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COLUMBUS, Ohio – The [Ohio](#)

[Society of CPAs](#) (OSCPA) will once again provide free tax preparation services to Ohio military families this tax season.

From January through April, many Ohio Certified Public Accountants will volunteer to prepare 2009 tax returns for military personnel who are permanent residents of Ohio and currently deployed outside of the state.

Operation CPA is a partnership with the Ohio National Guard, and provides a valuable service to help ease the burden of deployment on Ohio military families.

“Ohio Military families have enough challenges when a family member is away on active duty,” said J. Clarke Price, president and CEO of OSCP.

“The Ohio Society of CPAs offers this much-needed service to support men and women who are serving our country, and to give their loved ones one less thing to worry about.”

Ohio CPAs can volunteer to prepare tax returns or refer military families for tax preparation services by calling 888.959.1212.

The Ohio Society also wanted to remind tax professionals of the special provisions of the first time homebuyer credit that allows additional qualifying time for service members.

The Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act of 2009 extends and expands

the first-time homebuyer credit for eligible taxpayers who buy, or enter into a binding contract to buy, a principal residence on or before April 30, 2010

and close on the home by June 30, 2010. Taxpayers have the option of claiming

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For more details on the first-time homebuyer credit, visit the IRS Web site for military personnel: [www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=97273,00.html](http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=97273,00.html)

Additional tax tips from the Ohio Society of CPAs Tax Headquarters:  
[www.ohioscpa.com/Content/TaxHeadquarters.aspx](http://www.ohioscpa.com/Content/TaxHeadquarters.aspx)  
and at [www.financialfitnessohio.com](http://www.financialfitnessohio.com).

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