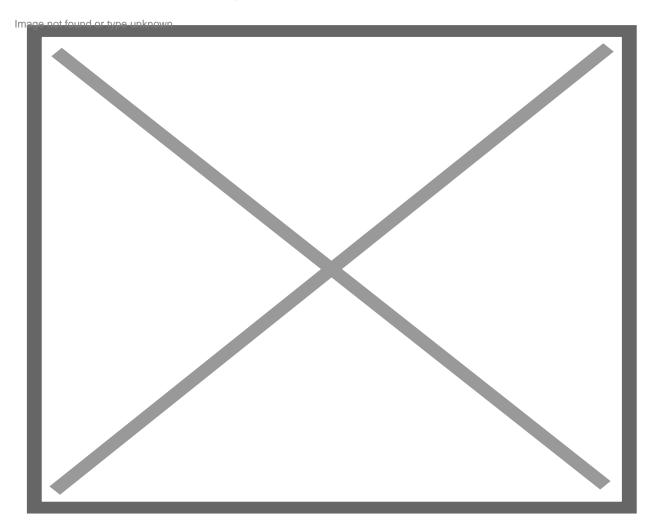
U.S and VI Office of Veterans Affairs to Host Online Seminar on Homeownership and Home Refinancing for Veterans

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The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the V.I. Office of Veterans Affairs have teamed up to conduct a virtual seminar focused on educating the territories' veterans on the VA Home-Loan Guarantee Program.

The online event will be held on December 3 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Join by calling 872-701-0185, and then inserting access code $7\ 6\ 1\ 8\ 0\ 6\ 8\ 9\ 8\ \#$

According to a release issued Friday, among topics to be discussed are purchasing or refinancing a home using the VA-guaranteed home loan; how to select a mortgage lender; and exterior-only VA appraisals during the Covid-19 pandemic.

VA Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits, Office of Field Operations, Cheryl Rawls, and VA Executive Director of Loan Guaranty Service, Jeffrey F. London, will join VI Office of Veterans Affairs Director Patrick Farrell in the opening portion of the seminar for remarks, according to the release.

Veterans who want to ask questions are encouraged to send the questions ahead of time by emailing them to <u>infova@va.vi.gov</u>, or by calling (340) 774-8387 or (340) 773-8387. In the subject line of your email, be sure to include "Home Loan Guaranty".

"This is an event that has been long awaited by so many veterans in the Virgin Islands," said Mr. Farrell. "Now that we have brought it to fruition, it is just for veterans to show up in abundance. It is time that we properly equip our veterans with the requisite information to help them take the next step to homeownership."

Mortgage lenders are welcome in a listen-only mode, according to the release.

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