and credit cards.
- Connect with your service's long-term care management program.
- Request a copy of appropriate investigative reports.
- Inventory personal effects and submit claims for missing or damaged items if you're a person entitled to receive effects.
- Receive free financial counseling and online will preparation from FinancialPoint Plus if you are an SGLI recipient (www.financialpointplus.com).

Spouses

Within First Year

- Update your status in the DEERS (Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System) registry.
- Apply for Veterans Affairs DIC (Dependency and Indemnity Compensation), SBP (Survivor Benefit Plan), and Social Security (if applicable).
- Review initial Survivor Benefits Report with casualty assistance officer.

- Create a DS Logon Level 2 (Premium) account (https://go.usa.gov/xAztW).
- Create a VA eBenefits account (www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/apply).
- Access your Interactive Online Survivor Benefits Report (https://go.usa.gov/xAztK).
- Access free financial counseling from Military OneSource.
- File income taxes with free software and support from MilTax (www.militaryonesource.mil/miltax).

One Year

- HEART (Heroes Earning Assistance and Relief Tax) Act eligibility for applicable survivors expires.
- "Final Move" deadline for survivors in government housing.

Three Years

- "Final Move" deadline for survivors not in government housing. You may request an extension.
- "Qualifying widow/widower" federal income tax status expires.
- TRICARE Prime and active-duty dental plan expire. You're automatically enrolled in TRICARE Select for retirees. You may choose to enroll in TRICARE Prime for retirees and TRICARE Dental Program Survivor Benefit Plan.

20 Years

• Spouse Dependents' Educational Assistance eligibility ends.

Age 55

- Remarriage restrictions on SBP payments lifted.
- Remarriage restrictions on DIC payments lifted.

Age 57

- Remarriage restrictions on Social Security survivor benefits lifted.
- Reduced-rate Social Security retirement benefits available.

Children

Within First Year

- Obtain ID card (any age).
- Eligible for 40 hours of respite care at military Child Development Center.

Age 16

• Social Security survivor benefits for child(ren)'s parental or nonparental caregiver ends.



Age 21

 TRICARE and TRICARE Dental Program Survivor Benefit eligibility ends. Full-time college students remain eligible through age 23, if they meet certain conditions. They may also qualify to buy TRICARE Young Adult (age 21-26). (https://www.tricare.mil/ TYA)

Age 23

 TRICARE and TRICARE Dental Program Survivor Benefit Plan eligibility ends for students; TRICARE Young Adult can be purchased.

Age 26

• DEA eligibility ends.

Age 33

 Fry Scholarship eligibility ends if eligibility began before Jan 1, 2013. Time limit lifted if eligibility began after that date.

Financial Beneficiary

Within First Year

- Free financial counseling and online will preparation are available from Financial Point Plus for SGLI recipients (www.financialpointplus.com).
- If applicable: Nonparent guardian of Surviving child(ren) should establish legal guardianship.

One Year

HEART (Heroes Earning Assistance and Relief Tax)
 Act eligibility expires (applicable to SGLI and Death
 Gratuity recipients).