

ATTENTION TO ROLLCALL

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ARE YOU READY?

When a member dies, the annuity payment due the first of the following month will either be stopped (if you die earlier in the month); or, if you die later in the month and the payment cannot be stopped, it will be withdrawn in its entirety after it is paid into your account. If the deceased annuitant assigned any automatic deductions (payment of bills) to be withheld from that payment, all assigned deductions will bounce as the US Treasury has first claim. If there is a spouse, she/he cannot claim their survivor's benefit until all monies are paid back.

The spouse receives no money until her claim is approved and the DCRB has calculated all benefits due. This includes an audit of the deceased member's pay during his/her time of service into retirement. The annual amount of a regular surviving spouse benefit is the greater of: (1) 40% the member's Adjusted Average Pay at retirement, or (2) 40% of Grade 1 Step 6 in effect at time of death. The spouse will also receive the member's unpaid retirement annuity for the days he/she lived during the month of death; and the spouse's annuity begins the day after death. (Adjusted Average Pay considers the cost of living at the time of retirement and the cost of living the month before the member's death.)

Please inform your spouse or next of kin that if something happens to you, to contact Joe Roche at 703-232-9695 or jroche7971@gmail.com as soon as possible.. Keep this article for them as reference when they need it.

The law requires that any marriage - after retirement - must be at least one full year old for the spouse to be eligible for a survivor's annuity. If a previous spouse has been awarded 100% of your Survivor's Benefits by the Court during a divorce preceding, your current spouse will not be eligible for any annuity. However, although she/he is not eligible for a survivor annuity because of the Court Order, she may still be eligible to continue her health benefits if you had family or self plus one coverage prior to your death.

When I become aware of a death and have information on the next of kin, I notify the DC Retirement Board & the Police & Firefighters Retirement & Relief Board (PFRRB) of the death. The process starts when a widow/widower submits the Application for Survivor's Benefits, with required documentation, to the PFRRB. The claim form is provided by the PFRRB upon notification of death.

It currently takes 45 to 90 days, if there are no problems, from the time a widow/widower submits the Application for Survivor's Benefits, with required documentation, to the PFRRB. The required documentation is, where applicable: death certificate of member; marriage license to current spouse; divorce decrees or death certificates for all previous marriages for the deceased and the spouse - no matter how short or how long ago. **(ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE CERTIFIED COPIES ISSUED BY THE COURTHOUSE IN THE JURISDICTION WHERE THE EVENT OCCURRED).** A spouse must provide the date(s) of any previous marriages for self and deceased member.

If you are a member of the AORP you may apply to the Dollard Suter Fund for financial assistance if you need help. If you don't belong to the AORP, the Police Federal Credit Union has developed a Bridge Loan for PFCU members to help with the time between the loss of a loved one and the receipt of the first beneficiary payment from the DCRB.

All these requirements are to make sure that the legally entitled individual receives the survivor's annuity. These requirements were put in to place to lessen the possibility of error and to prevent fraud. These documents can be hard to obtain, especially in some states, so get them now. **(DO NOT SEND ANY DOCUMENTS TO THE AORP PUT THEM IN A FILE WITH AORP NUMBERS ON FRONT. LET YOUR** CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

AORP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

REGULAR MEMBER– retired police officer

ASSOCIATE – Widow or widower of a Regular member – not required to pay dues.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

AORP OFFICE

(877)283-1065

AORP OPTICAL/DENTAL PROGRAM

410-337-7577

DC RETIREMENT BOARD

(202)343-3272 (866)456-3272

POLICE & FF RELIEF BOARD

(202)442-9608

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(202)383-1757

Main Branch

(301)817-1200 (877)278-7328

MPD RETIREMENT I.D.

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10TH FLOOR NORTH

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SPOUSE AND ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER KNOW WHERE THE FILE IS LOCATED.)

Once a Survivor has been approved for the annuity, all records are transferred to the DCRB where calculations are made to determine the correct amount the Survivor is entitled to receive. The current minimum amount is approximately \$2454. per month. Survivor's receive the same Cost of Living that the active members receive even if the Member was not under the COLA system.

Dependent children receive an annuity until the age of 18; or 22 if the child is a fulltime college student. The full-time student requires re-certification by the college each semester until age 22. Adult dependent children (a child who is incapable of living on their own due to mental or physical disability that occurred prior to their 18th birthday) receives a dependent annuity until their death. Additional documentation is required for dependent survivor annuities.

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO IS AN ADULT DEPENDENT, BE SURE TO NOTIFY THE AORP SO THAT THIS INFORMATION CAN BE RECORDED IN YOUR FILE. AT THE TIME OF YOUR DEATH, EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO ASSIST THE DESIGNATED GUARDIAN WITH OBTAINING THE ANNUITY.

To make it easier on your spouse or next of kin, you should have all the necessary documents on hand. If you are prior military, you should have your DD-214 on hand for your spouse. The DD-214 is used by the Funeral Home to verify your right to be buried in a military cemetery or to claim burial benefits. For information on the amount paid toward burial expenses go to Military.com and search benefits. The amount varies dependent on status at time of death.

Things to consider: Has a guardian been legally designated for a dependent child? Are all cars, boats, homes, vacation vehicles, credit cards, bank accounts and anything else of value, in both spouses' names? Do you have a Will designating who gets what? Do you have a second party on your accounts so easy access can be made? These types of things make for easy transfer and can save a lot of money. Do you have 3 to 4 months living expenses set aside?

If you are an Associate Member of the AORP, please instruct your next of kin to notify the AORP upon your death. We can assist them with all the necessary notifications.

IN MEMORIAM

Since the last quarterly newsletter, the following members, or their spouses, have been added to the list of those who have answered their last Roll Call and have gone on before us. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their family and friends.

NAME	RETIRED	ASSIGNED	RANK	DOD
Hellmuth Bernhards	07/01/1965	2 PCT	OFC	02/24/2021
Charles Riker	10/01/1970	TD	OFC	06/19/2021
Robert Dickerson	11/01/1969	9PCT	OFC	07/26/2021
Phillip O'Donnell	07/31/1996	Property Div	D/C	08/03/2021
James M. Conlon	12/23/1989	SOD	OFC	08/03/2021
William Freeman	10/16/1989	7D	CAPT	08/21/2021
Robert G Horsley Sr.	08/30/1980	3D	OFC	08/29/2021
Paul Cooper	08/01/1997	4D	SGT	08/30/2021
Rudolph Biro	02/01/1972	YAD	LT	09/05/2021
Cyril Patrick Carew	09/01/1975	SOD	LT	09/18/2021
Edwin Patterson	07/04/1987	2D	OFC	09/19/2021
Earnest C. Bobbitt	10/01/1978	SOD	OFC	09/23/2021
Kimberly Lawrence	02/17/2019	CID	LT	09/24/2021
James Shugart	07/04/1987	3D	Dep. Chief	90/28/2021
Nelson Coleman	05/24/1986	CID	Det Gr 1	10/02/2021
Robert G. Marshall	06/05/2009	Property Div	OFC	10/08/2021
Jean Byron Newville	07/31/1978	Morals	LT	10/08/2021
Stephen Mann	02/01/1995	Homicide	Det Gr 1	10/25/2021
Daniel Grayson Jones	05/31/1969	4D	OFC	11/21/2021
Ernest Dunlap	04/30/1989	4D	SGT	11/27/2021
Francis Sopata	06/23/1970	14 PCT	OFC	12/06/2021
Collin Younger	08/05/1991	NSID	CAPT	12/08/2021
James Harrigan	10/01/1977	5D	SGT	12/14/2021
Warren J Donald Jr.	07/27/1991	CID	DET	12/15/2021
Richard Dassing	01/08/1994	2D	SGT	12/21/2021
Richard Stumbo	08/24/1990	SOD	OFC	12/21/2021

NAME	SPOUSE	DOD
Geraldine Crump	Tommie Crump	09/07/2021
Carol Jean Loudon Marple	Keith Marple	09/08/2021
Theressa Rodgers	McArthur Rodgers	09/14/2021
Diane Carol Fitzgerald	John Fitzgearld	11/07/2021
Patricia Ann Rembish	Stanley Rembish	12/06/2021
Mary Tarpley	Phillip Tarpley	12/13/2021

NAME	WIDOW OF	DOD
Jennie Szydowski	Joseph Szydowski	04/12/2021
Jo Ann Maloney	Robert Maloney	09/15/2021
Margaret Mae Shore	Richard Shore	10/02/2021
Bella Blancato	Louis Blancato	10/19/2021
Mary V. Taylor	George c. Taylor	11/06/2021
Gertrude Wright	William Wright	11/20/2021
Helen Hope McCormick	Karl McCormick	11/26/2021

AORP ELECTIONS

The positions of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and (3) Trustees were all up for re-election. All the current members remain in office:

President - GG Neill

1st Vice President - Ed Reddick 2nd Vice President- Lou Cannon

Secretary/Treasurer- Janet Gross

Trustees:

Paul Angell, Al Kelly & Henry Banks

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

DURING PREDICTIONS FOR BAD WEATHER, CONTACT THE AORP TO HEAR THE PRE-RECORDED MESSAGE FOR MEETING CANCELLATIONS:

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