

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CASUALTY ASSISTANCE CALLS OFFICER (CACO)

Subj: SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN (SBP)/DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION
(DIC) CLAIM INFORMATION

Public Law 107-107 established Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) eligibility for to all active duty service members and certain inactive duty service members, regardless of years of service, who die in the line of duty (LOD) and have a qualified survivor. Qualified survivors include a former spouse with a qualifying court order, the surviving spouse, or the service members' dependent child(ren).

Public Law 108-136 permitted the Service Secretaries (i.e. Secretary of the Navy) after consultation with the surviving spouse, to determine if appropriate to provide an annuity for the dependent children instead of an annuity for the surviving spouse.

Public Law 109-163 required the Department of Defense (DoD) to provide the survivors of deceased service members with computer accessible, personalized no cost information about benefits and financial assistance available to them from the Federal government. The Armed Forces Services Corporation (AFSC) provides survivors an Interactive Online Survivor Benefits Report. This report permits survivors to input "what if" changes to the status of eligible surviving family members. A copy of the Armed Forces Benefits Analysis Worksheets are either included with the attached documents or has been previously provided. To access the OSBR the survivor will be required to obtain a DS logon. The DS logon is a secure self-service logon identification that permits individuals affiliated with the DoD or Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to access several websites using a single username and password.

To obtain a DS logon:

1. If you don't have a DS Logon account go to <https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil>. *(If you have a DS Logon, skip to Step 3.)*
2. Click on "More DS Logon Options" box. Click on "Need a DS Logon?". Continue through the series of screens and complete your DS Logon registration. You need to register for the Level 2 Premium account *(this is a no-cost service)*. You should now have a DS Logon account user name and password.
3. Contact the OSBR FAST at (877) 827-2471 and provide them your DS Logon User-name ID to establish access to your survivor benefits interactive report. *(We do not require your password.)*
4. Go to your service branch site listed at <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/-/interactive-onlinesurvivor-benefit-reports> (*MyArmyBenefits, MyMarineBenefit, MyNavyBenefits, MyAirForceBenefits, MyCoastGuardBenefits*), click Casualty and Survivor Assistance, and under the Interactive Report heading, click on "Proceed to Interactive Reports".
5. Read the instructions and select "DS Logon". Enter your DS Logon User-name ID and Password to access your account and the interactive benefits report calculator.
6. Contact the OSBR FAST at **(877) 827-2471** if you have problems

SBP is monthly taxable income paid by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Cleveland Center. Annuitants should talk to their tax advisor for information/guidance prior to filing their tax return.

DIC is tax free income paid by the VA. It is paid to eligible survivors of military service members who die in the line of duty. You should advise the surviving spouse that their entitlement to DIC will reduce their SBP annuity by 2/3's the amount of spousal DIC in 2021, 1/3 the amount in 2022, and no reduction after January 2023.

No SBP annuity will be paid until a final LOD determination has been made. Additional information about the LOD process is contained in paragraph 0229 of the Manual of the Judge Advocate General or you can contact your local Staff Judge Advocate General.

Ensure that a valid routing number is entered in section 3 of the direct deposit form. Information does not need to be entered by the financial Institution, it may be entered by the spouse/guardian.

If the parent/guardian is completing an attached DD form 2790 (Custodianship Certification) ensure that all applicable boxes in section 5 are marked and all required documentation is included.

Scan and email the completed claim forms to MILL_SBP-LOD@NAVY.MIL. Provide a copy of these forms to the survivor and retain a copy for your casualty file. If you have questions about SBP/DIC, the AFSC report or the claims process contact Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) office at 877-270-2162 or at MILL_SBP-LOD@NAVY.MIL.

MAIL THE ORIGINAL SBP APPLICATION FORMS (DD FORM 2656, W-4P, DIRECT DEPOSIT, DD FORM 2790) TO:

DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE
US MILITARY ANNUITANT PAY
8899 E 56TH STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46249-1300

MAIL THE ORIGINAL DIC APPLICATION FORM (VBA-21P-53A-ARE) TO:

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
REGIONAL OFFICE AND INSURANCE CENTER
P.O. BOX 8079
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19101

SCAN AND EMAIL A COPY OF ALL COMPLETED FORMS TO;

MILL_SBP-LOD@NAVY.MIL