



Town of Amherst

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VETERANS EXEMPTIONS

PROPERTY MUST BE PRIMARY RESIDENCE

ELIGIBLE WARTIME VETERANS:

WORLD WAR I	04/06/17 - 11/11/18
WORLD WAR II	12/07/41 - 12/31/46
KOREAN ERA	06/27/50 - 01/31/55
VIETNAM ERA	02/28/61 - 05/07/75 (new start date passed 7/06)
PERSIAN GULF WAR	08/02/90 - DATE STILL OPEN
LEBANON CRISIS	06/01/83 - 12/01/87 - Expeditionary Medal Required
GRENADA CRISIS	10/23/83 - 11/21/83 - Expeditionary Medal Required
PANAMA CRISIS	12/20/89 - 01/31/90 - Expeditionary Medal Required
EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL RECIPIENT	VARIOUS DATES

MERCHANT MARINE QUALIFICATIONS - 12/07/41 THROUGH 08/15/45
PROOF REQUIRED - ATLANTIC, PACIFIC OR MEDITERRANEAN WAR ZONE
WAR FOREIGN VOYAGE CARD

GOLD STAR PARENT – Available for the parent of a child who died in the line of duty while serving during a war period
A Casualty Report and Birth Certificate required. Passed by Town for 2002 Roll year start.

A COLD WAR EXEMPTION IS AVAILABLE FOR DATES NOT LISTED ABOVE. Passed by Town for 2008 roll year start
Pro Rata exemptions are based on eligible funds and must have been applied for in the Town of Amherst prior to 6/1/1984

AMOUNT OF EXEMPTION ALLOWED:

	<u>County Maximum Limits</u>	<u>Town Maximum Limits</u>
Cold War – 10%		\$16,000
Cold War – 15%	\$12,000	
Cold War Service Connected Disability		
Half of VA Rating	\$40,000	\$80,000
Wartime Veteran – 15%	\$18,000	\$36,000
Combat zone – additional 10%	\$30,000	\$60,000
Service Connected Disability –		
Half of VA Rating	\$60,000	\$120,000

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN APPLYING:

- DEED TO THE PROPERTY
- DISCHARGE PAPERS (DD214) – if veteran is missing theirs, they can be obtained from www.archives.gov
- PROOF OF COMBAT DUTY
- PROOF OF DISABILITY RATING – Veteran Regional Office 1-800-827-1000
- DISCHARGE OF EXEMPTION FROM PREVIOUS RESIDENCE
- IF SPOUSE OF VETERAN APPLYING WE WILL ALSO NEED MARRIAGE/DEATH CERTIFICATES

SCHOOL EXEMPTION INFORMATION

New York State has expanded the Real Property Tax Law 458-A to allow school districts to offer wartime veterans a partial exemption from their school taxes. Pursuant to this law, the exemption applies to the primary residence of qualified veterans.

<u>SCHOOL DISTRICTS</u>	<u>15% Wartime</u>	<u>25% Combat</u>	<u>Half VA Rated Disability</u>
Clarence (approved for 2015 Roll)	\$18,000	\$30,000	\$60,000
Williamsville (approved for 2015 Roll)	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
Sweet Home (approved for 2016 Roll)	\$18,000	\$30,000	\$60,000
Amherst Central (approved for 2016 Roll)	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$20,000

VETERANS COUNSELOR -

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APPLICATION DEADLINE – MARCH 1