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### **Veterans Day Inspires Reminder of the Minnesota Military Tax Credit**

**St. Paul, Minn.** - As Veterans Day nears, the Minnesota Department of Revenue reminds members of the military that they may be eligible for hundreds of dollars in military related tax benefits.

“Veterans Day is not only a reminder to all Minnesotans of the sacrifices made by the men and women of our armed forces, but it is also a reminder to us here at the Minnesota Department of Revenue that we need to remain diligent in our efforts to bring awareness to the military credits and refunds available to service members,” said Revenue Commissioner Myron Frans. “The department takes pride in our efforts to reach out to service members and we work closely with veterans groups to make sure our soldiers are getting every penny they are entitled to.”

The Credit for Military Service in a Combat Zone is available to members of the military who have recently served in a designated combat zone or hazardous duty area. There is a credit of \$120 for each month served.

To claim the credit, members of the military should complete and file Form M99, Credit for Military Service in a Combat Zone, for the year(s) in which they served. The department will accept the combat zone service performed in 2013 Form M99 beginning in January 2014. The Form M99 is filed separately from Form M1, Minnesota Individual Income Tax Return.

Service members are eligible to receive a credit for military time served in a combat zone if they meet all of the following requirements:

- They served in a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area anytime on or after January 1, 2010
- The pay they received qualifies to be excluded as combat pay from federal gross income under Internal Revenue Code Section 112
- Their home of record during months of service was Minnesota



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More than 3,100 service members have filed their 2012 M99 military credit, totaling \$1.6 million in claims, for an average credit of \$609 per claim.

Starting Jan. 1, 2013, honorably discharged veterans who receive a pension or other retirement pay for their service in the military may be eligible for a nonrefundable tax credit of up to \$750 even if they did not serve 20 years in the military. Service members may qualify for the credit if they meet one or more of the following requirements:

- They served in the military for at least 20 years
- They have a service-related disability rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs as being 100 percent total and permanent
- They were honorably discharged and receive a military pension or other retirement pay for their service in the military

Income qualifications do apply. For more information click [here](#) or search 'Military Tax Credit' on our website.

Each year, thousands of Minnesota service members do not take advantage of the credits that are available to them and their families. For more information about military tax credits available, required documentation, forms and instructions, visit [www.revenue.state.mn.us](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us), call 651-556-4710, or email [Military.Tax@state.mn.us](mailto:Military.Tax@state.mn.us).

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