

Some Reservists to Get Back Pay

Reservists who worked for the federal government between 1980 and 2000 could have thousands of dollars coming to them, thanks to a court decision that awards back pay for weekends and vacations spent working for the Pentagon.

The Nov. 18 decision became final Friday when the government chose not to appeal.

About 200,000 federal employees are eligible for back pay under the decision; as many as 10,000 reservists currently serving in Iraq may be eligible.

Reservists who believe they may be eligible for payments must either hire their own attorneys to file their cases, or try to file themselves. The ruling does not expire, so there is no limit to how much time reservists have to file their claims, said Mathew Tully, a partner in Tully, Rinckey, & Associates.