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Veterans Affairs Service

Veterans Affairs Services (VAS) is a non-profit organization that has been providing information to veterans on Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) benefits and services, volunteering to assist veterans with obtaining VA benefits, and conducting VA benefit briefings. Although the organization does mention on its website that it is in no way affiliated with the federal government, it is very easy to mistake this organization for the actual Department of Veteran Affairs given its similarity in name. But because it is not the Department of Veteran Affairs, veterans may be receiving inaccurate or out of date information, or possibly being misled about their benefits. The official web site for the Department of Veteran Affairs is **www.va.gov.**

The Department of Veteran Affairs has warned that the group is allegedly telling troops very little about benefits, but attempting to sell financial products and to collect personal information on the service members for future use. **VAS is not affiliated with or endorsed by the Department of Veteran Affairs to provide any services.**

Any examples of VAS acts that violate chapter 59 of Title 38 United States Code--such as VAS employees assisting veterans in the preparation and presentation of claims for benefits--should be submitted to:

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