

## **Veterans' Financial Wellness: Fostering Financial Stability for Those Who Have Served Webinar Wednesday, November 9th**

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### **Important links shared:**

MOAA is a partner in the [Cybercrime Support Network's Military and Veteran Program](#): which aims to protect servicemembers, veterans, and military families from falling victim to fraud. They have a lot of information on their website about scams including this recent article on the PACT Act: [Pact Act Scams: How Scammers are Targeting Veterans Eligible for New Benefits](#)

There are also a couple of pieces of legislation that MOAA is supporting that would address some of these issues:

-The [Governing Unaccredited Representatives Defrauding \(GUARD\) VA Benefits Act](#) (H.R. 8736)

-[Military Consumer Protection Task Force Act of 2022](#) (H.R.8321)

And MOAA's [Legislative Action Center](#): allows people to read about key advocacy issues and see the status of MOAA-supported legislation. You can also find templates to email your elected representatives on these issues.

MOAA also urges veterans to always use the services of an accredited Veteran Service Organization (VSO) when they are dealing with the VA. VSOs provide claim and appeal services free of charge, with no requirement to join their association.

Here are a few of the largest National Service Organizations:

Vietnam Veterans of America: 800-882-1316 <http://www.vva.org>

Disabled American Vets: 877-426-2838 <http://www.dav.org>

Veterans of Foreign Wars: 800-839-1899 <http://www.vfw.org>

American Legion: 800-433-3318 <http://www.legion.org>

AMVETS: 877-726-8387 <http://www.amvets.org>

Many states also have a County VSO program (CVSO) To find the closest CVSO, you can also google your state's department of veteran services. CVSOs are also familiar with any state-level benefits that a veteran may be entitled to.

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/consumer-alerts>

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/banking.asp#:~:text=The%20Veterans%20Benefits%20Banking%20Program%2C%20or%20VBBP%2C%20is%20a%20partnership,manage%20their%20VA%20monetary%20benefits.>