Sileo's Military Identity Theft Bootcamp

- 1. Trust Your Instincts. Most of prevention is common sense.
- 2. When someone asks you to share private information, think Hogwash!
- 3. Ask aggressive questions to spot a **ConJOB**:
 - a. Make sure you are in Control of the flow of information,
 - b. Justify (or verify) that you are sharing it for a legitimate purpose,
 - c. Understand your other **Options** and how each of those **Benefit** you.
- 4. Target (or prioritize) your responses & options to protect the most valuable items 1st:
 - Sign up for Identity Monitoring before you're deployed (<u>www.CSIdentity.com</u> -Military Discount = CSIDFRIEND)
 - □ Review your **Free Credit Report** 3X per year at <u>www.AnnualCreditReport.com</u>.
 - **Opt-Out** of financial junk mail at <u>www.OptOutPreScreen.com</u> (1.888.567.8688).
 - □ Visit <u>www.DoNotCall.gov</u> to remove phone & cell numbers from junk caller lists.
 - □ Freeze Your Credit. State-by-state instructions at <u>www.Sileo.com/credit-freeze</u>.
 - □ If you're deploying & don't want to freeze credit, place an Active Duty Alert.
 - **Stop Sharing Identity** (SSN, address, phone, credit card #s) unless necessary.
 - □ Simplify Your Wallet. Chapter 5, *Stolen Lives* (<u>www.Stolen-Lives-Book.com</u>).
 - Protect Your Computer (firewall, data encryption, wireless encryption, security software, passwords, physical security). Chapter 7, *Stolen Lives*.
 - **Protect your Laptop**. Visit <u>www.Sileo.com/laptop-anti-theft</u> for details.
 - **Bank Online**: online bank statements, account alerts and bill-pay.
 - Buy a **Confetti Shredder** (or 2) and shred anything with identity you don't need.
 - □ Stop sharing personal (and work) information on Facebook, MySpace & Twitter.
 - □ Lock down your Social Networking Profiles <u>www.Sileo.com/facebook-safety</u>.
 - □ Realize that 50% of ID theft crimes are committed by Acquaintances & Friends.
 - **Stop Clicking on Links** in an email that you don't recognize as legitimate.
 - Avoid emails/faxes/letters/calls/people promising **Something for Nothing**.
 - □ Know that protecting private data (yours/others) is part of National Security.
 - □ For more tools, purchase a copy of *Stolen Lives* at <u>www.ThinkLikeAspy.com</u>.
 - □ Keep up to date with the latest ID Theft & Fraud info at <u>www.Sileo.com</u>.

think like a spy.