



A NEW GUIDE TO HELP YOU SPOT AND AVOID SCAMS

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BBB Institute launches the BBB® Scam Prevention Guide

BY THE BBB INSTITUTE FOR MARKETPLACE TRUST

The BBB Scam Prevention Guide was designed to help consumers and small businesses recognize and avoid online scams and fraud. The Scam Prevention Guide ([BBB.org/scam-prevention](https://www.bbb.org/scam-prevention)) provides an interactive experience to deliver articles, quizzes, research and the exclusive BBB Risk Calculator. The guide also features a library of articles, tips, and research reports specifically for the military and veteran populations.

[VIEW THE GUIDE](https://www.bbb.org/scam-prevention)



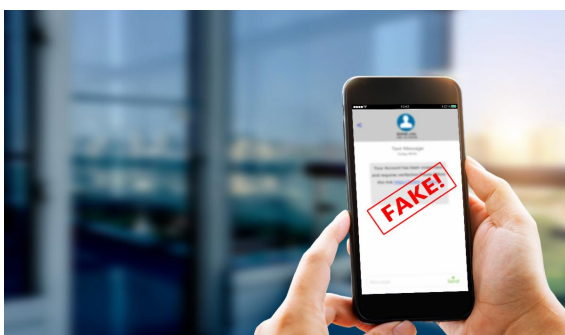
Start a transition fund to help reach your savings goal

BY MILITARY SAVES

Military families move all the time, but to prepare for a life of moves, you need to know what to expect both before and after a move. That means asking a lot of questions and doing some research. Know the costs involved, make a PCS (Permanent Change of Station) plan, and set aside funds specifically ear-marked as a PCS fund.

The following tips can help you plan financially for your next move.

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BBB Scam Alert: Emergency scams instill fear via fake texts, mugshots

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Emergency scams, sometimes called "grandparent scams," prey on the



BBB Tip: What you need to know about "zombie debt"

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Zombie debt is defined as debt that has been "raised from the dead," so to speak. It could even be something you never owed at all.

willingness of an unsuspecting, worried individual to help friends and family in need. Often, they will impersonate their targets' loved ones, make up an urgent situation, and plead for help... and money. Social media sites allow scammers to look up information and offer plausible stories. They may even incorporate nicknames and real travel plans into the con to convince their targets.

How the scam works:

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When a person doesn't pay a debt, the lender will take action – by phone, letter, or even a court case – to collect the money they are owed. In some cases, though, the debtor simply can't pay or can't be found. In other cases, the debtor files for bankruptcy and, depending on the kind of debt owed, the debt may be put on hold, renegotiated or discharged completely.

Sometimes, this old debt comes back to life.

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Veterans: Need help with mortgage debt? Know your rights

BY FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Scammers call or email, pretending to be from the VA or your home loan servicer. They claim if you pay them an upfront fee, they can get you a loan modification or refinancing to avoid foreclosure, so you can keep your home. But that's illegal. Do you know your rights when it comes to getting relief for your mortgage debt?

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Inflation and the military: Four lifelines for active-duty service members and veterans

BY NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR CREDIT COUNSELING

The 15th annual Consumer Financial Literacy Survey conducted by The Harris Poll on behalf of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC) and the Wells Fargo Foundation has revealed that military households are experiencing more negative effects of inflation than the general population. According to the survey, the impact of inflation is affecting military households in several ways including difficulty paying monthly bills, missed credit card or loan payments, keeping up with housing payments, and more.

Here are four ways that active duty servicemembers and veterans can find relief when the pressures of inflation lead to financial trouble:

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Share your story!

There is still time to share your military family story.

Every two years, the Military Family Advisory Network (MFAN) fields the Military Family Support Programming Survey to understand the lived experiences of our service members, veterans, and their families. This important research provides rich insight into the support needs of military-connected families and serves as a catalyst for the creation and strengthening of programs, policies, and resources.

Find the survey at milfanet.org/survey!



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