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South Dakota Veterans Bonus

PIERRE, S.D. – Since World War I, South Dakota has paid a bonus to residents who served on active duty during a wartime period and this tradition continues today. The current bonus program, administered by the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs, authorizes payments of up to \$500 to current or former members of the Armed Forces.

The applicants must have been legal residents of the state for no less than six months immediately preceding their period of active duty and meet certain criteria during one or more of the following periods.

Between the dates of August 2, 1990, and March 3, 1991, all active duty service qualifies for payment. Between the dates of March 4, 1991, and September 10, 2001, payments can only be made to those who served in an area which qualified for hostile fire pay. After September 11, 2001, all active duty service qualifies for payment.

Veterans with qualifying service before Dec 31, 1992, [Desert Storm] and after Jan 1, 1993, [OEF/OIF] may receive two separate bonuses of up to \$500 each.

For additional information or to apply for the bonus, contact your local county or tribal veterans service officer or South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs at 605-773-7251.