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Navy Gold Star Program (NGS)

Navy Gold Star is the Navy's official program for ***providing long-term support*** to surviving families* of Sailors who pass while on Active Duty.

Navy Gold Star is an inclusive program – regardless of the decedents' military branch, location, or manner of death. NGS support coordinators provide dedicated outreach and support when, and for as long as it is desired. NGS Coordinators are located all over the United States and are ready to help you in any way they can.

Eligibility *

Individuals eligible to participate in the NGS program include the **widow** (remarried or not); widower (remarried or not); each **parent** (mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, mother through adoption, father through adoption and foster parents who stood in loco parentis); **each child**; **each sibling**; each half-sibling; each stepsibling; each stepchild; and each adopted child of the Service Member.

Participation in the Navy Gold Star program does not provide or grant authorization to Survivors for additional benefits/privileges beyond what the Survivor was entitled to prior to the death of the service member. Fiancées are not covered.

Gold Star Pins

The CACOs involved will receive the Lapel Pins in the Days Ahead Binder and Benefits Package via FedEx from the NAVPERSCOM Case Manager.

Eligible Family Members of Sailors who lost their lives may request a replacement of Gold Star Lapel Pin and Next of Kin Lapel Pin by reaching out to your local Navy Gold Star Coordinator for assistance or by submitting DD Form 3, Application for Gold Star Lapel Button and mailing it to:

Navy Personnel Command
Navy Casualty Office (PERS-00C)
ATTN: Long Term Assistance Program
5720 Integrity Dr.
Millington, TN 38055

NDW Gold Star Program

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DEERS (For Dependents)

1. The surviving dependents are entitled to receive:
 - a. Three years of TRICARE at no Premium
 - b. Three years of Dental Care without premiums as well.
2. After three years they will transition to a retiree coverage program.
3. In order for this to take effect the dependents **must renew their ID Cards.**
4. In order to renew the ID Cards, they need to have and show a DD Form 1300.
5. Keep in mind you may have to escort the family to obtain their new ID cards.

DD Form 1300

Navy Personnel Command/Casualty Office will FEDEX the CACO a Benefit Package which includes the Gold Star pin and ten copies of the DD Form 1300. The benefit package will be sent no-earlier than ten days from date of death via FedEx.

The DD Form 1300 is needed to apply for various benefits (example: SGLI, TSP, ID Card) and it is often requested by other entities (banks, private insurance, utility companies) as proof of death while on Active Duty, in addition to the Death Certificate.

Death certificates are issued by the State where the member died. The Funeral home is responsible for obtaining the death certificates. Mortuary Affairs (MAO) pays for six copies for the PADD. If the death certificates are lost, the MAO does not pay for replacements.

NOTE: DD-214 - It is issued to those who are discharged from the navy. The DD Form 1300 is issued (by PERS) when the member dies while on ACDU. Please explain this to the NOK so they are not confused if they are asked for a DD 214.

The PADD's CACO must obtain a digital copy of the Death Certificate