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## **South Dakota Veterans Bonus**

**PIERRE, S.D.** – If you served with the Armed Forces any time after Aug. 2, 1990, or are currently active duty military, the State of South Dakota and South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs want to say thank you!

The Department administers a bonus program for those who were legal residents of the state for no less than six months prior to their active duty service and who meet other qualifications.

In the past 14 years, the department has made bonus payments of up to \$500 to more than 9,400 service members for their active duty service after Jan. 1, 1993, through today. Since 2005, bonus awards have also been made to over 880 service members activated from Aug. 2, 1990, to Dec. 31, 1992. Bonus payments cannot be paid for Active Duty for training.

Read more about the state's Armed Forces bonus under the "Benefits" tab on the Department website at <http://vetaffairs.sd.gov>, contact your local county or tribal veterans service office, or call the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs at 605-773-7251.