

KEEPING YOUR FAMILY & BENEFICIARY INFORMATION UP TO DATE IS CRITICAL

*The last thing we want is something bad to happen to you, but if it does, we want to be sure that your wishes are carried out. Keeping your beneficiary documents **UP TO DATE** will help this happen.*

RECORD OF EMERGENCY DATA – DD FORM 93:

- A critical document that provides up-to-date contact information for immediate Family members to be notified if a Soldier becomes a casualty.
- Soldiers also use the DD 93 to make benefit elections such as the death gratuity, pay and allowance disbursement, and directing disposition if something happens.
- Manage your record online at <https://my.ippsa.army.mil> under the DD Form 93 Dashboard (CAC is required).



Designated Person(s) (Items 10a-10b)

- Anyone, other than the member's primary next of kin or immediate family, to whom information on the whereabouts and status of the member shall be provided if the member is placed in a missing status.

Death Gratuity (Items 13a-13d)

- \$100,000 benefit for casualties in a duty status (on orders, mobilized, drilling, etc.).
- Anyone may be elected as a beneficiary in 10% increments.



Beneficiary(ies) for Unpaid Pay/Allowances (Items 14a-14c)

- Any unpaid pay owed, including leaves and bonuses, will go to the person(s) elected here.
- Anyone can be elected.

Person Authorized to Direct Disposition (Items 15a-15b) - For a duty status casualty only

- Person authorized to make decisions about a Soldier's final resting place at government expense.
- Anyone can be elected.

Continuation/Remarks (Item 16)

- Used to capture information such as addresses that are difficult to find on maps or GPS, language barriers, non-medical attendants, and any other helpful information to the Army's desire to help one's family.

SERVICE MEMBERS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE (SGLI):

- Provides automatic life insurance coverage of \$500,000 to Soldiers upon enlistment, which can be reduced in \$50,000 increments.
- Anyone may be designated as a beneficiary and the benefit may be split between multiple designees.
- If you are married and you are changing your beneficiary from your spouse to someone other than your spouse or child, the law requires that your spouse be notified of the change.
- If you do not name a beneficiary, or there are no surviving primary or secondary beneficiaries, or you indicate that payment should be made by law, SGLI will pay the insurance benefit in the following order:
 1. Your widow or widower
 2. Your children in equal shares (the share of any deceased child will be distributed equally among the descendants of that child)
 3. Your parent(s) in equal shares or all to surviving parent
 4. A duly appointed executor or administrator of your estate
 5. Other next of kin
- Provides automatic traumatic injury protection (TSGLI) to service members (VSI or SI), as well as life insurance coverage for dependent children and your spouse under the Family SGLI program.
- TSGLI is **ONLY** available for service members, while FSGLI coverage is electable for a spouse, and coverage is automatic for children.
- Enroll and make changes online at <https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect> (DS Login or CAC is required).



Contrary to popular misconception, your SGLI policy is in effect regardless of duty status. It does not apply **ONLY while deployed or while at drill.**

WHEN TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION:

It is crucial that Soldiers review and update their SGLIs and DD 93s **Annually and whenever a **LIFE EVENT OCCURS**, examples include:**

- Marriage
- Birth of a child
- Change in a beneficiary's contact information
- Divorce
- Death of a beneficiary



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