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SGLI Coverage Increase

Courtesy of the National Guard Bureau

On September 1st, 2005, the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance will increase from a maximum coverage of \$250,000 to \$400,000. There are many questions out there pertaining to this subject, so to help ease some confusion, the National Guard Bureau has released a few Question & Answers to help those affected better understand the situation.

Who will be affected?

- Anyone in service on September 1st, 2005, will have his or her coverage increased to \$400,000, even if he or she previously declined or elected lesser coverage. If servicemembers still desire no coverage or less than the maximum, he or she will need to go to their Personnel Office and reelect no coverage or less than the maximum.

What coverage amounts will be available?

- Servicemembers can only elect coverage in increments of \$50,000. Previously, members could elect coverage in increments of \$10,000. Therefore, the only SGLI coverage amounts available will be:

\$50,000	\$250,000
\$100,000	\$300,000
\$150,000	\$350,000
\$200,000	\$400,000

How will this increase affect VGLI members?

- Members in the VGLI Program before September 1st, 2005, will not be affected. However, all separating servicemembers covered under SGLI on or after September 1, 2005, in an amount greater than \$250,000 will be able to convert to VGLI at the new higher level.



How much will the additional coverage cost?

- **The premium rates for SGLI coverage will remain the same. Currently, the rate is 6.5 cents per \$1,000 per month or \$16.25 per month for \$250,000. Therefore, if a member elects the new maximum coverage of \$400,000, they will pay \$26.00 per month.**

Will certain servicemembers receive free coverage?

- **SGLI members serving in areas of operations designated by the Secretary of Defense as combat operations or zones of combat will have the premiums for \$150,000 of coverage paid for by the Department of Defense. This is only while they are serving in designated areas or operations. Once they are no longer serving in such an area, they will once again have to pay the premiums themselves.**

For more information on this subject you can refer to http://www.1800goguard.com/money_sglifacts/ or see your leadership for additional information. The Battalion S-1 has more specific information, but please check with your immediate chain of command first to see what information they have received.

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Passing the Floor or Gavel

by Chaplain (CPT) John Callihan

Last week ([click here](#)) we introduced Active Listening to you, and looked at how being an active listener will help in the communication flow. This week, we will further this topic by looking at one of many techniques to assist you and your spouse in Active Listening.

"Would you quit interrupting me!"

When conversations become contentious; when they seem to be evolving into an argument. Make sure that each person is being allowed a chance to say their peace. Too often, both parties start talking or yelling and neither is listening. Some folks find it helpful to actually pass some object back and forth. The idea is, unless you are holding the object, you are not to talk. Oh, you could say something like, "OK," or "Can you explain that a little more..." but for the most part you respect that the person with the object is the one trying to express themselves. The others person's job is to listen.

If it becomes and issue, a time limit could also be established if one person starts 'hogging' the floor.

This is just one simple technique to help couples handel their conflicts. Next time an issue arrises, try this out and see if it works for your situation.

Next week we will look at **Common Goals**.

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Weather in Iraq

Date	.	Hi / Lo	Percip
Sunday August 21	0000 Sunny / Windy	117 / 79	0%
Monday August 22	0000 Sunny / Windy	118 / 80	0%
Tuesday August 23	0000 Sunny / Windy	114 / 78	0%
Wednesday August 24	0000 Sunny / Windy	113 / 78	0%
Thursday August 25	0000 Sunny / Windy	113 / 78	0%
Friday August 26	0000 Sunny / Windy	113 / 78	0%
Saturday August 27	0000 Sunny / Windy	113 / 78	0%

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"Keep smiling, it makes people wonder what you're up to."

- Unknown

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Question of the Week

Last weeks question was, "In the statement, Chief Hopkins just got his Budweiser!" what is a 'Budweiser'? (Hint: Think Navy SEALs)"

The Answer -

The Naval Special Warfare Insignia.



The Special Warfare Insignia, also known as the SEAL Trident, commonly called the "trident" or "Budweiser" (for its resemblance to the Budweiser Eagle), serves as the insignia for the SEALs as a whole and is the largest and most recognizable warfare pin in the United States Navy. Historically, they can trace their history to the first group of volunteers selected from the Naval Construction Battalions (Seabees) in the spring of 1943. These volunteers were organized into special teams called 'Navy Combat Demolition Units' (NCDUs). The units were tasked with reconnoitering and clearing beach obstacles for troops going ashore during amphibious landings, and evolved into Combat Swimmer Reconnaissance Units.

The NCDUs distinguished themselves during World War II in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. In 1947, the Navy organized its first underwater offensive strike units. During the Korean Conflict, these Underwater Demolition Teams (UDTs) took part in the landing at Inchon as well as other missions including demolition raids on bridges and tunnels accessible from the water. They also conducted limited minesweeping operations in harbors and rivers.



During the 1960s, each branch of the armed forces formed its own counterinsurgency force. The Navy used UDT personnel to form multiple units called SEAL teams.

Naval Special Warfare Command was commissioned on April 16, 1987, at the Naval Amphibious Base Coronado in San Diego, California. As the Naval component to the U.S. Special Operations Command, Naval Special Warfare Command provides vision, leadership, doctrinal guidance, resources and oversight to ensure component maritime special operations forces are ready to meet the operational requirements of combatant commanders. NSW provides a versatile, responsive and offensively focused force with continuous overseas presence.

The major operational components of Naval Special Warfare Command include Naval Special Warfare Groups ONE and THREE in San Diego, and Naval Special Warfare Groups TWO and FOUR in Norfolk, Virginia. These components deploy SEAL Teams, SEAL Delivery Vehicle Teams, and Special Boat Teams world wide to meet the training, exercise, contingency, and wartime requirements of theater commanders.

Or, as SSG Sheehan says, "Now he can balance beach balls on his nose and entertain with clowns!"

**Those who answered correctly: SPC Keri Lane, Carol Roloff, SSG Michael Yoho, SSG John Sheehan, and Heidi Briery.
Thanks to all who participated!!!**

THIS WEEKS QUESTION

"The Dodge M37 Powerwagon was used by the US Military for only a few years. What was done with the trucks after they were demilitarized?"

Please use the form below to answer this weeks question.

Your Name:

Your E-mail:

Answer:

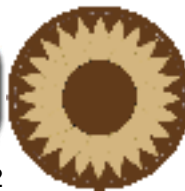
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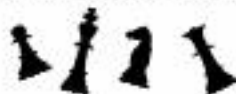
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If you are needing help with math or science skills, the Ali Education office has Open Tutoring Sessions every Tuesday from 1700 - 1900 hrs.

What's Happening at your MWR?

Nightly tournaments and events. Play for prizes or just bragging rights!!

Mondays
@ 1900



Chess Club... Free your mind...or just decide to use it for a while!

Tuesdays
@ 1900



Ping Pong... doubles and singles

Thursdays
@ 1900



Backgammon



Scrabble...
Put on your Thinking caps!

Fridays
@ 1900



Death and destruction
.....'nuff said!!!



Billiards
8 and 9 Ball

Saturdays
@ 1900



Slap down Them Bones!!!!



Who's the best?

Sundays
@ 1900



Spades....Cut throat cards at it's Finest!!!

Check it out at Bldg 327 or call SSG Swan at 833-1745

If you know of an event not listed here, contact me at jay.gfeller@us.army.mil.

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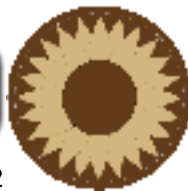
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Notice

SGT Jared Worley, Alpha Company 891st Engineer Battalion is in the process of making a new web site for the Alpha Companies of the 891st Engineer Battalion and 230th Engineer Battalion. Some of the site is still under construction, but it can be viewed at <http://www.alpha891st.com>

Please stop by and check it out. It looks very professional and SGT Worley is doing a great job. Can't wait to see the completed web site!

Don't forget the 'Life in Iraq Collage' project. [ABOUT THE PROJECT.](#) The submissions to date have been wonderful and we are looking forward to more! We still have not recieved any submissions from any Servicemembers and these are needed! If you are a family member, we encourage you to submit, and also encourage your Soldier to do the same. I have started to compile the submissions we have recieved and also conteneue to work on a history of the entire deployment to accompany the project once completed. The submission date has been extended through the end of our deployment to allow for as many people as possible to submit information and also because we will not be able to release some of the information until the deployment is over. To submit something, you may use the form found on the project page (link above) or e-mail them to me at jay.gfeller@us.army.mil. Submissions can be photo's, video, writing, or any other thing you think may be relevant to this project.

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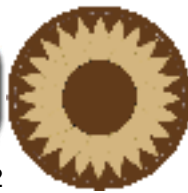
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What is Whose Dress? [CLICK HERE TO LEARN!](#)

Don't forget to post a lead, we'll need your help to track down the owner!

This weeks Top Lead.

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Pretty sure it does not belong to a Haldex employee...but some member of the 891st...not so sure an officer's family member...could belong to even a private...next FRG get together, everyone should try on the dress...

NOTE Our suspicions have been high on just this idea... maybe it does belong to some soldier, however, it is still believed that the person had to have a connection to Haldex at one point or another. Next step might be to get the dress on all the 891st soldiers who work at Haldex... past and present!

We'll continue to follow this and every lead we get in hopes to find the real owner. Thanks for everyone's help!

This weeks innocent people.

There are no innocent people this week, stay tuned for more information!

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Saturday August 13th

- Dear Brian, hi honey it is getting closer to our anniversary, and i know it will feel so empty spending it apart. hang in there i love you through the thick and the thin, and i miss you every second. i know you are ready to come home and if i could take your place i would. miss you and love you Lover.....forever yours.
olivia

- sgt, brad hesse, hello there, its me olivia stewart i just wanted to say happy birthday to you on the 14th and take care !!!!!

- SPC. EATON- Just wanted to tell you that we love you and miss you more than you can imagine. We are counting down the days till you are home for good! We love you!! Teresa, Morgan and Natalie

- CW3Norton-Just to say that I'm very proud of you and that I love you more each passing day! Keep up the good work to keep our soldiers safe! Love De

- Lt Dennis Sewell -- Sorry I missed your birthday -- hope it was great!! Can't wait to see you big brother!! Be safe and love you tons!! --Amy

Sunday August 14th

- To SSG Brian Donovan, We miss you and love you more and more everyday. Can't wait until you are home with us for good. P.S. I know you are suprised you didn't think I would do this. Anyway we all love you very much. Your loving wife Tina and your little angels Nick and Chase.



- "8" you know what it means

- to my wife vera, whom through all things are possible, keep strong love, grandpa will be home and maybe be able to help you. all my I love your hubby john

Tuesday August 16th

- CW4 Nick Hay- Happy Birthday August 23! We look forward to seeing you soon. Fondly The War Brides!

Wednesday August 17th

- G Man !!! Thanks for all your hard work on these Newsletters. Really makes us here at home feel like we are in touch with what is going on half a world away. And thanks for taking care of my man !! Sincerely, A. Kratzberg

- B. Manley, I miss you terribly !!! It was so good to see you on the VTC. That smile and your love is my motivaton every morning to start another day. We are one day closer to the end. Keep doing what your doing, i am very proud of you !!! I'm always HERE and WITH you !!! Always, Amber

- This Shout goes out to Angela Linn, the HSC FRG Coordinator! Thank you for all your time and effort to keep the families involved and informed. You have gone ABOVE AND BEYOND the call of duty. You deserve a metal !! I am proud to call you friend !! Amber

- devany i miss u and love u as well i will be home soon and to the rest of the family i love you and miss you all and happy birthday

Post a shout in the next edition:

Shouts will be accepted until 1700hrs on Thursday, any shouts after that will be posted in the next week's edition.

Type in this box exactly what you want the Shout to say.

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