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MEMORANDUM FOR All Commanders, Tennessee Army and Air National Guard

SUBJECT: State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) Program

1. The United States Congress has authorized each individual state to establish and administer its own life insurance program for the benefit of its National Guard members and their families. 37 U.S.C. Sec. 707. This life insurance program is referred to as State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) and is offered through the National Guard Association of Tennessee (NGATN). All members of the Tennessee National Guard are eligible, and membership in the Association is not required.

2. The program is unique in that all Tennessee National Guard members are automatically covered for \$1,000 of life insurance at no cost to the member. Soldiers and Airmen will also be offered the opportunity to enroll in additional coverage for themselves and their spouse and children through the SSLI program. State Sponsored Life Insurance is the only insurance program that Tennessee National Guard members can have through the convenience of payroll deduction from drill pay. Participation in SSLI is voluntary.

3. The coverage contains no exclusions for deaths caused by war, terrorism, aviation, or hazardous duty. Members may also continue their coverage at the same cost after leaving the Tennessee National Guard. Routinely, claims are paid within 48 hours following notification.

4. It is important that every member of the Tennessee National Guard have the opportunity to review the coverage available through SSLI and to identify a beneficiary for the \$1,000.00 no cost coverage. All members of the Tennessee National Guard are encouraged to attend the annual SSLI briefing. This program provides another opportunity to take care of our Soldiers and Airmen.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Warner A. Ross II".

WARNER A. ROSS II
Brigadier General
The Adjutant General