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Tax Benefits for State Veterans and Military Service Personnel *And How Wisconsin Citizens can Help*

With the beginning of a new year comes the time of the year when Wisconsin citizens start preparation for filing their state tax returns. More often than not veterans and military personnel are not aware of the filing procedures and benefits available to them as they start preparing tax forms.

Some of the tax benefits for state veterans and military service personnel are described in various tax publications; however, veterans should contact the Washington County Veterans Service Office as well as utilize the quick reference located on the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs website at www.WisVets.com/Taxes regarding information available on:

- a. Wisconsin Veterans and Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit
- b. Wisconsin Individual Income Taxes – Military Pay
- c. Wisconsin Individual Taxes – Combat Pay Exemption
- d. Wisconsin Individual Income Taxes – Mobilized Reserve/Guard Pay Exemption
- e. Wisconsin Individual Income Taxes – Extension in Filing Deadline
- f. Wisconsin Individual Income Taxes- Military Retirement Benefits Exemption and
- g. Wisconsin Individual Income Taxes – Death Gratuity Exemption.

In addition, state taxpayers can support Wisconsin's veterans and military families on individual and corporate state income tax forms, by just entering an amount to donate to the Veteran Trust Fund, which provides relief to veterans and the immediate families of service members who die in the line of duty or as a result of service connected disabilities, deployed service members, and eligible disabled veterans.

When citizens give to the Veterans Trust Fund Donation they help Wisconsin make an investment in its future, in the future of its veterans and their families.

Taxpayers who miss donating on their tax returns can donate directly by sending a check to the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Trust Fund Donation

30 West Mifflin Street, P.O. Box 7843, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7843.

To read more about the Veterans Trust Fund Tax Form Donation, go to the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Hot Topics webpage, at www.WisVets.com/HotTopics and click on Veterans Trust Fund Tax Form Donation.

For more information about state veterans benefits, including the tax benefits for veterans, contact the Washington County Veterans Service Officer at (phone number), go online to www.WisVets.com, or call toll-free at 1-800-WIS-VETS (1-800-947-8387).

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