

## UPTAKE LIST

### DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Check AS400 to see if any information on file.

If nothing in AS400, add and scan any information that is brought in. If claim to be filed, give deceased number from notebook and add to AS400. If DD214 brought in, scan and add note to first page (Scanned DD214 in deceased file), and file DD214 in Scanned Deceased file cabinet. If there is no DD214, have to order before claim can be filed. Need to send death certificate with request. Was veteran's home of record upon discharge Anderson County? If so, check the discharge book since one may be on file.

### DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC)

To support a claim for **Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefits based on a service-connected disability** established during the veteran's lifetime, the evidence must show:

- The veteran died while on active service; **OR**
- The veteran had a service-connected disability(ies) that was either the principal or contributory cause of the veteran's death; **OR**
- The veteran died from non service-connected injury or disease **AND** was receiving, or entitled to receive VA compensation for a service-connected disability rated totally disabling:
  1. For at least 10 years immediately before death; **OR**
  2. For at least 5 years after the veteran's release from active duty preceding death; **OR**
  3. For at least 1 year before death, if the veteran was a former prisoner of war who died after September 30, 1999

To support a claim for **DIC benefits based on a disability that was not service-connected** or for which the veteran did not file a claim during his or her lifetime, the evidence must show:

- An injury or disease that was incurred or aggravated during active service, or an event in service that caused an injury or disease; **AND**
- A physical or mental disability that was either the principle or contributory cause death. This may be shown by medical evidence or by lay evidence of persistent and recurrent symptoms of disability that were visible or observable; **AND**
- A relationship between the disability associated with the cause of death and an injury, disease, or event in service. This may be shown by medical records or medical opinion or, in certain cases, by lay evidence

If not retired military, and ChampVA not established, once DIC granted, can apply ChampVA. Unless tax exemption established with veteran, surviving spouse not eligible. Can keep V tag as long as surviving spouse keeps that same vehicle.

Retired military – call DFAS (800-321-1080) – to see if eligible for SBP – spouse may know if veteran was paying into the Survivor Benefit Plan. DFAS FORMS: DD 2656-7 (verification for survivor annuity), W-4P(withholding certificate), FMS 2231 (direct deposit), SF 1174 (claim for unpaid compensation)

Cannot receive SBP and DIC. SBP may be paid until DIC claim decided and spouse will receive greater benefit. If DIC is paid, an audit will be done on SBP account and surviving spouse will receive remainder in account.

**FORMS:** 21-534EZ, 21P-530, 21-2680 (if applicable), 21-22, 29-4125 (claim for one sum payment - GLI), 40-0247 (presidential memorial certificate), 40-1330 (marker, if applicable)

### **FAX THE FOLLOWING:**

21-534EZ, 21-2680 (if applicable), 21P-530, Itemized Paid Statement from funeral home, Death Certificate, Medical Information (if applicable), DD214

**215-842-4410**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEED ITEMS THAT ARE CHECKED:**

- DD214
- Death Certificate of Veteran(can get SS# and birth date from death certificate)
- Marriage Certificate
- Prior Marriage Information
- Prior Divorce Decree
- Prior Death Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Give VA Form 21-2680(if HB/AA)
- POA (if family member inquiring)
- Voided Check
- Itemized Paid Statement(from funeral home)