

ASSOCIATED BENEFITS AFTER DISABILITY RATING FOR RETIRED MILITARY

 VA Rating Less than 50%-retired military pay is offset by VA disability compensation. All VA monies are tax free.

 VA Rating 50% or higher, receive full retired pay and full VA compensation.

 Retroactive monies from the VA: All VA ratings are forwarded to DFAS for an audit. Once the audit is completed, DFAS tells the VA how much money the VA owes you.

 Retroactive monies rated at 10% to 40%, will not result in any owed monies from the VA, since you were already paid those monies by DFAS. You can file a correction to your prior year income tax reports to account for monies that are now tax free.

 If VA disability is combat or combat training related, apply for CRSC-Combat Related Special Compensation to your branch of service. This will be a tax free reimbursement for the amount offset from your retired military pay if you are rated from 10% to 40%.

 X The Gillespie County Veterans Service Office can assist with notifying DFAS of a Veteran or Spouse/Surviving Spouse Death and help complete the applications for SBP/Arrears of Pay/Assist with New ID card appointments.

 Transition to TRICARE FOR LIFE: Reminder that when you are 3 months from turning age 65, you MUST apply for Medicare A & B. Part A is free and part B is a deduction from your Social Security or if not receiving Social Security, you must set up another method of payment. Establish a Social Security Account, and then apply for Medicare. If your birthday is April 15th, you will apply for Medicare beginning 1 January, and your Medicare card will be effective 1 April. In the month of March, you need to make an appointment to renew your ID Card. Your Tricare Select or Tricare Prime health insurance then transitions to Tricare for Life, which is a SUPPLEMENT to MEDICARE which become your PRIMARY INSURANCE.

 Establish a myPay Account with Defense Finance & Reporting Service:

- a. *You can* view, print or save your Retiree Account Statement; Combat-Related Special Compensation Statement; Start, stop or change electronic allotments to financial institutions; Change your mailing or e-mail address; Make changes to your direct deposit information; View, print or save your end of year IRS Form 1099R; Subscribe to the Retiree Newsletter
- b. If you have never used myPay, visit <https://mypay.dfas.mil> and click "Forgot or Need a Password" to have a temporary password mailed to you. Once you have received a password, return to the myPay home page and click "Create an Account" to get started. Enter your SSN and temporary password. If you have trouble, call myPay at 888-332-7411 to speak to a Customer Service Representative.

Veteran's Signature

Date

Report a Military Retiree Death OR Spouse Death

Step 1 - **Notify DFAS by calling 800-321-1080.** Customer Service Representatives are available Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Please have the decedent's Social Security Number and the date of death when you call. Upon notification, DFAS will begin to close out the pay account to prevent any overpayments.

Step 2 – Please contact your financial institution and inform them of the death of the retiree.

Step 3 - Within 7-10 business days after reporting the death to DFAS, you should receive a letter containing the following documents:

- a. If the deceased retiree is owed pay (# of days Veteran lived in the month they died), you will receive a **SF1174 Claim** for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Member of the Uniformed Service (Referred to as Arrears of Pay)
- b. If the decedent was enrolled in the Survivor Benefit Plan or the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan, you should also receive an Annuity Care Package for completion and return.
- c. Step 4 - Complete the forms you received with your letter and return them with a Certified Original Copy of the retiree's Death Certificate that includes cause of death to:

Mailing For retirees:	For annuitants, beneficiaries and survivors:
Defense Finance and Accounting Service U.S. Military Retired Pay 8899 E. 56 th St., Indianapolis, IN 46249-1200 Fax Retired Pay: 800-469-6559	Defense Finance and Accounting Service U.S. Military Annuitant Pay 8899 E. 56 th St., Indianapolis, IN 46249-1300 Fax Annuitant/Survivor Pay: 800-982-8459

Also notify the following agencies/departments as soon as possible:

1. **DMDC/DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System)** at 800-538-9552. Fax copy of the Death Certificate of Veteran or Spouse to: FAX (800)336-4416 **Cover Letter should state:** Attn: DMDC Support Office Sponsor's Full Name; Sponsor &/OR Decedent's Social Security Numbers; Reason for Notification (Death of Veteran or Spouse); Date of Birth of Veteran &/or Decedent
2. Tricare at (844)866-9378 or Tricare for Life at (866)773-0404. This will stop fraudulent claims after death.
3. **Express Scripts** at (877)363-1303. Cancel pending or upcoming prescriptions.
3. **Federal Dental Program** (cancel Dental or Vision Insurance) at (877)888-3337. If insurance will continue for a surviving spouse, may require to set up new payment method if auto deducted from retiree DFAS account.
4. **Social Security Administration** at 800-772-1213.
5. **Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)** at 800-827-1000 if the retiree received disability compensation or the Surviving Spouse received VA DIC or VA Survivor Pension.
6. **VA Life Insurance** at 800-669-8477 If Veteran had a current VA-sponsored life insurance policy, such as Veterans' Group Life Insurance or National Service Life Insurance. Office of Service member's Group Life Insurance at 800-419-1473 for retirees enrolled in Service member's Group Life Insurance.
7. **Office of Personnel Management (OPM)** at 888-767-6738 if the military retiree was a current or retired federal civilian employee.
8. **Apply for a new Retiree or Dependent ID Card: RAPIDS Appointment Scheduler (normal operations)**

Website: <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil> All appointments are scheduled online. Surviving Spouses must apply for a new Dependent card even if they are over age 74 since it changes their status from Spouse to Surviving Spouse. COVID procedures are different.