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### **Kansas Securities Commissioner Reminds Military Retirees to Keep Watch against Financial Predators**

**TOPEKA, Kan., (Feb. 22, 2016)** – Kansas Securities Commissioner Josh Ney, in recognition of Military Saves Week, today reminded military retirees through Kansas to guard their assets against financial predators.

“The financial exploitation of senior investors, including retired service men and women, is a growing problem due to the amount of wealth seniors have accumulated throughout their careers and the steadily rising number of retirees,” said Commissioner Ney.

“Military retirees, in particular, need to guard against affinity fraud, in which members of specific groups are targeted for fraudulent investment schemes,” Ney said. “Con artists will try to exploit any connection they can to build your trust, even ties to the military community.”

To help Kansans develop intentional financial habits, the KSC encourages individuals to visit [KansasMoney.gov](http://KansasMoney.gov) to take advantage of the investor education materials, including information specific to military families. The KSC, along with several other state agencies, launched KansasMoney.gov earlier this year to provide essential financial literacy resources particularly relevant to Kansans. Additionally, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) features investor education materials specifically catered to military members and families at [saveandinvest.org/military](http://saveandinvest.org/military). The North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), of which Kansas is a member, also features several resources designed to help fight affinity fraud targeting seniors through its Serve Our Seniors website at <http://serveourseniors.org>.

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