

SUBJECT: 2021 SSLI Insurance Committee Report
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The State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) Program has been serving Wisconsin Guard members for **51 years!** During this time period, we have paid out over \$12 million dollars in life insurance claims to Wisconsin Guard Families. In 2021, we paid 19 claims totaling \$362,372.83. We are proud of the service we provide by coming to the aid of guard families at a time of distress and financial need. Currently, we provide life insurance coverage to over 7,000 Guard members, retirees and their family members.

The Wisconsin National Guard Association, Inc. administers the SSLI Program for the Department of Military Affairs. In so doing, we coordinate our efforts with the G1 Office, USPFO, The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) and Armed Forces Benefits Association (AFBA)/5Star Insurance our underwriters. We would like to thank these organizations for their support and cooperation the past year.

The monthly Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP's) weekends are significant events that enable us to stay in touch with Guard members and make sure their insurance coverage is meeting their family needs. The State Insurance Administrator, Mike Williams, also makes annual unit visits to all of our Air Guard facilities and is available on request to make presentations throughout the state.

2021 was the 7th year Wisconsin conducted SSLI business as an independent state as opposed to being part of an insurance pool as in past years. Our 6th year continued to demonstrate that Wisconsin has strong participation in the SSLI and we look forward too many more successful years. 2018 was our last year partnering with New York Life Insurance Company. Effective 1 January 2019, our SSLI program will be underwritten by the Armed Forces Benefits Association (AFBA)/5Star Insurance Company.

Our office staff is always ready to answer your questions and assist you with the proper forms, procedures and guidelines. Brooke Schultz, our Office Manager, with assistance from Cindy Olson, Doris Gernetzke and Stephanie Ekhoﬀ are here to serve you and provide a high level of customer service. 'Colonel Mike' Williams (Ret), State Insurance Administrator and LTC (Ret) Bob Strange (SRP Coordinator) are always ready to visit your unit and provide informational presentations regarding life insurance needs for our soldiers and airmen.

