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## Veterans Financial Coalition Teaches Groups to Help Vets in San Antonio

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*Consumer Action and Visa team up for Veterans Financial Coalition training programs.*

**San Antonio, TX – September 22, 2015** – The *Veterans Financial Coalition* is launching a new training series titled *Economic survival guide for service members and veterans*. The first of the 2015 events, aimed at educating nonprofits that serve veterans, is being held in San Antonio today. The program is geared toward community-based organizations in cities with large veteran populations.

Veterans Financial Coalition partners Consumer Action and Visa are hosting a “train-the-trainer” roundtable as part of the initiative in San Antonio today, Tuesday, September 22. The campaign’s next event is scheduled for Thursday, September 24 in Oakland, CA. *The Economic Survival Guide* and this training were developed by Consumer Action for the Veterans Financial Coalition and made possible by a grant from Visa Inc. Each training session, led by Consumer Action’s outreach managers, prepares representatives of participating local community-based organizations to conduct one-on-one financial education counseling and group presentations and workshops in their communities.

“There is a critical need to reach and educate veterans in Central and South Texas and to provide them with the knowledge they need to protect themselves and prosper financially. With proper training, education and access to appropriate resources, we believe veterans can make informed decisions about their financial futures,” Ken McEldowney, executive director of Consumer Action said. “These train-the-trainer roundtables give Central and South Texas nonprofits the tools they need to assist service members, veterans and military families.”

“Visa is deeply committed to increasing the financial inclusion and education of those who have served our nation,” said Nat Sillin, head of global financial education, Visa Inc. “We are proud to enable training programs like the *Economic survival guide for service members and veterans*. Programs like this are an important piece of our commitment to supporting the financial needs of these heroes.”

### About the Veterans Financial Coalition

The Veterans Financial Coalition ([www.VeteransFinancialCoalition.org](http://www.VeteransFinancialCoalition.org)) is a clearinghouse of important personal finance resources provided by coalition members. The website serves as a

hub of free resources, ranging from educational games and guides, consumer protection brochures, training program information, and research.

The Coalition members are the *National Military Family Association*, *Call For Action*, the *National Consumers League (NCL)*, the *National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC)*, the *Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education® (AFCPE®)*, *Consumer Action*, *Consumer Federation of America (CFA)* and *Visa Inc.* All of these organizations bring unique and important assets and initiatives that will strengthen the coalition and its mission of improving the financial security and well-being of our nation's growing population of veterans.

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