

## **Holt Reminds Hunterdon County Veterans About New State Income Tax Exemption, 'Don't Miss Out!'**

Posters and other communications have been distributed around the County telling Veterans 'Don't Miss Out' on the new \$3000 NJ Income Tax Exemption. This exemption is important because it is for all Veterans, regardless of the period served, and is long overdue.

Freeholder Director Matt Holt said, "As I said before, we in Hunterdon County believe the tax exemption is an appropriate way to honor and thank those who have made that sacrifice to serve their nation. We want to make sure all Veterans know they are eligible for this deserved and significant tax break when they complete their tax forms.

I stand with my fellow Freeholders and County Clerk, Mary Melfi, when I say that it is our duty to make sure no Veteran misses out on this benefit because it is long overdue."

The exemption can be found on NJ Form 1040, Line 12C. Veterans must provide a copy of the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, DD-214, with their tax filing. Hunterdon County's Senior Center has been able to assist Veterans with electronic filing of income taxes and the County Clerk's office has been helping Veterans with necessary paperwork to claim this tax benefit for the 2017 calendar year.

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 the Clerk's office. This document may be required as proof of eligibility for benefits.