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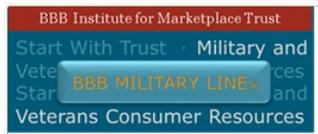
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RESOURCES



BBB Trusted Scout is back! For more information on how BBB and BBB services assist our Military and Veterans Community, go to [BBB Military Line](#).

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WHO WE SERVE



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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Financial Readiness

Be prepared for anything. Emergencies can come in many forms, and the BBB Institute wants to help you be ready for any unexpected financial challenge. Whether you are facing a natural disaster, an unexpected medical bill or planning for a major life event, we're here to share resources to help you make smart decisions in the moment and plan for the future.

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 (GPD), 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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MILITARY & VETERAN FINANCES

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 or 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

BBB INSTITUTE SPOTLIGHT





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!

you are on active duty and obtained a mortgage before you went on active duty (also known as a "pre-service mortgage obligation"), you told you are on active duty, as well as for an additional nine months after leaving active duty.

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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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HURRICANE HARVEY HELP

Harvey Help: How Military Families Can Get Emergency Aid, and Tips for Donors

By Military Times

An unknown number of service members and families have been affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana, and all are eligible for some type of military-specific disaster relief.

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BBB INSTITUTE TIPS

Take Advantage of Financial Counseling

It is a great idea to seek financial counseling before you find yourself in a financial bind. Take advantage of free financial counseling often provided to servicemembers and their families at many installations. Financial counseling helps and sharpen your financial skills.

BOOTS ON THE GROUND

Hello out there in BBB Land! BBB Institute is still working on rebooting Trusted Scout to serve our readers better. We invite you to submit a guest blog, article, photographs or topics you might want covered. Stay tuned for our upcoming survey. We want your feedback! To submit your ideas, name suggestions, or a guest blog entry contact Shawanna Artis at sartis@council.bbb.org.



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