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### **Charity Offering Free Identity Theft Services to Military, Veterans, and First Responders**

*Service provides 2 months of free identity theft protection and restoration to active duty, veterans, first responders and their families in appreciation for their sacrifice.*

**Yorktown, Virginia** – The 501(c)(3) non-profit Partners International Foundation ([www.partners-International.org](http://www.partners-International.org)) through it's Helping the Heroes program ([www.HelpingtheHeroes.org](http://www.HelpingtheHeroes.org)) is launching a program to provide all active duty military, veterans, first responders, and their families two free months of identity theft protection and restoration in the event of a breach. With the recent compromise of over 25 million records by the government Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and the Veterans Administration (VA) this fills a critical need for our heroes and their families.

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in America today. Children, military veterans, spouses of deceased veterans, and the elderly are the primary targets. Statistically, active duty military, veterans, and their families are the most likely to suffer identity theft. According to a Federal Trade Commission Report, Active Duty, Veterans and their families report identity theft at a rate twice that of the general public and it is their number one complaint. According to the nonprofit Identity Theft Center reports 44.7% of reported military related identity theft complaints involved government documents – 6% higher than the general consumer population.

Of the 332,646 Identity theft complaints processed by the Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Sentinel Network in 2013, some 88,552 or over 26% were military with 66% of those veterans. Using this stolen information resulted in Government Documents or Benefit Fraud ranked as the number one category in all 50 states and the District of Columbia for 2015. The recent breach and compromise at the Office of Personnel Management of detailed personal information effecting over 25 million current and government employees, active duty and veterans significantly increases this risk. According to the U.S. Department of Justice and the Javelin Strategy & Research, the average financial loss per identity theft incident amounts to \$4,930. The Identity Theft Center reports an average of over 600 hours is required for a victim to personally affect the resolution of a breach (up over 340% from 175 hours in 2012) with nearly \$16,000 in lost potential or realized income. Helping the Heroes is directly addressing this critical situation, partnering with Industry leaders IDShield and Kroll.

Helping the Heroes will rebate 2 months of IDShield to Veterans, First Responders, and their Families. IDShield covers the primary, their spouse/significant other, and up to eight dependents with identity monitoring and restoration services.

Should the identity of any family member be stolen, Kroll's Licensed Investigators perform the bulk of the restoration work required to restore a member's identity to pre-theft status. Kroll will guarantee 100% RESTORATION (vs. Resolution) of a victim's identity and credit ratings to pre-compromise status at no additional charge. When participants continue after this initial period, commissions will be used to further programs helping the heroes.

The organization is doing this to protect our heroes who protect us. According to Partners International Founder COL (Ret) Bob Morris there is a great misunderstanding out there on what these government agencies and private sector companies provide when someone's data is breached.

"Most all "free" coverage offered by companies and government agencies that compromised personal data is Identity resolution and not restoration, says Morris. "This is true for our veterans compromised by the Veterans Administration breach as well as those 25 million + individuals affected by the recent Office of Personnel Management Security Clearance files breach."

"The vast number of ID theft protection companies only assist as you affect the process yourself." Morris advises. "They notify you if your identity has been breached and, at the most, provide "expert advice" on how the individual can restore his/her credit. They may provide additional services - for a fee. Why would someone have or keep auto insurance from a company that gives them a "Rebuild-it-yourself Kit" and "Help Hotline" number following a major accident?"

Under the program provided, just as a good insurance company will fix your car and return it to you, Kroll Identity Restoration puts the damaged credit and identity back to the state it was before the breach. As part of the Helping the Heroes program, IDShield, in conjunction with partner Kroll will spend up to \$5 million to RESTORE the identity back to as it was before the breach.

The program is open to all active duty, veterans, first responders, and their families. Just follow this simple three step process:

STEP 1 - Select your plan and complete application at [THIS LINK](#) using personal credit card or bank draft for payment (Debit cards not recommended)

STEP 2 - Enrollment automatically qualify for a rebate of first two months premium (Family Plan: \$39.90 / Individual Plan: \$19.90). There are NO coupons to clip or requests to submit!

STEP 3 - You will receive your rebate within three weeks of your second month payment. If you don't want to continue just cancel.

If the enrollee wishes to continue in the program they do nothing and your card will automatically be charged. If they wish to end enrollment just cancel your subscription before the end of the second month. NO contracts attend this program.

Active Duty Military, Veterans, first responders, and their families can take advantage of this offer and find additional important information on Identity theft and how to protect themselves by following the Identity Theft program links under Current Projects area on the Helping the Heroes website at: [www.HelpingtheHeroes.org](http://www.HelpingtheHeroes.org). The direct link for embedding into online publications is: <http://dev.partners-international.org/current-projects/identity-theft-protection/>

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