

National Veterans and Military Families Month



Top 5 Riskiest Scams for Military Families and Veterans

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Service members, veterans, and their families are common targets for fraud, with a median reported loss of \$200 last year—32% higher than the general population. We know how much you give to your country, and want to help you keep your hard-earned money safe. Here are the top five most risky scams from lowest to highest risk as reported in our [Military Consumers & Marketplace Trust report](#) this year.

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Free Electronic Credit Monitoring for Military Consumers

BY AMANDA KOULOUSIAS, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Starting October 31, many members of the military will have access to a [free tool](#) to help spot identity theft. The nationwide credit reporting agencies – Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion – have confirmed that they will provide [free electronic credit monitoring services](#) to active duty service members and National Guard members.

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Military Family Advisory Network's

2019 Military Family Support Programming Survey

We encourage you to take 20 minutes and complete the Military Family Advisory Network's 2019 Military Family Support Programming Survey. You will be asked to share your input on a variety of topics that impact military life including health and wellness, retirement, housing and childcare. The results are presented to key policymakers at the Pentagon, the White House, Capitol Hill, and other stakeholders who have the ability to institute change where it is needed. Visit militaryfamilyadvisorynetwork.org/survey to complete the survey by November 11.

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What You Can Do To Fend Off Hackers

BY ALVARO PUIG, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

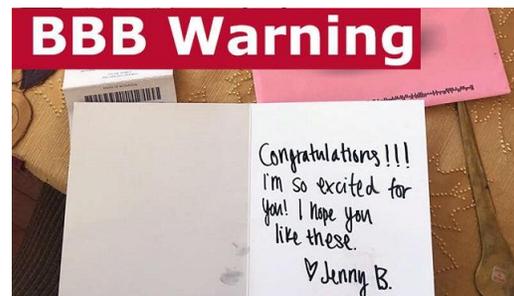
Your personal information is valuable. That's why hackers try to steal it. We've got tips to help you keep your personal information from ending up in the hands of a hacker.

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Veterans: Watch Out for Government Imposter



BBB Alert: Watch Out for Gift Cards from "Jenny"

Scams

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One of the ways scammers trick you into handing over your hard-earned cash is by saying they're with the government. Scammers rely on veterans' trust, and frequently masquerade as official government representatives to get your attention.

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Better Business Bureau serving Northern Nevada and Utah is alerting consumers to be critical of baby and motherhood gift cards sent to them by a "Jenny B." These cards are not from a friend, but part of a questionable marketing scheme by Mother's Lounge, LLC.

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The Military's A+ Financial Benefits to Protect Your Future

BY MILITARY ONESOURCE

As a service member, you've earned financial benefits to help protect your future. Take advantage of military benefits to shore up your personal finances – for both the short term and long term.

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What Veterans Can Do To Pursue Entrepreneurship

BY BOB HOUSE, AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER NETWORK

The transition from combat to business owner isn't always easy – luckily hundreds of organizations and groups are eager to assist veterans and help them succeed.

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