

VA Life Insurance Programs

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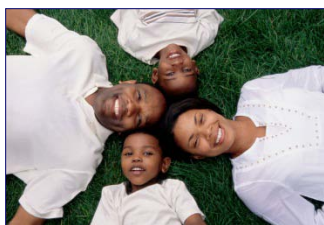
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Customer Base – 6.5 million Insured

- 2.3 Million Servicemembers



- 3.0 Million Spouses/Children



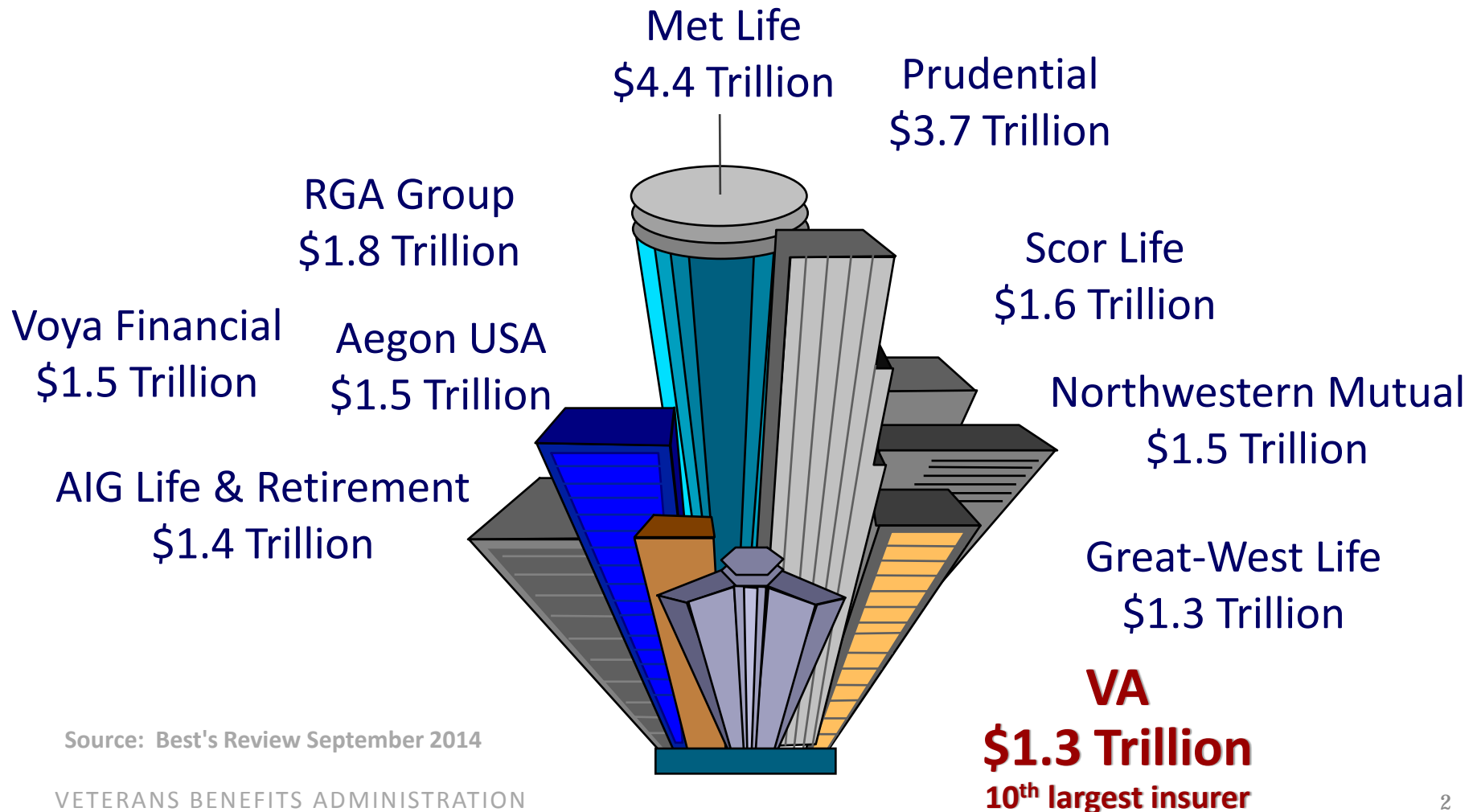
- 425,000 Post-1992 Veterans

- 521,000 WWII, & Korean Era Veterans



- 231,000 Disabled Veterans

Face Amount of Coverage: VA vs. Private Industry



VA-Supervised Life Insurance Programs



Supervised Programs

- Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance
- SGLI Family Coverage
- SGLI Traumatic Injury Protection
- Veterans' Group Life Insurance



Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI)

- Active duty, Reservists and Guard automatically insured for \$400,000
- Member has option to decline or reduce the coverage in increments of \$50,000
- Coverage is 24/7, no restrictions
- \$28 monthly premium, plus \$1 for traumatic injury coverage, deducted from pay
- Coverage continues for 120 days after discharge at no cost to member
- Member can apply for an extension of SGLI for up to 2 years if:
 - Disabilities prevent member from being gainfully employed, or
 - Member has certain statutory disabilities

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SGLI Disability Extension

- For separating Servicemembers who:
 - are unable to work due to their disabilities, or
 - have certain statutory conditions
- Extends SGLI coverage free of charge for up to two years from separation or until able to maintain gainful employment
- Member must apply
- If approved for SGLI Disability Extension, automatically converted to VGLI at end of two years (VGLI premiums not waived)
- We call recently separated disabled Veterans to advise them of the full range of VA Life Insurance benefits

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Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI)



SGLI Family Coverage (FSGLI)

- Spouse Coverage
 - Automatic coverage for non-military spouses
 - Military spouses must apply
 - \$100,000 maximum or amount of member's coverage, whichever is less
 - Age-based premiums
- Child coverage
 - Automatic for all members covered by SGLI; member does not have to have spouse coverage to have child coverage
 - No charge to Servicemembers
 - Benefit for Stillbirth – Effective 10/10/2008
- Servicemember is always beneficiary

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SGLI Family Coverage (FSGLI)

FSGLI spouse coverage terminates 120 days after any of the following:

- Member separates from the military
- Divorce
- Member elects in writing to terminate spouse SGLI coverage
- Member elects in writing to terminate his/her SGLI coverage
- Death of member

FSGLI child coverage terminates 120 days after any of the following:

- Member separates from the military
- Member elects in writing to terminate his/her SGLI coverage
- Death of member
- Child no longer qualifies as an insurable dependent

Conversion option

- Spouse coverage can be converted to an individual policy within 120 days of above events
- Dependent child coverage cannot be converted

FSGLI – National Defense Authorization Act 2013

NDAA 2013 repealed automatic enrollment in FSGLI for members who are married to other members effective January 2, 2013

- If marriage occurred before 1/2/2013 :
 - Spouse coverage is automatically issued to both spouses
 - Coverage is effective on the date of the marriage
 - Premium is owed from the date of marriage
- If marriage occurred on or after 1/2/2013:
 - Coverage is not automatically issued
 - If spouse coverage is desired, an application for spouse coverage must be submitted (SGLV 8286A)
 - Coverage is effective on the date of application, if application is approved
 - Premium is due from the date of application if coverage is issued

SGLI Traumatic Injury Protection (TSGLI)

- Effective Dec. 1, 2005; retroactive to Oct. 7, 2001 regardless of geographic location where injuries occurred
- Provides financial benefit to those suffering serious traumatic injuries to help with expenses during treatment and recovery
- Automatic for members who have SGLI
- Premium is \$1/month
- Must suffer qualifying loss due to a traumatic injury to receive payment
- Benefit from \$25K to \$100K, depending on type of loss or length of recovery period
- Branch of Service TSGLI Offices evaluate and certify claims for their members
- Not just a combat benefit

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SGLI Traumatic Injury Protection (TSGLI)

- Benefit ranges from \$25K - \$100K
- Examples of losses covered:
 - ✓ Loss of limbs
 - ✓ Loss of vision, hearing, speech
 - ✓ Plegias
 - ✓ Burns
 - ✓ 15-day hospitalization
- Types of losses not covered:
 - ✓ Mental illness such as PTSD
 - ✓ Physical illness or disease

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TSGLI Schedule of Losses

For losses listed in Part I, multiple injuries resulting from a single traumatic event may be combined with each other and treated as one loss for purposes of a single payment (except where noted otherwise), however, the total payment amount MAY NOT exceed \$100,000.

For losses listed in Part II, payment amounts MAY NOT be combined with payment amounts in Part I - only the higher amount will be paid. The total payment amount MAY NOT exceed \$100,000 for multiple injuries resulting from a single traumatic event.

Part I	
Loss	Payment Amount
1. Sight: Total and permanent loss of sight OR loss of sight that has lasted 120 days • For each eye	\$50,000
2. Hearing: Total and permanent loss of hearing • For one ear • For both ears	\$25,000 \$100,000
3. Speech: Total and permanent loss of speech	\$50,000
4. Quadriplegia: complete paralysis of all four limbs	\$100,000
5. Hemiplegia: complete paralysis of the upper and lower limbs on one side of the body	\$100,000
6. Paraplegia: complete paralysis of both lower limbs	\$100,000
7. Uniplegia: complete paralysis of one limb* <i>*Note: Payment for uniplegia of arm cannot be combined with loss 9, 10 or 14 for the same arm. Payment for uniplegia of leg cannot be combined with loss 11, 12, 13 or 15 for the same leg.</i>	\$50,000
8. Burns: 2nd degree or worse burns to at least 20% of the body including the face OR, at least 20% of the face	\$100,000
9. Amputation of hand: Amputation at or above the wrist • For each hand* <i>*Note: Payment for loss 9 cannot be combined with payment for loss 10 for the same hand.</i>	\$50,000
10. Amputation of 4 fingers on 1 hand OR thumb alone: Amputation at or above the metacarpophalangeal joint • For each hand	\$50,000
11. Amputation of foot: Amputation at or above the ankle • For each foot* <i>*Note: Payment for loss 11 cannot be combined with payments for losses 12 or 13 for the same foot.</i>	\$50,000
12. Amputation of all toes including the big toe on 1 foot: Amputation at or above the metatarsophalangeal joint • For each foot <i>*Note: Payment for loss 12 cannot be combined with payments for loss 13 for the same foot.</i>	\$50,000
13. Amputation of big toe only, OR other 4 toes on 1 foot: Amputation at or above the metatarsophalangeal joint • For each foot	\$25,000

TSGLI - Criteria for Payment

- Suffer a qualifying loss as the result of a traumatic event while in service
- Covered by SGLI when traumatic event occurs (except for retroactive period)
- Traumatic event must occur prior to separation from service
- Loss is a direct result of the traumatic event
- Loss occurs within 2 years (730 days) of traumatic event
- Survive 7 days from date of traumatic event

Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI)

- Initial Maximum Coverage = Amount of SGLI at separation
- Member must apply unless on the SGLI Disability Extension
- 1 year and 120 days from separation to apply; **if within 240 days of separation, no proof of health required**
- Age-based premiums
- Can increase coverage by \$25,000 on five year anniversary date up to \$400,000 maximum
- Great transition insurance; Separating Servicemembers should be encouraged to apply until they obtain other coverage
- Renewable for life, or convert

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Beneficiary Financial Counseling Service (BFCS)

- No cost financial planning services available to **beneficiaries** of SGLI, FSGLI, TSGLI and VGLI
 - Service provided by FinancialPoint®
 - Objective financial professionals – do not receive commission
- Beneficiaries can provide information online and a financial plan will be prepared for them.
- Beneficiaries can request a face-to-face meeting with a financial professional.
- Beneficiaries can call to get quick answers to financial questions or to request a detailed financial plan.

Online Will Preparation

- Online will preparation services are available to **beneficiaries** at no cost to them.
- Service enables beneficiaries to prepare a will online without an attorney.
- Answer a series of questions and receive a legal will, valid in all 50 states, ready to print and sign.
- Documents how assets will be distributed in the event of death.

Accelerated Benefit Option (ABO)

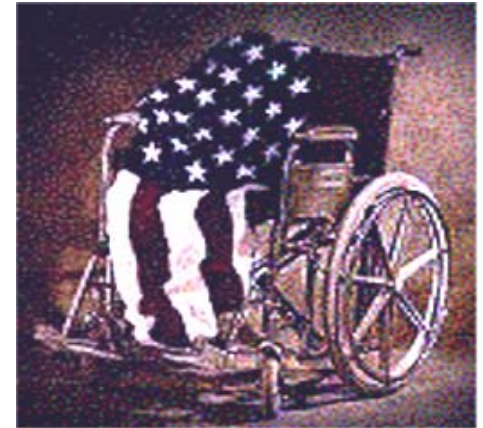
- Member (or spouse for FSGLI) must be terminally ill with a prognosis of 9 months or less to live
- Insured can receive up to 50% of the face amount of coverage
- Reduces death benefit
- Non-taxable

VA-Administered Life Insurance Programs



Service-Disabled Veterans' Insurance

- \$10,000 maximum basic coverage
- Must have received a service-connected disability rating from VA of at least 0%
- Must apply within two years of a rating for a new service-connected disability
- Must be in good health except for service-connected disabilities
- Premiums can be waived if totally disabled
- If approved for waiver of premiums, Veteran may purchase up to \$30,000 of supplemental insurance (premiums cannot be waived on supplemental)

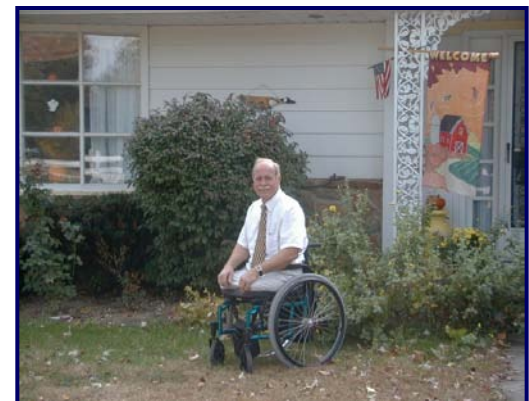


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Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance

- Up to \$200,000 of mortgage coverage
- Must have received a specially-adapted housing grant from VA
- Coverage reduces with mortgage balance
- Payable only to the mortgage company
- Cannot be issued after age 69
- Premiums based on Veteran's or Servicemember's age, mortgage balance, and length of mortgage

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Insurance Internet - Self-Service

www.benefits.va.gov/insurance

Veterans can perform many functions themselves, including:

- Access Policy information
- Borrow from Policies
- Find and download Insurance related forms
- Calculate Insurance Needs
- Learn how to file a disability or death claim
- Apply for Insurance on-line
- Beneficiaries can learn how to get financial counseling
- Learn how to convert from SGLI to VGLI
- Change VGLI Address
- Pay premiums from credit card or checking account

VA Insurance Website

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► VGLI: Veterans' Group Life Insurance

FSGLI: Family Servicemembers Group Life Insurance

► TSGLI: SGLI Traumatic Injury Protection Program


S-DVI: Service-Disabled Veterans Life Insurance

VMLI: Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance

Beneficiary Financial Counseling and Online Will

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Life Insurance



Attention VGLI Members!

The VGLI website has been completely updated to provide an enhanced experience for Veterans who want to manage their VGLI coverage and pay their bills online. Simply [log on](#) with your existing User ID and password. Don't have a User ID? Go to the [home page](#) and click "Create an Account".

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About Life Insurance

As part of our mission to serve Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families, VA provides valuable life insurance benefits to give you the peace of mind that comes with knowing your family is protected. VA's life insurance programs were developed to provide financial security for your family given the extraordinary risks involved in military service.

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VA Insurance Website - Training

On-Demand Training

www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/training1.asp



The screenshot shows the VA Insurance Website Training page. The header features the United States Department of Veterans Affairs logo and a navigation bar with links: Home, Veteran Services, Business, About VA, Media Room, Locations, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled "Online Insurance Training" and includes a breadcrumb trail: VA » Benefits » Insurance » Training. A sidebar on the left contains a dropdown menu "I AM A..." with a "Select" button, and a list of links: Compensation, Education & Training, Home Loans, Life Insurance, Access My Policy Online, SGLI—Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, VGLI—Veterans' Group Life Insurance, FSGLI—Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, and TSGLI—Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection Program. The main content area also includes a section for "Casualty Assistance/Human Resources Training" with links to "Assisting Beneficiaries with Filing SGLI Claims" and "Completing SGLV-8286". Below this is a section for "Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection Program (TSGLI) Training Series" with links to "TSGLI Overview", "TSGLI Coverage", and "TSGLI Genitourinary Losses".

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Online Insurance Training

Insurance is developing online training modules on several topics. Topics currently available are shown below. Check back often, as we will continue to add new topics.

Casualty Assistance/Human Resources Training

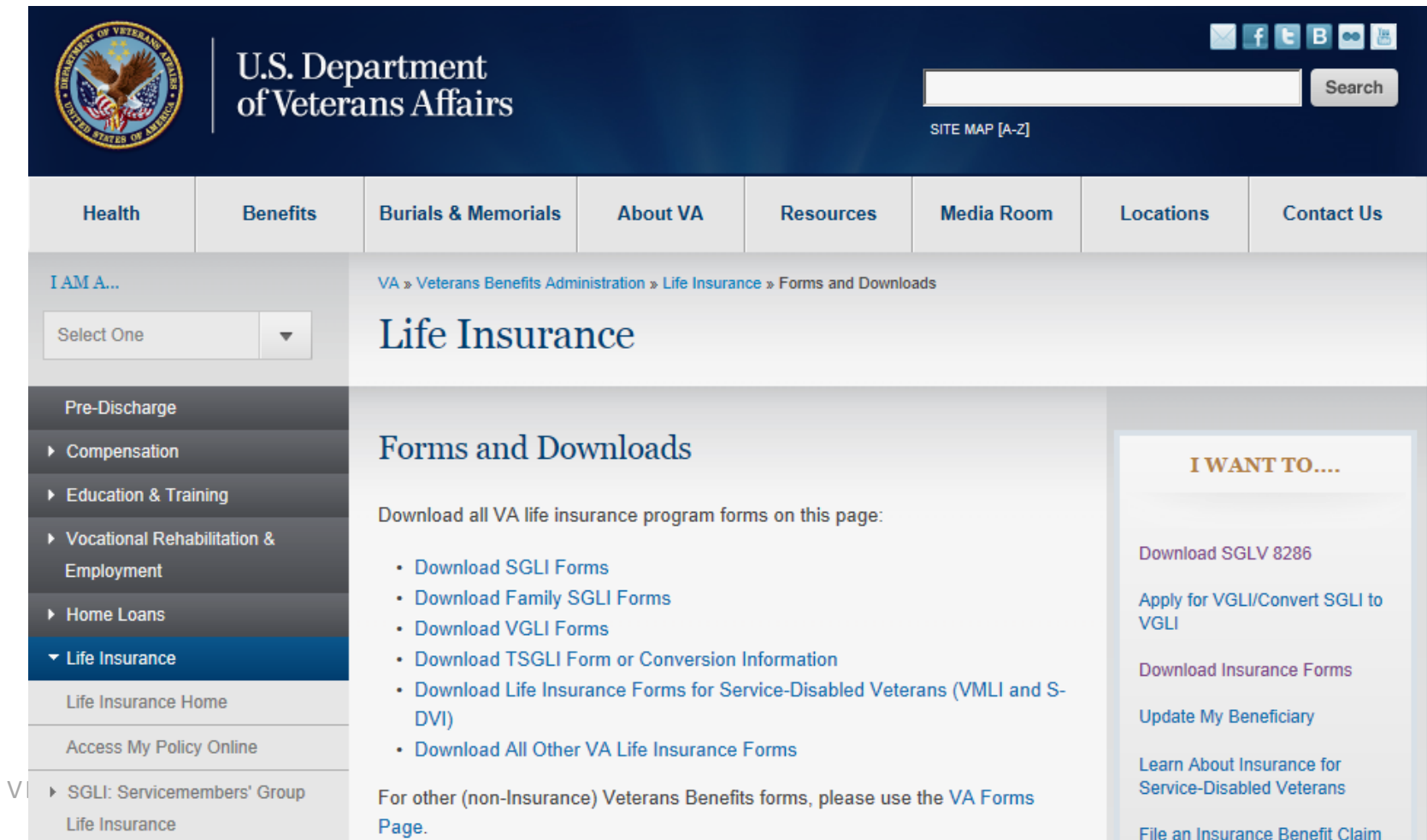
- [Assisting Beneficiaries with Filing SGLI Claims](#) — For Casualty Officers working with SGLI claimants.
- [Completing SGLV-8286](#) — In this module, you will learn about the proper way to complete the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Election and Certificate.

Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection Program (TSGLI) Training Series


- [TSGLI Overview](#) — In this module, you will learn the basics about the TSGLI Program.
- [TSGLI Coverage](#) — In this module, you will learn about TSGLI coverage.
- [TSGLI Genitourinary Losses](#) — In this module, you will learn about the genitourinary losses that are now covered by the TSGLI Program.

VA Insurance Website - Forms

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/INSURANCE/resources-forms.asp>



The screenshot shows the VA Insurance Website - Forms page. The header features the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs logo and a search bar. The main navigation bar includes links for Health, Benefits, Burials & Memorials, About VA, Resources, Media Room, Locations, and Contact Us. The left sidebar contains a dropdown menu for 'I AM A...' with options like Pre-Discharge, Compensation, Education & Training, Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment, Home Loans, and Life Insurance (selected). The main content area displays the 'Life Insurance' section, including a breadcrumb trail, a title, and a list of forms and downloads. A right sidebar titled 'I WANT TO....' lists various actions like downloading forms, applying for VGLI, and updating beneficiaries.

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Download all VA life insurance program forms on this page:

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For other (non-Insurance) Veterans Benefits forms, please use the [VA Forms Page](#).

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Program Contact Information

for SGLI, FSGLI, VGLI Claims

Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (OSGLI)

- Address: 80 Livingston Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068
- Telephone Numbers:
 - 800-419-1473, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Eastern
 - Main Fax: (800) 236-6142
 - Claims Fax: (877) 832-4943
- E-Mail:
 - Claims Only (Death & TSGLI): osgli.claims@prudential.com
 - TSGLI Appeals: tsgli.appeals.osgli@prudential.com
 - All Other: osgli.osgli@prudential.com

Program Contact Information for TSGLI

Branch of Service TSGLI Offices

- Servicemembers should contact their Branch of Service TSGLI Office
- Contact information for these offices can be found at:

www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/forms/SGLV_8600_ed2014-06.pdf

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SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE TRAUMATIC INJURY PROTECTION PROGRAM (TSGLI)
Administered by the Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance

Application for TSGLI Benefits

Please submit your completed claim to your branch of service below:

Branch	Contact Information	Submit Claim by Fax	Submit Claim by E-mail	Submit Claim by Postal Mail
Army All Components	Phone: (800) 237-1138 Website: www.army.mil/TSGLI	(800) 617-4013	army@tsli.mil	US Army Medical Services Command 5000 Quailford Dr, Fort Belvoir, IL 61705 Fort Belvoir, IL 61705
Marine Corps All Components	Phone: (813) 776-2825 or (714) 421-8377 Website: www.marines.mil/insurance	(888) 864-2255	tsli@marc.mil	MC Marine Corps 4000 Highway 1 Marine Corps Air Station Ft. Belvoir, VA 22114
Navy All Components	Phone: (800) 887-1423 (toll-free) Website: www.public.navy.mil/insurance	(800) 614-2265	navy@tsli.mil	Commander, Navy Personnel Command 4000 Highway 1 1233 Langley Drive Millington, VA 22650-1300
Air Force Active Duty	Phone: (800) 437-0348	(710) 465-6271	af@tsli.mil	AFPC/OPS 3000 3rd Street West Joint Base San Antonio Randolph, TX 78150
Air Force Reserve	Phone: (800) 425-0712	(710) 467-3887	reserve@tsli.mil	AFRC/OPS 3000 3rd Street West Joint Base San Antonio Randolph, TX 78150
Air National Guard	Phone: (800) 617-0148		ang@tsli.mil	ANG/OPS 3000 3rd Street West Joint Base San Antonio Randolph, TX 78150
Coast Guard	Phone: (714) 817-6828 Website: www.uscg.mil/TSGLI	(714) 817-6828	tsli@uscg.mil	Commander, USCGC 1111 Coast Guard Presidential Service Center 4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1100 Bethesda, MD 20814
Public Health Service	Phone: (800) 427-3386	(800) 427-3421 or (201) 427-3422	compendium@hhs.gov	PHS/Compendium Branch 9600 Columbia Rd, Box 975 Silver Spring, MD 20910
NASA Corps	Phone: (800) 713-3444	(800) 713-4140	director@tsli.nasa.gov	U.S. Dept. of Commerce NASA/MSM/SPC 9600 Columbia Rd, Suite 500 Silver Spring, MD 20910

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Program Contact Information

for S-DVI, VMLI

VA Insurance Center

- Address: VA Insurance Center, P.O.Box 7208, Phila., PA 19101
- Telephone Numbers:
 - 800-669-8477, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Eastern
 - Main Fax: (888) 748-5822
 - Claims Fax: (888) 748-5822
- E-Mail:
 - Go to <https://insurance.va.gov/mypolicy/mypolicy.htm>

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Questions?