

Active Duty Casualty Benefits and Entitlements Summary (March 2025)

BENEFITS AND ENTITLEMENTS	DESCRIPTION	LOD Impact
Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH)	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. ¹ If beneficiary is active duty military, payments will be made on a quarterly basis for this entitlement.	No Impact
Uniform Services ID and Privilege Card	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	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)	Paid to designated beneficiary(ies). 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
Montgomery GI Bill Contributions	Paid to designated beneficiary (SGLI beneficiary(ies)).	Will Impact
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
Death Gratuity	Paid to designated beneficiary(ies) \$100,000 (One time payment.) 100% tax-free.	No Impact
Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC) & Spouse DIC Augment	<u>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.</u> Must be VA approved. Current rates are \$1215 for the spouse and \$301 per each eligible child effective 1 Jan 12. A supplemental amount of \$250 per month is payable to the surviving spouse with dependent children for the first two years after member's death or until the youngest child turns 18 (26 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
Dependents Education Assistance (DEA)	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.	No Impact

¹ In some instances, base commanders do authorize families to remain in government quarters beyond 365 days if circumstances warrant (i.e. to allow children to finish the school year).

Headstones and Grave Markers	Provided by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).	No Impact
Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) \$	Up to \$500,000 coverage as elected by member; payable to designated beneficiary(ies) .	No Impact
Traumatic Injury SGLI	Payable to SGLI beneficiary(ies) if the member died seven days or more as a result of a qualifying injury. Illnesses, except those caused by the qualifying injury, are not covered.	No Impact
Social Security Burial Allowance	\$255 one time lump sum death benefit, if eligible.	No Impact
Funeral Travel	Travel to attend burial ceremonies is authorized for the spouse, children, parents (including in-laws and step-parents), 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
Memorial Service Travel	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. <i>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.</i>	No Impact
Travel to Dignified Transfer	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
Travel to Very Seriously ill or injured Sailors Bedside	A Military Medical Officer 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 DD-93 or NAVPERS 10720/602), or by the attending Physician. Individuals are entitled to travel, lodging and per diem for the duration of the "bedside warranted" status. .	No Impact
Travel to Bedside of Not Seriously Injured Sailors	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

Mortuary Services	Preparation, encasement, and transportation of remains provided through a contract mortuary or government facility.	No Impact
Grave site	Provided by Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) through the National Cemetery System.	No Impact
Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) & Special Indemnity Allowance (SSIA)	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 14 thru 30 Sep 15 - \$200 --- 1 Oct 09 thru 30 Sep 10 - \$60 --- 1 Oct 15 thru 30 Sep 16 - \$275 --- 1 Oct 10 thru 30 Sep 11 - \$70 --- 1 Oct 16 thru 30 Sep 17 - \$310 --- 1 Oct 11 thru 30 Sep 12 - \$80 --- SSIA payments terminate 1 Oct 17 --- 1 Oct 12 thru 30 Sep 13 - \$90 --- 1 Oct 13 thru 30 Sep 14 - \$150	Will Impact