

**PPC 2012 YN Symposium**  
**Questions & Answers**  
**PPC LEGAL**

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- Q: Survival Benefit Plan – How is a unit getting the word out to Reservists regarding SBP? Especially members who are ill at 15yrs but less than 20yrs of service?  
A: Everyone should check within their unit to inquire how to do that.
- Q: Do we have a report /ad hoc for members who have elected SBP?  
A: No, however, the key is to educate the members before they have to make that election.
- TAPS seminars push SBP election. It's the other members who are creating the negative effect. Let the members seek professional assistance and make their own decision.
- During retirement counseling, be sure to provide SBP information.
- Q: What determines DEERS determination?  
A: Legal sends the DEERS portion of paperwork to RAS for determination.
- If a member discovers that a child they have been paying child support for is not biologically they're child, the BAH stops (single members), however, PPC Legal will need an order from the courts to stop child support.
- Foreign language documents must be certified translated.
- Q: Can member add their step-mother as a dependent when biological father dies or if relationship is severed?  
A: Yes, they can be a dependent. Death does not end a relationship, only divorce.
- Q: When should an incapacitated child be added?  
A: Before age 21.
- Q: Is an allotment a good way to prove child support of an illegitimate child?  
A: Yes, perfect! Can see how much and where it's going. Much better than writing a check, otherwise, member will have to provide a written statement for every month and amount they made a payment for "child support". (ie. Member cannot write "I gave a check for \$200 each month since Jan 1, 2012". They will have to write "On Jan 1, 2012 I gave a check for \$200 to \_\_\_\_\_. On Feb 1, 2012 I gave a check for \$200 to \_\_\_\_\_.  
On March 1, 2012 I gave a check for \$200 to \_\_\_\_\_. On April 1, 2012 I gave a check for \$200 to \_\_\_\_\_. "etc...)

- Q: When an active duty member is a grandparent and are raising their grandchild, can they claim them as a dependent?  
A: There is no category for grandparent / child. Only claim if they have legal custody.
- Q: To claim a parent-in-law, do you need to claim on taxes for one year?  
A: No. Need to show link to parent-in-law. Can use marriage certificate of member and spouse's birth certificate.
- Q: Can courts go after child support to be deducted from disability pay?  
A: Yes. Not alimony but yes for child support.
- If member has court ordered for legal ward, in order to claim as dependent, custody will have to be given as parental rights. Effective date of dependency will be given by PPC Legal which they obtain from the court order.