

From: Ed DeVilbiss
Sent: 6/26/2015 8:00:19 AM
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Subject: Re: A National Disgrace

Friends,

I received several clarifications from friends about the Rush Limbaugh email and wanted to send you some additional facts that Rush may not be aware of. However, in my opinion the fact remains that we as a nation are expecting government to solve many social problems that the citizens should be responsible for.

1. One friend added the following:

Not sure I follow Limbaugh's numbers ... maybe I misread the column. Here's the deal on Servicemembers Group Life Insurance (SGLI): EVERY member of the military is **automatically** enrolled in SGLI at the maximum level. The maximum level is \$400,000. Thus, if a service member is killed (whether in the line of duty or not - for NG/Reservists they have to be on military duty), that service member's beneficiary gets \$400,000 unless the service member selected a lower amount.

The service member can voluntarily elect to reduce the amount of coverage in increments of \$50,000 (350,000; 300,000; 250,000; etc). I can assure you that the majority of service members keep the maximum coverage, and the rate for those deployed approaches 100% getting maximum coverage.

Also, many states (e.g., IL) provide a payment to a service member's beneficiary if the service member is killed in action (in IL the payment exceeds \$200,000).

I could have been more specific and detailed regarding SGLI (for example, there is a cost to the service member that comes out of his/her monthly salary, but it is incredibly inexpensive life insurance per \$1,000 of coverage and few service members decline to be covered), but I just wanted to give you the highlights.

2. Another friend added:

I am not certain that Rush said this because there is a mistake in the comments. All Congressmen and Senators MUST pay into Social Security and they will also collect their benefits at age 62 or older. The BIG difference is the other pension (as Rush mentioned) they collect as well.

On Wed, Jun 24, 2015 at 11:11 AM, Ed DeVilbiss <eddevilbiss@gmail.com> <<mailto:eddevilbiss@gmail.com>> wrote:

Friends,

A friend sent this. The numbers are interesting and point to how far out of line our country is getting in respect to our military and our citizen's expectations. ED

A National Disgrace

~Limbaugh
Nailed This One~

Love him
or loathe him, he nailed this one right on the
head.....

By Rush
Limbaugh:

I think
the vast differences in compensation between victims of
the September 11 casualty and those who die serving our
country in Uniform are profound. No one is really talking
about it either, because you just don't criticize anything
having to do with September 11. Well, I can't let the
numbers pass by
because it says something really
disturbing about the entitlement mentality of
this
country. If you lost a family member in the September 11
attack, you're
going to get an average of \$1,185,000.
The range is a minimum guarantee of
\$250,000, all the
way up to \$4.7 million..
If you are a surviving family
member of an American soldier killed in action,
the
first check you get is a \$6,000 direct death benefit, half
of which is taxable.

Next,
you get \$1,750 for burial costs. If you are the surviving
spouse, you get