

Ohio Veterans Bonus – Brief Summary

The Ohio Veterans Bonus is a thank-you from the citizens of Ohio to all the members of the Armed Forces who served anywhere in the world during the time of the Iraq War and the Afghanistan War. But it won't be around forever – **veterans of the Iraq War era have until December 31, 2014 to apply**. No end date has been announced for veterans of the Afghanistan War era.

The Ohio Veterans Bonus is available to military service members and veterans who entered the military from Ohio and are an Ohio resident at the time they apply. They must have served under honorable conditions for greater than 90 days on active duty, not for training, anywhere in the world during one of the following periods:

- Iraq: March 19, 2003 through December 31, 2011 (**application deadline: December 31, 2014**)
- Afghanistan: Oct 7, 2001 through a date to be determined by the President

The Bonus pays \$100 per month for service in Afghanistan or Iraq during the eligible periods, and/or \$50 per month for service anywhere else in the world during those times. The total individual award cannot exceed \$1,500.

The next-of-kin of eligible service members who are killed or die as a result of injuries or illness sustained in Iraq or Afghanistan may also receive the Bonus. Next-of-kin may be compensated \$5,000, plus whatever the service member would have received. Next-of-kin of service members who die on active duty, but not as the result of injuries or illness sustained in the areas named above, may be compensated whatever the eligible service member would have received.

The Ohio Veterans Bonus is not taxed by either the federal government or Ohio.

Don't delay, find out more by calling 1-877-644-6838, select option 2; or visit:

www.veteransbonus.ohio.gov.

Information about the Ohio Veterans Bonus is also available on the Ohio Department of Veterans Services mobile app. Search any mobile device's app store using the keywords, "Ohio Vet" or visit: <http://dvs.ohio.gov/HOME/Welcome>

If you're a veteran of any era of military service and have questions about the benefits you've earned, contact your county veterans service office.

Find yours by calling 1-877-OHIOVET (644-6838), option 1, or see the map at: www.ohio.vet.gov