

# **Okaloosa County News Release**

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## **Retired & Disabled Vets Eligible for Economic Stimulus Payment *Reminder – Deadline is October 15, 2008***

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is reaching out to veterans urging them to file a 2007 tax return, even if you aren't required. Why? You could receive a payment from \$300 to \$600 or more. You have until October 15, 2008 to file.

The IRS has accounted for 74 percent of Social Security and Veterans Affairs beneficiaries out of about 20 million initially identified as being potential stimulus recipients. Many of these fall in a category that normally does not have to file. There is no reason not to – veterans who qualify still do not have to file next year, and the money received isn't taxable next year either. Nor does the economic stimulus impact the benefits veterans are currently receiving.

Just fill out a 1040 or 1040A to see if you qualify, and the IRS will mail or direct deposit your check. If you need assistance filing a tax return, some organizations provide free assistance. If you need assistance, a list for addresses and office hours can be found at "Contact My Local Office" at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Forms can also be downloaded from this web site as well.

For more information, contact Veterans Services office or visit at a location near you, see office listings below:

### **Okaloosa County Veterans Services**

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