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**SPOUSAL NOTIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEATH GRATUITY BENEFIT**

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A. NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT (NDAA) 2008, 28 JANUARY 2008.

B. DODI 1300.18, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) PERSONNEL CASUALTY MATTERS, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES, 8 JANUARY 2008.

C. DUSD(P&R) MEMORANDUM, 19 FEB 08, SUBJ: IMPLEMENTATION OF DEATH GRATUITY DESIGNATION AND THE RECORD OF EMERGENCY DATA (DD FORM 93).

D. AR 600-8-1, ARMY CASUALTY PROGRAM, 30 APRIL 2007.

E. ALARACT MSG 026/2008, REVISED DD FORM 93, RECORD OF EMERGENCY DATA, DTG 111518Z FEB 08.

F. ALARACT 146/2008 IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR DESIGNATING DEATH GRATUITY RECIPIENTS ON THE DD FORM 93, RECORD OF EMERGENCY DATA, DTG 131837Z JUN 08.

1. THIS MESSAGE WILL EXPIRE NLT 30 JUN 2010.

2. REFERENCE F. ANNOUNCED THAT, ON AND AFTER 1 JULY 2008, SOLDIERS MAY DESIGNATE FROM ONE TO TEN PERSONS TO RECEIVE ALL OR A PORTION OF THE \$100,000 DEATH GRATUITY PAYMENT. SOLDIERS MUST DESIGNATE AMOUNTS PAYABLE IN 10% (\$10,000) INCREMENTS.

3. REFERENCE F. ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT, EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2008, THE ARMY MUST NOTIFY THE SOLDIER'S SPOUSE IN WRITING WHENEVER A SOLDIER DESIGNATES A PERSON OTHER THAN THE SPOUSE TO RECEIVE ALL OR A PORTION OF THE \$100,000 AND TASKED BDE / SEPARATE BN S-1s AND MPDs WITH SOLDIER RECORDS RESPONSIBILITY TO PREPARE AND SEND THE SPOUSAL NOTIFICATION LETTER WHENEVER A MARRIED SOLDIER DESIGNATES ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL IN ADDITION TO OR OTHER THAN THE SPOUSE TO RECEIVE ALL OR A PORTION OF THE DEATH GRATUITY.

4. EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2008, BDE / SEPARATE BN S-1s AND MPDs WITH SOLDIER RECORDS RESPONSIBILITY WILL FOLLOW THE IMPLEMENTING GUIDANCE AND USE THE SPOUSAL NOTIFICATION FORMAT AS PROVIDED HEREIN. BDE / SEPARATE BN S-1s AND MPDs WITH

SOLDIER RECORDS RESPONSIBILITY WILL:

A. VERIFY THE SOLDIER'S SPOUSAL AND DEPENDENT INFORMATION IN DEERS DURING ALL DD FORM 93 UPDATES.

B. WHENEVER A MARRIED SOLDIER DESIGNATES ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL IN ADDITION TO OR OTHER THAN THE SPOUSE TO RECEIVE ALL OR A PORTION OF THE DEATH GRATUITY, USE THE ENCLOSED [FORMAT](#) TO PREPARE AND SEND THE SPOUSAL NOTIFICATION LETTER TO THE CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS FOR THE SPOUSE, AS PROVIDED BY THE SOLDIER, INDICATING THAT THE SOLDIER HAS DESIGNATED ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL TO RECEIVE ALL OR A PORTION OF THE DEATH GRATUITY.

5. COMMANDERS WHO HAVE SOLDIER RECORDS RESPONSIBILITY WILL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT THEIR S-1s AND MPDs ADHERE TO THE ABOVE REQUIREMENT EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2008.

6. POCS FOR THIS MESSAGE AT CASUALTY AND MORTUARY AFFAIRS OPERATIONS CENTER ARE LTC JODY LEVINSON AT (703) 325-5646 / [JODY.LEVINSON@US.ARMY.MIL](mailto:JODY.LEVINSON@US.ARMY.MIL) AND MR. KEVIN LOGAN AT (703) 325-8629 / [LOGAN-KEVIN@US.ARMY.MIL](mailto:LOGAN-KEVIN@US.ARMY.MIL).

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