

# Sailors Cautioned Against Scams

Scams are consistent problems that affect many military members, but experts say there is much that service members can do to prevent becoming victims.

Some of the most common scams, while not technically illegal, can still separate Sailors from their hard earned cash. One of the most common is the post-dated check. This takes the form of a loan in the amount of one's paycheck.

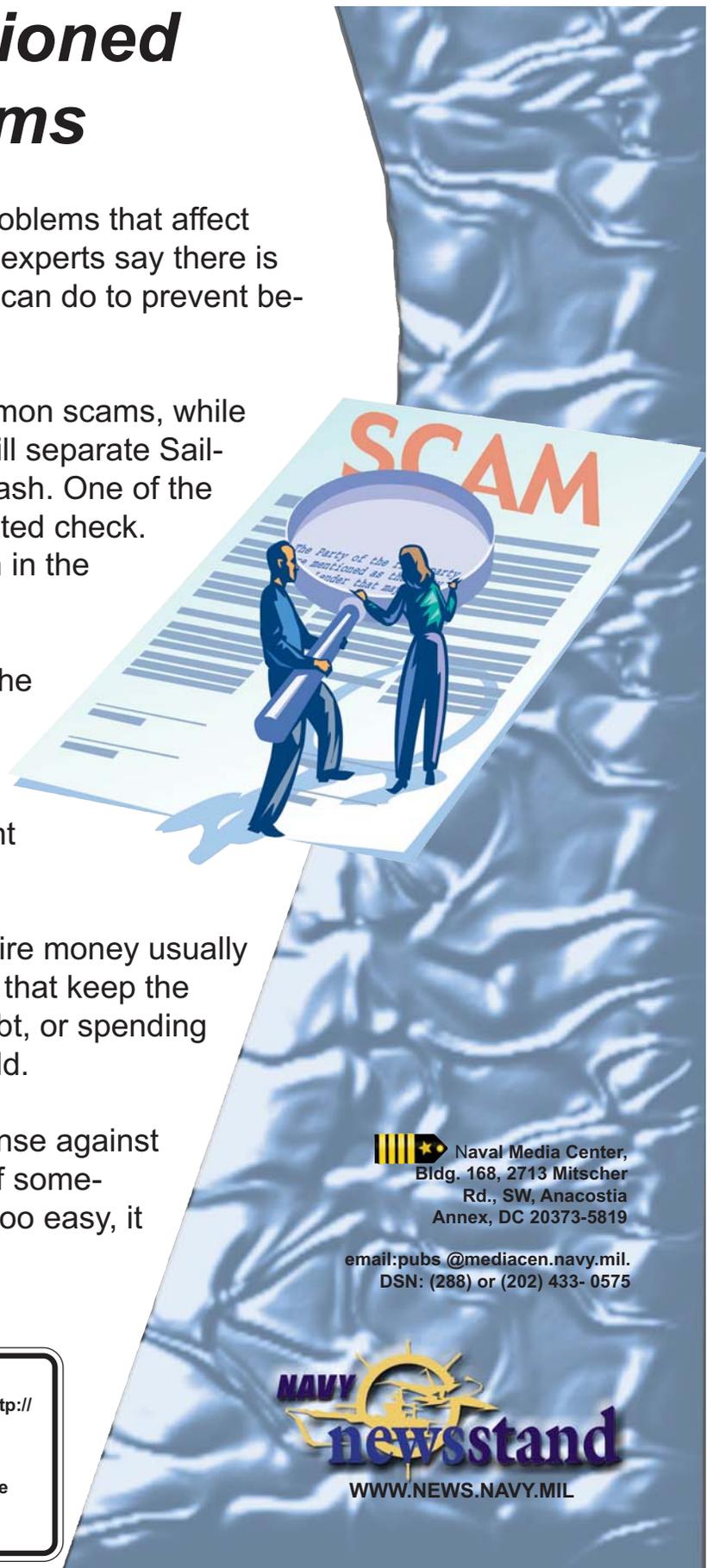
Also, scams that target the military don't stop when the member retires. Another popular scam includes the selling of veterans' retirement benefits

Taking shortcuts to acquire money usually leads to long-term problems that keep the individual permanently in debt, or spending more money than they should.

Therefore, the best defense against a scam is to recognize that if something sounds wrong, or just too easy, it probably is.

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