

## UNDERSTANDING VETERAN'S TAX CREDITS

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#### QUALIFYING FOR CREDIT

Veterans who meet certain qualifications are eligible to receive a credit towards their property tax bill.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Veteran is honorably the service.
- Veteran served not less than 90 days in the armed forces during a qualifying time period (*see qualifying service dates*).
- Veteran has resided in New Hampshire for at least one year prior to April 1 in the year in the year in which the tax credit is claimed .
- A veteran's surviving spouse may qualify provided they have not remarried
- A husband and wife each qualifying for a tax credit shall each be granted a tax credit upon their residential real estate
- Veteran must own residential property in the town and it must be his/her principal place of abode.

#### QUALIFYING SERVICE DATES

- **World War II**  
December 7,1941 -31,1946
- **Korean Conflict**  
June 25,1950 -31,1955
- **Vietnam Conflict**  
December 22,1961 -May 7,1975
- **July1, 1958 -December 22, 1961**

If the veteran earned the Vietnam Service Medal or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

- **May 1975 to present** if veteran earned a theater of operations medal or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. The name of medal will appear on the veteran's discharge papers unless the medal was earned and the soldier was discharged prior to the award. The following medals are considered "theater of operations medals."

*Armed forces Expeditionary Medal*

*Navy Expeditionary Medal*

*Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal*

*Southeast Asia service Medal*

*Kuwait Liberation Medal*

*Kosovo Campaign Medal*

*Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal*

- **Persian Gulf War**

All veterans serving on or after August 2, 1990 and meet all other criteria are now eligible for the war service credit. No proof of medal is required.

### **APPLYING FOR CREDIT**

To apply for the Veteran's Tax Credit, simply provide a copy of the DD-214 military discharge paper and a completed form PA-29. These application forms are available at the town hall. To qualify for the tax credit during the current year, application must be made no later than **April 15**.

Once the application and supporting paperwork is received, it will be reviewed and either approved or denied by the board of selectmen. The applicant will be notified, by mail, of the decision.

If approved, half of the credit will be applied to the first half property tax bill and the remaining half of the credit will be applied to the second half property tax bill. The credit will become permanent. The Town reserves the right, however, to request from to time including verification of residency and property ownership.

## **CREDIT AMOUNTS**

Credit amounts vary from town to town. Ossipee voters decided at the March 10, 2004 town meeting to enact the following annual credit amounts:

- \$500 - War service credit
- \$2,000 - Service Connected Total Disability credit.
- \$2,000-Surviving spouse of any person killed or who died while on active duty in the armed forces.

## **APPEAL**

If you believe you have been unfairly denied a Veteran's Credit, you may appeal in writing, on or before September 1 to N.H. Board of Tax and Land Appeals or Carroll County Superior Court.

## **ASSISTANCE**

The staff at town hall is available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If unable to locate your discharge you can obtain a copy of "Report of Separation Active Duty (DD-214)" by visiting this website and requesting a SF180 Military Record Request.

## **How to Request Military Service Records or Prove Military Service**

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/get-service-records.html>

You can also call Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-800-827-1000.