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Virginia Housing to Host Free Webinars for Military Homebuyers

RICHMOND, Va. – Are you thinking about buying a home, but not sure where to start? Virginia Housing can help.

Chatting it up LIVE: Homebuying with Virginia Housing is a series of free one-hour webinars designed to help VA-eligible homebuyers learn about the process of buying a home. Webinar attendees will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card after each session.

"These webinars are excellent resources for service members and veterans looking to purchase their first home," said Briana Noel, a Virginia Housing Education and Training Officer and Army reservist. "We will discuss topics such as preparing for homeownership, VA loans and veteran-specific incentives. Attendees will also learn about homebuyer resources and how to access them. Our service members have selflessly served our country and we want to take the opportunity to serve them."

Learning About Homeownership

Virginia Housing will host the following free online webinars to discuss important topics for homebuyers:

Preparing for Homeownership, Tuesday, April 20, 2021 – noon to 1 p.m.
Buying a home may be the largest transaction you'll ever make. Being a homeowner is exciting, but it's also a major financial responsibility and one you need to prepare for. A military financial educator can help you plan and get a handle on your finances.

<u>Exploring Lenders, Mortgages and the Loan Process</u>, Wednesday, April 21, 2021 – noon to 1 p.m.

Working with a lender before you start your housing search can help you set realistic expectations about the cost of a mortgage loan and what you will be able to afford. Resources and benefits for the military buyer is our focus. A panel of lenders will discuss VA eligibility, the funding fee, Virginia Housing Closing Cost Assistance grant and much more.

<u>Finding the Right Home</u>, Thursday, April 22, 2021 – noon to 1 p.m.

Military homebuyers often face the unique challenges of learning a new area and the concerns of moving again in the future. A real estate agent can help you find the home you've been dreaming about and serve as a knowledgeable partner, capable of walking you through the entire homebuying process.

The sessions will feature a panel of subject matter experts, including housing counselors, lenders and real estate agents. To learn more and register for the free webinars, visit the Virginia Housing Homebuyer Event Calendar at <u>VirginiaHousing.com/FindAClass</u>.

"Even with the challenges that the pandemic has brought us, motivated buyers are still purchasing homes through the use of innovative technology, like virtual counseling sessions and home tours, online loan applications and electronic closings," said Noel. "We look forward to supporting Virginia's service members and veterans through these unprecedented times by offering these safe and useful webinars at no cost."

About Virginia Housing

When homes are affordable and accessible to jobs, good schools and transportation, everyone benefits. Individual lives are improved and communities as a whole grow stronger. Virginia Housing was created in 1972 by the General Assembly to help Virginians attain quality, affordable housing. We carry out this mission by working in public-private partnerships with local governments, community service organizations, lenders, Realtors, developers and many others. We provide mortgages for first-time homebuyers, as well as financing for apartment communities and neighborhood revitalization efforts. We offer free homebuyer classes, support housing counseling, and help people with disabilities and the elderly make their homes more livable. We also administer the federal Housing Choice Voucher and Housing Credit programs in Virginia. Virginia Housing is self-supporting and receives no state taxpayer dollars to fund our programs. Instead, we raise money in the capital markets, and we contribute a significant portion of our net revenues each year to help meet Virginia's most difficult housing needs. www.virginiahousing.com