



## Hello, Is It Me You're Looking For ...?

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Active-duty military members of every branch have numerous things to be concerned with, and now scammers are added to that list. These scammers are very well organized and have perfected photoshopping, the signs of easy targets and exactly what to say to the lonely people out there looking for a connection. They build fake profiles using pictures they have taken from select service members profiles that are set to public, meaning anyone can see them.

About 7 years ago I experienced my first “fake account”, I honestly have lost count at this point but it’s around a thousand fakes at this point. It went from something I found very weird to simply a normal part of my day. These women that have been scammed by the fake accounts eventually find the “real me”. After I explain that they have not been talking to me most of them are upset but understand. However, there are those that simply do not want to accept that it wasn’t we they were talking to. I’ve had to stop adding locations to my posts after a woman drove from several states away looking for me at the gym I used to train at.

I began working with a group of fantastic people called Scam Haters United. They are able to have the fake accounts taken down and are fantastic to the victims on both sides of the scamming. Although they can’t say exactly how many people are being scammed at any one time but its easily in the millions. In 2021, in the US alone, a staggering \$547 million was lost to romance fraud. It should go without saying but please, always verify exactly who you are talking to online before sending anyone money. And believe me, no member of the active-duty military needs any money from you for any reason.



## Club Gossip New Sheriff in Town

William Shelby VIII, aka “Chad,” has taken over Paddy’s Head of Security. He replaced the retired Kevin Marshall, who is moving to Las Vegas to pursue a career in the porn industry. Chad comes from a long line of security professionals dating back to the American Revolution when his great great great granddaddy Winston Wilbur Shelby, guarded Continental Army Commander, George Washington, while he used the outhouse. “It’s a great honor to hold the same position as the great Jeremy McLaurin.” said Shelby about a man who received ninety-seven blowjobs during his time leading the Paddy’s security team. That number of blowjobs is second only to Shane Mize, The Emperor Ming, who served as Head of Security from 2007 to 2017. That number stands at 467, a record few believe will ever be broken, including the affable Shelby. “Ming’s record is not in any danger from me. I’m married, and you know how that goes. I only get blowjobs at Christmas and on my birthday.”

