

## **Are You Eligible for a Veteran's Tax Credit?**

**You may be eligible for a reduction of your property tax bill.**

Just answer a few questions to see:

1. Do you have a DD-214 or other discharge form for war service during qualifying wars?
2. Do you suffer from a Service-Connected Total Disability, are you a double amputee or paraplegic, and are rated Totally Disabled by the US Department of Veterans Affairs?
3. Or, are you a Surviving Spouse of an eligible veteran?
4. Were you honorably discharged?
5. Do you own the home in which you reside?
6. Have you resided in New Hampshire for at least 1 year on April 1?

Rindge veterans may qualify for a **\$500** Property Tax Credit against your annual tax bill or a **\$2000** tax credit for a Service-Connected Total Disability.

You must own your present residence alone, own it jointly with your spouse, or own it jointly with another eligible, qualified individual - to receive the tax credit (mortgages do not affect home ownership). You may also hold equitable title or a Life Estate with ownership in another party (see Town Office for additional forms). Partial ownership may qualify for partial credit.

Your DD-214 must provide evidence you served 90 days in the armed forces of the US during the time of any qualifying war or armed conflict and were honorably discharged (or an officer honorably separated), or the spouse or surviving spouse of a resident who suffered a service-connected death, and served during:

- a) World War I from 4/6/17 to 7/2/21 (see Assessing Clerk), or
- b) World War II from 12/7/41 to 12/61/46
- c) Korean Conflict from 6/25/50 to 1/31/55, or
- d) Vietnam Conflict from 7/1/58 to 12/22/61 (with certain medals), or
- e) Vietnam Conflict from 12/22/61 to 5/7/75, or
- f) Any other war or armed conflict since 5/8/75 (with certain medals), or
- g) Persian Gulf War after 8/2/90 (no special medals are required).

Or, provide a letter from the US Department of Veterans Affairs indicating Total Disability.

### **OK, we're done with all that. What do you need to do if you are qualified?**

Complete and sign a form PA-29 (obtained from Town Office or via the Internet) on or before April 15<sup>th</sup> of the year in which you claim a tax credit. Bring it in or mail it to us along with your DD-214 (or similar discharge form) (we will return it). If everything is in order, it will be approved, and we'll confirm your qualification for the tax credit for the next tax year.

(Rindge also offers exemptions for the disabled, the blind, for improvements to assist the disabled, for solar systems and Tax Credits for certain eligible war service veterans (see the Rindge Assessing Clerk for details).)