

Military & Benefits Glossary for Survivors

Compiled from MOAA, VA, and official survivor documents

Military & Benefits Acronyms

Acronym	Full Name
CHAMPVA	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs
DAV	Disabled American Veterans
DD Form 214	Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty
DEA	Dependents' Educational Assistance
DEERS	Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System
DFAS	Defense Finance and Accounting Service
DIC	Dependency and Indemnity Compensation
FMS	Financial Management Service
MOAA	Military Officers Association of America
OPM	Office of Personnel Management
PACT Act	Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act
RCSBP	Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan
SBP	Survivor Benefit Plan
SGLI	Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance
SSA	Social Security Administration
TSP	Thrift Savings Plan
TRICARE	Military Health Care Program
VA	Department of Veterans Affairs
VGLI	Veterans' Group Life Insurance
VSO	Veterans Service Organization

Other Important Terms

- **TAPS** — Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors
- **Fry Scholarship** — Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Post-9/11 GI Bill)
- **USPHS** — U.S. Public Health Service
- **NOAA** — National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- **CVSO** — County Veterans Service Officer
- **VBA** — Veterans Benefits Administration
- **PMC** — Presidential Memorial Certificate
- **Aid and Attendance** — Special monthly pension benefit for survivors who need help with daily activities

- **Housebound** — Special monthly pension benefit for survivors with limited mobility
 - **Intent to File** — VA Form 21-0966 used to protect your effective date while gathering documents
 - **QuickSubmit** — VA's online tool for submitting evidence and claims
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*Prepared as a helpful reference for surviving spouses of veterans.
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