

## **Veterans Exemptions:**

There are two kinds of veteran's exemptions available for property that is owned by a person(s) who have rendered military service to the United States during specific dates set forth by law and have been honorably discharged or released from service. The cold war is defined as September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991, the Persian Gulf conflict (commencing August 2, 1990), the Vietnam War (February 28, 1961-May 7, 1975); Korean War (June 27, 1950-January 31, 1955); World War II (December 7, 1941-December 31, 1946); World War I (April 6, 1917-November 11, 1918); the Mexican Border Period (May 9, 1916-April 5, 1917), or the Spanish-American War (April 21, 1898-July 4, 1902).

A veteran also includes a recipient of an armed forces, navy or marine corps expeditionary medal and a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces who served honorably while on active duty (other than "active duty for training") and who has returned to reserve status. A veteran also includes certain individuals who served during World War II in the United States Merchant Marine, the United States Army Transport Service (oceangoing service), the American Field Service (overseas duty), or as civilian flight crew or ground support in Pan American World Airways pursuant to its contract with Air or Naval Transport Command.

The dates of the Korean and Vietnam Wars and Persian Gulf conflict are prescribed in the State law, while the dates of the other wars are derived from Federal law.

Application for exemption requires a copy of the DD 214 and deed as proof of dates and character of service and ownership. Application must be filed on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be effective for the next January Town and County billing. Veteran exemption applies only to County and Town taxes.