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## **Deadline nears for Minnesota soldiers qualifying for 2008 Military Credit**

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** – Thousands of Minnesota troops and veterans are encouraged to take advantage of a refundable tax credit about to expire. The Credit for Military Service in a Combat Zone will expire on Oct. 15, 2012 for time served in 2008.

In a joint effort with Veterans Affairs Commissioner Larry Shellito, Revenue Commissioner Myron Frans urges soldiers to file for the credits they are entitled to, before time runs out.

The Minnesota Department of Revenue recently sent letters to more than 3,600 qualifying soldiers to ensure they claim the credit before it's too late. Sgt. Brian Kujawa is one of those soldiers. "I am going to buy a Weber grill and a new baby crib," he said after receiving his refund. "Thank you for all your hard work. My wife and I really appreciate your dedication to service on behalf of the service members."

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 time served during 2008, the credit is \$59 per month served. The 2008 credit expires Oct. 15.

To receive the credit, soldiers must file 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](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us).

Tax credits for service in a combat zone are also available for 2009, 2010 and 2011. For those years, the credit has increased to \$120 for each month served. For more information, visit the [Members of the Military](#) page on our website and sign up for updates on military credits, application deadlines and tax law changes.

For information on locations that qualify for the tax credit, visit the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

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