

“IN FOCUS”

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MAIN ISSUE #1: Taxes, Economy

MAIN ISSUE #1 Total Time: 15 minutes

MAIN ISSUE #1 Program Summary:

With less than two months until the March 1, 2013, deadline to pay all federal benefits electronically, the US Treasury Department reports that 5 million paper checks continue to be mailed to federal beneficiaries each month. In Georgia alone, more than 138,000 Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) checks are sent each month. The Treasury Department is urging Social Security and other federal benefit recipients to not delay and switch now to either direct deposit or the Direct Express® Debit MasterCard® card.

MAIN ISSUE #2: Jobs; Military

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ESGR, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is Department of Defense operational committee established to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve Component Service members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. Together with Headquarters ESGR staff and a small cadre of support staff for each State Committee, volunteers work to promote and enhance employer support for military service in the Guard and Reserve. ESGR's Freedom Award was created to recognize employer support of the National Guard and Reserve Service. Recognizing supportive employers is vital to ESGR's mission and DoD awards honor the sacrifices made by so many employers year after year.

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