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PATRIOT DAY: A NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



BBB Institute would like to pay tribute on Patriot Day, to those who lost their lives in the heartbreaking attacks of September 11th. We give thanks for the service members and first responders who continue to make the ultimate sacrifice for our country and our freedom every day.

FINANCIAL TIPS

MILITARY FRAUD & SCAMS

Your Military Family Can Save as a Unit

By Military Saves

Being a service member comes with a unique set of financial challenges. Major events like PCSing and deployment can be challenging to your finances, but even everyday expenses can pile up. The good news is that you and your support system at home- your family - can work together to make sure your finances are not a daily challenge.

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Prepare Now--September is National Preparedness Month

By BBB Serving Central California & Inland Empire Counties

"Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Lean How." That is the theme of this year's National Preparedness Month, held annually every September since 2004.

National Preparedness Month provides an opportunity to remind everyone to

Stop Veteran Charity Scams

By Federal Trade Commission (FTC)



Stop Veteran Charity Scams (open captions)

don't let that scare you away from providing for others.

Better Business Bureau is proud to partner with FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security (Ready.gov) to offer tips on how to fully prepare for a disaster.

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REPORT A SCAM

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Why Scam Artists Love the Military

By *Military.com*

If you're in the military or veteran, be on alert. You may be the focus of scammers determined to separate you and your family from your money. The best defense? Understand how the scams work. Use the tools that help you protect your personal information. And know the laws that exist to protect you.

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Veterans' Charities That Misled Donors and Tips to Give Wisely Instead

By *Council of Better Business Bureaus*

BBB Wise Giving Alliance ([Give.org](#)) joined with the Federal Trade Commission, state Attorneys General, and state charity regulators to help the donating public avoid misleading charity appeals and find trustworthy veterans' organizations to support. The event was held on July 19th at the FTC's headquarters in Washington, DC to announce the latest enforcement actions against veterans' charities. Art Taylor, president and CEO of BBB Wise Giving Alliance, spoke at the event.

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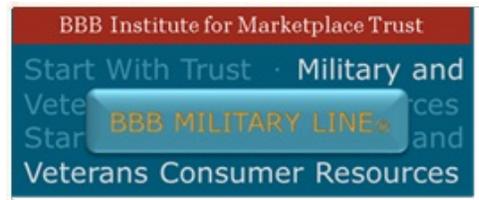
Keep a Sharp Eye Out for Identity Theft and Scams

By *Military One Source*

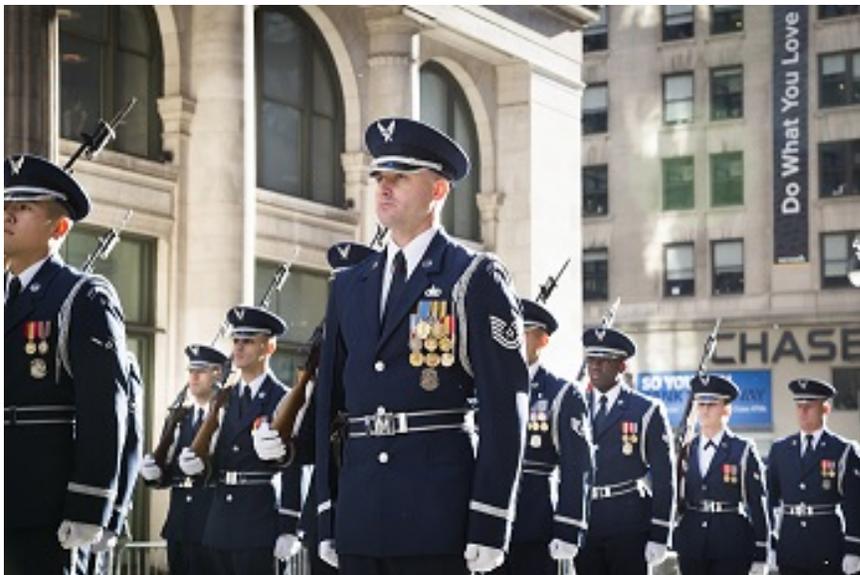
Millions of people each year fall victim to identity theft or military scams of some kind. If you fall prey, it can cost you money, time and lots of stress. It happens when you let your guard down. Safeguard your Social Security number, Military ID and other sensitive data. Read more to find out how.

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BBB Institute would like to wish the **U.S. Air Force** a very Happy Birthday.

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