Security Concerns !!!

Mates, In the last couple of weeks, I’ve received two phishing emails from former VMA-131 COs. They were the best I’ve ever seen. Unfortunately, these bad guys are getting better and constantly improving. They do it for a living spending as much or more time than we did on our jobs. This makes me concerned that some hacker has breached one or more of our distribution lists. You may not even be aware of it

We all enjoy emailing with shared interest, stories, etc. We must do so wisely. Following are some simple things that you may want to consider to protect personal and financial information. I use all of them.

All PCs come with security software; however, you may want to add an additional level. The below link provides information on them. **I will not make a recommendation.** Over the years I’ve used all the top-rated ones.

<https://www.pcmag.com/picks/the-best-security-suites>

Many browsers have an Incognito Setting and using it is a simple mouse click. It can help with exposure when you’re surfing the net. The below link provides information on them:

<https://www.computerworld.com/article/3356840/how-to-go-incognito-in-chrome-firefox-safari-and-edge.html>

Malware can invade your PC or cell phone while you are using them. There are a number of packages that will detect and remove malware. Below is a link to Malwarebytes which has a very easy to understand definition on their website. Again, **this is not a recommendation,** but I use it. I mention this because they include a free VGN which I use and VGN is the next subject.

[https://www.malwarebytes.com/malware](https://www.malwarebytes.com/malware%20)

Installing a VGN is another level of security which I used. It basically changes the routing of your internet provider server to an encrypted one hiding you. The below link provides information on them.

<https://www.pcmag.com/how-to/what-is-a-vpn-and-why-you-need-one>

Lastly, you might want to consider something like LifeLock to monitor your bank accounts, credit card, social accounts and personal information.

It’s a damn shame that bad people are lurking on the internet. But, we to arm ourselves in order to enjoy ourselves. - SF