

Steps to Take When an Annuitant Dies

ELIGIBILITY FOR SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN ANNUITY PAY ENDS WITH THE DEATH OF THE ANNUITANT (BENEFICIARY)

Prompt reporting of a deceased military annuitant's death can help avoid delay and possible financial hardship to surviving family members or executors, who will be required to return any unearned payments of the decedent's annuity pay. Follow these steps to report the death of an annuitant:

1. If the survivor is an SBP annuitant, call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080 to report the death and stop annuity pay.
2. Mail or fax a copy of the annuitant's death certificate to:

DFAS - U.S. MILITARY ANNUITANT PAY
P.O. Box 7131; London, KY 40742-7131
Fax: 1-800 982-8459

3. Inform any financial institutions receiving payments about the death of the annuitant (Provide a copy of the death certificate when it becomes available).
4. If applicable, contact the following agencies/departments immediately to report the death:

- **Social Security Administration:** 1-800-772-1213
www.ssa.gov
- **Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System:**
 1-800-538-9552
- **Department of Veterans Affairs:** 1-800-827-1000
 (annuitants in receipt of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation): www.va.gov

Possible sources of annuitant payments may include:

DFAS:
1-800-321-1080

VA:
1-800-827-1000

Social Security:
1-800-772-1213

OPM:
1-888-767-6738

How to Correct Your Military Record

If you believe you are the victim of an error or injustice which affects your military record, you may apply for a Correction of Military Records by completing and submitting a DD Form 149, Application for Correction of Military Record. Examples of correction include: upgraded discharge, promotions, retired pay, household goods, pay date change, bonus, and MGIB programs. DFAS pays military members when the Board for Corrections of Naval Records (BCNR) rule in their favor. If you received a decision from the BCNR and you do not agree with it, write the Board and explain your reasoning. Reference the appropriate address on page 2 of the DD Form 149. If you would like to check the status of your request contact the BCNR directly at (703) 604-6884 or 6885 (Navy/Marine Corps). If you believe DFAS paid you incorrectly for your Correction of Record, provide written documentation with a handwritten signature explaining why you are protesting the amount to:

DFAS-IN
 Dept. 3300, Attn: COR/Claims
 8899 East 56th Street
 Indianapolis, IN 46249-3300
 DFAS Inquiry Line: (317) 212-6167
 (Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m, EST)