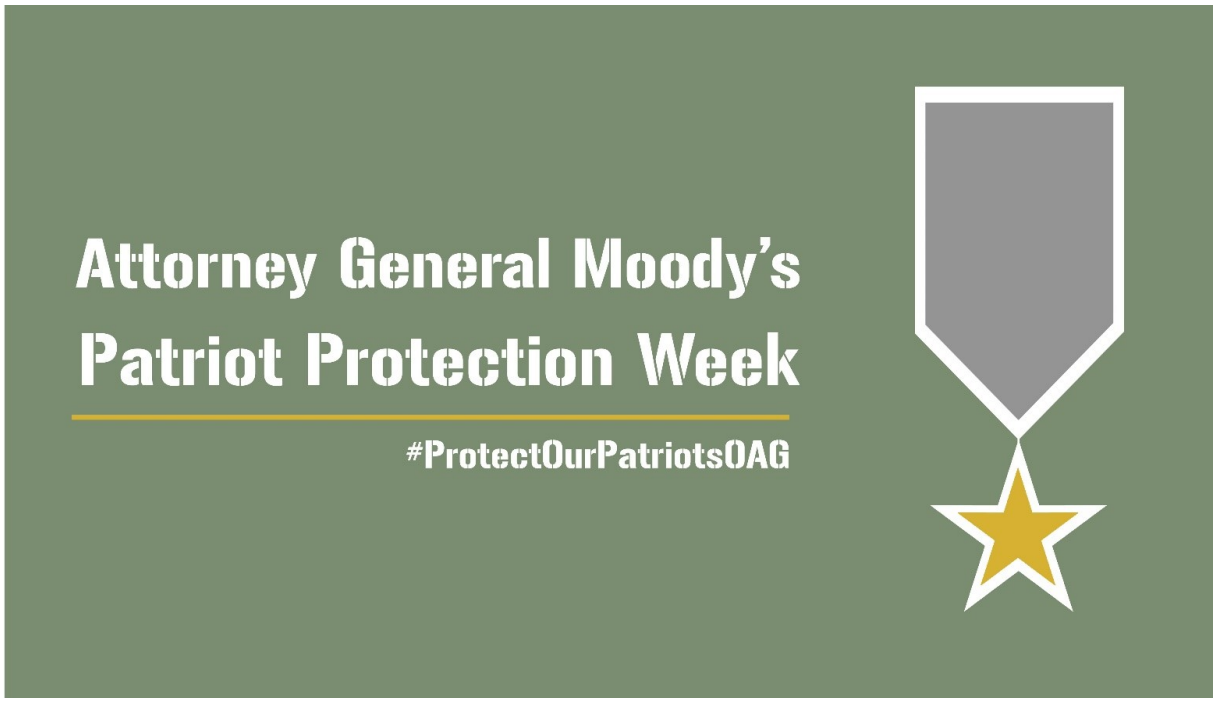
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Our military members risk their lives in service to our country. Sadly, while they are deployed overseas, and even after they retire from service, scammers may target them to try to make a dishonest dollar. July is Military Consumer Protection Month, and in recognition of the month, I launched our Patriot Protection Week Campaign. This initiative aims to help Florida's service members and veterans guard against military-related scams by directly providing them consumer protection tips and resources.
As part of our Campaign, I released our 2019 Military Consumer Protection Resource Guide. The Guide is full of information, advice and resources to help the more than 90,000 active and reserve members of the Armed Forces and 1.5 million veterans who call Florida home.

Tips to avoid common military-related scams include:

- Beware of scammers using misleading photos or language to imply association with a branch of the U.S. Military;

- Verify the authenticity of an email or text that appears to be from a military branch. Phishing schemes use manipulated messages that appear to be from a military branch or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in an effort to target service members, veterans or their family members;
- Ensure any veterans charity soliciting funds is registered with the state Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at 800HelpFla.com; and
- Place an active duty alert on credit reports at no cost. An active duty alert requires businesses to take additional steps before granting credit in the name of active duty personnel serving overseas.

There are even more tips and strategies to help protect military members from consumer fraud in the Attorney General's Military Consumer Protection Guide. The download the Guide, click here.

I will always stand up for those who risk their lives for our safety and freedom and do everything in my power to stop military and veterans-related scams. By protecting those who protect us, we will build a stronger, safer Florida.



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Attorney General Hosts Mental Health and Criminal Justice Round Table in Bay County



Attorney General Ashley Moody hosted part three of the Attorney General's Mental Health and Criminal Justice Round Table Summer Series. The discussion, held at the Bay County Sheriff's Office, focused on best practices for addressing mental health issues among those individuals awaiting trial, serving time and released after completing jail sentences—with a focus on preventing crime. Law enforcement from across Florida joined Attorney General Moody in the discussion, sharing strategies to increase safety and decrease recidivism.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Mental health issues left untreated among individuals awaiting trial or released after completing their jail sentences can pose a serious public safety risk. I am encouraged by today's round table discussion and hopeful the information and strategies shared will enhance the safety of our law enforcement officers and the citizens they serve." Read More

Attorney General Moody Names 2019 School Resource Officer of the Year



Attorney General Ashley Moody and the Florida Association of School Resource Officers recognized Deputy Cullen Coraine of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office as the 2019 School Resource Officer of the Year. Deputy Coraine received the award at the 40th annual FASRO Conference in Doral. More than 600 law enforcement officers from around the state celebrated Deputy Corraine's positive influence on the students at Liza Jackson Preparatory School.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "I want to congratulate Deputy Coraine on receiving this award for his outstanding work as School Resource Officer in Okaloosa County. His dedication and commitment to protecting children in his community sets a shining example of the great work school resource officers and all law enforcement do every day in Florida." Read More

Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody held part three of the Mental Health and Criminal Justice Roundtable Summer Series in Panama City. Attorney General Moody met with Florida lawmakers and law enforcement leaders to discuss mental health issues post-arrest. To watch the roundtable discussion, click here.







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Attorney General Moody presenting service awards to members of the Attorney General's team. Attorney General Moody is proud to recognize the hard work and effort of these committed team members.





Attorney General Moody, along with the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, the Florida Department of Children and Families, and the University of Central Florida, would like to invite the public to the 2019 Florida Human Trafficking Summit on Sept. 30, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Orlando. The Summit brings together local, state and national leaders working to eradicate all forms of trafficking.

Registration for the Summit is now open. Summit registration forms can be found here. For more information on the Summit, visit HumanTraffickingSummit.com.