

## Veterans

Veterans may be entitled to an exemption benefit on property owned October 1<sup>st</sup>, upon meeting the State qualifying dates of service. A DD-214 with 'Honorable' discharge must be filed on the land records prior to October 1st. *Exemption amounts vary.*

### **PERIOD OF WARS AS PROVIDED IN §27-103 FOR DETERMINING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY FOR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS UNDER §12-81(19)**

**NOTE: Service of 90 or more cumulative (as opposed to consecutive) days is required<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Spanish-American War</b>	<b>April 21, 1898 to July 4, 1902</b>
<b>Spanish-American War – Moro Province</b>	<b>April 21, 1898 to July 15, 1903<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Mexican Border Period</b>	<b>March 10, 1916 to April 6, 1917</b>
<b>World War I</b>	<b>April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918</b>
<b>World War I – Russia</b>	<b>April 6, 1917 to April 1, 1920<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>World War II</b>	<b>December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946<sup>4</sup></b>
<b>Korean Conflict</b>	<b>June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955</b>
<b>Vietnam Era</b>	<b>February 28, 1961 to July 1, 1975</b>
<b>Lebanon</b>	<b>July 1, 1958 to November 1, 1958 or September 29, 1982 to March 30, 1984<sup>5</sup></b>
<b>Invasion of Grenada</b>	<b>October 25, 1983 to December 15, 1983<sup>5</sup></b>
<b>Operation Earnest Will</b>	<b>July 24, 1987 to August 1, 1990<sup>5</sup></b>
<b>Invasion of Panama</b>	<b>December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990<sup>5</sup></b>
<b>Persian Gulf War</b>	<b>After August 2, 1990<sup>1</sup></b>

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<sup>1</sup> A veteran who recorded proof of honorable discharge in any Connecticut town on or before October 1, 1977 is eligible for the exemption under §12-81(19) **even if the duration of service was less than 90 days**. See also Footnote 5, below.

<sup>2</sup> The Spanish American War includes the Philippine Insurrection, the Boxer Rebellion and service in the Moro Province, for which the ending date is eleven days later than the ending date for the Spanish American War.

<sup>3</sup> The ending date for service in Russia by a person serving with the United State military forces during World War I differs from the ending date for all service during that war in all other arenas.

<sup>4</sup> Pursuant to §12-86, twelve o'clock midnight on December 31, 1947 is the World War II termination date for purposes of granting a property tax exemption.

<sup>5</sup> A person must have served in combat or combat support role for the duration of a period of war lasting less than 90 days (i.e., the Invasions of Grenada and Panama) in order to qualify for a property tax exemption. A person must also have served in a combat or combat support role in Lebanon during the specified dates, in order to qualify for an exemption. An Armed Forces Expeditionary medal is awarded to such individuals. Prior to June 8, 2009, the dates for service in Operation Earnest Will were February 1, 1987 to July 23, 1987; a person who established exemption eligibility on or before September 30, 2008 due to serving during those dates for an exemption on or before October 1, 2008 must have received an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.