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MEMORANDUM FOR All Commanders, California Army and Air National Guard

SUBJECT: State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI)

1. Today's operational demands place increasing pressure on California National Guard members, their families, and their employers. In times of uncertainty, life insurance plays a vital role in ensuring financial stability and peace of mind for those who serve. CAL EANGUS recognizes this need and proudly offers access to the State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) program, providing affordable coverage options for Soldiers, Airmen, their spouses, and children. This valuable benefit helps Guard families prepare for the unexpected and reinforces our commitment to protecting those who protect us.
2. The program is unique in that CANG members are automatically covered for \$1,000 of life insurance at no cost to the member. Soldiers and Airmen are also offered the opportunity to purchase additional coverage. Armed Forces Benefit Association (AFBA) / 5Star Life Insurance Company underwrites and administers the plan. Coverage includes Active Duty, Inactive Duty, and High-Risk occupations, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, without "wartime" exclusions.
3. CANG members may fund SSLI through the conveniences of payroll deductions from their drill pay. The SSLI program is designed as an official program of the State Military Department and is administered by CAL-EANGUS on behalf of the California National Guard. CAL-EANGUS is authorized to administer this program and receive allotments under 37 USC § 707 and under agreements on file with the Assistant Secretary Defense's Office.
4. Participation in SSLI is voluntary. Each CANG Servicemember should be afforded the opportunity to hear a presentation on SSLI. CANG Servicemembers and the families enable us to meet current readiness demands.
5. I encourage you to consider scheduling an SSLI briefing for your Servicemembers. To do so, call the Administrator at 540-248-2527 or 800-462-741. The Administrator may also contact your unit to arrange for a briefing. Briefings take about 15 minutes, plus time to complete applications. Finally, the administrator should be extended the appropriate professional courtesies of any visitor.

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