



# Veterans Exemptions



## **Disabled Ex-Service Member \$5,000 Exemption\***

An ex-service member disabled at least 10% in war or by service-connected events may be entitled to a \$5,000 exemption on any property he or she owns.

## **Service-Connected, Total and Permanent (T&P) Disability\***

An honorably discharged veteran who is totally and permanently disabled or requires a wheelchair for mobility resulting from their military service may qualify for total exemption from ad valorem property taxes. Under some circumstances, the benefit of this exemption can carry over to the surviving spouse.

## **Veterans 65 and Older with a Combat-Related Disability\***

A veteran who is disabled, 65 or older, and owns homestead property may qualify for a property tax discount based on their percentage of disability. To be eligible, you must have been honorably discharged from military service and be partially disabled with a permanent service-connected disability, at least part of which is combat-related. *This discount is in addition to any other exemptions veterans now receive.*

**\*Effective 2021 benefits can carry over to the surviving spouse.**

## **Deployed Military Exemption**

A member/former member of any branch of the United States military, military reserves, or the Florida National Guard may receive an exemption on this year's tax bill based on percentage of time deployed, if he or she:

- receives a homestead exemption.
- was deployed during the last calendar year outside the continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii in support of a designated operation (each year the Florida legislature designates operations for this exemption).
- submits an application, Form DR-501M, to the property appraiser.
- provides proof of deployment.

## **Surviving Spouse of Veteran Who Died in the Line of Duty**

A surviving spouse of a veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty may be granted a total exemption from ad valorem property taxes.

Dear Veteran,

*“America’s fighting men and women sacrifice much to ensure that our great nation stays free. We owe a debt of gratitude to the soldiers that have paid the ultimate price for this cause, as well as for those who are blessed enough to return from the battlefield unscathed.” ~ Allen Boyd*

Florida’s voters recognize the sacrifices made by America’s brave soldiers by approving several property tax exemptions to qualifying veterans and their surviving spouses.

Sincerely,

*Dana Bickley*

Dana Bickley, CFA

Brevard County Property Appraiser



### What You Will Need to File

- VA Award Letter
- Florida Drivers License or ID Card
- Vehicle Registration
- Social Security Card
- Copy of Deed
- If Dwelling in Manufactured Home, Title or Registration



### Important Dates

**January 1** – Legal assessment date

**March 1** – Deadline to apply for most exemptions

**August** – Notices of proposed property taxes mailed

**September** – Deadline to file Value Adjustment Board petitions

### Office of the Property Appraiser Locations

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