



DD Form 93: Record of Emergency Data

It is vital for service members to keep their DD Form 93 updated to ensure immediate notification of next of kin and that the death gratuity reaches its intended beneficiaries.

Your DD Form 93 speaks for you if you die

DD Form 93, or Record of Emergency Data, communicates your wishes to the military should you die or become incapacitated. This includes allocation of the death gratuity benefit, a \$100,000 payment for military service to help families meet immediate financial obligations such as housing, food and child care while they wait to receive other benefits. It is not a tip. First established in 1908, the death gratuity evolved to better support surviving family members.

For more information, go to:

- <https://www.mos.mil/completing-the-dd93>
- <https://www.mos.mil/death-gratuity>

How it works

DD Form 93 designates benefits and provides contact information for those you wish to be notified in case of sickness, emergency or death – and is a guide for the disposition of your pay and allowances if you become a casualty. If you do not designate a beneficiary or beneficiaries to receive the death gratuity benefit, one will be designated for you according to law. It is important for service members to keep their DD Form 93 updated to ensure benefits reach the intended beneficiaries in a timely fashion. To update your form, call or visit your personnel center.

Don't delay – make sure the information on your DD Form 93 is timely and accurate.

Review the form at <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/forms/dd/dd0093.pdf> and make an appointment with your personnel center today.

