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## Over 1,500 military service members still eligible to claim 2013 military tax credit

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** – The Credit for Military Service in a Combat Zone for service in 2013 will expire for most qualifying service members on October 16, 2017. The Minnesota Department of Revenue is reminding Minnesota service members to take advantage of the refundable tax credit before it expires. The 2013 credit is worth \$120 per month, or partial month served.

The department recently sent letters explaining how to claim the credit to over 1,500 service members who may qualify. Service members have already claimed more than \$1 million in refunds for the 2013 credit, with an average refund of \$620.

"Military service members earned this credit while sacrificing for our country. The department wants to make sure they have the information they need to claim this 2013 credit before it expires in October," said Revenue Commissioner Cynthia Bauerly.

To qualify for the credit, service members must meet all of the following requirements:

- Served in a combat zone or qualified hazardous-duty area anytime on or after January 1, 2013
- Been a Minnesota resident during the time of service
- Received combat pay which is exempt from federal and Minnesota income tax

To receive the credit, service members must send the following documents:

- Form M99, Credit for Military Service in a Combat Zone
- Corresponding Form DD-214 for each period of qualifying service
  - If still on active duty, attach Leave and Earnings statements for each month of qualifying service.

Applications must be postmarked by October 16, 2017.

For more information on the military tax credit and to fill out the form, visit our website at <a href="https://www.revenue.state.mn.us">www.revenue.state.mn.us</a>.

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<u>Check out and share our video</u> that explains who qualifies and how to claim the Credit for Military Service in a Combat Zone. Tax credits for service in a combat zone are also available for 2014, 2015 and 2016. 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 combat zone locations that qualify for the tax credit, visit the IRS website at <a href="https://www.irs.gov.">www.irs.gov.</a>

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