



COMMANDER'S CALL TOPICS

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Priority Topic

of the
Week

New Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Secure Online Enrollment System

"This new system gives Total Force Airmen with full-time SGLI coverage the ability to make online changes to their insurance and beneficiary information at any time without having to complete a paper form or visit their military personnel flight."

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New SGLI Secure Online Enrollment System (SOES)

Airmen no longer need paper forms to manage their Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI).

For the first time, effective Aug. 2, 2017, Airmen are now able to manage their SGLI coverage online through the Secure Online Enrollment System (SOES). The SOES will allow Airmen to instantly manage coverage, beneficiaries and percentage share allocation.

SGLI provides automatic life insurance coverage of \$400,000 to service members when they enter the service.

Members with SGLI also get automatic coverage for their dependent children and non-military spouses under the Family SGLI program.

Commanders should encourage Airmen to keep their SGLI updated at all times. Outdated or incorrect SGLI information can have a significant impact on family members left behind in the event of service member's death.

How do I access SOES?

Notification emails containing the SOES link and other helpful information will be sent out to Total Force Airmen on their birthday month reminding them to update their SGLI information.

Total Force Airmen who are deploying, separating or retiring (including those on the permanent disability retired list and the temporary disability retirement list) should update their elections and coverages before out processing.

Airmen can log into SOES using their common access card or Department of Defense self-service, or DS Logon.

Why is SOES being implemented?

Veterans Affairs worked with the DOD, Defense Manpower Data Center, Defense Finance and Accounting Service and the military services to develop the new system.

- Saves DOD about \$12 million annually
- Reduces errors and overpayments
- Helps eliminate unclear designations and missing or incomplete forms

Additional Information

SOES is available through DMDC's milConnect web application at www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect. After signing in, click on "SOES" under the "Benefits" tab. Additionally, the VA website has more information at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/sgli.asp> under Life Insurance. Airmen may also visit the myPers website or view the complete article at AF.MIL.

Personnel Topics of Interest

- AF to radically reduce instructions ([AFPC](#))
- Enlisted students earn advanced degrees at AFIT([AF.MIL](#))
- AF selects 398 for captain in CY17A quarterly selection process ([AFPC](#))

Other Topics of Interest

- CMSAF underscores leadership's role in developing Airmen ([AF.MIL](#))

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- 1) 1-2 sentence synopsis of the issue
- 2) hyperlink to further details
- 3) a POC name and contact information.

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