

January 2021 Edition

# 6 Top Budgeting Apps for Military Families



While you undoubtedly face many challenges as a military member, if managing your finances has been one of those challenges, it no longer has to be a source of stress and confusion.

There are a variety of budgeting apps and services available to make handling your personal finances as simple as possible.

Keep reading in our Learning Hub.

How to Benchmark Your Financial Health

## Did You Know?

January Is Financial Wellness Month

When you're in control of your finances, you tend to sleep better, feel more confident, and experience less anxiety. In fact, research shows money and health are closely linked.

Start 2021 with a healthy financial outlook! Get a comprehensive financial plan from the experts at AAFMAA Wealth Management & Trust that can help you tackle your concerns, better manage your money, and get you started on a path to financial freedom in the new year.

Recent Confusion Over Premium Payments Has a Simple (and Secure) Explanation

If you use your bank's bill payer service to pay your monthly premiums, you may have received notice from AAFMAA that a recent premium payment was made to us via credit card.

This payment was extracted in lieu of the expected bill payer payment and is the result of a surge in some banks using third-party credit card payment services. These third-party vendors provide AAFMAA with a one-time-use credit card number in lieu of a check for your premium payment.

AAFMAA does not control this and will accept a payment from the vendor for your premium. If you'd like to update your payment method to us, we



We all know, in general, what's required to protect our financial well-being: insurance coverage, an emergency fund, retirement savings, etc. But as our needs change with the different stages of life, so can the definition of what makes us financially healthy.

So how can you tell if you're staying on track?

Find out on our Learning Hub.

# **AAFMAA** in the Community



### Moving With the Military Surprises Fort Bragg SpouseLink Ambassador for Christmas

In October, Maria Reed, Founder of Moving With the Military, announced that the organization would be selecting 10 military families from across the world, who would each receive a surprise front porch makeover and their entire Christmas wish list for the holidays. Well, one of those front porches just so happened to belong to our SpouseLink Ambassador at Fort Bragg.

Read the full story on SpouseLink.

recommend (in order of preference): Allotment, AAFMAA EZPay (bank draft), credit/debit card, bank bill pay, and direct bill.

If you have any questions regarding this payment, please contact AAFMAA Policy Services at **800-336-4538**, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., ET.

# New Mortgage Office Opens in Colorado

AAFMAA Mortgage Services LLC (AMS) is excited to announce the opening of our newest branch location in the Denver, CO area. Now, local AAFMAA Members will be able to take advantage of competitive rates and personalized service from a source they already know and trust.

To see the full list of AMS Branch Offices and to meet our team, view our locations or call us at 877-387-6856.



### **Marine Corps Toys for Tots**

AAFMAA proudly participated in Marine Corps Toys for Tots to help bring the joy of the 2020 holiday season to children throughout the country. Donations were collected safely at AAFMAA offices for employee volunteers to deliver to a nearby Toys for Tots distribution center.









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