

Qualifying Awards for the Veterans' Tax Credit For Wars or Conflicts after May 8, 1975

List provided by NH State Veterans Council

Any of the following medals shall be considered a "theater of operations service medal" for the purposes of qualifying a veteran for the Veterans' Tax Credit in RSA 72:28. Typically, the medal will appear on the discharge papers (such as the DD214), except for those who earned the medal, but were discharged prior to the award. There must be documentation to qualify.

- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Navy Expeditionary Medal
- Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal
- Southwest Asia Service Medal
- Kuwait Liberation Medal
- Kosovo Campaign Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal

In addition, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, the award of the following decorations shall also be considered evidence of a veteran's combat service and qualification for the Veterans' Tax Credit:

Reference: "V" Device: "V" stands for Valor, and it is awarded to denote combat service.

If so specified, the medal must have the "V" Device to be valid.

- Air Force Cross
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award **with "V" Device**
- Air Medal **with "V" Device**
- Army Commendation Medal **with "V" Device**
- Bronze Star Medal **with "V" Device**
- Combat Action Ribbon
- Combat Infantryman Badge
- Combat Medical Badge
- Combat Aircrew Insignia
- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Distinguished Service Cross
- Joint Service Commendation Medal **with "V" Device**
- Medal of Honor
- Navy Commendation Medal **with "V" Device**
- Navy Cross
- Purple Heart
- Silver Star

Current as of: April 25, 2005

Website www.nh.gov/revenue/property_tax references this list and the **Veterans Qualifying Discharge Papers list.**

The state legislature passed (and Governor Benson signed into law) SB 531 with an effective date of July 23, 2004. This new law clarifies the Veterans Property Tax Credit in RSA 72:28 by defining the term "theater of operations service medal" for any war or armed conflict that has occurred since May 8, 1975 as any medal, ribbon or badge awarded to a member of the armed forces which establishes that the member served in a theater of war or armed conflict, as determined by the Director of NH State Veterans Council, with written notification to the Department of Revenue Administration. The NH State Veterans Council provided the list of medals, ribbons or badges that qualify a veteran for the property tax credit.

Military members who served (or are currently serving) in Afghanistan or Iraq will eventually be awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, or Iraq Campaign Medal, which are on the list of qualifying awards. We plan to update the list as often as necessary to keep it current and accurate. If anyone has any questions or comments regarding the specific medals, please refer them to the Director of the NH State Veterans Council at (603) 624-9230.