

INSTRUCTIONS TO CLAIMANTS

PAYMENT OF DEATH BENEFITS

Veteran's Group Life Insurance death benefit payments must be made in the following order:

- To the beneficiary named in writing by the insured; if none, the insurance is payable to
- the widow or widower of the insured; if none, it is payable to
- child or children in equal shares with the share of any deceased child distributed among the descendants of that child; if none, it is payable to
- parent(s) in equal shares; if none, it is payable to
- a duly appointed executor or administrator of the insured's estate, and if none, to
- other next of kin.

COMPLETION OF CLAIM FOR DEATH BENEFITS

It is important that all requested information be furnished. Omission or incomplete answers will delay settlement of the claim. All information should be typed or printed in ink, except the signature.

- ITEM 1. Show full name of the deceased serviceman, servicewoman or veteran.
- ITEM 2. Show Social Security number of deceased. If the deceased did not have a Social Security number show service number.
- ITEM 3. Show date of death of deceased.
- ITEMS 4, 5 AND 6. Show branch of service, duty status on date of death (if known), and date of discharge or separation (if known) of deceased.
- ITEMS 7, 8, 9 AND 10. Show your full name relationship to deceased, your date of birth and Social Security number.

If you were married to the deceased when he/she died, but were not named as his/her insurance beneficiary, complete Item 11A through 14C as applicable.

If you were not married to the deceased when he/she died and were not specifically named as his/her insurance beneficiary, complete Part II through 15D. Be sure to provide the required information as to the deceased's marital status and any children. In Items 15A through 15D give the information about persons indicated in the answers to the preceding questions. In Part II use a separate signed sheet if necessary.

Complete Part III if you were not named as the insurance beneficiary, were not married to the deceased at his/her death and are not a parent of the deceased.

Part IV must be completed by all claimants.

EVIDENCE REQUIRED

If the deceased died while on active duty or while a member of a Reserve or National Guard Unit, the Insurance will be furnished with proof of death by the Uniformed Service. In all other situations, the claimant must submit a certified copy of the Certificate of Death.

Members performing duty on a full-time basis usually over 30 days and qualified members of the Ready Reserve are insured for 120 days following separation. Members totally disabled at separation may be insured for up to one year following separation as long as total disability continues. If the insured died while covered following separation from service, the claimant must also submit a copy of a report of separation, DD 214.

You will be informed if it becomes necessary to submit other evidence.

If you need assistance in completing this claim form, contact your nearest Department of Veterans Affairs Office.