

MILPERSMAN 1770-010

PERSONNEL CASUALTY REPORTING

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References	DODI 1300.18 of 18 Dec 2000
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1. Policy

a. Per DODI 1300.18, a personnel casualty report (PCR) is required on

(1) members of Navy;

(2) certain former members;

(3) certain Navy family members (the report submitted shall be the same as that of active duty personnel, appropriately modified);

(4) other members of the Armed Forces and civilians serving with or attached to Navy commands; and

(5) individuals so incapacitated as to be unable to communicate with their next of kin (irrespective of condition).

b. Judge Advocate General (JAG); Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED); officer in charge of Naval Health Care Support Office; and line commander of the area wherein the casualty occurred should be information addresses. Include items ALPHA through INDIA (see MILPERSMAN 1770-030) and request the member's command submit a complete report.

c. For all casualties fax a copy of the member's NAVPERS 1070/602 (Rev. 7-72), Record of Emergency Data; and SGLV 8286 (9-02), Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Election and Certificate to **Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM) (PERS-62) at (901) 874-6654 or DSN 882-6654. After hours, fax documents to the NAVPERSCOM Duty Office at (901) 874-2652 or DSN 882-2652.**

2. **Definition of a Casualty**

a. **A casualty is broadly defined as a person whose services are lost to Navy due to the following:**

- (1) Serious illness or serious injury (SI).
- (2) Very seriously ill or injured (VSI).
- (3) Incapacitating illness or injury (III).
- (4) Wounds received in action (WIA) whether serious or not.
- (5) Physical absence and unaccounted for, where it cannot be immediately determined if the absence is voluntary or involuntary (i.e., a member's status is so uncertain the unit commander must first gather and evaluate the facts to make a proper determination). Such members should initially be reported in an interim category of "duty status - whereabouts unknown" (DUSTWUN). Do not use DUSTWUN to account for persons who appear to be unauthorized absence (UA) rather than a casualty. MILPERSMAN 1770-020 provides further explanation of DUSTWUN.
- (6) Missing, including missing in action (MIA); interned or detained in a foreign country; and captured, beleaguered, or besieged by a hostile force.
- (7) Death (for suicides see MILPERSMAN 1770-120).
- (8) Dependent death of Active or Reserve Navy member (see MILPERSMAN 1770-250).

b. **Casualties may also include the following:**

- (1) Families of Navy members on active duty, or
- (2) Qualified civilian Navy employees and their family members in a foreign country who are unaccounted for, and shall be reported together with a complete account of the circumstances surrounding their disappearance or death.

3. **Definition of the Term "Members of the Navy."** The following categories of personnel are defined as "members of the Navy:"

a. Personnel on active duty, active duty for training, inactive duty training, or traveling directly en route to or from such duty at the time the individual becomes a casualty.

b. Personnel who have been provisionally accepted for entry on active duty, have been ordered or directed to proceed to a place for acceptance, and are injured, become ill, or die while at or en route to such a place of final acceptance.

c. Personnel of Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps who are injured or die from injury in the line of duty while performing authorized travel to, from, or while engaging in flight instruction.

d. Midshipmen of the Naval Academy, including those authorized to travel to or from such service.

e. Members of the Regular Navy or Naval Reserve who die after discharge or release from active duty while a patient in a U.S. Government hospital, provided hospitalization has been continuous from date of discharge/release from active duty to date of death.

f. Retired members of the Regular Navy or Naval Reserve who die while a patient in a U.S. Government hospital provided they became a patient in such hospital while serving on active duty for a period of more than 30 days and continue as a patient through date of death.

g. Individuals who die en route directly to their home after discharge or release from a period of active duty.

h. Members or former members of Navy who die during the 120-day period beginning the day following the date of discharge or release from active duty, active duty training, or inactive duty training, transfer from drilling status to Not Physically Qualified, or Records Review Status.

i. Members of the Naval Reserve who die while in an inactive duty status. This includes those members who may be required to perform at least 12 regularly scheduled drills (pay or non-pay status) each year that are creditable for retirement purposes; those who have performed no active duty; those who

have performed active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training; and those who are retired without pay. (Refer to MILPERSMAN 1770-040 to report death.)

j. Members of the Fleet Reserve or retired members of the Regular Navy or Naval Reserve who die while in an inactive duty status and while entitled to receive retainer/retired pay.

4. **Definitions of the Terms "Next of Kin (NOK)," "Primary Next of Kin (PNOK)," and "Secondary Next of Kin (SNOK)."** The terms NOK, PNOK, and SNOK are defined for use in this and succeeding articles only for the purpose of determining the person(s) who will decide the disposition of remains. The eligible beneficiary(ies) for survivor benefits are not based upon a PNOK/SNOK determination. In addition, the recipient of personal effects is not based upon a PNOK/SNOK determination.

a. **NOK** includes spouse, minor children residing outside the immediate household of the member, and parents. If member does not have a spouse, adult children will be considered NOK. Brothers and sisters will only be considered NOK if member has no spouse, children, or parents.

b. **PNOK** is a legal spouse or, if no spouse, the eldest child over the age of majority (including a child or children by prior marriage). If no child is over the age of majority, then the member's father or mother; if none of these, then the eldest sibling, or other blood relative, in that order. When parents are living together, or separate after the member has entered the service, the elder parent is the PNOK. When parents separate or divorce before the member's entry into service, the parent having legal custody of the member (if he/she was under the age of majority) at time of entry into Navy is the PNOK. If parents divorced or separated after the member's entry into service and neither parent had legal custody, the parent with whom the member last resided prior to entry into service is PNOK. When doubt exists as to the individual from whom disposition instructions should be requested, additional guidance should be obtained from **Military Medical Support Office (Code 09A) at 888-647-6676 or DSN 792-3950.**

c. **SNOK** include minor children who reside outside the immediate household of the member; parents (if not PNOK); and anyone named on NAVPERS 1070/602 or DD 93 (08-98), Record of Emergency Data as beneficiary for Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI), death gratuity, or unpaid pay and allowances.

If the member has no spouse, the eldest adult child is PNOK and all other children are SNOK. Brothers and sisters are NOK only if the member has no spouse, children, or parents; or if designated as a beneficiary. Not everyone will have SNOK.

5. **Casualty Report Status**. Personnel casualty reports shall list **members, or family members (deceased only)**, in one of the following statuses:

- a. **Serious illness or serious injury (SI)**
- b. **Very seriously ill or injured (VSI)**
- c. **Incapacitating illness or injury (III)**
- d. **Wounds received in action (WIA)**
- e. **Duty status - whereabouts unknown (DUSTWUN)**
- f. **Missing (including MIA, interned or detained, and captured)**
- g. **Deceased**

NOTE: When it involves family members, it is in death cases only.