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3,600 Minnesota Soldiers Qualify for Military Credit Expiring Soon

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Thousands of Minnesota soldiers and veterans could miss out on hundreds of dollars from a refundable tax credit about to expire. To receive the credit in time, the Minnesota Department of Revenue is sending letters to more than 3,600 qualifying soldiers encouraging them to claim the credit before it's too late.

The Credit for Military Service in a Combat Zone is for soldiers who served in a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area during the tax year. For military credit served during 2008, the credit is \$59 per month served. On October 15, 2012, the 2008 credit will be expiring. For time served between 2009 and the present, the credit has increased to \$120 for each month served.

To receive the credit, soldiers must file 2008 Form M99, *Credit for Military Service in a Combat Zone*, and attach corresponding Form DD-214. If still on active duty, soldiers may attach Leave and Earnings statements for each month of qualifying service. They must have been a Minnesota resident during the time of service to qualify. For more information on the military tax credit and to fill out the form, visit our website at www.revenue.state.mn.us.

Tax credits for service in a combat zone are also available for 2009, 2010 and 2011. Visit our website for more information. Don't forget to check out our "[Members of the Military](#)" page to sign up for updates on military credits, application deadlines for future credits, tax law changes, and other resources.

The letters will be sent to soldiers starting the week of July 16, 2012.

For information on locations that qualify for the tax credit, visit the [IRS website](#).

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