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To all, an email spoofing scam is targeting individuals receiving disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs suggesting they may be able to obtain additional funds from the IRS. The emails look like they are from, but are not issued by a DFAS employee. Do not send your personal information, copies of your tax returns or 1099s to the individual listed in the email. Read more at dfas.mil

DFAS Comment

Although the email appears to come from a DFAS employee and displays a dot mil address, it is actually from a non-government email account.

The email indicates that individuals receiving VA disability compensation can receive additional funds from the IRS. The email states that such funds can be obtained by sending copies of your VA award letter, your income tax returns, your 1099-Rs, your RAS statements, and a copy of your DD 214, to a so-called retired Colonel at an address in Florida. Do not follow the suggestions in the email because you will be providing a significant amount of your personal information to a complete stranger, which could result in a financial loss to you. Please share this information with your fellow Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines, military retirees and families so they are aware of this scam.

From DFAS.mil:

Beware - scam emails - that appear to be sent by DFAS employees!

There are emails being sent to individuals, including military members, military retirees, and civilian employees, which appear to be sent by a DFAS employee. Although the email appears to come from a DFAS employee and displays a dot mil address it is actually from a non-government email account. This is an example of what's called "spoofing."

The emails indicate that individuals who are receiving disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) may be able to obtain additional funds from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). These emails are not issued by DFAS and will likely result in a financial loss if you comply with the suggestions in the email. Bottom line - do not send your personal information or copies of your tax returns and 1099s to the individual listed in the email.

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The 1099-Rs that are issued by DFAS reflect only the taxable portion of a member's retired pay. DFAS is not aware of any legal basis for the alleged additional funds that the IRS would supposedly pay over. By ignoring the email, you will avoid frustration, the release of personal information to a stranger, and the possibility of financial loss by ignoring the email. If you have any questions or concerns about these or any other tax issues, you should contact a known, reputable tax consultant, tax attorney, or legal assistance officer for advice and assistance. Read our agency email policy available on www.dfas.mil that has been developed to protect customer privacy.