

OHIO VETERANS BONUS PROGRAM

Fayette County Clerk of Courts Evelyn A. Pentzer joined Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray in announcing a new initiative in support of Ohio Veterans.

Veterans who served in the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan or Iraq are eligible to for the statewide Veterans' Bonus which was approved by Ohio Voters in November.. Now The Clerk of Courts and Attorney General's Offices will offer notarization services free of charge to make this application process simpler for local Veterans.

I am honored to join the Attorney General's office in offering this service to the men & women in Ohio who have faithfully served and continued serving our Country, Pentzer said.

There is no charge for this service, Pentzer said "My Staff and I look forward to assisting our veterans in this process. Veterans may have their paperwork notarized/acknowledged at the Clerk of Courts office located on the 3rd Floor at the Fayette County Court House from 8:00 am to 4:00 Pm Monday thru Friday.

Cordray added, "The process of providing these bonuses began a few years ago in Iraq, when a Ohioan serving as an Army captain there wrote to my office on behalf of the servicemen and women in his unit. Working together, Ohioans responded in a big way making these bonuses a reality. It is a pleasure to continue that support by partnering with Evelyn Pentzer, making the application process as simple as possible.

The bonus program offers eligible veterans who served in the Persian Gulf, Iraq or Afghanistan wars \$100 for each month of active duty service up to \$1,000. Eligible veterans serving on active duty elsewhere in the world during these wars may receive \$50.00 per month of service , up to a maximum of \$500. an eligible veteran may combine their service bonuses for a maximum payment of \$1500. The families of those killed during these conflicts may also be eligible for compensation..

Ohio Veterans who want to participate in the program must complete a state application which must be notarized or acknowledged.

Applicants who want additional information can call 1-877-OHIO VET or visit the Ohio Department of Veterans Services online at www.veteransbonus.ohio.gov.