

Death Gratuity Process: Ensuring beneficiary(ies) receives death gratuity payment

Description

Death gratuity payment is intended to assist the beneficiary(ies) with immediate financial needs until long-term benefits commence. Death gratuity is paid in the amount of \$100,000. Effective July 1, 2008, a Soldier may designate on DD Form 93 (Record of Emergency) one or more beneficiary(ies) to receive all or a portion of the death gratuity payment. Death gratuity is paid to beneficiary(ies) of a: deceased active duty Soldier, Soldiers who die within 120 days of separation, or retirement from active duty if death is a result of service-connected injury or illness.

Regulations and Supporting Resources

[A Survivor's Guide to Benefits – Taking Care of Our Families](#)

[AR 600-8-1, Army Casualty Program](#)

Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center (CMAOC) – Casualty Assistance Officer (CAO) Training Guide

[Military Benefits Website – Death Gratuity](#)

[Military OneSource Website](#)

Documents and Forms

[DD Form 397, Claim Certification and Voucher for Death Gratuity Payment](#)

[DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data](#)

[SF 1199A, Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form](#)

Related Processes

[Casualty Assistance Process](#)

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