



Town of West Hartford
Commission on Veterans' Affairs
Tuesday, June 9, 2026
7:00 PM (1900 hrs.)
West Hartford Town Hall Room 407
Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comment
3. Approval Minutes: March 10, 2026 Meeting
4. Old Business
 - Memorial Day; Military Inductee Ceremony
 - Veterans' Memorial; Sterling Field
5. New Business
 - Property Tax Exemption Issue (summary below)
6. 2026 Meeting Dates
 - Tues Sep 8, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
 - Tues Dec 8, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
7. Correspondence/Handouts:
 - Office of Legislative Research Report, Property Tax Exemptions for Veterans with 100% P&T Disability Rating', dated Sep 22, 2025
 - Office of Legislative Research Report, "Questions on the New Property Tax Exemption for Veterans with a P&T Disability Rating", dated Jul 22, 2024
8. Adjournment

Connecticut Property Tax Exemption for 100% Disabled Veterans

*Connecticut has a **state-mandated property tax exemption** for veterans with a **100% Permanent and Total (P&T) service-connected disability rating**. It is **not optional** for municipalities — they must provide it to eligible applicants*

Key Details

- **Effective date:** Oct 1, 2024 (assessment years from that date onward)
- **Eligibility:**
 - *Must be a Connecticut resident.*
 - *Must have served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, or Space Force.*
 - *Must have a **100% service-connected P&T disability rating** from the U.S. Dep of Veterans Affairs (VA)*

- *Applies to those classified as “totally disabled” under Individual Unemployability (TDIU) if the municipality chooses to extend the exemption (not required)*
- **Property covered:**
 - **Option 1:** *The fractional share of a dwelling (house, condo unit) the veteran owns and lives in as their primary residence.*
 - **Option 2:** *If no dwelling, one motor vehicle owned and kept in Connecticut.*
 - *Applies to property held in trust for the veteran, or dwellings/vehicles the veteran owns as a tenant for life or for a term of years if liable for taxes.*
- **Exclusions:** *Commercial use or rental income portions of the dwelling*
- **Leased property:** *Primary dwelling on leased/subleased land (lease recorded in land records and taxes paid by resident) or a leased vehicle may qualify*
- **Spouse/child:** *If the veteran owns neither dwelling nor vehicle, the exemption may apply to the spouse if they live together in a dwelling/vehicle owned by the spouse, held in trust for the spouse, or possessed as a tenant for life/term of years and liable for taxes. Surviving spouse or minor child of the veteran is also exempt to the same extent the veteran was.*

How It Works

- *The exemption is a **full reduction** of the property’s taxable value for the qualifying dwelling or vehicle, not a dollar credit*
- *Savings depend on the property’s assessed value and the town’s millage rate (e.g., a \$10,000 reduction at 3% could save \$300/year).*
- *Veterans may only receive **one** veteran-related exemption; they cannot combine this with other veteran exemptions.*

Application

- *Apply through the **local town assessor**.*
- *Provide VA documentation confirming the 100% P&T disability rating.*
- *For surviving spouses or children, provide proof of relationship and qualifying status.*

John Mele, Secretary

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