NC Implements Federal Program to Recoup Taxes Owed by Employers

\$1.3 million collected by DES since November 2015

The Division of Employment Security (DES) has begun to collect unpaid unemployment insurance taxes from employers through a federal program called the Treasury Offset Program (TOP). The Division implemented TOP originally for the recovery of unemployment insurance benefit overpayments to claimants in 2013. In January 2016, DES leveraged this process to implement the recovery of unpaid employer taxes. States have recently been given permission by the federal government to run the TOP program for unpaid unemployment insurance taxes.

"This is part of our larger effort to bring certainty to North Carolina businesses by reforming our unemployment system and taking the trust fund from bankruptcy to solvency in 30 months," said Governor Pat McCrory. "The employers who file and pay on time deserve the assurance that we will hold accountable those employers who don't meet their obligations.

This program is expected to only affect a small number of the employers who pay unemployment insurance taxes. In 2015, 91% of employers filed timely while 93% paid their unemployment taxes on time.

"This program has been very effective in recovering funds owed to the Division," said DES Assistant Secretary Ted Brinn. "Employers are given an opportunity to settle the debt before we use the program. In anticipation of our implementation of the program, we mailed out the notification letters required by the federal program in early November. That effort, along with TOP has netted DES \$1.3 million in unpaid taxes.

TOP is used to intercept eligible federal payments to delinquent debtors, in accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 and other legal authorities. Federal law requires state agencies to certify that the debt is valid, delinquent, and legally enforceable and that the agency has complied with all due process pre-requisites prior to offset. This means that, at least 60 days prior to submission of the debt to TOP, the creditor agency has sent a notice to the debtor stating the amount and type of debt and the agency's intention to refer the debt to TOP for offset. The creditor agency must also provide the debtor with the opportunity to resolve the debt through a repayment agreement and/or to dispute the agency's claim.

Special Military Discounts Offered at State Natural and Cultural Sites Throughout the Year

Whether you are looking to explore the outdoors, learn more about North Carolina history or get an up close view of wildlife, the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) offers a variety of attractions for every family to enjoy. Many sites offer discounts to active military personnel and their families year-round.

NCDNCR attractions, including operating hours and discount information: N.C. Aquariums (Roanoke, Pine Knoll Shores, Fort Fisher, Jeanette's Pier) Daily mil-

N.C. Zoo (Asheboro) Daily military discount

- N.C. Museums of History and Natural Sciences (Raleigh) Free, military discounts to ticketed exhibits
- N.C. Museum of Art (Raleigh) Free, military discounts to ticketed exhibits Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA) (Winston-Salem) Free, military
- discounts to ticketed exhibits
- State Parks and Recreation areas (Various locations throughout the state) Free State Historic Sites - Mostly free, military discounts offered at CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center (Kinston) and N.C. Transportation Museum (Spencer)
- State Historic Commissions Mostly free, military discounts offered at Battleship North Carolina (Wilmington) and Tryon Palace (New Bern, discounts daily, free on Memorial Day and Labor Day only)
- Museum of the Albemarle (Elizabeth City), Museum of the Cape Fear (Fayetteville) and Mountain Gateway Museum (Old Fort) Free
- N.C. Maritime Museum (Beaufort), N.C. Maritime Museum (Southport) and Gravevard of the Atlantic Museum (Hatteras) Free

There are a number of NCDNCR sites with military significance, as North Carolina's military history predates statehood. State Historic Sites have served as forts or training facilities from colonial times to the present. Fort Dobbs, built in 1756, dates to the French and Indian War, and is oldest of the colonial military sites. Others are Alamance Battleground, Brunswick Town and House in the Horseshoe.

Civil War era military sites include Bennett Place, CSS Neuse, Fort Anderson and Fort Fisher. Bentonville Battlefield was the location of North Carolina's largest Civil War battle, and still serves as a site for study in tactics for Camp Lejeune Marines and Fort Bragg soldiers.

The Battleship North Carolina dates to World War II and is the most recent of the state's militarv venues.

The Battle of Fort Macon was fought at Fort Macon State Park during March and April 1862 at the onset of the Civil War.

Lake James State Park includes a two-mile section of the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail from the Revolutionary War era. Part of Elk Knob State Park was the site of a battle between the British and Patriots during the Revolutionary War.

The Fort Fisher Recreation Area and Carolina Beach share Civil War history with Fort Fisher and Brunswick Town State Historic Sites, respectively. During World War II, Camp Davis was built north of Wilmington in Holly Ridge and Fort Fisher was part of that complex. Fort Fisher State Historic Site was an anti-aircraft artillery training center and became the primary firing range. The Jones Lake area also was part of that training facility. Fort Johnston near Southport was constructed by the British in 1749 to protect the area from Spanish attack and now is part of the N.C. Maritime Museum-Southport.

The U.S. Army Signal Corps used Hanging Rock State Park for training in 1943 and the 92nd Medical Battalion did week-long trainings there that year.

For additional information about our state's military history and details on military

discounts, visit www.ncdcr.gov/military-history.

Anson County Veterans Council Requesting Donations

This is a release from the Anson County Veterans Council: The Anson County Veterans Council is pleased to announce we are moving forward with the new Veterans Memorial to be located inside the Wadesboro City Park. The Veterans Council wants to show our appreciation to all our veterans for their service to our country.

The memorial will be concreted, with a granite marker with the emblems of the five branches of services and flags along with the American flag on a 30 foot pole. The Memorial will also have the North Carolina flag and the Anson County flag on each side at 25 feet. The memorial will have a box for used American flags. Flags that are placed inside the box will be collected and disposed of properly.

To make a contribution, please make checks payable to the Anson County Veterans Council, PO Box 791, Wadesboro, NC 28170. For more information on this project please contact Ed Parker at (704) 694 -6770.

The Veterans Council would like to acknowledge the Wadesboro City Council, Project Manager Max Kendell and Wadesboro Town Manager

Alex Sewell for their continued support.

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Bowman Class of 1984 Gala

All members of the Bowman Senior High School Class of 1984 are invited to attend the 'All White Gala' event that will be held on September 3 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, from 5 p.m. to 12 midnight. The cost is \$100 for couples, \$65 for singles.

All money should be turned in by July 15. Please send your payment to Windy Smith or Barbara Ingram at PO Box 1259, Wadesboro NC 28170. For more information contact Joyce Little at 704-695-2387.

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FINAL WARNING REGARDING ANSON COUNTY TAXES

The Anson County Tax Collector will publish 2015 delinquent taxes in the June 29th edition of the Anson Record.

Delinquent properties will have an added \$20 fee to offset publication costs. No exceptions.

Pay your delinquent taxes by June 24th to avoid advertisement and to avoid the \$20 fee.

All delinquent taxes are subject to foreclosure.

Having a signed payment arrangement will not prevent the advertisement fee from being added.

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