

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

The state-mandated veterans property tax exemption is available to state residents who are veterans of the U. S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force and any reserve component of these branches, including the Connecticut National Guard performing duty under Title 32 of federal law) and have served ninety or more cumulative days except, if the period of war lasted less than ninety days, "service in time of war" means service for the entire period of war, unless separated from service earlier because of a service-connected disability rated by the Veterans' Administration, during a period of war shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Service in a Time of War

<i>Operation</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Service Condition</i>
World War II	12/07/1941-12/31/1947*	Active service during the war
Korean War	06/27/1950-01/31/1955	Active service during the war
Lebanon Conflict	07/01/1958-11/01/1958 or 09/29/1982-03/30/1984	Combat or combat-support role in Lebanon
Vietnam Era	02/28/1961-07/01/1975	Active service during the war
Grenada invasion	10/25/1983-12/15/1983	Combat or combat-support role in Grenada required
Operation Earnest Will (escort of Kuwaiti tankers flying U. S. flag in Persian Gulf)	07/24/1987-08/01/1990	Combat or combat-support role required in the operation
Panama invasion	12/20/1989-01/31/1990	Combat or combat-support role required in the invasion
Persian Gulf War** (includes service in Afghanistan and Iraq during periods specified in CGS §27-103 as amended by PA 22-34)	08/02/1990 until a date prescribed by the President or law	Active-service anywhere during the war (not necessarily in the Persian Gulf or in a combat role)

*Ending dates specified in CGS § 12-86 for property tax exemptions.

**The definition of Persian Gulf War remains as "after August 2, 1990". The new periods for Afghanistan and Iraq are two sub-periods with the Persian Gulf War established so that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles can issue special license plates to veterans who served during these two periods. For exemption purposes there should be no distinction between veterans who served during the Persian Gulf War as defined by 38 USC 101 and those who served during these new periods.

Refer to §27-103

Additionally, World War II veterans of certain allied armed forces are also eligible if they (1) were a U. S. citizen at enlistment and received an honorable discharge or (2) have been a U. S. citizen for at least 10 years and participated in armed conflict with an enemy of the United States (CGS §§ 12-81(19) and 27-103).