

## RETIRED AND ANNUITANT PAY: REPORTING DEATH OF MILITARY RETIREE OR ANNUITANT

### Reporting the Death of a Military Retiree or Annuitant

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) has prepared this contact sheet to assist you in reporting the death of a military retiree or annuitant. The information provided is meant to serve as a general guide.

- **Notify DFAS** at (800) 321-1080. Please have the decedent's Social Security Number (SSN) and the date of death when you call. We ask that you send one photocopy of a death certificate which indicates the cause of death. Please send it to:

**For Retirees**  
*Address:* DFAS U.S. Military  
Retirement Pay  
P.O. Box 7130  
London, KY 40742-7130  
*Fax:* (800) 469-6559

**For Annuitants**  
*Address:* DFAS, U.S. Military  
Annuitant Pay  
P.O. Box 7131  
London, KY 40742-7131  
*Fax:* (800) 982-8459

We will take steps to close out the pay account to prevent any overpayments. If the decedent was a retiree enrolled in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and/or the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP), we will take additional steps to initiate pay accounts for eligible survivors.

Designated beneficiaries of retirees should expect a Standard Form 1174 (SF-1174) and, if applicable, SBP/RSFPP-related forms in the mail within seven to ten business days of reporting the death. If you need assistance please call us at either of the numbers listed above.

- **Notify the Social Security Administration (SSA)** at (800) 772-1213.
- **Notify the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS)** at (800) 538-9552.
- **If the member was receiving disability compensation or Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC), notify the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA)** at (800) 827-1000.
- **If the member was a civil servant or retired civil servant, notify the Office of Personnel Management (OPM)** toll-free at (888) 767-6738.
- **If the member enrolled in DVA-sponsored insurance such as National Service Life Insurance (NSLI) or Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI), notify them** at (800) 669-8477.

If you live near a military installation you may be able to receive help with administrative matters from a Casualty Assistance Officer (CAO) or Retired

Activities/Affairs Office (RAO). Please note that these services are not available at all military installations.

Here are some additional toll-free numbers you may find useful, if applicable:

<u>Armed Forces Benefit Association (AFBA)</u>	(800) 776-2322
<u>Army &amp; Air Force Mutual Aid Association (AAFMAA)</u>	(800) 522-5221
<u>Burial at Sea</u>	(888) 647-6676 (option 4)
<u>Funeral Honors</u>	(877) 645-4667
<u>Military Benefit Association</u>	(800) 336-0100
<u>Officers Benefit Association</u>	(800) 736-7311
<u>Uniformed Service Benefit Association</u>	(800) 368-7021