

## ***WHAT IS THE VETERAN'S EXEMPTION?***

- The State of Wyoming Legislature budgets funding to assist Veterans of foreign wars in paying property taxes.
- The County Assessor's Office administers the exemption based on statute and Department of Revenue Rules and Regulations.
- Effective January 1, 2007 the \$800 lifetime maximum was removed.
- A disabled veteran with a compensable service connected disability certified by the veteran's administration is eligible for the exemption regardless of the time of service. Forms are available in the County Assessor's office.
- The surviving spouse of a qualifying Veteran may be eligible to continue this exemption: they must reside in Wyoming and not remarry.
- Exemption may only be used on primary residence.

### ***WHO QUALIFIES?***

- Veterans who are Wyoming residents for a minimum of three years preceding qualifying for the benefit.
- Veterans who have written documentation of honorable discharge (DD-214 or equivalent) from active duty military service.
- Qualifying dates per W.S. 39-11-105 (a) (xxiv) are:

**12/07/1941 to 12/31/1946**

**06/27/1950 to 01/31/1955**

**02/28/1961 to 05/07/1975**

OR

Served during an armed conflict and received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) or equivalent.

- Each Veteran must appear in person at their local County Assessor's office to qualify.

### ***HOW CAN THE EXEMPTION BE USED?***

- The exemption may be used on property tax and it reduces the assessed valuation by 3000 annually. The tax dollar amount varies depending on mill levy for tax district. Approximate amount \$213.00. Eligible property may have multiple owners provided the veteran and /or spouse is listed, or being purchased contract for deed by the Veteran and or spouse as of January 1st.

Veterans **MUST** contact their local County Assessor's office each year after January 1st and before the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in May.

OR

- County fees for licensing a vehicle (not sales tax) may be reduced by 3000 assessed dollars (approximately \$90.00) annually. More than one vehicle may qualify, not to exceed a total of \$90.00 per year.

Title, registration, or expiration reminder showing the Veteran and/or spouse's names is required prior to purchasing tags for exemption usage. New purchases must be titled before qualifying; leased vehicles do not qualify.