



eNewsletter

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Did You Know?

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, millions of Americans are struggling with job and income insecurity. Visit our [COVID-19 FAQs](#) page for helpful resources.

If you have a mortgage, AAFMAA Mortgage Services LLC (AMS) may be able to help you refinance to lower your payments. Speak with one of our [Military Mortgage Advisors](#) today.

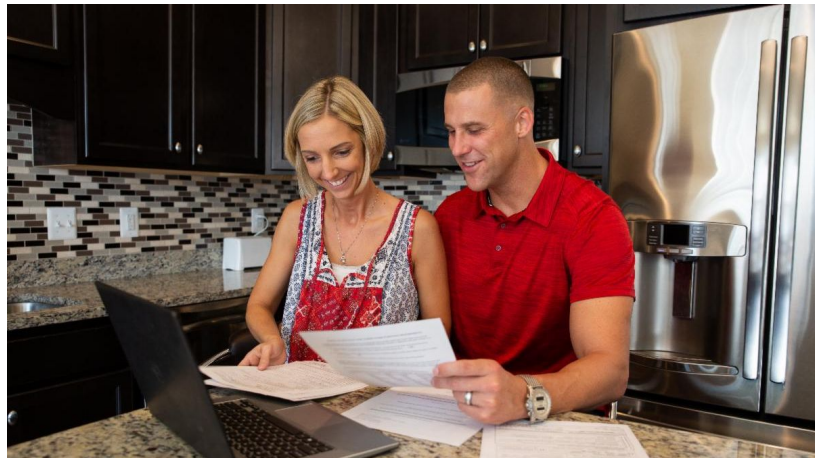
Friday, May 8, was Military Spouse Appreciation Day.

Military Spouses help AAFMAA fulfill its mission by offering their unique experience, talent, and skills as part of our workforce. We proudly celebrate their achievements on Military Spouse Appreciation Day each year, and every day. [Meet a few of our AAFMAA MilSpouse team members](#) and hear for yourself what they've accomplished as part of our team.

An IRA can serve as the backbone of your retirement strategy.

No matter your current life stage, you can help to secure your retirement now by working to maximize

5 Things to Know About Refinancing During the COVID-19 Pandemic



Stacey Daniels, Vice President of Operations at AMS, has pulled together the five most important things you should know about refinancing your home during this time. Get her insights to help you determine whether it's the right time to refinance.

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6 Ways to Prepare Your Home for Summer



your IRA's value. AAFMAA Wealth Management & Trust LLC (AWM&T) has the strategies to help you. View our recent webinar on how we can help maximize your IRA's value [here](#).

The VA National Cemeteries continue to serve you during COVID-19.

Although Arlington National Cemetery is currently closed to the public, all VA National Cemeteries continue to provide interments for Veterans and eligible individuals. They have enacted the following changes to help maintain public health and safety during this time:

1. The cemetery has discontinued committal services and the rendering of military funeral honors until further notice, but families may reschedule for a later date.

2. No more than 10 individuals of the deceased may witness the interment, if requested.

You can find more information on these changes [here](#). Contact your local cemetery for the most recent information regarding closures and services.

Retired general and AAFMAA Member inspires through music during COVID-19.

GEN Martin Dempsey (USA Ret.), former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and an AAFMAA Member, joined forces with The United States Army Band Downrange to record the original song "America," which seeks to inspire Americans and strengthen resolve during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Watch them perform "America" here.](#)

Many of us are making the best of our time spent at home due to COVID-19 by revisiting home improvement projects and getting ahead on spring cleaning. Now, as the weather begins to warm up, we have the opportunity to care for the exterior of our homes and get our landscapes ready for the summertime pool parties, barbeques, and bonfires we'll be enjoying once we can gather together again.

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AAFMAA in the Community



Join Our Virtual SpouseLink Events

During this time of social distancing, AAFMAA's SpouseLink Ambassadors are continuing to reach out and strengthen our local and global military communities through virtual social events.

[Meet the SpouseLink Ambassadors](#) and follow them on social media to stay up to date on their virtual events. From online trivia nights and craft events to MilSpouse coffee dates, they're offering fun and comradery throughout this challenging time.



AAFMAA and RallyPoint community partners answered your questions about military survivor benefits.

On May 20, AAFMAA President BG Mike Meese (USA, Ret.) joined the Department of Veterans Affairs and other key military community partners for a live Q&A session hosted by [RallyPoint](#). The panel of experts addressed questions about preparing your loved ones with information about all of the important survivor benefits you have earned through your service, which they will access when you pass.

If you missed the live session, you can [review the questions and answers provided here](#).



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