

## **MEMBER-DESIGNATED BENEFITS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE**

### ***Service Member's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Beneficiary***

The Service member designates beneficiary(s) on the "Service members' Group Life Insurance Election and Certificate," SGLV 8286.

### ***Post Vietnam-Era Veterans Assistance Program (VEAP) Beneficiary***

Veterans who first entered active duty during a specified period and contributed to an education account to establish eligibility for educational assistance may be eligible for VEAP. Unused benefits upon death are given to the beneficiary(s) designated on "Service Members' Group Life Insurance Election and Certificate," SGLV 8286.

### ***All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program (Montgomery G.I. Bill) – Active Duty, Death Benefit***

In the event of the death of the Service member, the associated benefits are given to beneficiary(s) designated on the "Service Members' Group Life Insurance Election and Certificate," SGLV 8286.

### ***Death Gratuity Beneficiary***

If a Service member dies while on Active Duty, all or a portion of the member's death gratuity amount (up to \$100,000) can be given to beneficiary(s) designated on the member's "Record of Emergency Data," DD93.

### ***Final Settlement of Accounts Beneficiary***

The Service member designates beneficiary(s) in writing to receive a certain percentage (10%, 20%, 30%, and up to 100% as appropriate) of monetary benefits as listed on the "Record of Emergency Data," DD93.

### ***Wounded Warrior Designated Caregiver***

Service members may designate an individual as a caregiver to serve as a non-medical attendee during a recovery period of more than 45 days during a one year period.

### ***Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Beneficiary***

Thrift Savings Plan form TSP-3 allows for the naming of member-designated beneficiary(s) upon the death of the Service member.

### ***Survivor Benefit Plan Beneficiary: Retiree***

Service members may choose coverage for their children, spouse or a former spouse or, if they do not have a spouse or child, they may be able to cover an "insurable interest".

### ***Casualty Notification***

Notification is designated on the "Record of Emergency Data, DD93" and "Service members' Group Life Insurance Election and Certificate," SGLV 8286.

### ***Escorts for Dependents of Deceased or Missing Members - Eligibility to be an Escort***

Round trip transportation and travel allowances may be paid to any person for travel performed as an escort for dependents of a member of the armed forces, not later than one year after the member dies, is missing or unavailable to accompany dependents.

***Designation of Persons Having Interest in Status of a Missing Member***

Member designates in writing the person or persons, if any, other than that person's primary next of kin or immediate family, to whom information on the whereabouts and status of the member shall be provided.

***Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) – Eligible Beneficiary***

Post-separation insurance which allows Service members to convert their SGLI coverage to renewable term insurance. To qualify for VGLI, Service members must be enrolled in SGLI (SGLV 8286). To apply for and designate beneficiary, Service members must use SGLV 8714 and 8721, respectively.

***Person Eligible to Receive Effects (PERE) of Deceased Persons***

The person authorized by law to receive the personal effects of a deceased military member. Receipt of personal effects does not constitute ownership.

***Travel and Transportation Allowance: Attendance of Members and Other Persons at Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program events***

A member of the uniformed services who is eligible to attend a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program event may designate one or more persons to attend a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program event.

***Travel and Transportation Allowances: Transportation of Designated Individuals Incident to Hospitalization of Members for Treatment of Wounds, Illness, Injury***

Specific travel and transportation allowances may be provided for not more than three designated individuals if the attending physician or surgeon and the commander or head of the military medical facility exercising control over certain Service members, including those who are seriously wounded, seriously ill, seriously injured, or in a situation of imminent death and are hospitalized in a medical facility, determine that the presence of such individual(s) may contribute to the member's health and welfare.

***Designation of Persons Authorized to Direct Disposition (PADD) of Remains of Members of the Armed Forces***

Service member designates the individual who has primary right or responsibility to make decisions regarding the remains of the deceased member on the "Record of Emergency Data," DD93.

***Presentation of the Flag of the United States***

In the event of the death of a Service member, the Secretary concerned may pay the necessary expenses for the presentation of a flag of the United States to the following persons: the person designated to direct disposition of the remains of the decedent (PADD), the parents or parent of the decedent, the surviving spouse of the decedent (including a surviving spouse who remarries after the decedent's death), and each child of the decedent.

***Transportation for Survivors of Deceased Member to Attend the Member's Burial Ceremony or Memorial Service***

Transportation and round trip travel to attend the member's burial ceremony or memorial service may be provided to the person who directs the disposition of the remains of the deceased member (PADD) by the Secretary concerned.

### ***Hospital Visitation***

Individual hospitals maintain policy on visitation, but they align with a patient's right to allow visitation of whomever they want. Currently, patient rights permit the patient to member-designate who he/she would like to have as a visitor, subject to medical requirements.

### ***Family Readiness Groups***

Family Readiness Groups are command-sponsored organizations that bring together the unit leadership with military families. Membership is automatic, and participation is voluntary. They are currently designed to be inclusive of whoever has an interest in supporting a Service member