



## Six money saving reasons you should use the VA loan when buying a home

BY MILITARY SAVES

The VA loan program is a great benefit of military service that provides many money saving options and empowers military members to achieve their dreams of homeownership.

Before diving into the benefits, it's important to understand who is eligible for the VA Loan program.

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## Share your military family experience with MFAN

BY MILITARY FAMILY ADVISORY NETWORK

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.

Military-connected individuals may take the survey starting October 2, 2023 at [milfanet.org/survey](https://milfanet.org/survey)!

The 2023 survey takes a comprehensive look at military family life, including:

- Childcare
- Employment
- Family relationships
- Financial readiness
- Food insecurity
- Health and well-being
- Housing
- Military-to-civilian transition

All service members, veterans, and their family members over the age of 18 may participate.

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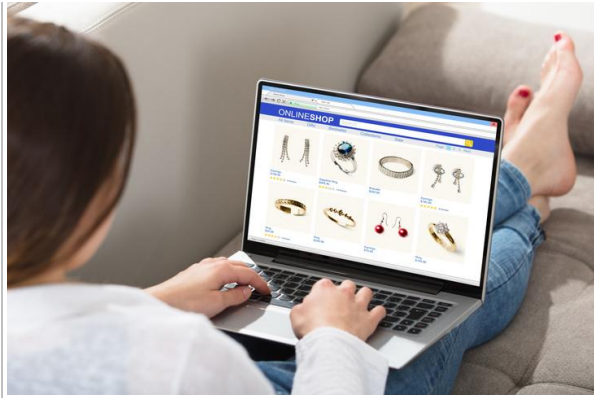
## BBB Tip: Protecting older adults from scams, abuse

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Like many of us, older adults are often targeted by con artists. Many victims don't ask for help until it is too late! Help your friends, family, clients, or patients avoid fraud by knowing the signs of current or impending fraud.

Warning signs that fraud may occur:

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## BBB Scam Alert: Social media discount code shopping scam

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Recently, [BBB Scam Tracker](#)<sup>SM</sup> has received multiple reports of an online shopping scam on TikTok. It's a sneaky one! It starts with a disgruntled employee supposedly seeking revenge and ends with victims ordering hundreds of dollars in phony merchandise.

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## Home buying tips for active-duty service members

BY MILITARY CONSUMER

Whether you are newly enlisted or have years of service under your belt, owning a home can be a great investment but it also can cause financial stress and difficulty if you have to move at a moment's notice.

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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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