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**MILITARY FRAUD & SCAMS**

**Beware of Stock Fraud in the Wake of Hurricane Harvey**
*By FINRA*

It may not be possible to predict when the next natural disaster will take place. What you can count on is that when it happens, scammers will try to take advantage of the situation.

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**6 Scams Service Members Should Watch Out For**
*By USAA*

Scammers frequently target members of the U.S. military because many are young and financially inexperienced. And they're receiving a steady paycheck guaranteed by Uncle Sam.

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**VETERAN'S CORNER**

**Organizations Receiving FY 2018 Homeless Provider Grants Receive Extension of Funding**
*By U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*

VA Secretary Dr. David Shulkin recently announced an extension of funding to organizations that applied for Fiscal Year 2018 grants under VA's Homeless Providers' Grant and Per Diem Program (GPDP), but would be found ineligible due to new program guidelines. The extension will give those organizations a chance to improve the effectiveness of their programs and an opportunity to apply for funding under an upcoming “notice of funding availability, also called a NOFA.”

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**Disaster prep: From Finances to Evacuation Plans, How Military Families Can Stay Ready**
*By Karen Jowers, Military Times*

If you've watched the coverage of Hurricane Harvey, and the rescues of thousands of people, you've seen the large plastic garbage bags that many of those rescued souls are carrying. Have you wondered what's in those bags?

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**Personal Financial Management Counseling Options**
*By Military OneSource*

Service members can access financial counseling for free through installation programs and Military OneSource. These Counselors understand the financial challenges you face as a service member and the resources available to help you manage and plan your fiscal future.

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**I am on Active Duty in the Military of Have Been on Active Duty within the Past Year. Am I Protected from Foreclosure?**
*By Consumer Financial Protection Bureau*

The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) provides military personnel and their dependents protections when it comes to issues related to mortgages and housing. If
Patriot Day a National Day of Service and Remembrance

BBB Institute would like to pay tribute on Patriot Day a National Day of Service and Remembrance to the nearly 3,000 people killed in the September 11th terrorist attacks as well as the survivors and families of these victims.

Happy 70th Birthday to the U.S. Airforce!

BBB Institute would like to wish The U.S. Airforce a very Happy 70th Birthday. Thank you for all of your many years of service!

Retirement Savings for Spouses

By FINRA

Saving for retirement can get complicated for spouses of service members who move frequently. But even if you switch jobs with each move, do freelance work on the side or take time off from working, you can still make the most of tax-advantaged retirement saving plans.

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Disaster Planning--5 Things to Put in Your Financial Emergency Kit

By FINRA

Hurricane Harvey’s destruction is a forceful reminder that you rarely have very much advance warning to prepare for natural disasters. For this reason, it’s important to assemble a financial emergency kit now, ahead of a crisis.

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