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Podcast: Providing Protections for Military Consumers

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

On this episode of The Bistro, BBB's podcast channel, learn about the unique challenges that military families face in the marketplace, and how businesses and organizations can help. Melissa Bittner, Program Manager for [BBB Military Line](#), and Steven J. Lepper, Major General, USAF (Ret.) and President & Chief Executive Officer for the [Association of Military Banks of America](#) join to delve into this topic and share findings from a new research report that analyzes fraud targeted at the military community.

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Where is Your Online Search Leading You?

BY LISA LAKE, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Dishonest companies set up websites that look like legitimate places to get information on finding a job, joining the military, or getting government benefits. But they might not help you with any of those things. Instead, they'll take your personal information and sell it to other companies.

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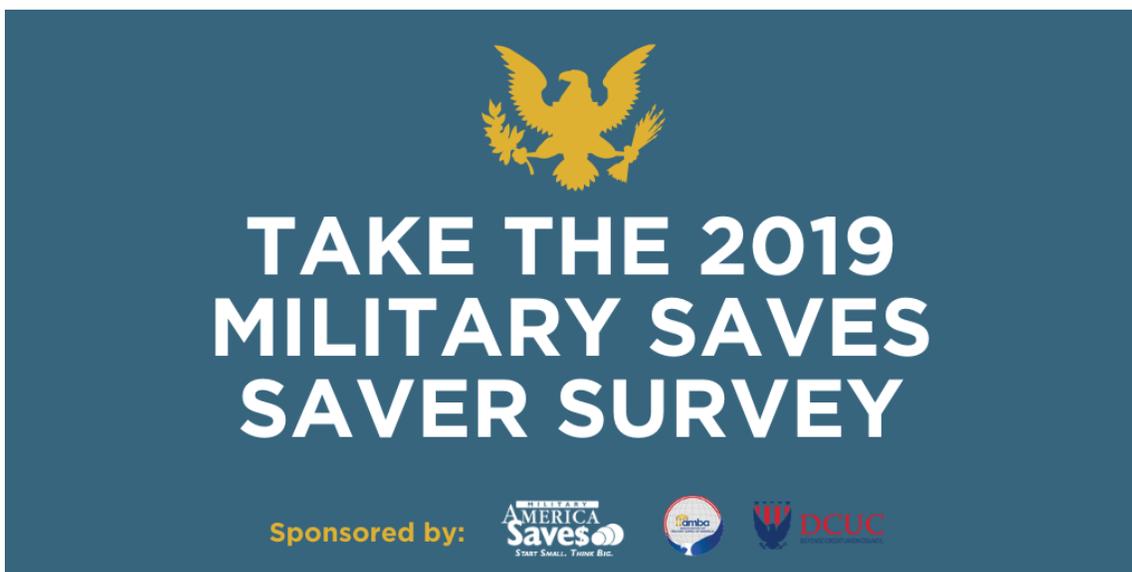
Expanded Credit Protections for Service Members and Their Families

BY MILITARY ONESOURCE

The Military Lending Act protects military families like yours from wrongful loan practices. Read these FAQs to understand how the act keeps you in control of your finances and loans.

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2019 Military Saves Saver Survey



Military Saves, along with the Defense Credit Union Council and the Association of Military Banks of America, have recently launched the 2019 Military Saves Saver Survey. The survey runs now through September 18, 2019.

The Survey is open to all military service members (active, guard, reserve), spouses, veterans, and DoD contractors. The results will give unique insights and trends related to savings and the financial readiness of service members and families.

The survey takes approximately five minutes to finish and is completely anonymous. As a way of showing their appreciation, each respondent will be eligible to enter into a daily drawing for a \$100 check, and \$500 cash grand prize.

The information gained from the survey will not only improve the Military Saves program but will help supporting organizations better understand the realities the military community faces when it comes to finances.

[Take the Survey!](#)

Military Spouse Employment

Scam Alert: Looking For Easy Cash? Be Sure to Pass on This Job

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Everyone should know that giving a stranger access to your Facebook account is a bad idea. But so-called “ad launderers” are making an offer some people can’t resist: quick, easy cash. It might sound like a good way to make money, but it’s a bad idea.

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Managing Your Career as a Military Spouse During a PCS

BY MILITARY ONESOURCE

As a military spouse, a successful transition may include finding meaningful work at your new duty station. By tapping into your network of support and accessing a variety of programs and resources, you can continue to advance your career while building a new nest. Here are some strategies to help manage your career during a PCS.

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How Military Spouses Can Make a Mobile Career Work

BY MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

More than 2 in 3 military spouses have had to quit or change their job due to a permanent change-of-station move, according to the 2017 [Hiring our Heroes Military Spouses in the Workplace](#) survey. Many options are available for military spouses who don't want to just quit a job they love; unfortunately, it's not as simple as typing "telecommute" into a job search engine.

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Following Hurricane Dorian



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BBB Warning: 10 Tips to Avoid Buying Flood Damaged Cars

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Following every major flood, scam artists try to pawn off flooded vehicles as standard secondhand cars. In the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian, flood-damaged vehicles will be popping up at auto auctions, used car dealerships and in classified ads. Unsuspecting consumers, particularly those living in regions of the country unaffected by hurricanes or flooding, are led astray by fresh upholstery, new carpeting and bargain prices.

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BBB Scam Spotlight: Robocall Spoofs Caller ID of an Army Base

Robocalls are annoying, but spoofing an Army base phone number and calling military families is down-right shameful. Read this story from a local mom in California, who is speaking out to warn other military families about scammers' latest efforts to scare them into taking robocalls.

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