

## Valentine's Day Shopping & Tax Tips



### BBB Tips for Buying and Selling Jewelry

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Jewelry is the most popular gift for Valentine's Day, according to the National Retail Federation. Are you in the market to buy a piece of jewelry for someone special? Here are some BBB tips to help.

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### Military Discounts for Valentine's Day

BY HEATHER SWEENEY, MILITARY.COM

Valentine's Day is that special time of year to remind your loved ones how much you care. But saying "I love you" in creative and romantic ways can get costly. So this Valentine's Day take advantage of some military discounts to help Cupid cut costs.

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## Choosing a Florist

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Valentine's Day is the top holiday for flower sales, with nearly 200 million roses produced for sweetheart giving worldwide, according to Proflower (FTD), a BBB Accredited Business. More than two-thirds of Valentine flowers are fresh cut and, due to demand, the prices tend to go up at this time of year.

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## Romance Scams

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, don't let your quest for love blind you to the realities of romance scams. Online dating and social media have made it easier than ever to meet new people and find dates. Unfortunately, it has made scammers' work simpler, too.

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## Tax Tips & Finances

### 12 Tax Tips Made for Military Life

BY MILITARY ONESOURCE

As a service member, the tax implications of combat pay, deployment or multiple moves can be daunting. However, free access to [Military OneSource MilTax services](#) – designed specifically for the MilLife – can make tax time easier for you.

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### Military Tax Tips: New Tax Law is (Mostly) Good News

BY KAREN JOWERS, MILITARYTIMES

If it's February, it must be time to think about... taxes. The deadline for filing federal income tax returns is April 15. If you live in Maine or Massachusetts, you have until April 17 to file.

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## Mastercard Takes Steps to Stem Misleading "Free Trial Offer" Ads

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

The Better Business Bureau commends Mastercard for its new rules aimed at protecting consumers from fraudulent online sales, commonly referred to as "free trial offer" scams.

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## CFPB Annual Report of Servicemember Complaints

BY CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU, OFFICE OF SERVICEMEMBER AFFAIRS

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