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Avoid claims predators. Get help filing your benefits safely

BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Claims predators are “bad actors” who try to unlawfully charge Veterans a fee to “help” them process their claims with VA. They advertise their ability to expedite claim processing times and/or guarantee higher disability ratings in exchange for their paid services. Remember VA accredited attorneys, claims agents, and VSO representatives provide free help.

You can apply for VA benefits online at www.va.gov or any Veteran Benefits Administration (VBA) Regional Office.

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Is that person you met online really a military service member...or a scammer?

BY FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Lots of scams start online, but sometimes the scammer parks right next to you at the bank or outside a store. People are reporting millions of dollars lost in a scam that targets active-duty military and plays on their desire to help.

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BBB tip: Be safe when sharing back to school photos of your kids

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

With the school year starting again, social media is full of adorable back-to-



BBB scam alert: Scammers are impersonating businesses, emailing consumers with fake subscription renewal notices

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Email continues to be a popular avenue for scammers who want to

school photos. Often, these pictures feature a child holding a “first day of school” sign with basic information, such as their name and grade. But before you jump on the trend and snap a similar picture of your little one, read these tips and be cautious about what you share.

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steal consumers’ personal and financial information. To trick consumers into clicking links and providing personal information, scammers are posing as legitimate businesses and emailing consumers. BBB warns consumers to be extra vigilant when receiving urgent emails from supposed businesses asking for payment information.

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Inspector General’s Office Warns: Hybrid Scams on the Rise

BY SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Scammers are compounding tactics by using fake Amazon or PayPal tech support emails and text messages to get you to connect with an imposter Social Security Administration (SSA) employee who will try to convince you that your Social Security number (SSN) or record is compromised.

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How to Protect Yourself with the BBB Scam Tracker

WITH MELISSA LANNING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BBB INSTITUTE FOR MARKETPLACE TRUST

FREE WEBINAR

BBB Institute joined [American Armed Forces Mutual Aid Association](#) on a LinkedIn Live discussing [BBB Scam Tracker](#) and how you, our military and veterans, can protect yourselves and your family from experiencing a scam.

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BBB Tip: September is National Preparedness Month; be prepared with resources on BBB.org

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

September is National Preparedness Month, and BBB wants you to have the resources you need to prepare for natural disasters in your area. BBB has resources that include tips and suggestions to make wise decisions and guard against scams.

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