

# **EXHIBIT 1**

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

DARRICK YOUNG, JEREMY LAM, and  
DAVID RAMIREZ, individually and on  
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MILITARY ADVANTAGE, INC. d/b/a  
MILITARY.COM,

Defendant.

Case No. 2023LA000535

**CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

This Agreement (“Agreement” or “Settlement Agreement”) is entered into by and among (i) Plaintiffs, Darrick Young, Jeremy Lam, and David Ramirez (“Class Representatives”); (ii) the Settlement Class (as defined herein); and (iii) Defendant, Military Advantage, Inc. d/b/a Military.com (“Defendant”). The Class Representatives and the Defendant are collectively referred to herein as the “Parties.”

This Agreement is intended by the Parties to fully, finally and forever resolve, release discharge, settle and bar all Released Claims (as defined herein) against Defendant and all Released Parties (as defined herein), upon and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and subject to the final approval of the Circuit Court of the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in DuPage County, Illinois in *Darrick Young, Jeremy Lam, and David Ramirez v. Military Advantage, Inc. d/b/a Military.com*, Case No. 2023LA000535.

**RECITALS**

A. This putative class action was filed on May 24, 2023 in the Circuit Court of DuPage County, Illinois, 18th Judicial Circuit. The material allegations of the complaint center

on Defendant's alleged disclosure of its subscribers' personally identifiable information to Facebook without permission in violation of Video Privacy Protection Act, 18 U.S.C. § 2710 *et seq.* (the "VPPA") via use of the Facebook pixel on Defendant's website.

**B.** Prior to filing the instant Action, the Parties engaged in settlement discussions and, to that end, agreed to participate in a private mediation before Defendant formally answered the Complaint. Those discussions led to an agreement between the Parties to engage in mediation, which the Parties agreed would take place before The Honorable Frank Maas (Ret.) of JAMS New York, who is a former United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of New York and a neutral at JAMS New York.

**C.** As part of the mediation, and in order to competently assess their relative negotiating positions, the Parties exchanged informal discovery, including on issues such as the size and scope of the putative class, and certain facts related to the strength of Defendants' defenses. Given that the information exchanged was similar to the information that would have been provided in formal discovery related to the issues of class certification and summary judgment, the Parties had sufficient information to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the claims and defenses.

**D.** The mediation took place on April 14, 2023, and lasted the entire day. While the Parties engaged in good faith negotiations, which at all times were at arms' length, they failed to reach an agreement that day.

**E.** Shortly after the mediation, Judge Maas made a mediator's proposal to resolve the Action, and, on May 5, 2023, the Parties accepted that proposal. Thereafter, on May 19, 2023, the Parties reached agreement on all material terms of a class action settlement and executed a term sheet.

**F.** The purpose of this Agreement is to settle and fully resolve the Individual and Class Claims of the Class Representatives and Settlement Class Members.

**G.** At all times, Defendant has denied and continues to deny any wrongdoing whatsoever and has denied and continues to deny that it committed, or threatened or attempted to commit, any wrongful act or violation of law or duty alleged in the Action. Defendant specifically denies that it is liable for damages, penalties, interest, attorneys' fees or costs, or any other remedies, and denies that any claim asserted by the Class Representatives is suitable for class treatment other than for settlement purposes. Nonetheless, taking into account the uncertainty and risks inherent in any litigation, Defendant has concluded it is desirable and beneficial that the Action be fully and finally settled and terminated in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. This Agreement is a compromise, and the Agreement, any related documents, and any negotiations resulting in it shall not be construed as or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession of liability or wrongdoing on the part of Defendant, or any of the Released Parties (defined below), with respect to any claim of any fault or liability or wrongdoing or damage whatsoever.

**H.** Class Representatives believe that the claim asserted in the Action against Defendant has merit and that they would have prevailed at summary judgment and/or trial. Nonetheless, Class Representatives and Class Counsel recognize that Defendant has raised factual and legal defenses that present a risk that Class Representatives may not prevail. Class Representatives and Class Counsel also recognize the expense and delay associated with continued prosecution of the Action against Defendant through class certification, summary judgment, trial, and any subsequent appeals. Class Representatives and Class Counsel have also taken into account the uncertain outcome and risks of litigation, especially in complex class actions, as well as the difficulties inherent in such litigation. Therefore, Class Representatives



believe it is desirable that the Released Claims be fully and finally compromised, settled, and resolved with prejudice. Based on their evaluation, Class Counsel have concluded that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class, and that it is in the best interests of the Settlement Class to settle the claims raised in the Action pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

**I.** This Settlement Agreement is contingent upon the approval of class certification for settlement purposes only. Defendant expressly reserves its right to challenge the propriety of class certification for any other purpose, as well as the merits of the claims asserted in this Action should the Court not approve the Settlement.

**J.** The Parties agree that should this Settlement Agreement not become final for any reason, nothing from this settlement process, including documents created or obtained from the settlement process and settlement administration, shall be admissible evidence in this Action or used in any way contrary to Defendant's interests, Class Representatives' interests, or the Settlement Class's interests, nor any reports or accounts thereof, shall in any event be construed as, offered, or admitted in evidence as, received as, or deemed to be evidence for any purpose adverse to any Party;

**K.** This Settlement Agreement contains all of the agreements between the Class Representatives and Defendant and their respective counsel relating to the settlement of this Action. There are no undisclosed side agreements between the Parties or their counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and among the Class Representatives, the Settlement Class, and each of them, and Defendant, by and through its undersigned counsel that, subject to final approval of the Court after a hearing or hearings as provided for in this Settlement Agreement, in consideration of the benefits flowing to the Parties from the Agreement set forth herein, that the Action and the Released Claims shall be finally and

fully compromised, settled, and released, and the Action shall be dismissed with prejudice, upon and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

## **AGREEMENT**

### **1. DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this Settlement Agreement, the following terms have the meanings specified below:

**1.1 “Action”** means *Young v. Military Advantage, Inc. d/b/a Military.com*, Case No. 2023LA000535, pending in the Circuit Court of DuPage County, Illinois, 18th Judicial Circuit.

**1.2 “Approved Claim”** means a Claim Form submitted by a Settlement Class Member that: (a) is submitted timely and in accordance with the directions on the Claim Form and the provisions of the Settlement Agreement; (b) is fully and truthfully completed and attested to by a Settlement Class Member with all of the information requested in the Claim Form; (c) is signed by the Settlement Class Member, physically or electronically; and (d) is approved by the Settlement Administrator pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement. The Claim Form will have drop down menus (or another user-friendly mechanism) confirming during the relevant time frame (1) Military.com subscription; (2) an active Facebook account; (3) accessing or viewing of a video on Military.com and not through the Military app; and (4) viewing a video on Military.com from the same browser the individual accesses or has accessed Facebook.

**1.3 “Claim Form”** means the document substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, as approved by the Court. The Claim Form, to be completed by Settlement Class Members who wish to file a Claim for a payment, shall be available in electronic and paper format in the manner described below.

**1.4 “Claims Deadline”** means the date by which all Claim Forms must be postmarked or received to be considered timely and shall be set as a date sixty (60) days after the

Notice Date. The Claims Deadline shall be clearly set forth in the Preliminary Approval Order as well as in the Notice and the Claim Form.

**1.5 “Class Counsel”** means Philip L. Fraietta, Joshua D. Arisohn, and Christopher R. Reilly of Bursor & Fisher, P.A. and Gary M. Klinger, Alex Honeycutt, and Alexander Wolf of Milberg, Coleman, Bryson, Phillips, Grossman PLLC.

**1.6 “Class Members”** means persons who during the Class Period in the United States, (i) were digital subscribers to military.com, (ii) have a Facebook account, and (iii) accessed a video through the military.com website from the same browser where the individual accessed his or her Facebook account.

**1.7 “Class Period”** means the period from June 8, 2020 through November 1, 2022, which is the date Defendant removed the Facebook pixel from its website.

**1.8 “Class Representatives”** means the named Plaintiffs in this Action, Darrick Young, Jeremy Lam, and David Ramirez.

**1.9 “Court”** means the Circuit Court of DuPage County, Illinois, 18th Judicial Circuit, the Honorable Jennifer L. Barron presiding, or any judge who shall succeed her as the Judge in this Action.

**1.10 “Defendant”** means Military Advantage, Inc. d/b/a Military.com.

**1.11 “Defendant’s Counsel”** means Kristine Argentine of Seyfarth Shaw LLP.

**1.12 “Effective Date”** means the date ten (10) days after which all of the events and conditions specified in Paragraph 9.1 have been met and have occurred.

**1.13 “Fee Award”** means the amount of attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of expenses awarded by the Court to Class Counsel, which will be paid out of the Settlement Fund.

**1.14 “Final”** means one business day following the latest of the following events: (i) the date upon which the time expires for filing or noticing any appeal of the Court’s Final

Judgment approving the Settlement Agreement; (ii) if there is an appeal or appeals, other than an appeal or appeals solely with respect to the Fee Award, the date of completion, in a manner that finally affirms and leaves in place the Final Judgment without any material modification, of all proceedings arising out of the appeal or appeals (including, but not limited to, the expiration of all deadlines for motions for reconsideration or petitions for review and/or *certiorari*, all proceedings ordered on remand, and all proceedings arising out of any subsequent appeal or appeals following decisions on remand); or (iii) the date of final dismissal of any appeal or the final dismissal of any proceeding on *certiorari*.

**1.15 “Final Approval Hearing”** means the hearing before the Court where the Parties will request the Final Judgment to be entered by the Court approving the Settlement Agreement, the Fee Award, and the incentive award to the Class Representatives.

**1.16 “Final Judgment”** means the Final Judgment and Order to be entered by the Court approving the Agreement after the Final Approval Hearing.

**1.17 “Notice”** means the notice of this proposed Class Action Settlement Agreement and Final Approval Hearing, which is to be sent to the Settlement Class substantially in the manner set forth in this Agreement, is consistent with the requirements of Due Process, 735 ILCS 5/2-803, and is substantially in the form of Exhibits B and C hereto.

**1.18 “Notice Date”** means the date by which the Notice set forth in Paragraph 4.1 is complete, which shall be no later than thirty (30) days after Preliminary Approval.

**1.19 “Objection/Exclusion Deadline”** means the date by which a written objection to this Settlement Agreement or a request for exclusion submitted by a Person within the Settlement Class must be made, which shall be designated as a date no later than forty-five (45) days after the Notice Date and no sooner than fourteen (14) days after papers supporting the Fee Award are

filed with the Court and posted to the settlement website listed in Paragraph 4.1(c), or such other date as ordered by the Court.

**1.20 “Person”** shall mean, without limitation, any individual, corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, association, joint stock company, estate, legal representative, trust, unincorporated association, government or any political subdivision or agency thereof, and any business or legal entity and their spouses, heirs, predecessors, successors, representatives, or assigns. “Person” is not intended to include any governmental agencies or governmental actors, including, without limitation, any state Attorney General office.

**1.21 “Preliminary Approval”** means the Court’s certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes, preliminary approval of this Settlement Agreement, and approval of the form and manner of the Notice.

**1.22 “Preliminary Approval Order”** means the order preliminarily approving the Settlement Agreement, certifying the Settlement Class for settlement purposes, and directing notice thereof to the Settlement Class, which will be agreed upon by the Parties and submitted to the Court in conjunction with Class Representatives’ motion for preliminary approval of the Agreement.

**1.23 “Released Claims”** means any and all actual, potential, filed, known or unknown, fixed or contingent, claimed or unclaimed, suspected or unsuspected, claims, demands, liabilities, rights, causes of action, contract or agreements, extra contractual claims, damages, punitive, exemplary or multiplied damages, expenses, costs, attorneys’ fees, and/or obligations (including “Unknown Claims” as defined below), whether in law or in equity, accrued or unaccrued, direct, individual or representative, of every nature and description whatsoever, whether based on the VPPA or other state, federal, local, statutory, or common law or any other law, rule or regulation, against Released Parties, or any of them, arising out of any facts,

transactions, events, matters occurrences, acts, disclosures, statements, representations, omissions or failures to act regarding the alleged disclosure, use, interception or transfer of information of or related to the Settlement Class Members through use of the Meta pixel or other, pixels, cookies, tracking or analytics tools, including all claims that were brought or could have been brought in the Action relating to such information belonging to any and all Releasing Parties. Nothing herein is intended to release any claims any governmental agency or governmental actor has against Defendant.

**1.24 “Released Parties”** means Defendant Military Advantage Inc., as well as any and all of its respective present or past heirs, executors, estates, administrators, predecessors, successors, assigns, parent companies, subsidiaries, licensors, licensees, associates, affiliates, employers, employees, agents, consultants, independent contractors, insurers, reinsurers, directors, managing directors, officers, partners, principals, members, attorneys, accountants, financial and other advisors, underwriters, shareholders, lenders, auditors, investment advisors, legal representatives, successors in interest, assigns and companies, firms, trusts, and corporations.

**1.25 “Releasing Parties”** means Class Representatives, and those Settlement Class Members who do not timely opt out of the Settlement Class, and all of their respective present or past heirs, executors, estates, administrators, predecessors, successors, assigns, parent companies, subsidiaries, associates, affiliates, employers, employees, agents, consultants, independent contractors, insurers, reinsurers, directors, managing directors, officers, partners, principals, members, attorneys, accountants, financial and other advisors, underwriters, shareholders, lenders, auditors, investment advisors, legal representatives, successors in interest, assigns and companies, firms, trusts, and corporations.

**1.26 “Service Award”** means a separate payment from the Settlement Fund of \$5,000 for Class Representative David Ramirez and \$2,500 for Class Representatives Darrick Young and Jeremy Lam or a lesser amount awarded by the Court as a service award payment and for resolution and release of the Class Representatives’ claims against Defendant in this Action.

**1.27 “Settlement Administration Expenses”** means the expenses incurred by the Settlement Administrator in providing Notice, processing claims, responding to inquiries from members of the Settlement Class, mailing checks for Approved Claims, and related services.

**1.28 “Settlement Administrator”** means Epiq or such other reputable administration company that has been selected by the Parties and approved by the Court to oversee the distribution of Notice, as well as the processing and payment of Approved Claims to the Settlement Class as set forth in this Agreement.

**1.29 “Settlement Class”** means Class Members excluding (1) any Judge or Magistrate presiding over this Action and members of their families; (2) the Defendant, its subsidiaries, parent companies, successors, predecessors, and any entity in which the Defendant or its parents have a controlling interest and their current or former officers, directors, agents, attorneys, and employees; (3) persons who properly execute and file a timely request for exclusion from the class; and (4) the legal representatives, successors or assigns of any such excluded persons.

**1.30 “Settlement Class Member”** means a Person who falls within the definition of the Settlement Class as set forth above and who has not submitted a valid request for exclusion.

**1.31 “Settlement Fund”** means the total cash commitment of Defendant for purposes of this settlement, as described in Section 2 of the Settlement Agreement, with a total value of up to \$7.35 million (\$7,350,000.00 USD), which shall be the maximum amount of money that Defendant shall be obligated to pay for the benefit of the Settlement Class, inclusive of all Approved Claims, all Settlement Administrator costs, any Fee Award and Service Awards, and

any other costs, expenses, and fees associated with the Settlement pursuant to the terms set forth in this Agreement. Any monies in the Settlement Fund not paid for Approved Claims, all Settlement Administrator costs, any Fee Award and Service Awards, and any other costs, expenses, and fees associated with the Settlement pursuant to the terms set forth in this Agreement, shall be retained by Defendant and shall not otherwise be considered “Residual Funds” under 735 ILCS 5/2-807.

**1.32 “Settlement Website”** means a website, referenced in Section 4(e) below, to be established, operated, and maintained by the Settlement Administrator for purposes of providing notice and otherwise making available to the Settlement Class Members the documents, information, and online claims submission process referenced in.

**1.33 “Settlement Payment”** means the payment made to Settlement Class Members with Approved Claims from the Settlement Fund pursuant to the Settlement Agreement.

**1.33 “Unknown Claims”** means claims that could have been raised in the Action and that any or all of the Releasing Parties do not know or suspect to exist, which, if known by him or her, might affect his or her agreement to release the Released Parties or the Released Claims or might affect his or her decision to agree, object or not to object to the Settlement. Upon the Effective Date, the Releasing Parties shall be deemed to have, and shall have, expressly waived and relinquished, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the provisions, rights, and benefits of § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

Upon the Effective Date, the Releasing Parties also shall be deemed to have, and shall have, waived any and all provisions, rights and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory



of the United States, or principle of common law, or the law of any jurisdiction outside of the United States, which is similar, comparable or equivalent to § 1542 of the California Civil Code. The Releasing Parties acknowledge that they may discover facts in addition to or different from those that they now know or believe to be true with respect to the subject matter of this release, but that it is their intention to finally and forever settle and release the Released Claims, notwithstanding any Unknown Claims they may have, as that term is defined in this Paragraph.

## **2. SETTLEMENT RELIEF.**

**2.1 Payments to Settlement Class Members.** Defendant will pay or cause to be paid a total of up to \$7,350,000 in cash for payment of the following: (i) Approved Claims for cash benefits submitted by Settlement Class Members pursuant to Section 2.3 below; (ii) the Notice and Other administrative Costs actually incurred by the Settlement Administrator as described in Section 4 below; (iii) the Fee Award, as described in Section 8.1 below; and (iv) any Service Awards to the Class Representatives, as may be ordered by the Court and as described in Section 8.4 below.

**2.2 Schedule of Payments into Settlement Fund.** Defendant will make payments in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) *Notice and Other Administrative Costs.* Amounts for Notice and Other Administrative Costs, to be paid within thirty (30) days of when such amounts are invoiced to Defendant and become due and owing.

(b) *Fee Award.* An amount equal to the Fee Award as ordered by the Court, to be paid as described at Section 8.3, below.

(c) *Service Awards.* An amount equal to Class Representatives' Service Awards as ordered by the Court, to be paid as described at Section 8.4, below.

(d) *Payment of Valid Approved Claims.* An amount not to exceed \$7,350,000.00, less the sum of (i) the payments of Notice and Other Administrative Costs, (ii) the Fee Award paid by Defendant, (iii) any Service Awards paid by Defendant, which amount is to be paid thirty (30) days after the Final Judgment.

**2.3 Claims Process.** Each Settlement Class Member will be entitled to submit a Claim Form for cash payment, consistent with this section and as determined by the Court.

(a) *Cash Payment.* Each Settlement Class member may file a Claim Form that will, if valid after it is completed by the Settlement Class Member submitting the Claim Form and review and approved by the Settlement Administrator, entitle him or her to a cash payment of up to \$30.

(b) *Method of Payment.* Each Settlement Class Member with an Approved Claim may choose to receive his or her cash payment via check, Venmo, or PayPal. Payment by check will be the default payment method in the event that a Settlement Class Member with an Approved Claim does not state a preferred method of payment.

(c) *Cash Payment from Fund.* Cash payments for Approved Claims will be paid thirty (30) days after the Final Judgment from the Settlement Fund.

(d) *Pro Rata Adjustment.* If the total value of all Approved Claims exceeds the funds available for distribution to Settlement Class Members, then the amounts of the cash payments will be reduced *pro rata*.

**2.4 Proof of Claim.** A maximum of one claim, submitted on a single Claim Form, may be submitted by each Settlement Class Member. An Approved Claim must attest that during the relevant time frame the claimant (1) had a Military.com subscription; (2) had an active Facebook account; (3) accessed or viewed a video on Military.com and not through the Military

app; and (4) viewed a video on Military.com from the same browser the individual accesses or has accessed Facebook.

**2.5 Review of Claims.** The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for reviewing all Claim Forms to determine their validity. The Settlement Administrator will reject any Claim Form that does not establish a valid claim; does not comply in any material respect with the instructions on the Claim Form or the terms of Sections 2.3 and 2.4, above, or is submitted after the Claims Deadline.

**2.6 Cash Benefit – Uncleared Checks.** Those Settlement Class Members with Approved Claims whose cash benefit checks are not cleared within one hundred eighty (180) days after issuance will be ineligible to receive a cash settlement benefit and Defendant will have no further obligation to make any payment pursuant to this Settlement Agreement or otherwise to such Settlement Class Members. Unpaid funds from uncleared checks will in no event revert back to Defendant. Any unpaid funds remaining after administration of the Settlement Agreement will be donated as *cy pres* to a non-profit with a mission focused on assistance to active military member or veterans in the United States; or another non-sectarian, not-for-profit organization(s) recommended by the parties and approved by the Court.

**2.7 Taxes.** Settlement Class Members that receive a Settlement Payment shall be solely responsible for the reporting and payment of their share of any federal, state, and/or local income or other taxes on payments received pursuant to this Settlement Agreement.

**2.8 Prospective Relief.** Defendant will agree to suspend operation of the Facebook Tracking Pixel on any pages on its website that include video content, within 45 days of the Preliminary Approval Order, for a period of at least two years from November 1, 2022, which is the date Military.com removed the Pixel.

### **3. RELEASE.**

**3.1** The obligations incurred pursuant to this Settlement Agreement shall be a full and final disposition of the Action and any and all Released Claims, as against all Released Parties.

**3.2** Upon the Effective Date, the Releasing Parties, and each of them, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged all Released Claims against the Released Parties, and each of them. Further, upon the Effective Date, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, each Settlement Class Member, shall, either directly, indirectly, representatively, or in any capacity, be permanently barred and enjoined from filing, commencing, prosecuting, intervening in, or participating (as a class member or otherwise) in any lawsuit, action, or other proceeding in any jurisdiction (other than participation in the Settlement as provided herein) against any Released Party based on the Released Claims.

#### **4. NOTICE TO THE CLASS.**

**4.1** The Notice Plan shall consist of the following:

**(a)** *Settlement Class List.* No later than fourteen (14) days after Preliminary Approval, Defendant shall produce an electronic list from its records that includes the names and email addresses, to the extent available, belonging to Persons within the Settlement Class. Class Counsel's assent to this Agreement shall constitute consent on behalf of the Settlement Class to disclose this information to both the Settlement Administrator and Class Counsel, consistent with the written consent provisions of the VPPA. This electronic document shall be called the "Class List," and shall be provided to the Settlement Administrator with a copy to Class Counsel. Class Counsel shall not use the Settlement Class List, or any information contained within it, for any other purposes other than administering the settlement, and shall take reasonable measures to protect the information from any third-party disclosure, and shall comply with all applicable law in utilizing and maintaining such information. Class Counsel

may not send advertisements, solicitations, or communications to the Settlement Class to solicit Class members to retain Class Counsel for any other matters or disputes.

**(b)** *Direct Notice.* In the event that the Court preliminarily approves the Settlement, no later than the Notice Date, the Settlement Administrator shall send Notice via email substantially in the form attached as Exhibit B, along with an electronic link to the Claim Form, to all Settlement Class Members for whom a valid email address is available in the Class List. In the event transmission of email notice results in any “bounce-backs,” the Settlement Administrator shall, where reasonable: (i) correct any issues that may have caused the “bounce-back” to occur and make a second attempt to re-send the email notice, and (ii) send Notice substantially in the form attached as Exhibit C via First Class U.S. Mail to the extent a mailing address can be identified.

**(c)** *Update Addresses.* Prior to mailing any Notice, the Settlement Administrator will update the U.S. mail addresses of persons on the Class List using the National Change of Address database and other available resources deemed suitable by the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator shall take all reasonable steps to obtain the correct address of any Settlement Class members for whom Notice is returned by the U.S. Postal Service as undeliverable and shall attempt re-mailings.

**(d)** *Reminder Notice.* Seven (7) days prior to the Claims Deadline, the Settlement Administrator shall again send Notice via email substantially in the form attached as Exhibit B (with minor, non-material modifications to indicate that it is a reminder email rather than an initial notice), along with an electronic link to the Claim Form, to all Settlement Class Members for whom a valid email address is available in the Class List

**(e)** *Settlement Website.* Within ten (10) days from entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, Notice shall be provided on a website at [www.militaryvppasettlement.com](http://www.militaryvppasettlement.com)

which shall be administered and maintained by the Settlement Administrator and shall include the ability to file Claim Forms on-line. The website will also display a toll-free number that Class Members can call with questions about the settlement or their eligibility to receive a monetary payment. The Notice provided on the Settlement Website shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit D hereto.

(f) *Contact from Class Counsel.* Class Counsel, in their capacity as counsel to Settlement Class Members, may from time to time contact Settlement Class Members to provide information about the Settlement Agreement and to answer any questions Settlement Class Members may have about the Settlement Agreement.

**4.2** The Notice shall advise the Settlement Class of their rights, including the right to be excluded from, comment upon, and/or object to the Settlement Agreement or any of its terms. The Notice shall also state that Class Members who do not submit a Request for Exclusion, even if they do not submit a Claim for a Settlement Payment, will release any and all claims against Defendant. The Notice shall specify that any objection to the Settlement Agreement, and any papers submitted in support of said objection, shall be considered by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing only if, on or before the Objection/Exclusion Deadline approved by the Court and specified in the Notice, the Person making the objection files notice of an intention to do so and at the same time (a) files copies of such papers he or she proposes to be submitted at the Final Approval Hearing with the Clerk of the Court, or alternatively, if the objection is from a Class Member represented by counsel, files any objection through the Court's CM/ECF system, and (b) sends copies of such papers by mail, hand, or overnight delivery service to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel.

**4.3** Any Settlement Class Member who intends to object to this Agreement must present the objection in writing, which must be personally signed by the objector, and must

include: (1) the objector's name and address; (2) an explanation of the basis upon which the objector claims to be a Settlement Class Member, including information sufficient to identify her Military.com account and Facebook page or a screenshot showing that she was a Military.com and Facebook member during the class period; (3) all grounds for the objection, including all citations to legal authority and evidence supporting the objection; (4) the name and contact information of any and all attorneys representing, advising, or in any way assisting the objector in connection with the preparation or submission of the objection or who may profit from the pursuit of the objection (the "Objecting Attorneys"); and (5) a statement indicating whether the objector intends to appear at the Final Approval Hearing (either personally or through counsel who files an appearance with the Court in accordance with the Local Rules).

**4.4** If a Settlement Class Member or any of the Objecting Attorneys has objected to any class action settlement where the Objector or the Objecting Attorneys asked for or received any payment in exchange for dismissal of the objection, or any related appeal, without any modification to the settlement, then the objection must include a statement identifying each such case by full case caption and amount of payment received. Any challenge to the Settlement Agreement, the Final Order, or the Final Judgment shall be pursuant to appeal under the applicable rules of appellate procedure and not through a collateral attack.

**4.5** A Settlement Class Member may request to be excluded from the Settlement Class by sending a written request postmarked on or before the Objection/Exclusion Deadline approved by the Court and specified in the Notice. To exercise the right to be excluded, a Person in the Settlement Class must timely send a written request for exclusion to the Settlement Administrator as specified in the Notice, providing his/her name and address, a signature, the name and number of the case, and a statement that he or she wishes to be excluded from the Settlement Class for purposes of this Settlement. A request to be excluded that does not include

all of this information, or that is sent to an address other than that designated in the Notice, or that is not postmarked within the time specified, shall be invalid, and the Person(s) serving such a request shall be a member(s) of the Settlement Class and shall be bound as a Settlement Class Member by this Agreement, if approved. Any member of the Settlement Class who validly elects to be excluded from this Agreement shall not: (i) be bound by any orders or the Final Judgment; (ii) be entitled to relief under this Settlement Agreement; (iii) gain any rights by virtue of this Agreement; or (iv) be entitled to object to any aspect of this Agreement. The request for exclusion must be personally signed by the Person requesting exclusion. So-called “mass” or “class” opt-outs shall not be allowed. To be valid, a request for exclusion must be postmarked or received by the date specified in the Notice.

**4.6** The Final Approval Hearing shall be no earlier than ninety (90) days after the Notice described in Paragraph 4.1(e) is provided.

**4.7** Any Settlement Class Member who does not, using the procedures set forth in this Agreement and the Notice, either seek exclusion from the Settlement Class or timely file a valid Claim Form shall not be entitled to receive any payment or benefits pursuant to this Agreement, but will otherwise be bound by all of the terms of this Agreement, including the terms of the Final Judgment to be entered in the Action and the Releases provided for in the Agreement, and will be barred from bringing any action against any of the Released Parties concerning the Released Claims.

## **5. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.**

**5.1** The Settlement Administrator shall, under the supervision of the Court, administer the relief provided by this Settlement Agreement by processing Claim Forms in a rational, responsive, cost effective, and timely manner. The Settlement Administrator shall maintain reasonably detailed records of its activities under this Agreement. The Settlement Administrator



shall maintain all such records as are required by applicable law in accordance with its normal business practices and such records will be made available to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel upon request. The Settlement Administrator shall also provide reports and other information to the Court as the Court may require. The Settlement Administrator shall provide Class Counsel and Defendants Counsel with information concerning Notice, administration, and implementation of the Settlement Agreement. Should the Court request, the Parties shall submit a timely report to the Court summarizing the work performed by the Settlement Administrator, including a report of all amounts from the Settlement Fund paid to Settlement Class Members on account of Approved Claims. Without limiting the foregoing, the Settlement Administrator shall:

**(a)** Forward to Defendant's Counsel, with copies to Class Counsel, all original documents and other materials received in connection with the administration of the Settlement, and all copies thereof, within thirty (30) days after the date on which all Claim Forms have been finally approved or disallowed in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;

**(b)** Receive requests to be excluded from the Settlement Class and other requests and promptly provide to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel copies thereof. If the Settlement Administrator receives any exclusion forms or other requests after the deadline for the submission of such forms and requests, the Settlement Administrator shall promptly provide copies thereof to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel;

**(c)** Provide weekly reports to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel, including without limitation, reports regarding the number of Claim Forms received, the number approved by the Settlement Administrator, and the categorization and description of Claim Forms rejected, in whole or in part, by the Settlement Administrator; and

**(d)** Make available for inspection by Class Counsel or Defendants Counsel the Claim Forms received by the Settlement Administrator at any time upon reasonable notice.

**5.2** The Settlement Administrator shall be obliged to employ reasonable procedures to screen claims for abuse or fraud and deny Claim Forms where there is evidence of abuse or fraud. The Settlement Administrator will reject any claim that does not comply in any material respect with the instructions on the Claim Form or the terms of Paragraphs 2.3 and/or 2.4, above, or is submitted after the Claims Deadline. Each claimant who submits an invalid Claim Form to the Settlement Administrator must be given a notice of the Claim Form's deficiency and an opportunity to cure the deficiency within twenty-one (21) days of the date of the notice. The Settlement Administrator may contact any Person who has submitted a Claim Form to obtain additional information necessary to verify the Claim Form.

**5.3** Defendant's Counsel and Class Counsel shall have the right to challenge the acceptance or rejection of a Claim Form submitted by Settlement Class Members and to obtain and review supporting documentation relating to such Claim Form. The Settlement Administrator shall follow any agreed decisions of Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel as to the validity of any disputed submitted Claim Form. To the extent Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel are not able to agree on the disposition of a challenge, the disputed claim shall be submitted to The Honorable Frank Maas of JAMS for binding determination.

**5.4** In the exercise of its duties outlined in this Agreement, the Settlement Administrator shall have the right to reasonably request additional information from the Parties or any Settlement Class Member.

**5.5** The Settlement Administrator is bound by the terms of this Settlement Agreement. In the event that an issue arises that the Settlement Administrator must resolve that is not specifically addressed in the Settlement Agreement or is ambiguously addressed, the Settlement Administrator shall report to the Parties' Counsel for guidance.

5.6 All disputes relating to the Settlement Administrator's performance of its duties shall be referred to the Court, if necessary, which will have continuing jurisdiction over the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement until all payments and obligations contemplated by the Settlement Agreement have been fully carried out.

## **6. TERMINATION OF SETTLEMENT.**

**6.1** Subject to Paragraphs 9.1-9.3 below, Defendant or the Class Representatives on behalf of the Settlement Class, shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by providing written notice of the election to do so ("Termination Notice") to all other Parties hereto within twenty-one (21) days of any of the following events: (i) the Court's refusal to grant Preliminary Approval of this Agreement in any material respect; (ii) the Court's refusal to grant final approval of this Agreement in any material respect; (iii) the Court's refusal to enter the Final Judgment in this Action in any material respect; (iv) the date upon which the Final Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by the Appellate Court or the Supreme Court; or (v) the date upon which an Alternative Judgment, as defined in Paragraph 9.1(d) of this Agreement is modified or reversed in any material respect by the Appellate Court or the Supreme Court.

**6.2** Subject to Paragraphs 9.1-9.3 below, Defendant shall have the right, but not the obligation, in its sole discretion, to terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to Class Counsel within seven (7) days if more than five percent (5%) of the total Settlement Class Members exercise their right to opt out of the Settlement.

**6.4** The Parties agree that the Court's failure to approve, in whole or in part, the attorneys' fees payment to Class Counsel and/or the Service Awards set forth in Paragraph 8 below shall not prevent the Agreement from becoming effective, nor shall it be grounds for termination. The procedures for any application for approval of attorneys' fees, expenses, or

Incentive Awards are to be considered by the Court separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement.

**7. PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER AND FINAL APPROVAL ORDER.**

**7.1** Promptly after the execution of this Settlement Agreement, Class Counsel shall submit this Agreement together with its Exhibits to the Court and shall move the Court for Preliminary Approval of the settlement set forth in this Agreement; certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only; appointment of Class Counsel and the Class Representative; and entry of a Preliminary Approval Order, which order shall set a Final Approval Hearing date and approve the Notice and Claim Form for dissemination substantially in the form of Exhibits A, B, C, and D hereto. The Preliminary Approval Order shall also authorize the Parties, without further approval from the Court, to agree to and adopt such amendments, modifications and expansions of the Settlement Agreement and its implementing documents (including all exhibits to this Agreement) so long as they are consistent in all material respects with the terms of the Settlement Agreement and do not limit or impair the rights of the Settlement Class.

**7.2** Defendant's agreement as to certification of the Settlement Class is solely for purposes of effectuating the Settlement and no other purpose. Defendant retains all of its objections, arguments, and defenses with respect to class certification and any other issue, and reserves all rights to contest class certification and any other issue if the Settlement set out in this Agreement does not result in entry of the Final Approval Order and Final Judgment, if the Court's approval is reversed or vacated on appeal, if this Settlement is terminated as provided herein, or if the Settlement set forth in this Settlement otherwise fails to become effective. The Parties acknowledges that there has been no stipulation to any classes or certification of any classes for any purpose other than effectuating the Settlement, and that if the Settlement set forth

in this Settlement Agreement is not finally approved, if the Court's approval is reversed or vacated on appeal, if this Settlement Agreement is terminated as provided herein, or if the Settlement set forth in this Settlement Agreement otherwise fails to become effective, this agreement as to certification of the Settlement Class becomes null and void ab initio, and this Settlement Agreement or any other settlement-related statement may not be cited regarding certification of the Class, or in support of an argument for certifying any class for any purpose related to this Action or any other proceeding.

**7.3** At the time of the submission of this Agreement to the Court as described above, Class Counsel shall request that, after Notice is given, the Court hold a Final Approval Hearing and approve the settlement of the Action as set forth herein.

**7.4** After Notice is given, the Parties shall request and seek to obtain from the Court a Final Judgment, which will (among other things):

(a) find that the Court has personal jurisdiction over all Settlement Class Members and that the Court has subject matter jurisdiction to approve the Agreement, including all exhibits thereto;

(b) approve the Settlement Agreement and the proposed settlement as fair, reasonable, and adequate as to, and in the best interests of, the Settlement Class Members; direct the Parties and their counsel to implement and consummate the Agreement according to its terms and provisions; and declare the Agreement to be binding on, and have *res judicata* and preclusive effect in all pending and future lawsuits or other proceedings maintained by or on behalf of Class Representatives and all Releasing Parties;

(c) find that the Notice implemented pursuant to the Agreement (1) constitutes the best practicable notice under the circumstances; (2) constitutes notice that is reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise the Settlement Class of the pendency

of the Action, their right to object to or exclude themselves from the proposed Agreement, and to appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (3) is reasonable and constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice; and (4) meets all applicable requirements of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, the Due Process Clause of the United States and Illinois Constitutions, and the rules of the Court;

(d) find that the Class Representatives and Class Counsel adequately represent the Settlement Class for purposes of entering into and implementing the Agreement;

(e) dismiss the Action (including all individual claims and Settlement Class Claims presented thereby) on the merits and with prejudice, without fees or costs to any party except as provided in the Settlement Agreement;

(f) incorporate the Release set forth above, make the Release effective as of the date of the Effective Date, and forever discharge the Released Parties as set forth herein;

(g) permanently bar and enjoin all Settlement Class Members who have not been properly excluded from the respective Settlement Class from filing, commencing, prosecuting, intervening in, or participating (as class members or otherwise) in, any lawsuit or other action in any jurisdiction based on the Released Claims;

(h) without affecting the finality of the Final Judgment for purposes of appeal, retain jurisdiction as to all matters relating to administration, consummation, enforcement, and interpretation of the Settlement Agreement and the Final Judgment, and for any other necessary purpose; and

(i) incorporate any other provisions, as the Court deems necessary and just.

## **8. CLASS COUNSEL'S ATTORNEYS' FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES; SERVICE AWARD.**

**8.1** Class Counsel may receive, subject to Court approval, attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses not to exceed one-third of the Settlement Fund, *i.e.*, \$2,450,000. Class Counsel will

petition the Court for an award of such attorneys' fees and Defendant agrees to not object to or otherwise challenge, directly or indirectly, Class Counsel's petition for reasonable attorneys' fees and for reimbursement of costs and expenses if limited to this amount. Class Counsel, in turn, agrees to seek no more than this amount from the Court in attorneys' fees and for reimbursement of costs and expenses. Class Counsel agrees to accept an amount that is less than the above amount if a lesser amount is ordered by the Court.

**8.2** The Class Representatives and Class Counsel understand and agree that any fee payments under this Agreement will be the full, final, and complete payment of all attorneys' fees and costs arising from or relating to the representation of the Class Representatives and Class Members in the Action. This is a material condition of this Agreement. Class Representatives and Class Counsel therefore hereby irrevocably and unconditionally release, acquit, and forever discharge any claim they may have against the Released Parties for attorneys' fees and costs arising from or relating to the individuals and matters identified in the Settlement Agreement. Further, the Class Representatives and Class Counsel represent and warrant that no attorney, other than Class Counsel, has any attorneys' fee lien on or claim to any proceeds arising out of, by virtue of, or in connection with the Action.

**8.3** The Fee Award shall be payable within thirty (30) days after entry of the Court's Final Judgment, subject to Class Counsel executing the Undertaking Regarding Attorneys' Fees and Costs (the "Undertaking") attached hereto as Exhibits E-1 and E-2, and providing all payment routing information and tax I.D. numbers for Bursor & Fisher, P.A., as agent for Class Counsel. Payment of the Fee Award shall be made by wire transfer to Bursor & Fisher, P.A., as agent for Class Counsel, for distribution to and among Class Counsel, in accordance with wire instructions to be provided to the Settlement Administrator by Bursor & Fisher, P.A., and completion of necessary forms, including but not limited to W-9 forms. Notwithstanding the

foregoing, if for any reason the Final Judgment is reversed or rendered void as a result of an appeal(s) then any Persons or firms who shall have received the funds shall be severally liable for payments made pursuant to this subparagraph, and shall return such funds to the Defendant. Additionally, should any parties to the Undertaking dissolve, merge, declare bankruptcy, become insolvent, or cease to exist prior to the final payment to Settlement Class Members, those parties shall execute a new undertaking guaranteeing repayment of funds within fourteen (14) days of such an occurrence.

**8.4** Subject to Court approval, the Class Representatives may be paid Service Awards by the Defendant, in addition to any Settlement Payment as a result of an Approved Claim pursuant to this Agreement, and in recognition of their efforts on behalf of the Settlement Class. Class Representative Ramirez may request a Service Award of \$5,000, and Class Representatives Young and Lam may request Service Awards of \$2,500 each. Defendant will not object to or otherwise challenge, directly or indirectly, Class Counsel's application for the Service Awards to the Class Representatives if limited to this amount. Class Counsel, in turn, agrees to seek no more than this amount from the Court as service awards for the Class Representatives and agrees to accept an amount that is less than the above amount if a lesser amount is ordered by the Court. Such Service Awards will be paid by Defendant (in the form of checks to the Class Representatives that are sent care of Class Counsel) within twenty-one (21) days after the Final Judgment becomes final if no appeal is taken, or, if an appeal is taken, within 10 days after all appeals have expired or been exhausted in such manner as to affirm the Court's order.

**8.5** The Class Representatives agree to release and forever discharge all claims raised in the Action and all claims, obligations, demands, actions, rights, causes of action, and liabilities of whatever kind and nature, character and description, whether known or unknown, and whether



anticipated or unanticipated, that were asserted, or that might have been asserted against the Released Parties (“General Release”). In exchange for providing this General Release, Defendant shall pay the Class Representatives the Service Award payments awarded by the Court.

**9. CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT, EFFECT OF DISAPPROVAL, CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION.**

**9.1** The Effective Date of this Settlement Agreement shall not occur unless and until each of the following events occurs and shall be the date upon which the last (in time) of the following events occurs:

- (a) The Parties and their counsel have executed this Agreement;
- (b) The Court has entered the Preliminary Approval Order;
- (c) The Court has entered an order finally approving the Agreement,

following Notice to the Settlement Class and a Final Approval Hearing, as provided in the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, and has entered the Final Judgment, or a judgment consistent with this Agreement in all material respects; and

(d) The Final Judgment has become Final, as defined above, or, in the event that the Court enters an order and final judgment in a form other than that provided above (“Alternative Judgment”) and that has the consent of the Parties, such Alternative Judgment becomes Final.

**9.2** If some or all of the conditions specified in Paragraph 9.1 are not met, or in the event that this Agreement is not approved by the Court, or the settlement set forth in this Agreement is terminated or fails to become effective in accordance with its terms, then this Settlement Agreement shall be canceled and terminated subject to Paragraph 6.1 unless Class Counsel and Defendant’s Counsel mutually agree in writing to proceed with this Agreement. If any Party is in material breach of the terms hereof, and fails to cure such material breach within

30 days of notice, any other Party, provided that it is in substantial compliance with the terms of this Agreement, may terminate this Agreement on notice to all of the Settling Parties.

**9.3** If this Agreement is terminated or fails to become effective for the reasons set forth in Paragraphs 6.1 and 9.1-9.2 above, the Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the Action as of the date of the signing of this Agreement. In such event, any Final Judgment or other order entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of this Agreement shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*, and the Parties shall be returned to the *status quo ante* with respect to the Action as if this Agreement had never been entered into.

## **10. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

**10.1** The Parties (a) acknowledge that it is their intent to consummate this Settlement Agreement; and (b) agree, subject to their fiduciary and other legal obligations, to cooperate to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate and implement all terms and conditions of this Agreement, to exercise their reasonable best efforts to accomplish the foregoing terms and conditions of this Agreement, to secure final approval, and to defend the Final Judgment through any and all appeals. Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel agree to cooperate with one another in seeking Court approval of the Settlement Agreement, entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, and the Final Judgment, and promptly to agree upon and execute all such other documentation as may be reasonably required to obtain final approval of the Agreement.

**10.2** The Parties intend this Settlement Agreement to be a final and complete resolution of all disputes between them with respect to the Released Claims by Class Representatives, the Settlement Class and each or any of them, on the one hand, against the Released Parties, and each or any of the Released Parties, on the other hand. Accordingly, the Parties agree not to assert in any forum that the Action was brought by Class Representatives or defended by Defendant, or each or any of them, in bad faith or without a reasonable basis.

**10.3** The Parties have relied upon the advice and representation of counsel, selected by them, concerning their respective legal liability for the claims hereby released. The Parties have read and understand fully the above and foregoing agreement and have been fully advised as to the legal effect thereof by counsel of their own selection and intend to be legally bound by the same.

**10.4** Whether or not the Effective Date occurs or the Settlement Agreement is terminated, neither this Agreement nor the settlement contained herein, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of this Agreement or the settlement:

(a) is, may be deemed, or shall be used, offered or received against the Released Parties, or each or any of them, as an admission, concession or evidence of, the validity of any Released Claims, the truth of any fact alleged by the Class Representatives, the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in the Action, the violation of any law or statute, the reasonableness of the settlement amount or the Fee Award, or of any alleged wrongdoing, liability, negligence, or fault of the Released Parties, or any of them;

(b) is, may be deemed, or shall be used, offered or received against Defendant, as an admission, concession or evidence of any fault, misrepresentation or omission with respect to any statement or written document approved or made by the Released Parties, or any of them;

(c) is, may be deemed, or shall be used, offered, or received against the Released Parties, or each or any of them, as an admission or concession with respect to any liability, negligence, fault or wrongdoing as against any Released Parties, in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency or other tribunal. However, the settlement, this Agreement, and any acts performed and/or documents executed in furtherance of or pursuant to this Agreement and/or Settlement may be used in any proceedings as may be

necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Agreement. Further, if this Settlement Agreement is approved by the Court, any Party or any of the Released Parties may file this Agreement and/or the Final Judgment in any action that may be brought against such Party or Parties in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction, or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim;

(d) is, may be deemed, or shall be construed against Class Representatives, the Settlement Class, the Releasing Parties, or each or any of them, or against the Released Parties, or each or any of them, as an admission or concession that the consideration to be given hereunder represents an amount equal to, less than or greater than that amount that could have or would have been recovered after trial; and

(e) is, may be deemed, or shall be construed as or received in evidence as an admission or concession against Class Representatives, the Settlement Class, the Releasing Parties, or each and any of them, or against the Released Parties, or each or any of them, that any of Class Representatives' claims are with or without merit or that damages recoverable in the Action would have exceeded or would have been less than any particular amount.

(f) is inadmissible in evidence in any proceeding, except in an action or proceeding to approve, interpret, or enforce its terms. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principals of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar, or reduction or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim, the Released Parties may file this Settlement Agreement in any action or proceeding that may be brought against them.

**10.5** The headings used herein are used for the purpose of convenience only and are not meant to have legal effect.

**10.6** The waiver by one Party of any breach of this Agreement by any other Party shall not be deemed as a waiver of any other prior or subsequent breaches of this Agreement.

**10.7** All of the Exhibits to this Agreement are material and integral parts thereof and are fully incorporated herein by this reference.

**10.8** This Agreement and its Exhibits set forth the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the matters set forth herein, and supersede all prior negotiations, agreements, arrangements, and undertakings with respect to the matters set forth herein. No representations, warranties or inducements have been made to any Party concerning this Settlement Agreement or its Exhibits other than the representations, warranties and covenants contained and memorialized in such documents. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by or on behalf of all Parties or their respective successors-in-interest.

**10.9** Except as otherwise provided herein, each Party shall bear its own costs.

**10.10** Class Representatives represent and warrant that they have not assigned any claim or right or interest therein as against the Released Parties to any other Person or Party and that they are fully entitled to release the same.

**10.11** Each counsel or other Person executing this Settlement Agreement, any of its Exhibits, or any related settlement documents on behalf of any Party hereto, hereby warrants and represents that such Person has the full authority to do so and has the authority to take appropriate action required or permitted to be taken pursuant to the Agreement to effectuate its terms. Class Counsel in particular warrants that they are authorized to execute this Settlement Agreement on behalf of Class Representatives and the Settlement Class (subject to final approval by the Court after notice to all Settlement Class Members), and that all actions necessary for the execution of this Settlement Agreement have been taken.

**10.12** The Parties agree that prior to the public court docket filing of the motion for preliminary approval, they will keep all terms of the Settlement confidential, unless and to the extent they otherwise agree to any disclosure. With respect to the terms of this Settlement, Class Counsel agrees not to make any statements or post on their website or in social media anything inconsistent with the class notice. The Parties also agree on a joint media statement to be used in response to any third party inquiries about the settlement upon or after the filing of the motion to approve the Settlement and on the date of the appropriate forum's ultimate approval of the Settlement or thereafter. To any such inquiry, they will respond,

“Based on the facts and circumstances of the case and in light of the inherent risks and costs associated with ongoing litigation, the parties mutually agreed to settle the lawsuit, subject to Court approval. The Settlement does not include any admissions by Defendant of wrongdoing or liability nor does it include any admissions by the Class Representatives that their claims lacked merit. Defendant continues to deny all claims asserted in the lawsuit.”

The Class Representatives and Class Counsel agree that they will not circumvent this Agreement by facilitating or encouraging any actual or putative Settlement Class Members to do what the Class Representatives and Class Counsel have agreed not to do in this paragraph. The Parties agree that the terms of this Paragraph are subject to their counsel's reasonable interpretations of their ethical obligations and that the Parties are not hereby agreeing to any terms that would cause any Parties' counsel to violate those ethical obligations.

Nothing in this Section shall prevent the Parties from discussing the Settlement Agreement privately with any of the following: one another; the Court; Class Counsel; their attorneys, key business personnel (including affiliates), tax consultants, insurers, or reinsurers; spouses; or government agencies as necessary for reporting obligations.

**10.13** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts. Signature by digital means, facsimile, or in PDF format will constitute sufficient execution of this Agreement. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.

A complete set of original executed counterparts shall be filed with the Court if the Court so requests.

**10.14** This Settlement Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors and assigns of the Parties hereto and the Released Parties.

**10.15** The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to implementation and enforcement of the terms of this Agreement, and all Parties hereto submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of implementing and enforcing the settlement embodied in this Agreement.

**10.16** This Settlement Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.


**10.17** This Agreement is deemed to have been prepared by counsel for all Parties, as a result of arm's-length negotiations among the Parties. Because all Parties have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of this Agreement, it shall not be construed more strictly against one Party than another.

**10.18** Where this Agreement requires notice to the Parties, such notice shall be sent to the undersigned counsel: Philip L. Fraietta, Bursor & Fisher, P.A., 1330 Avenue of the Americas, 32nd Floor, New York, NY 10019; Kristine Argentine, Seyfarth Shaw LLP, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 8000, Chicago, IL 60606.

**IT IS SO AGREED TO BY THE PARTIES:**


Dated: 07 / 14 / 2023

**DARRICK YOUNG**

By:   
Darrick Young, individually and as representative  
of the Class

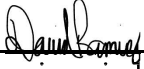
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By:   
Jeremy Lam, individually and as representative of  
the Class

Dated: 07 / 14 / 2023

**DAVID RAMIREZ**

By:   
David Ramirez, individually and as representative  
of the Class

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**MILITARY ADVANTAGE, INC. D/B/A MILITARY.COM**

By: \_\_\_\_\_


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the Class

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# **EXHIBIT A**

**Young v. Military Advantage, Inc. d/b/a Military.com**

In the Circuit Court of DuPage County, Illinois

Case No. 2023LA000535.

**Settlement Claim Form**

**If you are a Settlement Class Member and wish to receive a payment, your completed Claim Form must be postmarked on or before [REDACTED], or submitted online on or before [REDACTED].**

Please read the full notice of this settlement (available at [\[hyperlink\]](#)) carefully before filling out this Claim Form.

To be eligible to receive any benefits from the settlement obtained in this class action lawsuit, you must submit this completed Claim Form online or by mail:

**ONLINE:** Submit this Claim Form.

**MAIL:** [\[ADDRESS\]](#)

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**PART ONE: CLAIMANT INFORMATION**

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Provide your name and contact information below. It is your responsibility to notify the Settlement Administrator of any changes to your contact information after the submission of your Claim Form.

**FIRST NAME**

**LAST NAME**

**STREET ADDRESS**

**CITY**

**STATE**

**ZIP CODE**

**EMAIL ADDRESS**

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**PART TWO: SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION**

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To qualify for a cash payment you must have, between June 8, 2020, and [earlier of the date Defendant removes the Facebook Tracking Pixel from its website or the court grants preliminary approval of the settlement]: (1) had a Military.com subscription; (2) had an active Facebook account; (3) accessed or viewed a video on Military.com and not through the Military app; and (4) viewed a video on Military.com from the same browser you access or have accessed Facebook.

1. I had a Military.com membership between June 8, 2020, and November 1, 2022.

2. I had an active Facebook account between June 8, 2020, and November 1, 2022.

a. My Facebook account name is/was \_\_\_\_\_.

QUESTIONS? VISIT [\[hyperlink\]](#) OR CALL [\[NUMBER\]](#) TOLL-FREE  
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b. My Facebook ID is/was \_\_\_\_\_.

3. I accessed or viewed a video on Military.com and not through the Military app between June 8, 2020, and November 1, 2022.

4. I viewed a video on Military.com from the same browser (i.e., computer, phone, or device) I access or had accessed Facebook between June 8, 2020, and November 1, 2022.

**POTENTIAL CASH PAYMENT\***: You may be entitled to receive up to a **\$30.00** cash payment if between June 8, 2020, and [earlier of the date Defendant removes the Facebook Tracking Pixel from its website or the court grants preliminary approval of the settlement]: (1) had a Military.com subscription; (2) had an active Facebook account; (3) accessed or viewed a video on Military.com and not through the Military app; and (4) viewed a video on Military.com from the same browser you access or have accessed Facebook.

The cash will be sent in the form of a check, unless otherwise indicated. If you would like payment in a different form, please select from the options below:

Check

Venmo  Venmo Username: \_\_\_\_\_

PayPal  PayPal Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\* The cash payment set out herein represents the maximum that you can receive under the settlement. The actual cash paid may be reduced depending on the aggregate total of claims submitted by all class members.

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**PART THREE: ATTESTATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that between June 8, 2020, and [earlier of the date Defendant removes the Facebook Tracking Pixel from its website or the court grants preliminary approval of the settlement]: (1) had a Military.com subscription; (2) had an active Facebook account; (3) accessed or viewed a video on Military.com and not through the Military app; and (4) viewed a video on Military.com from the same browser I access or have accessed Facebook, and that all of the information on this Claim Form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also declare under penalty of perjury that the Facebook account identified in this form belongs to me and no one else. I understand that my Claim Form may be subject to audit, verification, and Court review.

**SIGNATURE**

**DATE**

**Please keep a copy of your Claim Form for your records.**

QUESTIONS? VISIT [\[hyperlink\]](#) OR CALL [\[NUMBER\]](#) TOLL-FREE  
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## **EXHIBIT B**

From: MilitaryVPPASettlement@militaryvppasettlement.com  
To: JonQClassMember@domain.com  
Re: Legal Notice of Class Action Settlement

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

*Young v. Military Advantage, Inc. d/b/a Military.com*, Case No. 2023LA000535  
**(Circuit Court of DuPage County, Illinois)**

**Our Records Indicate You Have Subscribed to Military.com and May Be Entitled to a Payment From a Class Action Settlement.**

**NOTE: You will not qualify as a Class Member if you did not have an active Facebook account at the same time you subscribed to Military.com and accessed a video on Military.com.**

*A court authorized this notice. You are not being sued. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.*

This notice is to inform you that a settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit claiming that Defendant, Military Advantage, Inc. d/b/a Military.com, disclosed its subscribers' personally identifiable information ("PII") to Facebook via the Facebook Tracking Pixel without consent in violation of the Video Privacy Protection Act (the "VPPA"). The VPPA defines PII to include information which identifies a person as having requested or obtained specific video materials or services from a video tape service provider. Defendant denies that it violated any law and denies that it disclosed any PII of its subscribers to Facebook, but has agreed to the settlement to avoid the uncertainties and expenses associated with continuing the case.

**Am I a Class Member?** Our records indicate you are a subscriber to Militar.com and may be a Class Member. Class Members are all digital subscribers to military.com who have a Facebook account, in the United States, and who accessed a video through the military.com website from the same browser where the individual accessed his or her Facebook account from June 8, 2020, through November 1, 2022. **If you did not have an active Facebook account at the time you subscribed to and watched a video on Military.com you are not a class member.**

**What Can I Get?** You **must** submit a Claim Form [[hyperlink](#)] to receive a share of the Settlement Fund, which will be up to \$30, subject to pro rata adjustment depending on the number of valid claims that are filed. A Settlement Fund of up to \$7,350,000.00 will be established to pay all approved claims to the Settlement Class, together with notice and administrative expenses, approved attorneys' fees and costs to Class Counsel, and Service Awards to the Class Representatives. The Settlement also requires Defendant to suspend operation of the Facebook Tracking Pixel on any pages on its website that include video content, within 45 days of the Preliminary Approval Order, for a period of at least two years from the date Military.com removes the Pixel.

**How Do I Get a Payment?** You **must** submit a timely and complete Claim Form **no later than** [[claims deadline](#)]. You can file a claim by clicking [[here](#).] Your payment will come by check

unless you elect to receive payment electronically by PayPal or Venmo. Claim Forms must be submitted online by 11:59 p.m. EST on [DATE] or postmarked and mailed by [DATE].

**What are My Other Options?** You may exclude yourself from the Class by sending a letter to the settlement administrator no later than [objection/exclusion deadline]. If you exclude yourself, you cannot get a settlement payment, but you keep any rights you may have to sue the Defendant over the legal issues in the lawsuit. You and/or your lawyer have the right to appear before the Court and/or object to the proposed settlement. Your written objection must be filed no later than [objection/exclusion deadline]. Specific instructions about how to object to, or exclude yourself from, the Settlement are available at [www.militaryvppasettlement.com](http://www.militaryvppasettlement.com). If you file a claim or do nothing, and the Court approves the Settlement, you will be bound by all of the Court's orders and judgments. In addition, your claims relating to the alleged disclosure of subscriber information to Facebook in this case against the Defendant will be released.

**Who Represents Me?** The Court has appointed lawyers Philip L. Fraietta, Joshua D. Arisohn, and Christopher R. Reilly of Bursor & Fisher, P.A. and Gary M. Klinger, Alex Honeycutt, and Alexander Wolf of Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman PLLC to represent the class. These attorneys are called Class Counsel. You will not be charged for these lawyers. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer in this case, you may hire one at your expense.

**When Will the Court Consider the Proposed Settlement?** The Court will hold the Final Approval Hearing at \_\_\_\_\_ .m. on [date] in Courtroom X at the DuPage County Courthouse, 505 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187. At that hearing, the Court will: hear any objections concerning the fairness of the settlement; determine the fairness of the settlement; decide whether to approve Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees and costs; and decide whether to award Class Representative David Ramirez \$5,000 and Class Representatives Darrick Young and Jeremy Lam \$2,500 each from the Settlement Fund for their service in helping to bring and settle this case. Defendant has agreed to pay Class Counsel reasonable attorneys' fees in an amount to be determined by the Court. Class Counsel is entitled to seek no more than one-third of the Settlement Fund, but the Court may award less than this amount.

**How Do I Get More Information?** For more information, including the full Notice, Claim Form and Settlement Agreement go to [www.militaryvppasettlement.com](http://www.militaryvppasettlement.com), contact the settlement administrator at 1-800-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ or Military.com Privacy Settlement Administrator, [address], or call Class Counsel at 1-646-837-7150.



# **EXHIBIT C**

COURT AUTHORIZED NOTICE OF CLASS  
ACTION AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

OUR RECORDS  
INDICATE YOU HAVE  
SUBSCRIBED TO  
MILITARY.COM AND  
MAY BE ENTITLED TO  
A PAYMENT FROM A  
CLASS ACTION  
SETTLEMENT.

Military.com Privacy Settlement  
Settlement Administrator  
P.O. Box 0000  
City, ST 00000-0000



Postal Service: Please do not mark barcode

XXX—«ClaimID» «MailRec»

«First1» «Last1»

«C/O»

«Addr1» «Addr2»

«City», «St» «Zip» «Country»

By Order of the Court Dated: [date]

A settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit claiming that Defendant, Military Advantage, Inc. d/b/a Military.com, disclosed its subscribers' personally identifiable information ("PII") to Facebook via the Facebook Tracking Pixel without consent in violation of the Video Privacy Protection Act (the "VPPA"). The VPPA defines PII to include information which identifies a person as having requested or obtained specific video materials or services from a video tape service provider. Defendant denies that it violated any law, but has agreed to the settlement to avoid the uncertainties and expenses associated with continuing the case.

**Am I a Class Member?** Our records indicate you subscribed to Military.com and may be a Class Member. Class Members are all digital subscribers to military.com who have a Facebook account, in the United States, and who accessed a video through the military.com website from the same browser where the individual accessed his or her Facebook account from June 8, 2020, through November 1, 2022. **This does not apply to individual that did not have an active Facebook account at the time he or she subscribed to Military.com and accessed a video on Military.com**

**What Can I Get?** You **must** submit a Claim Form [\[hyperlink\]](#) to receive a share of the Settlement Fund, which will be up to \$30, subject to pro rata adjustment depending on the number of valid claims that are filed. A Settlement Fund of up to \$7,350,000.00 will be established to pay all approved claims to the Settlement Class, together with notice and administrative expenses, approved attorneys' fees and costs to Class Counsel, and Service Awards to the Class Representatives. The Settlement also requires Defendant to suspend operation of the Facebook Tracking Pixel on any pages on its website that include video content, within 45 days of the Preliminary Approval Order, for a period of at least two years from the date Military.com removes the Pixel.

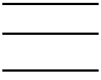
**How Do I Get a Payment?** You **must** submit a timely and complete Claim Form **no later than [claims deadline]**. You can file a claim by clicking [\[here\]](#). Your payment will come by check unless you elect to receive payment electronically by PayPal or Venmo. Claim Forms must be submitted online by 11:59 p.m. EST on **[DATE]** or postmarked and mailed by **[DATE]**.

**What are My Other Options?** You may exclude yourself from the Class by sending a letter to the settlement administrator no later than **[objection/exclusion deadline]**. If you exclude yourself, you cannot get a settlement payment, but you keep any rights you may have to sue the Defendant over the legal issues in the lawsuit. You and/or your lawyer have the right to appear before the Court and/or object to the proposed settlement. Your written objection must be filed no later than **[objection/exclusion deadline]**. Specific instructions about how to object to, or exclude yourself from, the Settlement are available at [www.militaryvppasettlement.com](http://www.militaryvppasettlement.com). If you file a claim or do nothing, and the Court approves the Settlement, you will be bound by all of the Court's orders and judgments. In addition, your claims relating to the alleged disclosure of subscriber information to Facebook in this case against the Defendant will be released.

**Who Represents Me?** The Court has appointed lawyers Philip L. Fraietta, Joshua D. Arisohn, and Christopher R. Reilly of Bursor & Fisher, P.A. and Gary M. Klinger, Alex Honeycutt, and Alexander Wolf of Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman PLLC to represent the class. These attorneys are called Class Counsel. You will not be charged for these lawyers. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer in this case, you may hire one at your expense.

**When Will the Court Consider the Proposed Settlement?** The Court will hold the Final Approval Hearing at [\[redacted\]](#) .m. on **[date]** in Courtroom **X** at the DuPage County Courthouse, 505 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187. At that hearing, the Court will: hear any objections concerning the fairness of the settlement; determine the fairness of the settlement; decide whether to approve Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees and costs; and decide whether to award Class Representative David Ramirez \$5,000 and Class Representatives Darrick Young and Jeremy Lam \$2,500 each from the Settlement Fund for their service in helping to bring and settle this case. Defendant has agreed to pay Class Counsel reasonable attorneys' fees in an amount to be determined by the Court. Class Counsel is entitled to seek no more than one-third of the Settlement Fund, but the Court may award less than this amount.

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Military.com Privacy Settlement Administrator  
c/o [Settlement Administrator]  
PO Box 0000  
City, ST 00000-0000

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## **EXHIBIT D**

**CIRCUIT COURT OF DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

*Young v. Military Advantage, Inc. d/b/a Military.com, Case No. 2023LA000535.*

**Our Records Indicate You Have Subscribed to Military.com and May Be Entitled to a Payment From a Class Action Settlement.**

**NOTE: You will not qualify as a Class Member if you did not have an active Facebook account at the same time you subscribed to Military.com and accessed a video on Military.com**

*A court authorized this notice. You are not being sued. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.*

- A settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit against Military Advantage, Inc. d/b/a Military.com. The class action lawsuit accuses Military Advantage, Inc. d/b/a Military.com of disclosing its subscribers’ personally identifiable information (“PII”) to Facebook via the Facebook Tracking Pixel without consent in violation of the Video Privacy Protection Act (the “VPPA”). The VPPA defines PII to include information which identifies a person as having requested or obtained specific video materials or services from a video tape service provider. Defendant denies that it violated any law and denies that it disclosed any PII of its subscribers to Facebook, but has agreed to the settlement to avoid the uncertainties and expenses associated with continuing the case.
- You are included if you are or were a digital subscriber to military.com who had a Facebook account, in the United States, and who accessed a video through the military.com website from the same browser where you accessed your Facebook account from June 8, 2020, through November 1, 2022 .
- Persons included in the Settlement will be eligible to submit a Claim Form to receive a cash payment of up to \$30. The Settlement also requires Defendant to suspend operation of the Facebook Tracking Pixel on any pages on its website that include video content, within 45 days of the Preliminary Approval Order, for a period of at least two years from the date Military.com removes the Pixel.
- Read this notice carefully. Your legal rights are affected whether you act, or don’t act.

<b>YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT</b>	
<b>SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM BY [DATE]</b>	This is the <b>only</b> way to receive a payment.
<b>EXCLUDE YOURSELF BY [DATE]</b>	You will receive no benefits, but you will retain any rights you currently have to sue the Defendant about the claims in this case.
<b>OBJECT BY [DATE]</b>	Write to the Court explaining why you don’t like the Settlement.
<b>GO TO THE HEARING BY [DATE]</b>	Ask to speak in Court about your opinion of the Settlement.
<b>DO NOTHING</b>	You <b>will not</b> get a share of the Settlement benefits and will give up your rights to sue the Defendant about the claims in this case.

QUESTIONS? CALL 1-800-000-0000 TOLL FREE, OR VISIT [WWW.MILITARYVPPASETTLEMENT.COM](http://WWW.MILITARYVPPASETTLEMENT.COM)

Your rights and options—and the deadlines to exercise them—are explained in this Notice.

## BASIC INFORMATION

### 1. Why was this Notice issued?

A Court authorized this notice because you have a right to know about a proposed Settlement of this class action lawsuit and about all of your options, before the Court decides whether to give final approval to the Settlement. This Notice explains the lawsuit, the Settlement, and your legal rights.

The Honorable Jennifer L. Barron of the Circuit Court of DuPage County, Illinois, 18th Judicial Circuit, is overseeing this case. The case is called *Young v. Military Advantage, Inc. d/b/a Military.com*, Case No. 2023LA000535. The people who sued are called the Plaintiffs. The Defendant is Military Advantage, Inc. d/b/a Military.com.

### 2. What is a class action?

In a class action, one or more people called the class representatives (in this case, Darrick Young, Jeremy Lam, and David Ramirez) sue on behalf of a group or a “class” of people who have similar claims. In a class action, the court resolves the issues for all class members, except for those who exclude themselves from the Class.

### 3. What is this lawsuit about?

This lawsuit claims that Defendant violated the Video Privacy Protection Act, 18 U.S.C. § 2710, *et seq.* (“VPPA”) by disclosing its subscribers’ personally identifiable information (“PII”) to Facebook via the Facebook Tracking Pixel without consent. The VPPA defines PII to include information which identifies a person as having requested or obtained specific video materials or services from a video tape service provider. The Defendant denies that it violated any law and denies that it disclosed any PII of its subscribers to Facebook. The Court has not determined who is right. Rather, the Parties have agreed to settle the lawsuit to avoid the uncertainties and expenses associated with ongoing litigation.

### 4. Why is there a Settlement?

The Court has not decided whether the Plaintiffs or the Defendant should win this case. Instead, both sides agreed to a Settlement. That way, they avoid the uncertainties and expenses associated with ongoing litigation, and Class Members will get compensation sooner rather than, if at all, after the completion of a trial.

## WHO’S INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT?

QUESTIONS? CALL 1-800-000-0000 TOLL FREE, OR VISIT [WWW.MILITARYVPPASETTLEMENT.COM](http://WWW.MILITARYVPPASETTLEMENT.COM)

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## 5. How do I know if I am in the Settlement Class?

The **Settlement Class** is defined as:

All digital subscribers to military.com who have a Facebook account, in the United States, and who accessed a video through the military.com website from the same browser where the individual accessed his or her Facebook account from June 8, 2020, through November 1, 2022.

**If you did not have an active Facebook account at the time you subscribed to and watched a video on Military.com you are not a class member.**

## THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS

### 6. What does the Settlement provide?

**Monetary Relief:** If approved, a Settlement Fund will be created totaling up to \$7,350,000.00. Settlement Class Member cash payments, and the cost to administer the settlement, the cost to inform people about the settlement, attorneys' fees (inclusive of litigation costs), and awards to the Class Representatives will come out of this fund (*see* Question 13).

**Prospective Relief:** In addition to this monetary relief, the Settlement also requires Defendant to suspend operation of the Facebook Tracking Pixel on any pages on its website that include video content, within 45 days of the Preliminary Approval Order, for a period of at least two years from November 1, 2022, which is the date Military.com removed the Pixel.

A detailed description of the settlement benefits can be found in the Settlement Agreement. [\[insert hyperlink\]](#)

### 7. How much will my payment be?

You **must** submit a Claim Form (see instructions below) to receive a share of the Settlement Fund. **If you submit a valid Claim Form, you will receive up to a \$30.00 cash payment.** This award may be subject to pro rata adjustment depending on the number of valid claims that are filed.

### 8. When will I get my payment?

The hearing to consider the fairness of the settlement is scheduled for [\[Final Approval Hearing Date\]](#). If the Court approves the settlement, eligible Class Members whose claims were approved by the Settlement Administrator will receive their payment 30 days after the Settlement has been finally approved and/or any appeals process is complete. The payment will

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be made in the form of a check, unless you elect to receive payment by PayPal or Venmo, and all checks will expire and become void 180 days after they are issued.

## HOW TO GET BENEFITS

### 9. How do I get a payment?

You **must** complete and submit a Claim Form to receive a payment from the Settlement Fund. You may submit a Claim Form either electronically on the Settlement Website by clicking [here](#) [insert hyperlink], or by printing and mailing in a paper Claim Form, copies of which are available for download [here](#) [insert hyperlink]. Claim Forms must be submitted online by 11:59 p.m. CT on [date] or postmarked and mailed by [date].

We also encourage you to submit your claim on-line. Not only is it easier and more secure, but it is completely free and takes only minutes!

## REMAINING IN THE SETTLEMENT

### 10. What am I giving up if I stay in the Class?

If the Settlement becomes final, you will give up your right to sue Defendant for the claims this Settlement resolve. The Settlement Agreement describes the specific claims you are giving up against the Defendants. You will be “releasing” the Defendant and certain of its affiliates described in Section 1.25 of the Settlement Agreement. Unless you exclude yourself (*see* Question 14), you are “releasing” the claims, regardless of whether you submit a claim or not. The Settlement Agreement is available through the “court documents” link on the website.

The Settlement Agreement describes the released claims with specific descriptions, so read it carefully. If you have any questions you can talk to the lawyers listed in Question 12 for free or you can, of course, talk to your own lawyer if you have questions about what this means.

### 11. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you do nothing, you won’t get any benefits from this Settlement. But, unless you exclude yourself, you won’t be able to start a lawsuit or be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants for the claims being resolved by this Settlement.

## THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

### 12. Do I have a lawyer in the case?

QUESTIONS? CALL 1-800-000-0000 TOLL FREE, OR VISIT [WWW.MILITARYVPPASETTLEMENT.COM](http://WWW.MILITARYVPPASETTLEMENT.COM)

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The Court has appointed Philip L. Fraietta, Joshua D. Arisohn, and Christopher R. Reilly of Bursor & Fisher, P.A. and Gary M. Klinger, Alex Honeycutt, and Alexander Wolf of Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman PLLC to be the attorneys representing the Settlement Class. They are called “Class Counsel.” They believe, after conducting an extensive investigation, that the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class. You will not be charged for these lawyers. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer in this case, you may hire one at your expense.

### **13. How will the lawyers be paid?**

Class Counsel’s attorneys’ fees, costs, and expenses will be paid from the Settlement Fund in an amount determined and awarded by the Court. Class Counsel is entitled to seek no more than one-third of the \$7.35 million Settlement Fund, but the Court may award less than this amount.

As approved by the Court, the Class Representatives will be paid Service Awards from the Settlement Fund for helping to bring and settle the case. Class Representative David Ramirez \$5,000 and Class Representatives Darrick Young and Jeremy Lam \$2,500 each as service awards, but the Court may award less than these amounts.

## **EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT**

### **14. How do I get out of the Settlement?**

To exclude yourself from the Settlement, you must mail or otherwise deliver a letter (or request for exclusion) stating that you want to be excluded from the *Young v. Military Advantage, Inc. d/b/a Military.com*, Case No. 2023LA000535 settlement. Your letter or request for exclusion must also include your name, your address, your signature, the name and number of this case, and a statement that you wish to be excluded. You must mail or deliver your exclusion request no later than **[objection/exclusion deadline]** to:

Military.com Privacy Settlement  
0000 Street  
City, ST 00000

### **15. If I don’t exclude myself, can I sue the Defendant for the same thing later?**

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up any right to sue the Defendant for the claims being resolved by this Settlement.

### **16. If I exclude myself, can I get anything from this Settlement?**

No. If you exclude yourself, do not submit a Claim Form to ask for benefits.

QUESTIONS? CALL 1-800-000-0000 TOLL FREE, OR VISIT [WWW.MILITARYVPPASETTLEMENT.COM](http://WWW.MILITARYVPPASETTLEMENT.COM)

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## OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT

### 17. How do I object to the Settlement?

If you're a Class Member, you can object to the Settlement if you don't like any part of it. You can give reasons why you think the Court should not approve it. The Court will consider your views. To object, you must file with the Court a letter or brief stating that you object to the Settlement in *Young v. Military Advantage, Inc. d/b/a Military.com*, Case No. 2023LA000535 and identify all your reasons for your objections (including citations and supporting evidence) and attach any materials you rely on for your objections. Your letter or brief must also include your name, an explanation of the basis upon which you claim to be a Settlement Class Member, including information sufficient to identify your Military.com account and Facebook page or a screenshot showing that you were a Military.com and Facebook member during the class period, the name and contact information of any and all attorneys representing, advising, or in any way assisting you in connection with your objection, and your signature. If you, or an attorney assisting you with your objection, have ever objected to any class action settlement where you or the objecting attorney has asked for or received payment in exchange for dismissal of the objection (or any related appeal) without modification to the settlement, you must include a statement in your objection identifying each such case by full case caption. You must also mail or deliver a copy of your letter or brief to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel listed below.

Class Counsel will file with the Court and post on this website its request for attorneys' fees by [two weeks prior to objection deadline].

If you want to appear and speak at the Final Approval Hearing to object to the Settlement, with or without a lawyer (explained below in answer to Question Number 21), you must say so in your letter or brief. File the objection with the Court and mail a copy to these two different places postmarked no later than [objection deadline].

Court	Class Counsel	Defendant's Counsel
The Honorable [INSERT] DuPage County Courthouse, 505 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187	Philip L. Fraietta Bursor & Fisher PA 1330 Avenue of the Americas, 32nd Floor New York, NY 10019	Kristine R. Argentine Seyfarth Shaw LLP 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 8000 Chicago, IL 60606

### 18. What's the difference between objecting and excluding myself from the Settlement?

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Objecting simply means telling the Court that you don't like something about the Settlement. You can object only if you stay in the Class. Excluding yourself from the Class is telling the Court that you don't want to be part of the Class. If you exclude yourself, you have no basis to object because the case no longer affects you.

## THE COURT'S FINAL APPROVAL HEARING

### 19. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement?

The Court will hold the Final Approval Hearing at [time] on **Month 00, 2023** in Courtroom 21 at the DuPage County Courthouse, 505 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187. The purpose of the hearing will be for the Court to determine whether to approve the Settlement as fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the Class; to consider the Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees and expenses; and to consider the request for service awards to the Class Representatives. At that hearing, the Court will be available to hear any objections and arguments concerning the fairness of the Settlement.

The hearing may be postponed to a different date or time without notice, so it is a good idea to check [[www.militaryvppasettlement.com](http://www.militaryvppasettlement.com)] or call 1-646-837-7150 or 1-800-xxx-xxxx. If, however, you timely objected to the Settlement and advised the Court that you intend to appear and speak at the Final Approval Hearing, you will receive notice of any change in the date of such Final Approval Hearing.

### 20. Do I have to come to the hearing?

No. Class Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have. But, you are welcome to come at your own expense. If you send an objection or comment, you don't have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you filed and mailed your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also pay another lawyer to attend, but it's not required.

### 21. May I speak at the hearing?

Yes. You may ask the Court for permission to speak at the Fairness Hearing. To do so, you must include in your letter or brief objecting to the settlement a statement saying that it is your "Notice of Intent to Appear in *Young v. Military Advantage, Inc. d/b/a Military.com*, Case No. 2023LA000535." It must include your name, address, telephone number and signature as well as the name and address of your lawyer, if one is appearing for you. Your objection and notice of intent to appear must be filed with the Court and postmarked no later than [**objection deadline**], and be sent to the addresses listed in Question 17.

## GETTING MORE INFORMATION

QUESTIONS? CALL 1-800-000-0000 TOLL FREE, OR VISIT [WWW.MILITARYVPPASETTLEMENT.COM](http://WWW.MILITARYVPPASETTLEMENT.COM)

## 22. Where do I get more information?

This Notice summarizes the Settlement. More details are in the Settlement Agreement. You can get a copy of the Settlement Agreement at [www.militaryvppasettlement.com](http://www.militaryvppasettlement.com). You may also write with questions to Military.com Privacy Settlement, P.O. Box 0000, City, ST 00000. You can call the Settlement Administrator at 1-800-000-0000 or Class Counsel at 1-646-837-7150, if you have any questions. Before doing so, however, please read this full Notice carefully. You may also find additional information elsewhere on the case website.

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## **EXHIBIT E-1**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

DARRICK YOUNG, JEREMY LAM, and  
DAVID RAMIREZ, individually and on  
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MILITARY ADVANTAGE, INC. d/b/a  
MILITARY.COM,

Defendant.

Case No. 2023LA000535

**STIPULATION REGARDING UNDERTAKING RE: ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS,  
AND EXPENSES**

Plaintiffs Darrick Young, Jeremy Lam, and David Ramirez (“Plaintiffs”) and Defendant Military Advantage, Inc. d/b/a Military.com, (“Defendant”) (collectively, “the Parties”), by and through and including their undersigned counsel, stipulate and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, Bursor & Fisher P.A. (the “Firm”) desires to give an undertaking (the “Undertaking”) for repayment of its share of the award of attorneys’ fees, costs, and expenses approved by the Court, and

WHEREAS, the Defendant does not object to the Undertaking.

NOW, THEREFORE, Plaintiff’s counsel, on behalf of himself as individual and as agent for his law firm, hereby submits himself and his law firm to the jurisdiction of the Court for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Undertaking.

Capitalized terms used herein without definition have the meanings given to them in the Settlement Agreement.

By receiving any payments pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Firm and its shareholders, members, and/or partners submit to the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court of DuPage

County, Illinois for the enforcement of and any and all disputes relating to or arising out of the reimbursement obligation set forth herein and the Settlement Agreement.

In the event that the Final Settlement Order and Judgment or any part of it is vacated, overturned, reversed, or rendered void as a result of an appeal, or the Settlement Agreement is voided, rescinded, or otherwise terminated for any other reason, the Firm shall, within thirty (30) days repay to Defendant or Defendant's insurer, based upon written instructions provided by Defendant's Counsel, the full amount of the attorneys' fees and costs paid to the Firm from the Settlement Fund, including any accrued interest.

In the event the Final Settlement Order and Judgment are upheld, but the attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses awarded by the Court or any part of them are vacated, modified, reversed, or rendered void as a result of an appeal, the Firm shall within thirty (30) days repay to the Settlement Fund, based upon written instructions provided by the Settlement Administrator, the attorneys' fees and costs paid to the Firm from the Settlement Fund in the amount vacated or modified, including any accrued interest.

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The undersigned stipulate, warrant, and represent that he has both actual and apparent authority to enter into this stipulation, agreement, and undertaking on behalf of the Firm.



This Undertaking may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

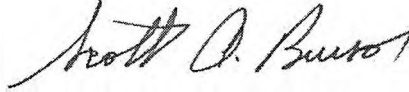
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The undersigned declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that they have read and understand the foregoing and that it is true and correct.

IT IS SO STIPULATED THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD:

DATED: July 14, 2023

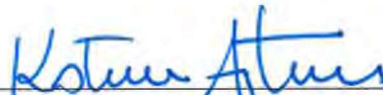
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## **EXHIBIT E-2**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

DARRICK YOUNG, JEREMY LAM, and  
DAVID RAMIREZ, individually and on  
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MILITARY ADVANTAGE, INC. d/b/a  
MILITARY.COM,

Defendant.

Case No. 2023LA000535

**STIPULATION REGARDING UNDERTAKING RE: ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS,  
AND EXPENSES**

Plaintiffs Darrick Young, Jeremy Lam, and David Ramirez (“Plaintiffs”) and Defendant Military Advantage, Inc. d/b/a Military.com, (“Defendant”) (collectively, “the Parties”), by and through and including their undersigned counsel, stipulate and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman PLLC (the “Firm”) desires to give an undertaking (the “Undertaking”) for repayment of its share of the award of attorneys’ fees, costs, and expenses approved by the Court, and

WHEREAS, the Defendant does not object to the Undertaking.

NOW, THEREFORE, Plaintiff’s counsel, on behalf of himself as individual and as agent for his law firm, hereby submits himself and his law firm to the jurisdiction of the Court for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Undertaking.

Capitalized terms used herein without definition have the meanings given to them in the Settlement Agreement.

By receiving any payments pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Firm and its shareholders, members, and/or partners submit to the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court of DuPage

County, Illinois for the enforcement of and any and all disputes relating to or arising out of the reimbursement obligation set forth herein and the Settlement Agreement.

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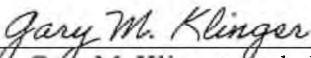
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