VOLUME 7A CHAPTER 33: “PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF MENTALLY INCOMPETENT MEMBERS”

SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES

Changes are identified in this table and also denoted by blue font.

Substantive revisions are denoted by an asterisk (*) symbol preceding the section, paragraph, table, or figure that includes the revision.

Unless otherwise noted, chapters referenced are contained in this volume.

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CHAPTER 33

PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF MENTALLY INCOMPETENT MEMBERS

1.0 GENERAL (3301)

1.1 Purpose (330101)

This chapter establishes policy for members entitled to active duty pay and allowances while serving on active duty even though mentally incapable of managing their own affairs. This includes miscellaneous payments authorized on separation from the Military Service. See Chapter 35, section 3507.

*1.2. Authoritative Guidance (330102)

The pay policies and requirements established by the DoD in this chapter are derived primarily from, and prepared in accordance with Title 37, United States Code (U.S.C.). The specific statutes, regulations, and other applicable guidance that govern each individual section are listed in a reference section at the end of the chapter.

2.0 PAYMENT (3302)

The appointment of a guardian, trustee, or other legal representative is a prerequisite to payment. For the designation of trustee and payment offices, see Table 33-1.

3.0 MEMBER MENTALLY INCOMPETENT BEFORE ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY (3303)

When it is shown that a member was judicially declared mentally incompetent before induction or enlistment, the member is not entitled to pay and allowances. See Chapter 1, paragraph 010505, and Table 1-15, rule 8.

4.0 FINALITY OF PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEE (3304)

Any payments on behalf of a mentally incompetent member to a designated trustee(s) are a complete discharge of the obligation of the United States as to amounts paid.

5.0 RESTRICTION AGAINST ACCEPTANCE OF FEES (3305)

A person serving in a legal, medical, fiduciary, or other capacity may not demand or accept a fee, commission, or other charge (except bonding fee) for any service performed in administration of a mentally incompetent member account.
Table 33-1. Payment of Mentally Incompetent Members

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<td>a court of competent jurisdiction has not appointed a guardian, committee, or other legal representative</td>
<td>Army or Air Force</td>
<td>designated by the Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) - Cleveland</td>
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<td>a court of competent jurisdiction has not appointed a guardian, committee, or other legal representative</td>
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<td>a court of competent jurisdiction has appointed a guardian, committee, or other legal representative</td>
<td>Army, Air Force Navy, or Marine Corps</td>
<td>not required</td>
<td>the appropriate office shown in rules 1 or 2, except as indicated in the note.</td>
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**NOTE:** Army Only: Local disbursing officer servicing the member’s financial record may make payments.
*REFERENCES

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1.0 – GENERAL (3301)

Title 37, U.S.C, sections 601-604

Table 33-1

Rules 1, 2

Deputy Secretary of Defense Memo, January 29, 1991
Comptroller of the Department of Defense Memo, February 1, 1991
DFAS Memo, August 26, 2010
DFAS Memo, September 9, 2010
DFAS Memo, August 29, 2011