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2,300 Minnesota soldiers have not claimed their 2009 military credit

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Thousands of Minnesota troops and veterans are encouraged to take advantage of a refundable tax credit that is about to expire. The Credit for Military Service in a Combat Zone will expire on Oct. 15, 2013 for time served in 2009.

More than 2,300 qualifying soldiers have yet to claim the credit potentially worth hundreds of dollars.

The soon to expire Credit for Military Service in a Combat Zone is for soldiers who served in a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area in 2009. For military time served during 2009, the credit is \$120 per month served.

To receive the credit, soldiers must file <u>Form M99</u>, <u>Credit for Military Service in a Combat Zone</u>, 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 <u>www.revenue.state.mn.us</u>. Applications must be postmarked or in our hands by Oct. 15, 2013.

Tax credits for service in a combat zone are also available for 2010, 2011 and 2012. For more information, visit the <u>Members of the Military</u> page on our website and sign up for email 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.

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