

## Veterans Preference

Veteran preference is extended to those who fall under the following categories:

- Disabled Veterans who have served on active duty in any branch of the Armed Forces and who presently have an existing service-connected disability which is compensable under public laws administered by the DVA or are receiving compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension by reason of public laws administered by the DVA and the Department of Defense.
- The spouse of a Veteran:
  - a) Who has a total and permanent service-connected disability and who, because of this disability, cannot qualify for employment; or
  - b) Who is missing in action, captured in line of duty by a hostile force, or detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power.
- A veteran of any war who has served on active duty for one day or more during a wartime period, excluding active duty for training, and who was discharged "HONORABLY" from the Armed Forces of the United States of America; or who has been awarded a campaign or expeditionary medal. The war-time periods are defined as follows:
  - World War II: December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
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  - Vietnam Era: February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
  - Persian Gulf War: August 2, 1990 to January 2, 1992
  - Operation Enduring Freedom - October 7, 2001 to date to be determined
  - Operation Iraqi Freedom - March 19, 2003 to date to be determined
  - Operation New Dawn: September 1, 2010 to date to be determined
- The un-remarried widow or widower of a Veteran who died of a service-connected disability.
- The mother, father, legal guardian, or unmarried widow or widower of a service member who died as a result of military service under combat-related conditions as verified by the U.S. Department of Defense.
- A Veteran as defined in section 1.01m (14) Florida Statutes. "Active Duty for Training" may not be allowed under this paragraph. The term "veteran" is defined as a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions only or who later received an upgraded discharge under honorable conditions.
- A current member of any reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces or the Florida National Guard.