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Hunterdon Officials Remind Veterans ‘Don’t Miss Out’ On The New State Income Tax Exemption



Matthew Holt, Hunterdon County Freeholder Director;
Robert Godown, former VFW Commander, Post 7856,
Vietnam War Veteran; Mary Melfi, Hunterdon County
Clerk and current NJAC President and John W. King,
Hunterdon County Freeholder

The Hunterdon County Freeholders, County Clerk Mary Melfi and Veterans’ groups have joined forces in a ‘Don’t Miss Out’ public information campaign to make sure that all Veterans are aware they are eligible for a new \$3000 exemption when filing their New Jersey state income tax forms for 2017.

Freeholder Director Matt Holt said, “Service to the nation has always demanded sacrifice. We in Hunterdon County believe the tax exemption is the least that can be done to honor and thank those who have made that sacrifice. We want to make sure all Veterans know they are eligible for this deserved and significant tax break when they complete their tax forms.

The Freeholders will be joining forces with County Clerk Mary Melfi and Hunterdon County Veteran groups to make sure no Veteran misses out.”

Posters and other communications will be distributed around the County telling Veterans ‘Don’t Miss Out’ on the new \$3000 NJ Income Tax exemption. The exemption can be found on NJ Form 1040, Line 12 C. Veterans must provide a copy of the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, DD-214, with the tax filing.

Freeholder John King, long involved in Veterans’ issues for the Freeholder Board, commented, “Unlike some other Veterans’ benefit programs in the State, all who have served in our military qualify for this benefit, regardless of the period served. As I have said before, we as a nation owe a great debt to all who have served in uniform and this acknowledgment is long overdue.””



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County Clerk Mary Melfi stated, “Those who have served our nation have a special place in my heart. The County Clerk’s office offers a number of services for Veterans and I am thrilled to join the effort to make sure those men and women who served don’t miss out on the tax exemption benefit that they have earned.”

The County Clerk’s office records Honorable Discharges and Veterans’ DD-214’s and offers a Veteran Identification Card free of charge. Recording these important papers affords Veteran’s the security of knowing their discharges are permanently on record within Clerk’s office. This document may be required as proof of eligibility for benefits..

All discharge documents filed with the Clerk’s office are considered confidential and can only be accessed by veterans or their family members.