



COLLIER COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

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Dear Veteran:

I am pleased to announce that on November 7, 2006, the voters of Florida approved a change to the State Constitution amending Section 6 of Article VII, providing an additional discount in ad valorem taxes for certain partially, permanently disabled veterans.

In order to be eligible for this additional discount for the current tax year, the following documentation must be sent to our office by March 1st:

- Proof of age 65 years or older;
- Proof of Florida residency **at the time of entering military service**;
- Official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected permanent disability;
- Evidence that reasonably identifies a combat-related disability; and
- Documentation of the veterans honorable discharge.

Veterans discharged after January 1, 1950, should be able to provide two documents which would qualify them in most cases. These are:

- DD Form 214 - Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty
- Disability rating letter from USDVA.

The Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs and the Collier County Property Appraiser's office are available to respond to inquiries regarding this Amendment and eligibility for this new benefit for Florida's veterans. The following website will also be helpful in obtaining documentation:
<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/dd-214.html>.

If you currently have homestead in Collier County and are eligible for this discount, please send the above documentation to our office, in the enclosed envelope.

Sincerely,

Abe Skinner
Collier County Property Appraiser