

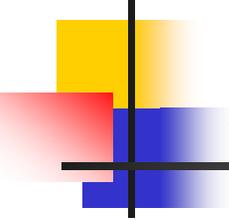
DECEDENT AFFAIRS

CASUALTY ASSISTANCE

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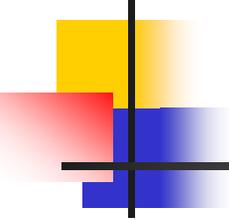
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CACO PRESENTATION AGENDA

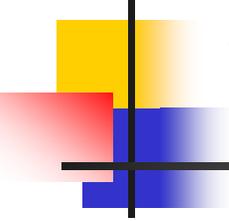
- **What is A Casualty?**
- **How Do I report a Casualty?**
- **Submitting a CASREP**
- **What is a CACO**
- **What Does A CACO do?**
 - **Notification Visit**
 - **Funeral Arrangements Visit**
 - **Benefits Visit**



DO I HAVE TO BE CONCERNED?

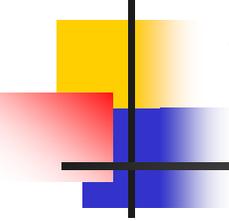
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Active	21	26	19	25	23
Reserve	9	6	2	4	6
Civilian	1	17	10	10	9
Dependent	31	41	34	33	39
Auxiliary*	0	0	0	0	0
Total	62	90	65	72	77

*** Operational deaths only**



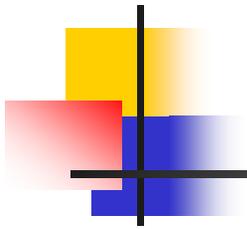
WHAT'S IS A CASUALTY?

- **Chap 11 PERSMAN defines a casualty as a person who:**
 - **Has an illness, injury, or wound of a critical or serious nature;**
 - **Is missing (missing in action, interned in a foreign country; or captured, beleaguered, or besieged by a hostile force - a prisoner of war);**
 - **Has died – either killed in action, died of wounds, died of illness of any other cause**
 - **DUSTWUN -Duty Status Whereabouts Unknown, DoD term**

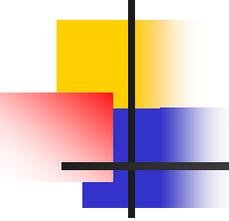


WHO IS A CASUALTY?

- This applies to the following types of people:
 - Active Duty *
 - Former Active Duty within 120 days of separation
 - Auxiliarist on Operational Patrol
 - Retiree (refer to PSC)
 - Cadet
 - Reservist * * Most of our work
 - Dependent (Death only) *
 - PHS Officers detailed to the CG
 - Chaplains detailed to the CG
 - Civilian Employee (Death Only)



**I GOT THE CALL.
SOMEONE IS A CASUALTY.
WHAT NOW?**



ACTIVE DUTY

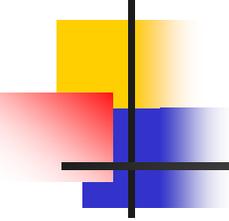
- Call HQ Command Center (G-RPF) at **202 372 2100**.
- Contact your District and Area COMCEN.
- Contact member's command.
- Contact the DAO.
- Send Personnel Casualty Report.
- Get CACO assigned.

RESERVIST

ACTIVE/INACTIVE DUTY**

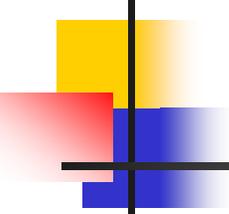
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**in transit to or from such duty



SEPARATED within 120 DAYS

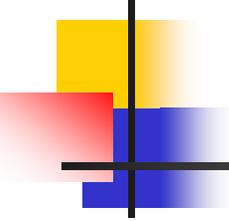
- Call HQ Command Center (G-RPF) at **202 372 2100**.
- Call DAO.
- Send Personnel Casualty Report.
- These folks may be eligible for SGLI.
- Eligibility for Death Gratuity includes members who die within 120 days of separation, if the VA determines that the death was due to injuries or illnesses incurred in the line of duty.
- Get CACO assigned



RETIRED PERSONNEL

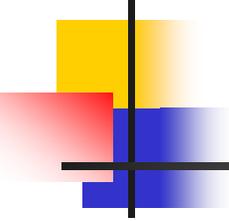
Refer retiree deaths to PSC @ **1 800 772 8724**.

- **Retiree Entitlements - PSC/PUB 1800 Information for Survivors of USCG, USCGR, and NOAA Retirees**
- **Check if the retiree was getting any disability retirement payments from the VA. If so, check if the person died due to complications with the disability. They might be eligible for Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC). PSC also advises family.**
- **If the retiree died in a military hospital, the CG pays for transportation of remains to burial site.**



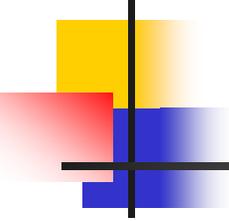
PHS OFFICER

- Call HQ Command Center (G-RPF) at **202 372 2100**.
- Contact your District and Area COMCEN.
- Contact individual's command.
- Contact DAO.
- Contact PHS
 - Mr. Thomas Berry at 301 594 3472
 - CDR Wade McConnell at 202 475 5186
- Send Personnel Casualty Report info PHS.
- Assign CACO.



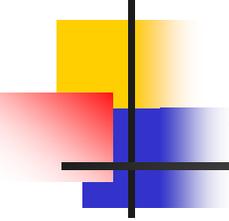
CHAPLAIN

- Call HQ Command Center (G-RPF) at **202 372 2100**.
 - Ask HQ Command Center (G-RPF) to Contact Chief of Chaplains
- Contact your District and Area COMCEN.
- Contact individual's command.
- Contact DAO.
- Send Personnel Casualty Report.
- Get CACO assigned.



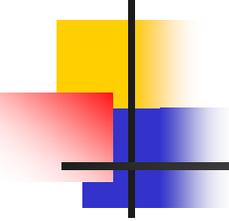
CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE

- Call HQ Command Center (G-RPF) at **202 372 2100**.
- Contact your District and Area COMCEN.
- Contact individual's command.
- Contact your Command Staff Advisor.
- The deceased's Command should offer assistance to the family.



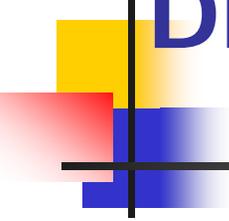
AUXILIARIST

- If it's an **operational death**, call HQ Command Center (G-RPF) at **202 372 2100**.
- Contact your District and Area COMCEN.
- Contact individual's command.
- Send Personnel Casualty Report
 - info COMCOGARD //G-OAX//
- The deceased's Command should offer assistance to the family.
- Entitled to a Dept of Labor Pension (GS-9).
- Get CACO assigned



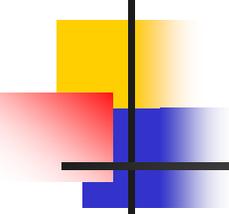
CADET

- Call HQ Command Center (G-RPF) at **202 372 2100**.
- Contact your District and Area COMCEN.
- Send Personnel Casualty Report.
 - Info COGARD ACADEMY NEW LONDON CT
LCDR Andy McGurer – 860-444-8371
CWO Sam Pederson – 860-701-6715
- Call DAO.
- Get CACO assigned.



DEPENDENT – *Death only*

- Call HQ Command Center (G-RPF) at **202 372 2100**.
- Contact your District and Area COMCEN.
- Contact sponsor's command.
- Call DAO.
- Send Personnel Casualty Report.
- Get CACO assigned.

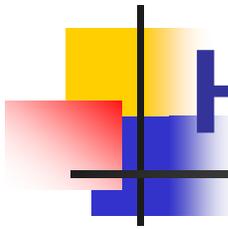


Who submits CASREP?

How do they do it?

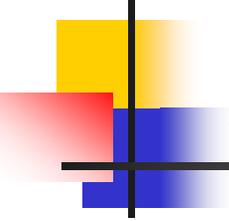
Command reporting the casualty submits the CASREP

- Required when a person dies, becomes seriously ill, or is hospitalized with a condition which could lead to a disability retirement. Remember Personnel CASREP, not MISHAP or SITREP.
 - To be sent within 4 hours of notification.
 - Enclosure (7) of the Personnel and Pay Procedures Manual has CASREP format.
 - In the case of illness, use the International Classification of Disease code(s) found in the Medical Manual.
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- Activates appropriate CG units and advises all concerned parties of what's going on.
 - In case of death, we use it for notifying next of kin.



Who submits CASREP msg? How do they do it?

- **Subj: PERSONNEL CASUALTY REPORT** *or*
- **PERSONNEL CASUALTY REPORT UPDATE**
 - Subject line must be exactly like this.
- **Okay to have incomplete items**
 - PENDING, TBD, UNK, N/A, CHECKING
- **CASREP format: Encl (7) of
Personnel and Pay Procedures Manual**
- **Sent by command learning of casualty.**
- **Not optional. Not discretionary.**
- **Timely: Send within 4 hours of notification.**

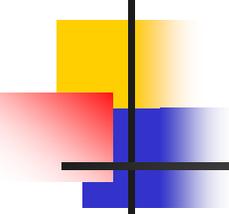


ASSIGNING A CACO

- **CACO assigned whenever a Casualty occurs.**
 - Casualty
 - Stand-by
 - Courtesy
- **Commandant of the Coast Guard Representative**
- **Officer with at least two years active duty**
- **CPO and above. Best if from the same command.**
- **CACO duties normally take precedence over all other assigned duties. Usually one-two weeks of 24/7.**
- **After burial, assist with paperwork (benefits forms).**
- **Know your Decedent Affairs Officer (DAO).**

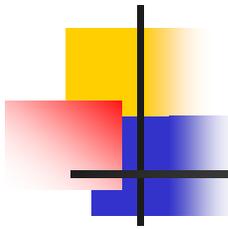
WHAT ARE THE CACO's DUTIES

- **Notifies the Primary Next of Kin (PNOK) and Secondary Next of Kin (SNOK).**
- **Assist the family with funeral preparations, etc.**
- **Explain benefits to family and help the family apply for their benefits.**
- **Each step usually requires a separate visit to the family.**



CACO RESOURCES

- **Coast Guard Casualty Assistance Calls Officer Handbook**
- **Decedent Affairs Officer**
- **Chaplain**
- **Commandant (CG-1222)**
- **PSC SES/RAS**
- **PERSMAN Chapter 11/18**
- **Coast Guard Casualty Affairs Guide**
- **ARMY Pub 638-2**



Determine PNOK (Primary Next-Of-Kin)

Primary Next of Kin (PNOK) has legal authority to decide how and where to dispose of the remains

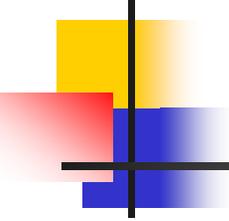
- **CG-4170A – May list mbr's PNOK preference**

- Important in divorce situations

- **Legal Order of Precedence**

- Legal Spouse (*not ex-spouse*)
- If no spouse, eldest child over 21
- If no child over 21, father or mother
- If none of these, brothers or sisters
- Other blood relative
- Friend

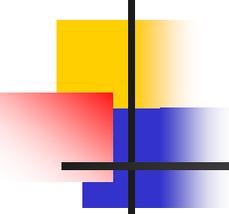
- **If no one, DAO/CG-1222 decide.**



Determine PNOK (Primary Next-Of-Kin)

Divorced Parents

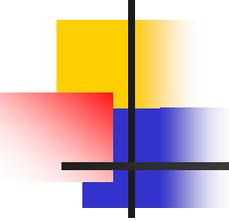
- Use discretion in identifying Primary Next of Kin as the PNOK has the legal authority to decide how and where to dispose of the remains
 - Non-PNOK may have objections
- If parents divorced while the member was a minor
 - The parent the individual lived with upon joining CG is normally the PNOK.
- If parents divorced after member became an adult
 - See who is listed on the member's BAH/Dependency data.
 - The older parent is usually PNOK.



Determine SNOK (Secondary Next-Of-Kin)

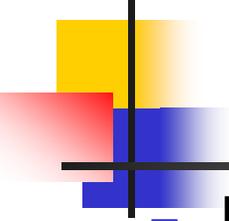
Parents

- **Always notify parents**
- Notify parents separately if divorced
- Aim for simultaneous notification
- **If spouse or child is PNOK, then Parents are SNOK**
- If Parents are PNOK, then there is no SNOK
- Use discretion



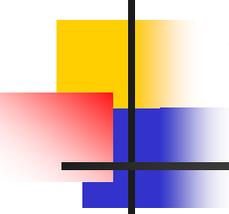
NOTIFICATION VISIT

- **Ideally CG person notify PNOK & SNOK**
 - Face to face. SDBs.
 - Mandatory for combat casualties
 - Global War On Terror, etc.
 - Mandatory for operational & training casualties
- **Civil Authorities often notify for MVA, etc.**
 - Police
 - Firefighters
 - Paramedics
 - Medical Facilities
- **Phone call**



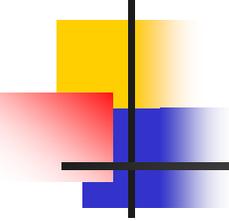
PREPARING TO NOTIFY NEXT OF KIN

- **NEVER Go Alone!!!**
 - Two people. CACO, and Chaplain (or other partner)
 - CACO notifies, Chaplain gives spiritual support
- Death: 0600 – 2400 (unless identity has gone public)
- Serious injury/illness: 24 hours
- Uniform is Dress Blue Bravo.
- Get the details. Often by CASREP.
- Get your emotions in check.
- Rehearse what you're going to say with whomever goes with you
- Confirm you are talking to the Next of Kin.
- Get in the house before you give the news. NEVER outside.



WHAT DO I SAY?

- “Hello, I am Chief _____ the Officer in Charge of Coast Guard Station _____. I have an important message for (Next of Kin) from the Commandant of the Coast Guard. Are they here and may we come inside?”
- When Next of Kin is assembled “The Commandant of the Coast Guard regrets to inform you that your daughter, Petty Officer Jane Smith, was killed in a car accident last night while returning to the ship from leave.”
- There is no way to lessen the effect of the news. **Get to the point.** You only make the family more anxious if you hem and haw. Use the word “**dead**” or “**died**” if that’s the case.
- The cliché “Expect the unexpected” applies.

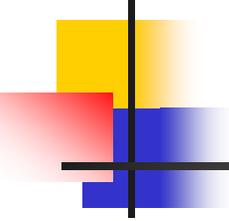


DON'T SAY THIS!!!

- **At least you have other children.**
- **Don't worry you'll find another husband/wife.**
- **You'll get over this.**
- **They're not in pain anymore.**
- **It will be all right in the end.**
- **They're in a better place.**

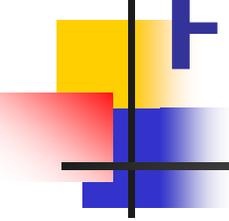
- **Do say,**

“Can we call someone for you?”



STAGES OF GRIEF

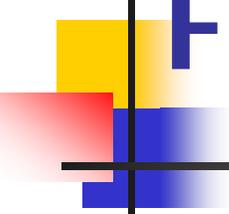
- Shock and denial
 - Expression of emotion
 - Depression and loneliness
 - Physical symptoms of distress
 - Panic
 - Sense of guilt
 - **Hostility and resentment ***
 - Inability to return to usual activities
 - Hope
 - Readjustment to reality
-
- * Possibly toward CACO and Coast Guard



FUNERAL DETAILS VISIT

After initial notification, CACO will make an appointment to return and talk about funeral preparations and benefits, etc.

- Often, for the next day
- PADD for funeral preparations
- Applicable NOK for benefits
 - See PSC-2020D Designation of Beneficiaries



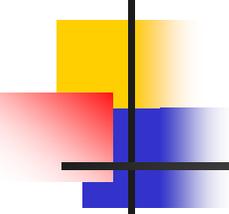
FUNERAL DETAILS VISIT

Funeral

- Discuss Interment Options
 - Primary and Secondary Care & Expenses
 - Transportation of remains
- Have PADD sign “Statement of Disposition of Remains”

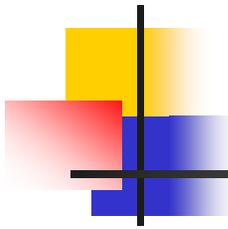
Benefits

- Give NOK their copy of “Coast Guard Casualty Assistance Guide”
 - DD-397 – Claim for Death Gratuity
 - SF-1174 – Claim for unpaid pay & allowances
 - SGLV-8283 – Claim for SGLI death benefits



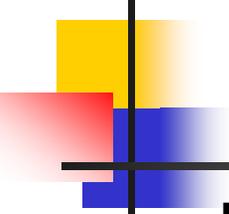
WHAT'S A DEATH GRATUITY?

- **\$100,000** immediate payment in order of priority to:
 - Spouse,
 - Children equally,
 - Beneficiary listed on CG-4170A
- Original purpose was to cover living expenses until SBP starts and/or SGLI is paid.
- Goal - paid within 48 hours of receipt of claim.
- CACO asks beneficiary to sign the DD-397.
 - Asks where to deposit the funds (electronic preferred)
 - Put account and routing numbers in blank block at the top right corner of the DD-397
- Fax DD-397 to PSC (SES) at **785-339-3784**.



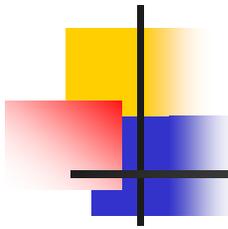
ANY OTHER QUICK CASH?

- CG-4170A - Designated person gets unpaid pay and allowances computed to day of death.
 - If member had dependents, includes 365 days of BAH, or may continue to reside in Government quarters for 365 days
 - Article 10.A.10 of the Pay Manual - survivors can sell back any leave the member carried forward to the fiscal year of death as well as any unused accrued leave. This is regardless of any leave previously sold. This is also a tax free entitlement.
- Form - CG PSC-1884 (Rev 03/01) Application for SBP annuity



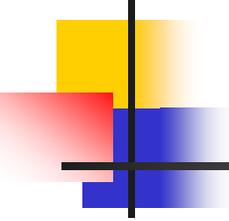
QUARTERS ALLOWANCE FOR SURVIVORS

- Dependents of active duty members (including reservists on ADT or other AD but not IDT) who die in the line of duty are entitled to payment of BAH or continued occupancy of Government quarters for up to **365** days after the member's death.
 - Normally paid at BAH rate listed on LES
 - Lump sum
 - Not taxable
- Surviving dependents who vacate Government quarters in less than **365** days after the member's death are entitled to payment of BAH for the remainder of the **365** day period.
- Survivors of personnel who were retired prior to death are not entitled to this benefit. (If living in government housing, USCG sometimes lets them stay)



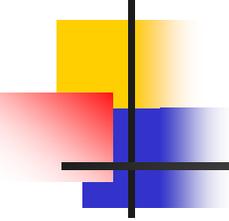
FUNERAL PROCESS

- **Primary Expenses Phase** – At location of death - Funeral Home A - Includes finding and removing the body; transporting it to a mortuary/funeral home; preparing, dressing and casketing it for shipment; shipping the remains home.
- **Secondary Expenses Phase** – At location of funeral - Funeral Home A or B - This includes everything having to do with receiving the remains, conducting a funeral service and burying the remains.
- Depending on the death location, residence of PNOK and burial site, this could involve one or two funeral homes.



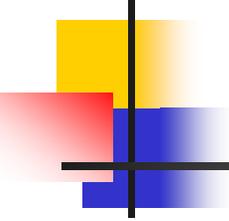
SELECTING A FUNERAL HOME (Primary Expenses only)

- Use funeral homes with existing government contract, if available
- . Locate contract homes by calling:
 - US ARMY – (703)-325-7976, Thom Jones
 - US Navy – (800)-876-1131, ext 629, 645, or 627
 - US Air Force – (800)-531-5803, Jim Cap
- If not, try to get three bids, if time or location permit.
- Determine the funeral home(s). You may have to deal with two funeral homes. The one at place of death, the other at place of burial. Get the OK from the family.



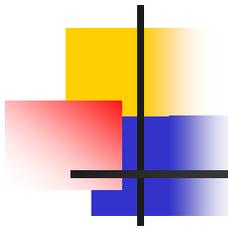
FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

- **Determine embalming and disposition**
 - **Burial**
 - **Burial at sea (discouraged)**
 - **Cremation**
 - **Cremation and scattering of ashes at sea (no problem)**
- **Have PNOK sign “Statement of Disposition of Remains”**
- **Let the funeral home know the Coast Guard’s involvement and our cost caps.**



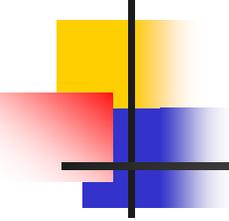
COAST GUARD FUNERAL REIMBURSEMENT

- When the CG arranges and pays for Primary Expenses (the casket and preparation of the remains), *and*
- The remains are consigned to a funeral home selected by the NOK for viewing and other services,
- NOK may be reimbursed up to:
 - \$6,000* if burial in civilian cemetery
 - \$3,600* if burial in State or Government Cemetery



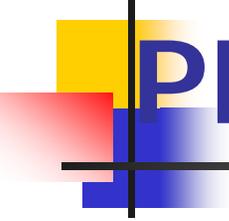
COAST GUARD FUNERAL REIMBURSEMENT

- When the CG arranges and pays for the Primary Expenses (casket and preparation of the remains), *and*
- the remains are then consigned directly for burial in a State or Government Cemetery,
- the NOK may be reimbursed up to \$1,000*.
- * - Effective 1 April 2007



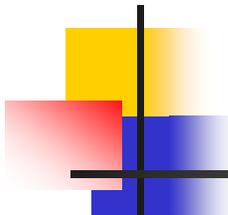
COAST GUARD FUNERAL REIMBURSEMENT

- **When the family arranges and pays both Primary and Secondary expenses, the NOK will be reimbursed up to:**
 - **\$8,800* if burial in civilian cemetery.**
 - **\$7,300* if burial in State or Government cemetery.**
 - *** - Effective 1 April 2007**



THE FUNERAL WANTS PROOF WE'RE PAYING

- Funeral homes and/or a cemetery may require a “Letter of Guarantee” ensuring they get paid for their services.
- This is an unsigned document “To Whom It May Concern” guaranteeing payment for all authorized charges in connection with the funeral and interment.



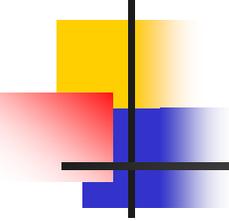
PROOF WE'RE PAYING

LETTER OF GUARANTEE

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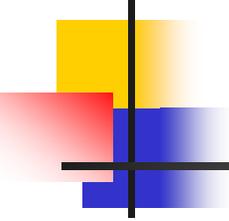
The United States Coast Guard does hereby guarantee payment in full for all authorized charges incurred with the interment provided by your cemetery for Petty Officer Timothy N. Smith. Petty Officer Smith died on 4 November 2005. His interment date is 5 November 2005.

If any further information is required, please feel free to contact our Decedent Affairs Officer, Chief Warrant Officer David Van Clief, at 757 686 4032.



CG PAYS TO TRANSPORT REMAINS

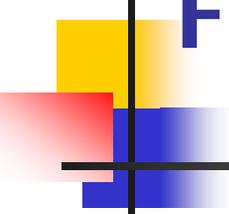
- **Transportation of remains is authorized at Government expense**
- **Cost to transport the remains from one city to another, by any necessary means, with no dollar limitation.**
- **“Reasonable” charges by common carrier**



FUNERAL TRAVEL

Family Members

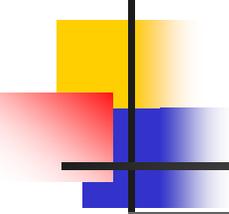
- The Coast Guard may pay travel and per diem for family members (Spouse, kids) from individual residence to burial site and return.
- If no dependents exist, the Coast Guard may pay travel and per diem from individual residence to burial site and return for the deceased member's
 - parents or
 - any person, including a former step-parent, who has stood *in loco parentis* to the member at any time for a continuous period of at least five years before the member became 21 years of age. \



FUNERAL TRAVEL

Death of a Dependent – in U.S. (48 + AK & HI)

- **CG pays cost to remove the remains, transport them to a funeral home and then ship them to the burial site anywhere in the country.**
- **The CG does not pay for preparation and encasement.**
- **If authorized OUTCONUS, the Coast Guard assumes the cost of emergency travel of immediate family.**
- **SGLI provides no cost \$10K life insurance for children**
 - **member must be insured with SGLI.**
- **Mutual Assistance may give a loan under certain circumstances. Grants are no longer available due to dependent SGLI eligibility.**



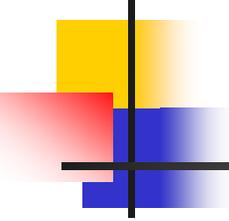
FUNERAL TRAVEL

Dies in the United States
*(including OCONUS
like AK and HI)*

Removal
Transportation of remains

**Dies outside United
States**

Removal
Preparation
Casket
Cremation
Transportation of remains

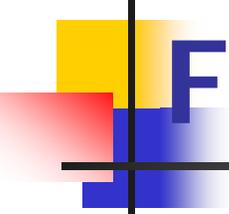


FUNERAL TRAVEL

Member's Remains

- **Remains are to be escorted while traveling in the United States.**
- **Law provides authority to fund one escort to accompany the remains to the place of burial and back.**
- **Unit should be prepared to provide the escort.**
- **Escort should be a friend of the deceased and as near the grade or rate of the deceased as possible.**
- **The escort is usually a Service Member, but may be anyone, if they are capable of being an escort**
 - **relative or civilian friend of the deceased.**
- **Tell the PNOK the remains will be escorted.**

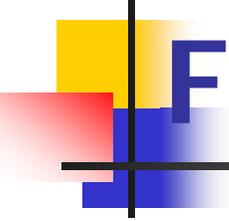
WHAT ABOUT MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS?



- Military Funeral Honors for active duty or SELRES will be provided as the family wishes.
 - Alexandria Honor Guard is funded for honors
 - Heavily scheduled. **President has priority.**
- Members of the deceased person's command are recommended for pall bearers (not body bearers)
- Rifle squad – Either CG or other military Service.

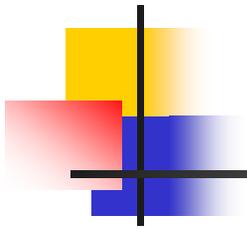
WHAT ABOUT MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS?

- **Normal Max: “Standard” Honors**
 - 15 member squad
 - 7 person rifle squad,
 - 6 pall bearers,
 - 1 bugler (CD),
 - 1 OinC.

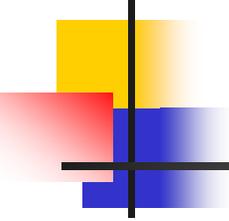


WHAT ABOUT MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS?

- **Normal Min: Flag fold & present**
 - 2 flag folders
 - 1 bugler (CD)

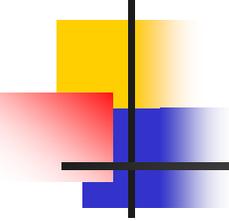


**THE COASTIE HAS BEEN
LAID TO REST.
WHAT DO I DO NOW?
(Survivor Benefits Visit)**



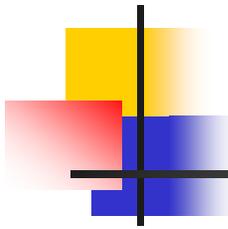
SURVIVOR BENEFITS PACKAGE

- **Coast Guard Casualty Assistance Guide**
- **All Applicable forms**
 - **as completely filled out as possible**
- **10 Copies of “Report of Casualty” DD-1300**



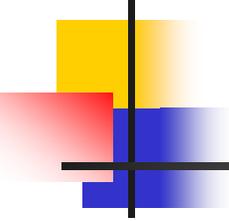
COAST GUARD BENEFITS

- **Unpaid Pay and Allowances**
 - PSC-SES (PSC form 1884)
- **Quarters/Housing**
 - (365 days/365 days BAH/Combo)
 - PSC-SES
- **Survivor Benefit Plan**
 - PSC-RAS
 - AFSC
- **Dependent's ID Card**
 - Expires on date of death
 - Needs new card as Annuitant



SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN

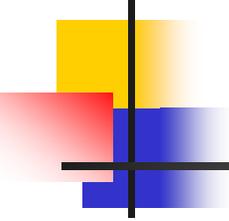
- **The spouse of a member killed on active duty, in the line of duty, will receive an SBP annuity based on 100% disability retirement.**
 - **Death treated as total disability**
 - **Max would be 75% of Basic Pay (same as 30 years)**
- **Calculated as 55% of 75% of Basic Pay.**
 - **Formerly dropped to 35% at age 62 but this is being phased out by Congress**
- **Subject to offset if annuitant also collects DIC from VA**



SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN

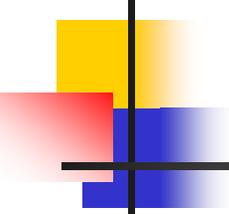
Simple Example – *for spouse or children*

- Member earned \$4,000 basic pay and \$1,900 BAH
- Member dies on active duty
- Treated as total disability,
 $75\% \text{ of } \$4,000 = \$3,000$
- Monthly SBP annuity
 $55\% \text{ of } \$3,000 = \$1,650$



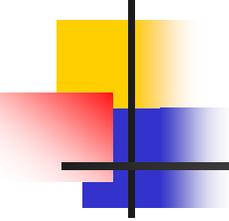
DVA BENEFITS

- www.va.gov
- **Veterans Administration Allowance:**
 - The VA makes an allowance of an amount up to \$300 toward the funeral expenses of an honorably discharged or retired veteran of any war and personnel retired on account of physical disability.
 - In addition, in the case of an eligible veteran not buried in a national cemetery, an amount up to \$150 may be paid on a plot or interment allowance
 - In any case in which a veteran dies as the result of a service-connected disability, a sum not to exceed \$1,100 is allowed for burial and funeral expenses.



DVA BENEFITS

- **Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC)**
 - Annuity awarded to spouse or child of member who dies on active duty in the line of duty, or of service connected causes.
 - Flat rate per month for all ranks
 - Additional allowances for each dependent child under 18
 - Children 18 to 23 may be eligible for DIC payments if they are attending a VA-approved education program.
 - Surviving spouse receives DIC payments until age 62, then it is offset by payment of Social Security.
 - Tax-free benefit
 - Spouse DIC offsets SBP dollar for dollar
 - Child DIC has no offset
- www.va.gov



DVA BENEFITS

- **DIC – Spousal**

- *Example – CY 2006 – per month*

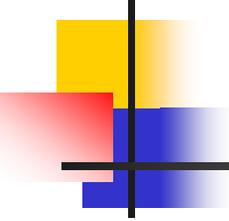
- **\$1033 Spouse**

- **257 Child, age 12**

- **257 Child, age 8**

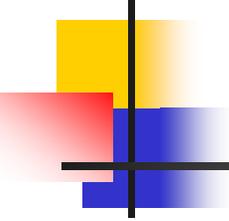
- **\$1547 TOTAL per month**

- **www.va.gov**



DVA BENEFITS

- www.va.insurance.gov
- **Serviceman's Group Life Insurance**
 - Office of Servicemen's Group Life Insurance will settle the insurance claim as soon as it is received. Proceeds will go to:
 - Beneficiary designated on the SGLI Election and Certificate
 - Beneficiary according to law.
 - Beneficiary must submit claim form to SGLI
 - USCG sends DD-1300 to SGLI
 - Always verify member's enrollment on SGLI election form.

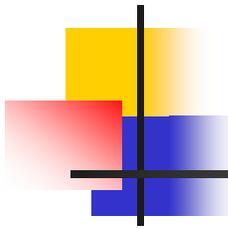


DVA BENEFITS

- www.va.gov
- **Headstone or Marker**
 - Military Cemetery – Cemetery will order for family
 - Private Cemetery – Family has to order
- **MGIB Reimbursement**
 - St. Louis, MO
- **Presidential Memorial Certificate**

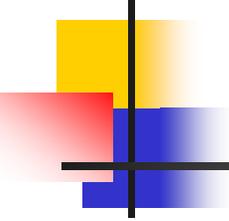
SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

- WWW.SSA.GOV
- Social Security Death Benefit is \$255. (30-90 days)
- There are monthly Social Security Survivor Benefits if the surviving spouse is disabled or cares for minor children (under age 18, 19-22 if a full time student). The amount of the monthly benefit varies and is dependent upon the average yearly earnings of the deceased member. (60-90 days)
- Young Widow(er) Benefits – Payable to parent of child through child's 16th birthday



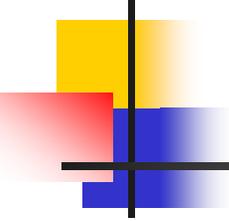
Returning Personal Effects

- **PERSMAN Chap 11.A.11**
- **Unit immediately completes Personal Effects Inventory and Disposition, Form CG-3853**
- **All items go to PNOK**
 - **If married living with family in the area – this applies only to items at the unit.**
 - **If single, geo-bachelor - this applies to items at the unit and in home.**
- **Perishable items -- immediately auctioned.**
 - **How much is that banana worth to shipmates?**
 - **How much will it be worth in a few days?**
 - **Report proceeds on Personal Effects Inventory**



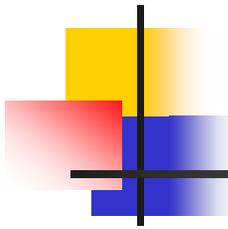
TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE OF HHG

- **The NOK/spouse may store their household effects at Government expense for up to one year after the member's death.**
- **The NOK/spouse has up to one year after the member's death to ship their household effects to any location within CONUS.**
- **Requests for an extension of the time constraints and arrangements for storage and shipment of household goods should be made through the nearest Transportation Officer.**



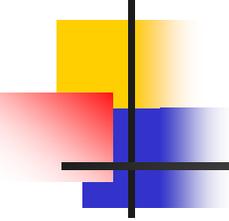
ID CARDS

- **Surviving spouse & dependent children retain entitlement to commissary, exchange, theatre, and medical coverage benefits.**
- **The surviving spouse's military benefits are only terminated upon remarriage, if remarriage before age 55;**
 - **Remarry at 55 or older, benefits & annuity remain**
- **Children's benefits are terminated at age 21, 23 if they remain a full time student.**



TRICARE

- **Surviving spouses continue under the same coverage for three years from the date of death of the service member.**
- **After three years, the spouse may pay an annual membership fee equal to that paid by retirees to enroll (or re-enroll) in TRICARE Prime and must pay the cost shares and deductibles applicable to retirees and their families for those who choose the TRICARE Standard or Extra options. Such coverage will continue until the surviving spouse remarries or reaches 65.**
- **Surviving children covered until age 21 (or 23 if full time student) as if member still alive and on active duty.**



SUPPORT

- **The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is available for those survivors whose spouse or parent died on active duty.**
 - **The phone number is 1-800 222 0364.**
- **Support groups are noted in both the CG Casualty Assistance guide and the CACO Manual.**