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DEPOT ORDER 1741.7C

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN (SBP)

Ref: (a) MCO P1741.11B (NOTAL)
(b) NAVMAC 2646D (Survivor Benefit Plan for the Uniformed Services) (NOTAL)
(c) MCO P1741.8C (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To promulgate information to Marine Corps Recruit Depot personnel relative to the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP).
2. Cancellation. DepO 1741.7B
3. Background. On 21 September 1972, the President signed Public Law 92-425, the SBP. This Plan enables members of the Uniformed Services to leave a portion of their retired pay to their survivors at a reasonable cost. This replaces the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan for members becoming entitled to retired or retainer pay after 21 September 1972.
4. Information
 - a. Reference (a) contains the regulations for the SBP.
 - b. Reference (b) is a DOD Pamphlet readily available to personnel aboard the Depot and explains the SBP in easily understandable terms and gives approximate costs.
 - c. Members of the Uniformed Services who retire after the effective date of 21 September 1972 will be automatically enrolled in the Plan with maximum coverage if they have spouses or dependent children at retirement time, unless they elect a lesser coverage, or decline participation, in writing, at least 30 days prior to the first day for which they can receive retired pay.
 - d. Adequate, timely, and well informed counseling of Marines is critical and cannot be overemphasized. A hasty or ill-advised decision can easily result in the eventual denial of income for survivors, or conversely, may lead to participation that does not best serve the Marine's own needs and purposes.

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e. Paragraph 1010.5 of reference (c) directs that members being separated for disability be given special detailed counseling and assistance concerning their rights under the Serviceman's Group Life Insurance Program.

f. Every Marine whose retirement is based on years of service will be counseled when he or she has reached 18 years of service, and again within 60 days of retirement when an election will be made. Individuals will receive a copy of reference (b) at this time along with related materials from the Marine Corps Retired Officers Association.

5. Action

a. Commanding Officers/Officers in Charge

(1) Ensure that SBP information is included in the Troop Information Program.

(2) When a Marine is to be processed for disability retirement immediately take steps to ensure that SBP counseling is provided not less than 30 days prior to the anticipated date of retirement.

b. Family Service Officer

(1) Provide SBP counseling as required.

(2) Maintain a supply of reference (b) for presentation to each Marine whose retirement is based on years of service.


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