

# Disabled American Veterans Pacesetter



Chapter 20, Virginia Beach, VA  
 4896 Kempsville Greens Pkwy, Virginia Beach, VA 23462  
 Main phone: 757.519.9931 Lounge area: 757.233.7009  
 Virginia Beach Thrift Store pick up: 757.461.4938  
 Web Address: [www.beachdav.com](http://www.beachdav.com)  
 Email address: [beachdav@davvb20.hrcoxmail.com](mailto:beachdav@davvb20.hrcoxmail.com)



## Virginian-Pilot Our Region At A Glance By Kate Wiltout

### IRS Warns of Scam Targeting Disabled Vets

The Internal Revenue Service is warning disabled veterans not to fall for an email scam that could result in identity theft or cost them financially.

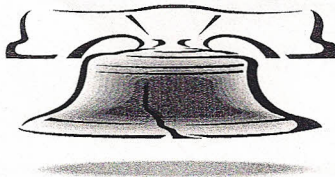
The IRS says emails are being sent to people who receive disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs, claiming that they can receive bigger refunds if they send copies of various documents and tax returns to a retired colonel at a Florida address.

The emails appear to come from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, and display a .mil email address, but they actually originate from a nongovernment source, the IRS says. Scammers often charge upfront fees to file claims, then disappear.

People should be wary of emails from unfamiliar senders asking for personal information or directing them to call a toll-free number where they will be asked to share personal information.



Variously known as the Fourth of July and Independence Day, July 4th has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution (1775-83). In June 1776, representatives of the 13 colonies then fighting in the revolutionary struggle weighed a resolution that would declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later its delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 until the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with typical festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.



What is the Disabled Veterans (or Disabled Veterans' Unmarried Surviving Spouse) Exemption? Property that is owned by, and the principal residence of, a disabled veteran or their spouse (or unmarried surviving spouses of certain deceased veterans) may be eligible for a substantial property tax exemption that varies in size based upon the amount of their household income (ref. R&T 205.5, 20504 and 20585): If a veteran is blind in both eyes, or has lost the use of two or more limbs, or is totally disabled as a result of injury or disease incurred in military service, they are entitled to an exemption of up to \$115,060 for 2010 and \$116,845 for 2011. The exemption limit is raised to \$172,592 for 2010 and \$175,269 for 2011 if an eligible veteran's household income is below a certain limit specified in the law. The exemption is also available to: The unmarried surviving spouse of a qualifying veteran who died on active duty as the result of a service-connected disease or injury. The unmarried surviving spouse of a qualifying Disabled Veteran if during the veteran's lifetime the veteran was either receiving the exemption or would have qualified for the exemption had the veteran applied for it. A Disabled Veterans' Exemption claim form must be filed with the Assessor's Office along with a letter from the US Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) (or from the military service which discharged the veteran) certifying that the veteran has a service-connected disability rating of 100%, along with proof of honorable discharge (DD-214).