

Benefits

Arrears of Pay

Retiree Arrears of Pay (AOP) is any pay due the retiree but unpaid at the time of death, to which a named beneficiary is entitled. Typically, this is a prorated amount that covers the first day of the month through the retiree's date of death.

Recoupment Process

The retirement pay of a military member stops on the first day of the month in which the retiree dies. Therefore, **ALL** pay deposited after the date of death—including pay deposited for that month—is automatically recouped by DFAS from the retiree's checking account. After a complete audit of the retirement account, any arrears of pay is calculated and paid to the retiree's named beneficiary. This payment will be a US Treasury check mailed to the beneficiary.

Submitting an Arrears of Pay claim

You will need the Death Certificate in order to submit the Arrears of Pay claim. Please contact the Hurlburt Casualty Assistance Office at (850) 884-2686 for assistance with this claim.

Questions about Arrears of Pay can be directed to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Contact Center at 1-800-321-1080

Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP)

Military retirement pay stops when a member dies. The Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) is a Government program which makes it possible for retired members to ensure that after their death, their eligible survivors receive a portion of the military retirement pay in the form of a monthly annuity. The annuity payable is 55% of the Base Amount elected. The Base Amount may be Full Gross Retired pay or any dollar amount down to \$300. The SBP election is made at the time of retirement. If SBP was voluntarily declined at the time of retirement, then no annuity can be established after the death of a retiree.

What do I need to submit a claim?

Please contact the Hurlburt Casualty Assistance Office at (850) 884-2686. The Casualty Assistance Representative can assist you with this claim.

You will need the Death Certificate with cause of death in order to submit the SBP claim. Your Survivor Benefit Plan Annuity will be established as a Direct Deposit. Please plan on bringing a Voided Check for the bank account in which you would like the SBP directly deposited into each month.

Remember you will need:

- **Death Certificate with Cause**
- **Voided Check for a Bank Account**

Department of Veterans Affairs

Depending upon many factors, there may be Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits due upon the death of a military retiree. The Hurlburt Casualty Assistance Representative will speak with you about any applicable VA benefits and can assist you with any VA claims.

What can I do to be prepared?

Locate important documents:

DD 214

Retiree Account Statement (RAS)

Wills or other legal documents

If you experience the death of a loved one who was a military retiree, please contact the Hurlburt Casualty Assistance office at **(850) 884-2686**.

Phone Numbers

Hurlburt Casualty Assistance
(850) 884-2686

Hurlburt DEERS (ID Card) Office
(850) 884-5252

Hurlburt Legal Office
(850) 884-7821

Social Security Administration (SSA)
800-772-1213

Defense Finance and Accounting
Service (DFAS)
800-321-1080

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
800-827-1000

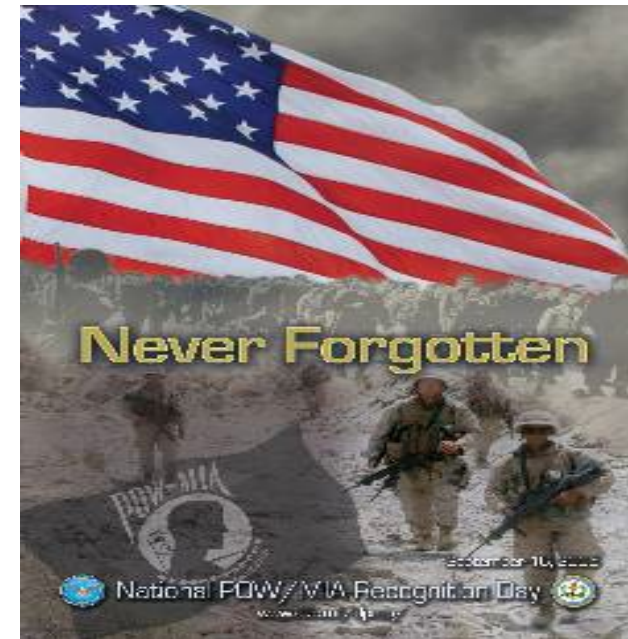
Where do I go?

The Hurlburt Casualty Assistance Office is located within the Airman and Family Readiness Center (A&FRC).

Airman & Family Readiness is located at 220 Lukasik Street, Ste 104, Hurlburt Field FL.

The following offices is located within Military Personnel Section (Customer Service):

DEERS for Military Dependent ID Cards
(850) 884-5252



Airman & Family Readiness
220 Lukasik Street
Suite 104
Hurlburt Field FL 3
850-884-2686
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