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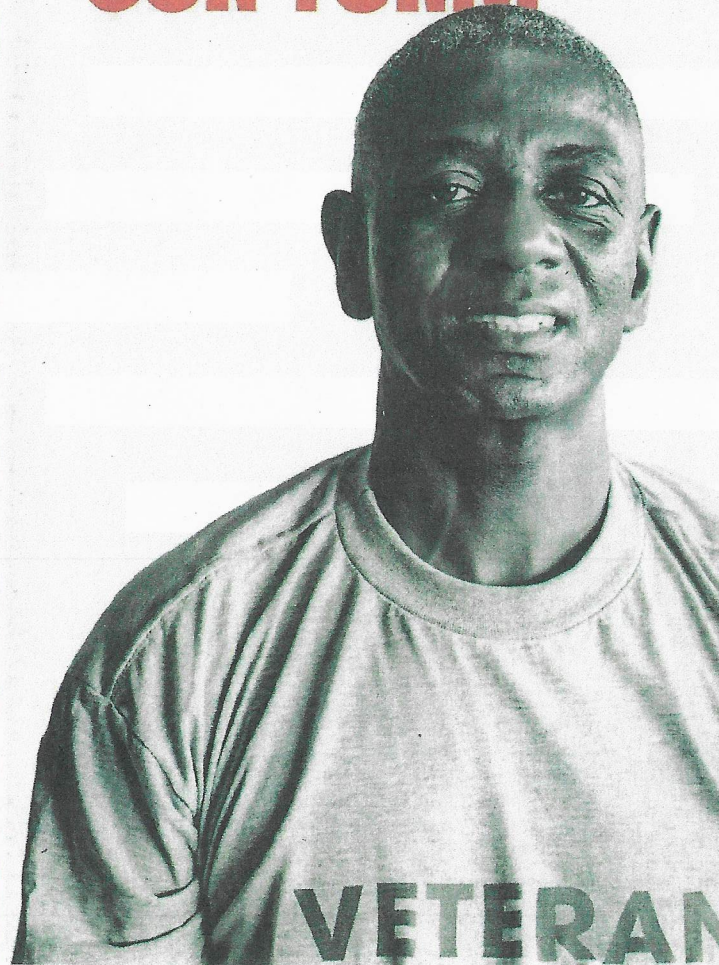
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**THEY
PROTECTED
US. NOW IT'S
OUR TURN.**



THEIR TIME ON THE
BATTLEFIELD IS OVER.

**NOW IT'S OUR TURN TO
PROTECT OUR VETERANS
FROM SCAMS.**

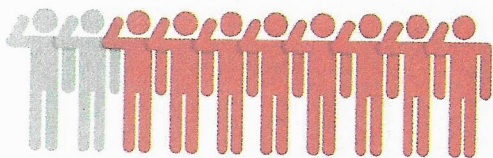
Our veterans deserve a lot of things.
Praise. Honor. Security. Respect.

Here's what they don't deserve: attempts to take
advantage of their service. Yet every day, scammers
attempt to defraud our veterans of their hard-earned
benefits, steal their identity, or take their savings.

Together, we can fight back and take one small
step to repay our veterans for the service they've
given and the sacrifices they've made.

THE BATTLE OUR VETS DIDN'T SEE COMING.

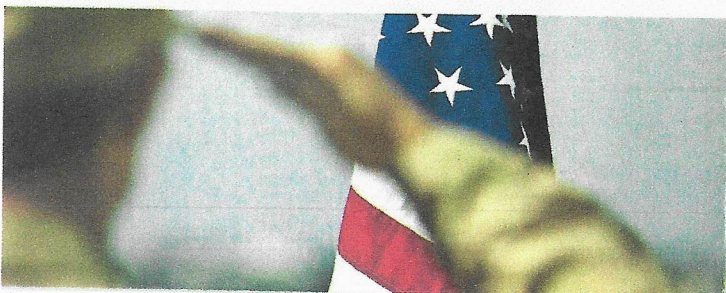
America's veterans are warriors, trained to handle anything a battlefield can throw at them. But there's one foe many veterans struggle to defeat: domestic fraud.



78% of our retired military men and women have been targeted by scams specifically crafted to exploit their military service history.

Sadly, veterans are twice as likely to actually fall for fraudulent schemes. In 2017, AARP research found that **16% of veterans have lost money to scammers**, compared to only 8% of the non-military public.

Why? For starters, veterans implicitly trust fellow members of the military, making them vulnerable to imposters. Veterans also have a PTSD rate more than double the general public's, which can make it more difficult for them to recognize and combat the emotional manipulation used by scam artists.



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THE FRONT LINES AGAINST FRAUD.

Now, AARP and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) are joining forces for **Operation Protect Veterans**. We're fighting back against fraudulent scam artists — and we need your help. Good intel is a crucial component of this battle; if you've seen a scam targeting veterans in the past 12 months, please fill out the attached postage-paid survey and drop it in the mail. You can also report a scam aimed at our veterans by calling 877-908-3360.



REPORT VETERAN SCAMMING



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KNOW THE ENEMY : HOW SCAMMERS TARGET VETERANS.

VA LOAN SCAMS

Offers to refinance VA loans at extremely low

UPDATE YOUR FILE SCAM

An imposter, claiming to be from a government attempts to get a veteran's personal information "so they can maintain their benefits."

SECRET VETERAN BENEFITS SCAM

Veterans are told they qualify for "secret" government programs or benefits that offer thousands of dollars. First, they attempt to collect personal information

PENSION POACHING SCAM

Scammers often offer veterans lump sum payment in exchange for signing over all their future benefit checks.

AID AND ATTENDANCE SCAM

Veterans (or their family members) receive an offer to move their assets into a living trust so that they can qualify for financial assisted-living benefits.

VETERANS MAY ALSO ENCOUNTER GENERAL SCAMS

In addition to scams that specifically target veterans, there are an abundance of scams aimed at the general public to which veterans are more susceptible. These include: phishing (attempts to gain access to accounts), fake tech-support calls, fraudulent charities, investment scams, and more.

If you or a loved one has encountered a financial scam in the past 12 months, please help us keep fighting back by filling out the survey at the right. Call 877-908-3360.