

Survivor Milestones



Do You Know What to Expect the First Year and Beyond?

Spouse

Within First Year

- Update DEERS
- Apply for DIC, SBP, Social Security (if applicable)
- Establish DS Logon Level 2 (Premium) account (<https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil>)
- Establish VA eBenefits account
- Access Online Survivor Benefits Report (OSBR)
- Free financial counseling and online will preparation from Financial Point Plus for SGLI recipients (<https://financialpointplus.com/>)

1 Year

- HEART (Heroes Earning Assistance and Relief Tax) Act eligibility expires
- “Final Move” deadline for Survivors in government housing

3 Years

- Final Move deadline (You may request an extension)
- “Qualifying widow/widower” federal income tax status expires
- TRICARE Prime (active duty) expires. You will be auto-enrolled into TRICARE Standard for Retirees
 - If you wish, you can enroll in TRICARE Prime for Retirees
- Active-duty family member dental plan expires; you can enroll in retiree dental

20 Years

- Spouse DEA eligibility ends

Age 55

- Remarriage restrictions on SBP payments are lifted

Age 57

- Remarriage restrictions on DIC payments are lifted

Age 60

- Remarriage restrictions on Social Security Survivor benefits are lifted
- Reduced-rate Social Security retirement benefits are available

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Child(ren)

Within First Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Obtain ID Card (any age)● May be eligible for care at a military Child and Youth Program, benefits may vary by location
Age 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Social Security survivor benefits for child(ren)'s parental or non-parental caregiver ends
Age 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● TRICARE and TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) survivor benefit eligibility ends. Full-time college students can apply for an extension until age 23 or purchase TRICARE Young Adult
Age 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● TRICARE and TDP Survivor Benefit eligibility end for students; TRICARE Young Adult can be purchased
Age 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● DEA eligibility ends
Age 33	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fry Scholarship eligibility ends if eligibility began before January 1, 2013. This time limit is lifted if eligibility began after that date

Financial Beneficiary

Within First Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Free financial counseling and online will preparation are available from Financial Point Plus for SGLI recipients (https://financialpointplus.com/)● If applicable: Non-parent guardian of Surviving child(ren) should establish legal guardianship
1 Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● HEART (Heroes Earning Assistance and Relief Tax) Act eligibility expires
Child Reaches Age 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Social Security benefits for child(ren)'s parental or non-parental caregiver ends

Glossary

DEA: Dependents Educational Assistance - an educational benefit provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

DIC: Dependency and Indemnity Compensation - a tax free monthly payment to Survivors provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

DEERS: Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting Systems - a registry of Servicemembers, spouses and children.

SBP: Survivor Benefits Program - a taxable annuity for Survivors paid by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS).

TRICARE: The Uniformed Services' Health Maintenance program.

Air-Force-Families-Forever-Program

<https://www.afpc.af.mil/Benefits-and-Entitlements/Air-Force-Families-Forever/>

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