



BBB Study: 1 in 4 Have Bought Counterfeit Goods Online

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

The internet has revolutionized how people buy goods by allowing them to quickly find multiple sellers, compare prices and read reviews on the reliability of online sellers. But sites, goods and reviews can all be faked. Anyone shopping online is eventually likely to encounter fraudulent sellers. Studies have found that one in four people have bought something online that turned out to be counterfeit.

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Privatized Military Housing Report: Part II

BY MILITARY FAMILY ADVISORY NETWORK

This report outlines MFAN's findings and provides recommendations for how to move forward following their research on military housing issues. MFAN hopes that by quantifying the issues in privatized housing, they can help pave the way toward restoration of homes and families' trust in housing companies and those responsible for oversight.

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Service Members Exhibit Higher Levels of Financial Well-Being Than the U.S. Population Overall

BY ANDY COHEN AND JIM RICE, CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Recently, the Department of Defense (DoD) released its Annual Report on the Financial Literacy and Preparedness of Members of the Armed Forces, which shows that

servicemembers exhibit slightly higher levels of financial well-being compared to the general U.S. population.

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Harris Poll Shows Military Service Members, Spouses and Partners Rely on the Gig Economy to Supplement Household Income

BY NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR CREDIT COUNSELING^(R)

Although majorities of both service members and spouses of service members say military life makes it challenging to get and hold private sector employment, about half say they had to get primary or secondary employment for additional income, and about the same percentage say they've been able to use the gig economy to do so.

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Moving & PCS

PCS Season is Here

BY SHANNON RAZSADIN, MILITARY FAMILY ADVISORY NETWORK (MFAN)

As the days get longer, weather gets warmer, and the school year winds down, we know that PCS season is nearing (or for some of us – already here!). MFAN learned a lot from the PCS [research](#) conducted last summer, and if you are PCSing this year, we're thinking of you and wishing you a smooth move and transition to your new hometown.

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**Scam Alert: Rental Cons
Cash in on Stressed Out**

**Mortgage Closing Scams:
How to Protect Yourself and**

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BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

As this summer's moving season approaches, BBB is seeing an uptick in reports of rental scams. Finding a new place to live is stressful, and scammers know that people in the midst of moving don't always have time to do the necessary research.

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Your Closing Funds

BY MELISSA YU, CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Closing on a new home can be one of your most memorable life moments. It's the final and one of the most critical stages in the home-buying journey, but with the exchange of key paperwork and a sizable down payment, it can also be stressful.

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Finding a Job Overseas as a Military Spouse

BY MILITARY ONESOURCE

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BBB Tip: Preparing for and Recovering from Flooding

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

According to [FEMA](#), just one inch of water in a home can cost more than \$25,000 in damage. The Better Business Bureau urges all homeowners to take care when [choosing businesses and contractors](#) to help with the cleanup work.

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Hurricane Season Starts June 1. Are You Ready?

BY COLLEEN TRESSLER, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

June 1 is the official start of hurricane season, and a great time to make a plan to deal with weather emergencies. Extreme weather events, like hurricanes and other natural disasters, can occur with little warning, and the effects come in many forms. Are you ready to leave your home at a moment's notice?

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