

4 Days, 4 Moves: Year-End Money Check for Veterans



Day 1: Financial Stress

What's been heavy? Think back on what weighed on you most this year financially.

- Write down one money issue that caused stress.
- Note one way you handled it that actually helped — even if it was small (asking for help, saying “not now,” meal planning, etc.).
- If you're navigating ongoing physical or mental health concerns related to your service, now's a good time to review your eligibility for VA disability benefits or reassess your current rating.

Day 2: Banking

Is your bank still the right fit for you? Ask yourself:

- Do I get hit with fees I can't avoid?
- Do I have access to what I need like mobile deposit, early pay, real people?
- Is my bank or credit union part of the [Veterans Benefits Banking Program](#)?

If not, now's the time to explore financial institutions that are a better fit for those who served.

Day 3: Military-to-Civilian Financial Transition

Are you using what you earned? The [GI Bill](#) isn't just for college. It can cover apprenticeships, tech training, and more.

Look into:

- What benefits have you already used.
- What benefits are still available to you.
- Whether your career and/or income goals align with your benefits.

Day 4: Housing

What's next for where you live? Think about your current situation:

- Are you renting but want to explore buying with a [VA loan](#)?
- Are you in transition or need [housing support](#)?
- Are you feeling stuck in your current setup?

List your top two to three housing-related questions or goals. That's where you start.

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