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MyArmyBenefits and Online Survivor Benefits Report (OSBR)

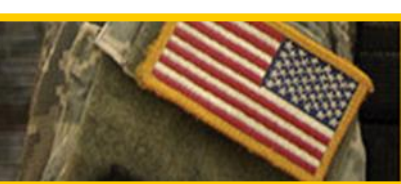
VA/DoD Survivors Forum
Tuesday, January 22, 2019



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Agenda

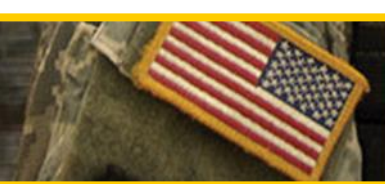
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Purpose

To provide a general overview of *MyArmyBenefits (MAB)* and the Casualty Operations Special Module (Survivor Benefits Report/Online Survivor Benefits Report).



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Features

- **Benefit Library**
 - Federal Fact Sheets
 - State and Territory Benefits Fact Sheets
 - Resource Locators
- **Benefit Calculators (CAC/DS Logon)**
 - Retirement (including BRS & SBP)
 - Survivor Benefits
 - Deployment Calculator
- **Benefits Help Desk Operations**
- **Wounded Warrior Special Module**
 - Wounded Warrior / DRE Calculator
- **Casualty Operations Special Module**
 - Online Survivor Benefits Report

<http://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil>

The screenshot shows the MyArmyBenefits website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Benefit Library, Benefit Calculators, News, and Help. A search bar is located on the right. The main content area features a large banner with the text "Compare your retired pay with the Blended Retirement System Calculator" and "CALCULATE YOUR SURVIVOR BENEFITS". Below this, there is a section titled "MyArmyBenefits is the Official Army Benefits Website" with a sub-heading "Finding Your Benefits is as Easy as 1 - 2 - 3!". This section includes three bullet points: "Browse Over 150 Fact Sheets for Benefit Eligibility and Highlights", "Calculate Estimates of Your Survivor and Survivor Education Benefits", and "Forecast Your Retirement Benefits". A "Special Information" section is also present, providing details for severely injured Soldiers and their families. A news section titled "Soldiers have a retirement system choice in 2018" discusses the new Blended Retirement System (BRS) available on January 1, 2018. Below this, there is a "What is the new BRS?" section with three bullet points: "Automatic and Matching TSP Contribution", "Continuation Pay", and "Retired Pay". A final note mentions that retiring Soldiers can choose to receive part of their retired pay as a lump sum. On the right side of the page, there is a sidebar with sections for "PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE" (including Transition and Retirement Planning, Survivor Benefits Planning, Blended Retirement Calculator, and Casualty and Survivor Assistance), "D'S LOGON" (CAC or US Logon), "FEDERAL BENEFITS" (by Category, Component, Life Event, A to Z), "Need Benefits Help? Contact Us", and "BENEFIT NEWS" (Stay up to date, MORE).



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Survivor Benefits Report (SBR) Overview

- Features
 - At-Time-of-Death benefits report
 - Follow-on 24x7 Online Survivor Benefits Report (OSBR) calculator access for surviving spouses (OSD is working on including Guardian access)
 - Family Assistance Support Team (FAST) helpdesk support
- Provides
 - Critical benefits information to families
 - Standard format of benefits information for all Services
 - Consistency and accuracy of information
 - The Services Casualty representatives access to SME's regarding myriad of federal benefits (Social Security, VA, DFAS)



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At-Time-of-Death SBR

- FAST Team provides a Survivor Benefits Report (SBR) for the Surviving Spouse/Children of Warriors who die on active duty (includes Reserve & National Guard deaths on duty)
- Separate reports for Spouse & Child Survivor Benefits Plan election and Child-Only Survivor Benefits Plan election
- Defaults to LOD-Yes & SC-Yes, but can also reflect LOD-No, SC-No
- A separate SBR is prepared for each family element (for children within the household and for those in someone else's custody).



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At-Time-of-Death SBR: Restricted Access

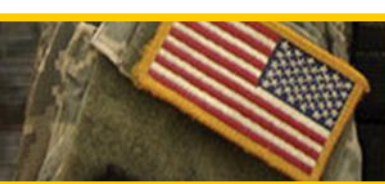
- Each Service has access to only their Service's SBRs
- Each Casualty Branch/Retired Service Office (RSO) has access to only their Service's SBRs
- Each CAO/CACO/CAR has access to SBRs for only their case(s)
- Each Surviving Spouse has access to only the SBR for his/her immediate family (i.e., living in same household)
- Each family element living outside the household only has access to his/her SBR



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Casualty Data Requirements

In order to initiate the SBR, the FAST Team requires the following:

Service member	Family	Casualty Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Rank/Grade • SSN • DoB • Service Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DoR - Active Svc Date - Basic Pay Date - DIEMS, - Prev Rank/DoR • Component Status 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spouse Name • DoB • Email Address • Home Address • Phone Number • Child(ren) Names • Child(ren) DoB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of Death • LOD: Yes or No • Service-Connected or Non Service-Connected



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SBR – Other Information Needed

- Is the surviving spouse working and earning more than \$17,040 per year?
- Was the Service Member previously married?
 - If so, is there a Former Spouse SBP court order in effect?
- Are any of the children living outside the surviving spouse's household with another parent or guardian?
 - Include Guardian's name, address, phone number & email address
- Are any of the children considered special-needs (handicapped) that make them unable to care for themselves?
- Has the deceased been reduced in rank in the past 3 years?
 - From what rank – what was the previous rank's effective date



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Online SBR (OSBR)

- Surviving spouses have 24x7 access to the Online Survivor Benefits Report (OSBR) calculator for information, benefit updates, and to conduct “what if” scenarios
- OSBR reflects COLA and all legislative changes affecting survivor benefits annuities over time
- Spouse has the ability to notify the Family Assistance Support Team (FAST) of family changes, such as remarriage
- DS-Logon required for access (Survivors may need assistance in acquiring DS Logon)
- ***Once they get a DS Logon, Survivors will need to call the Family Assistance Support Team (FAST) to “link” their DS Logon to their OSBR, and receive a URL and a password***
- Spouse can call FAST if they have questions regarding their benefits or if having problems with receiving benefits



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Compare your retired pay with the Blended Retirement System Calculator

CALCULATE YOUR SURVIVOR BENEFITS

Special information is provided for severely injured Soldiers and their families in the Wounded, Ill and Injured section of the site and for surviving family members of fallen Soldiers in the Casualty and Survivor Assistance section. If you have questions or comments please

PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE

- Transition and Retirement Planning
- Survivor Benefits Planning
- Blended Retirement Calculator
- Casualty and Survivor Assistance**

MyArmyBenefits "The Movie 2" Featured Videos

DS LOGON

A CAC or US Logon Premium Account is required to access the MyArmyBenefits Calculators.

[REGISTER FOR US LOGON](#)

FEDERAL BENEFITS

- By Category
- By Component
- By Life Event
- A to Z

Need Benefits Help? [Contact Us](#)

Surviving spouses can access the login for the Online Survivor Benefits Report (OSBR) calculator here

- Calculate Estimates of Your Survivor and Survivor Education Benefits
- Forecast Your Retirement Benefits

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★ Login to access your personalized benefit reports ★



MyAirForceBenefits

Support for Families of the Fallen

Online Survivor Benefits Reports

The *MyAirForceBenefits* Survivor section provides both general and individualized benefits information to the survivors of a fallen Airman.

<https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/prebuilt/USMC/Casualty/login.aspx>

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MyNavyBenefits

Support for Families of the Fallen

Online Survivor Benefits Reports

The *MyNavyBenefits* Survivor section provides both general and individualized benefits information to the survivors of a fallen Sailor.

<https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/prebuilt/USMC/Casualty/login.aspx>

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MyMarineBenefits

Support for Families of the Fallen

Online Survivor Benefits Reports

The *MyMarineBenefits* Survivor section provides both general and individualized benefits information to the survivors of a fallen Marine.

<https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/prebuilt/USMC/Casualty/login.aspx>

★ Login to access your personalized benefit reports ★



MyCoastGuardBenefits

Support for Families of the Fallen

Online Survivor Benefits Reports

The *MyCoastGuardBenefits* Survivor section provides both general and individualized benefits information to the survivors of a fallen Guardsmen.

<https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/prebuilt/USMC/Casualty/login.aspx>



SURVIVOR BENEFITS REPORT

MSG JULIO GRAY

Using "Spouse/Child" Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Election

Monthly Survivor Annuity Benefits

Reason for Change		FAMILY BENEFITS				=	Monthly Total	Annual Total
		SS	DIC	SBP	SSIA			
				TAXABLE				
Current Benefit	Dec-2018	\$2532	\$2230	\$981	\$318	=	\$6061	72732
Child is 18	May-2020	3375	2230	981	318	=	6904	82848
DIC Extra Ends	Oct-2020	3375	1955	981	318	=	6629	79548
Herbert is 18	Jun-2026	2792	1632	981	318	=	5723	68676
Sheila is 16	Nov-2028	1396	1632	981	318	=	4327	51924
Sheila is 18	Nov-2030	0	1309	981	318	=	2608	31296
SBP benefit (\$2290) is reduced to \$1007 due to offset by VA DIC (\$1283).								



SURVIVOR BENEFITS REPORT

MSG JULIO GRAY

Using "Child Only" Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Election

Monthly Survivor Annuity Benefits

Reason for Change		FAMILY BENEFITS				=	Monthly Total	Annual Total	
		SS	DIC	SBP	TAXABLE				
Current Benefit	Oct-2018	\$2532	+	\$2187	+	\$1526	=	\$6245	74940
Child is 18	May-2020	3375	+	2187	+	1526	=	7088	85056
DIC Extra Ends	Oct-2020	3375	+	1917	+	1526	=	6818	81816
Child is 22+	Jul-2024	3375	+	1917	+	2290	=	7582	90984
Herbert is 18	Jun-2026	2792	+	1600	+	1145*	=	5537	66444
Sheila is 16	Nov-2028	1396	+	1600	+	1145*	=	4141	49692
Herbert is 22+	Jul-2030	1396	+	1600	+	2290	=	5286	63432
Sheila is 18	Nov-2030	0	+	1283	+	0*	=	1283	15396
Gladys is 60	Dec-2037	1331	+	1283	+	0	=	2614	31368



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Connecting DS Logon to Access OSBR

1

- If you don't have a DS Logon account go to <https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil>.
- (If you have a DS Logon, skip to Step 3.)

2

- Click on "More DS Logon Options" box. Click on "Need a DS Logon?". Continue through the series of screens and complete your DS Logon registration. You need to register for the Level 2 Premium account (this is a no-cost service). You should now have a DS Logon account user name and password.

3

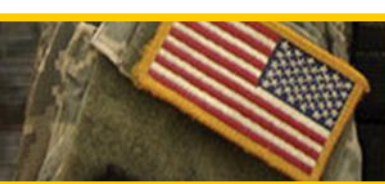
- Contact the OSBR FAST at (877) 827-2471 and provide them your DS Logon User-name ID to establish access to your survivor benefits interactive report. (We do not require your password.)



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Points of Contact:

MyArmyBenefits Help Desk

1-888-721-ARMY (2769)

M-F, 9am-5pm (EST)

Family Assistance Support Team (FAST) Help Desk

1-877- 827-2471

M-F, 9am-5pm (EST)

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