



## IRS Reopens Deadline For Veterans Who Missed Coronavirus Stimulus Checks

BY MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Veterans Affairs officials are reminding families who missed out on some coronavirus stimulus checks last spring that they have a few more weeks left to claim that cash. In a social media post Friday morning, VA Secretary Robert Wilkie urged veterans who think they may be eligible for the money to contact the Internal Revenue Service and see if they are owed any money.

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## BBB Scam Alert: Special Deal On Your Utility Bill? It's Actually A Trick

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Looking to save money right now? No matter how COVID has impacted your finances, be sure to say “no” to this scam deal. This summer, [BBB Scam Tracker](#) has received reports of con artists impersonating internet, cable tv, or electricity company representatives. They claim to offer a great deal or rebate on your bill, but it’s really a way to trick unsuspecting customers into shelling out hundreds of dollars.

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## BBB Tip: Easy Money via "Blessing Loom"? Nope, It's a Social Media Pyramid Scheme

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to high unemployment and an uncertain economy, making money tight for many people. Who wouldn't be tempted by an opportunity to make several thousand dollars with only a small investment? No matter how much extra cash could be had, it's a wise idea to ignore social media invitations to join a "Blessing Loom." This pyramid scheme is causing many people to lose their hard-earned money.

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## BBB Tip: Watch Out For Facebook "Friends" Pushing Phony COVID Grants

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In tough economic times, it can be hard to turn down free money – especially if it appears to be recommended by a friend. [BBB ScamTracker](#) is receiving numerous reports that con artists are stealing information from Facebook and Instagram accounts and promoting phony COVID-19 relief grants to their network and Friends list.

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## 7 Free Business Training Resources for Military Spouse Entrepreneurs

BY MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Business training can be a good way for military spouse entrepreneurs with businesses in all stages of development – from ideation to national scale – to strategize for business growth.

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## Empowering Military Consumers – All Year Long

BY MILITARY CONSUMER

Military Consumer Month is over and it's time to think about how we can support service members all year long. Seven years ago, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) launched Military Consumer Protection Day to highlight fraud affecting service members. Since then, the observance has grown into a national, year-round campaign.

Military consumer provides service members and their families with resources from partner agencies like Department of Defense (DoD), the FTC and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to boost their financial readiness.

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## IRS Takes New Steps to Ensure People with Children Receive \$500 Economic Impact Payments

BY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

The Internal Revenue Service continues to look for ways to help people who were unable to provide their information in time to receive Economic Impact Payments for their children. As part of that effort, the Internal Revenue Service announced today it will reopen the registration period for federal beneficiaries who didn't receive \$500 per child payments earlier this year. The IRS urges certain federal benefit recipients to use the IRS.gov [Non-Filers tool](#) starting August 15 through September 30 to enter information on their qualifying children to receive the supplemental \$500 payments.

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## Planning a PCS move? Avoid Fraudulent Rentals by Asking These 6 Questions.

BY MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

It's another PCS season. You and your family are finally packed up and headed to your new destination. Except your new home doesn't exist. This nightmare has become a reality for many service members going through a PCS move. With the Army Criminal Investigation Command reporting housing scams targeting military families on the rise, it is more important than ever for soon-to-be residents to carefully review their housing documents before making any kind of monetary commitments to a unit.

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