

Timely Tips for Taxpayers **Tax Time**

If you're going to owe, don't just "let it go..."

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The 2009 tax season is in full swing. There are some important facts that you should be aware of as a taxpayer.

- The filing deadline for overseas filers is June 15, 2009. However, if you will owe taxes this year, you should pay whatever you owe by April 15, 2009. The IRS has designated April 15 as the payment deadline for those taxpayers who will owe taxes and will start assessing "late payment" penalties and interest on any tax owed to the government after that date. If you are unsure whether or not you will owe tax this year, please consult with a member of the tax center staff—the sooner the better.
- If a service member is deployed, they have three options on how and when to file:
 1. They can choose to file while they are downrange;
 2. They can have their spouse file for them if the spouse has a valid power of attorney; or
 3. They can wait until they return from deployment, at which time they will have 180 days to file plus the number of days they had left to file before they deployed. For example: if a Soldier deployed on March 20, 2009, and had until April 15, 2009, to file a tax return, that Soldier will have 180 days once he or she returns from deployment, plus the 26 days the Soldier still had to file before the April 15 deadline. If the service member has an "combat zone" extension, so does the spouse.
- If you file taxes electronically with our office and are entitled to a refund, it can be directly deposited into your checking or savings account in as little as 7 to 10 days.
- Last year, 21st TSC's tax assistance centers filed over 8,600 income tax returns and saved military taxpayers over 1.1 million dollars in commercial tax preparer fees. Additionally, the tax centers helped military taxpayers obtain over 14 million dollars in tax refunds.
- The tax centers at Kleber Kaserne and Landstuhl are staffed by IRS-trained professionals who will help you electronically file federal and state returns, back tax returns, amended returns, and answer any of your tax questions. In addition, we have tax attorneys on staff to assist you with more complex tax issues.
- The advantages of electronically filing your taxes are numerous. Electronic filing offers faster processing and faster refunds, more accurate returns, better security, and it is the IRS-preferred method.

So why wait? Come on down to your local tax assistance center and get your taxes done for free!

Stop by our tax assistance centers on Kleber Kaserne and at Landstuhl. We provide federal and state tax preparation assistance, electronic filing, and general tax information. Just walk in, or, to set up an appointment, please call:

Kleber (DSN: 483-7688 or CIV: 0631-411-7688)

Landstuhl (DSN: 486-6334 or CIV: 06371-86-6334)

The [Kleber Tax Assistance Center](#) is co-located with the Kaiserslautern Legal Services Center in Bldg. 3210 on Kleber Kaserne.

The [Landstuhl Tax Assistance Center](#) is in Bldg. 3701, located near the back exit gate of Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. We're on the ground floor, just under the Education Center.



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