

# NEWSLETTER



## What Service Members Should Know About Life Insurance

One of the biggest financial risks that families face is the death of a breadwinner. This is especially true if a spouse and children depend upon that person for all of their support. Not surprisingly, given the risks inherent in military Service, life insurance is a frequent topic of conversation between personal financial managers (PFMs) and military families.

Discussions often begin with Servicemembers Group Life Insurance (SGLI). Here are some key points to know when working with Service members and SGLI, from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Veterans Administration (2019):

### Who is Eligible for SGLI?

- Service members on active duty
- Ready Reservists or National Guard member who are assigned to a unit and scheduled to perform at least 12 periods of inactive training per year
- Commissioned Members of the of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS)
- Cadets or midshipman of the U.S. military academies
- Members of the Reserve Officer Training Corps engaged in authorized training and practice cruises

### How Can Service Members Decline or Reduce SGLI Coverage?

Service members can decline or reduce coverage at any time. By declining SGLI, members also decline Family SGLI and Traumatic Injury Protection (TSGLI). If they later wish to obtain or increase coverage, they must apply and also submit proof of good health.

### How Much Does SGLI Cost?

The current premium rate is \$0.06 per month, per \$1,000 of insurance. This is regardless of the member's age. If a Service member carries the maximum coverage of \$400,000, the monthly premium is \$24. There is an extra premium charge of \$1.00 for TSGLI coverage. SGLI premiums are deducted from a member's pay.

### Additional Resources:

- <https://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/insurance/SGLI.pdf>
- <https://fnred.usalearning.gov/assets/downloads/FINRED-SGLI-FS.pdf>

## Welcome

This month the Military Families Learning Network hosts the final webinar of the Military Families Readiness Academy series, Hazard and Disaster Planning, on [November 18](#). This webinar, as well as the two previous webinars in the series, are approved for 1.5 CEUs for AFCs and CPFCs. Find more information about these events, including the link to RSVP and recordings [here](#). Save the date of December 8 for one of our most widely-anticipated professional development webinars of the year: Dr. Barbara O'Neill's annual personal financial review. A look back at the financial climate of 2020 is sure to be an engaging event.

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