

Active-Duty Casualty Benefits and Entitlements Summary

Current as of July 2013

BENEFIT and ENTITLEMENTS	DESCRIPTION	LOD Impact	Taxable/ Non-Taxable
Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) JFTR Chapter 10 par. U10424	May remain in government quarters up to 365 days or receive one-time lump-sum payment if in civilian quarters not to exceed 365 days of BAH or a combination of both again, not to exceed 365 days. If beneficiary is active-duty military, payments will be made on a quarterly basis for this entitlement.	No Impact	NT
Uniform Services ID and Privilege Card DoD Instruction 1000.13	Continues for unmarried widow(er), handicapped dependent children or dependent children attending school through age 21 (may be extended to age 23 if a full-time student in a VA-approved educational institution).	No Impact	
Exchange, Commissary and Theater Privileges DoD Instruction 1000.13	Continues for unmarried widow(er), handicapped dependent children or dependent children attending school through age 21 (may be extended to age 23 if a full-time student in a VA-approved educational institution).	No Impact	
Unpaid Pay and Allowances (UPPA) DODFMR 7A Chapter 36	Paid to designated beneficiary. Consists of any unpaid pay and allowances, unused leave, any remaining bonus entitlements, etc. DFAS generally will process final pay within 60 to 90 days.	No Impact	T/NT
Post-9/11 GI Bill Public Law 111-32, the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship, amends the Post-9/11 GI Bill (chapter 33) *Updated for 2015	An individual who is the child or spouse of a person who, after Sept. 10, 2001, dies in the line of duty while serving on active duty, is eligible for education assistance under the Post 9/11 GI Bill. This educational assistance is known as the "Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship." In this instance, a child may be married or above the age of 23. Each spouse or child would receive the 36 months of benefits to include tuition capped at the highest in-state undergraduate tuition, BAH for ES w/ dependents based on the ZIP code of the college and up to \$1,000 for books. The dependent would have to be going full time in order to receive the full BAH.	Will Impact	NT
Thrift Savings Plan Contributions Federal Employees' Retirement System Act of 1986	Paid to designated beneficiary. If no beneficiary form is on file, then payment is made by law.	No Impact	T
Death Gratuity DODFMR 7A Chapter 36	Paid to designated beneficiary(ies) \$100,000 (one-time payment.) 100% tax-free.	No Impact	NT
Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) & Spouse Transitional Benefit 38 CFR 3.312. & M21-1MR, Part IV	DIC is a tax-free monthly benefit authorized for unremarried widow(er)s and eligible children of service members who died on active duty or died following active duty from a service-connected disability. Must be VA approved. Current rates can be found at http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/rates/comp03.htm . A transitional benefit is also payable to the surviving spouse with dependent children for the first two years after member's death or until the youngest child turns 18 (23 if attending college), whichever period is shorter. Additional benefits are payable if the spouse and/or child is incapacitated or in need of assistance.	Will Impact	NT

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Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) Dependents' Educational Assistance Pamphlet U. S. Code 38, Chapter 35	DEA is payable by the VA to the spouse and each child to defray the expenses of higher education. Amounts are payable monthly. Note: Children can only receive DEA or DIC — not both. Spouse can receive both DIC and DEA concurrently. See www.vba.va.gov.	No Impact	
Headstones, Grave Markers and Medallions 38 CFR 38.631 &	Provided by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).	No Impact	
Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Servicemembers' and Veterans' Group Life Insurance Handbook	\$400,000 coverage unless member has declined or elected a lesser amount. If the deceased was married to another military member, an additional \$100,000 (FSGLI) is payable unless spouse has declined or elected a lesser amount.	No Impact	NT
Traumatic Injury SGLI Public Law 109-13 & TSGLI Procedural Guide	A rider to the SGLI policy provides payments to help traumatically injured service members and their families with financial burdens associated with recovering from a severe injury. Payments range from \$25,000 to \$100,000 depending on the qualifying loss suffered. Also payable to SGLI beneficiary(ies) if the member died seven days or more after a qualifying injury occurs.	No Impact	NT
Social Security Burial Allowance Social Security Survivor Benefits Publication	\$255 one-time lump-sum death benefit, if eligible.	No Impact	NT
Funeral Travel JFTR par. 5242 MILPERSMAN 1770-270	Travel to attend burial ceremonies is authorized for the spouse, children, parents (including in-laws), and siblings (full, half or adopted); or the person authorized to direct disposition of the remains (PADD), if not one of the previously mentioned. If there are no other qualifying relatives, the PADD may select an additional two persons closely related to the deceased. Per diem is payable for the time necessary to travel to the location concerned, plus not to exceed 2 days at that location, and the time necessary to return from that location.	No Impact	NT
Memorial Service Travel JFTR par. 5242 MILPERSMAN 1770-271	An eligible relative (as outlined above in "Funeral Travel") may be authorized travel and transportation allowances for one round-trip to one installation/home port/unit memorial service if that memorial service occurs at a location other than the burial ceremony location. The memorial service must be in CONUS, a non-foreign OCONUS area or the deceased member's last PDS or home port, and may not be in a theater of combat operations. Per diem is payable for travel days to and from the location concerned, plus up to 2 days at that location. Note: Commands must provide a statement indicating the date and location of the memorial service, as well as the list of invited/attending family members.	No Impact	NT
Travel to Dignified Transfer DOD INST 1300.18	The Primary Next of Kin (PNOK), plus two eligible relatives of the PNOK's choosing (see "Funeral Travel" for eligible relatives list) of Navy fatalities from a theater of combat operations may travel to Dover Air Force Base to observe the Dignified Transfer of Remains	No Impact	NT
Travel to Very Seriously ill or injured Sailors Bedside JFTR par. 5246 MILPERSMAN 1770-230	A Military physician may determine that such travel is warranted. Such travel is authorized for up to three individuals, as designated by the member (verbally or indicated on the page 2), or by the attending Physician. Individuals are entitled to lodging and per diem for the duration of the "bedside warranted" status. Subsequent arrangements may be authorized through Navy Safe Harbor.	No Impact	NT

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Travel to Bedside of Not Seriously Injured Sailors JFTR par. 5246 MILPERSMAN 1770-230	Travel is authorized for up to three individuals (as determined above) to visit a member who has a wound or injury incurred in a combat operation or combat zone and who is hospitalized in a medical facility in the U.S. for treatment of that wound or injury. Per diem authority must not exceed 30 days unless an extension is authorized/approved through the Secretarial Process.	No Impact	NT
Mortuary Services U. S. Code Title 10 Chapter 75	Preparation, encasement and transportation of remains provided through a contract mortuary or government facility.	No Impact	NT
Gravesite U. S. Code Title 10 Chapter 75	Provided by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) through the National Cemetery System.	No Impact	NT
Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) & Special Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) DoD Directive 1332.27 & DODFMR 7B Chapters 42-52 PL 110-181 (18 Apr 08)	Annuity computed at 55% of member's disability retired pay (75% of basic pay) (*Note: Computation of disability retired pay predicated on member's retirement plan, i. e. final pay or high 36 average.) Any SBP payable to the spouse is offset dollar for dollar by DIC. Child(ren) may receive payment with no offset. – Surviving spouses whose SBP payments have been offset (partially or totally) as a result of receiving DIC, including surviving spouses of members who died while serving on active duty, are eligible for the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA). SSIA will not be payable for any period prior to 1 Oct 08. -- Monthly SSIA payments will be paid as follows: --- 1 Oct 08 thru 30 Sep 09 - \$50 --- 1 Oct 09 thru 30 Sep 10 - \$60 --- 1 Oct 10 thru 30 Sep 11 - \$70 --- 1 Oct 11 thru 30 Sep 12 - \$80 --- 1 Oct 12 thru 30 Sep 13 - \$90 ---1 Oct 13 thru 30 Sep 14 - \$150 ---1 Oct 14 thru 30 Sep 15 - \$200 ---1 Oct 15 thru 30 Sep 16 - \$275 ---1 Oct 16 thru 30 Sep 17 - \$310 SSIA payments terminate 1 Oct 17	Will Impact	T