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**NORTH HAVEN EXTENDS APPLICATION PERIOD FOR INCLUSION ON  
POST-VIETNAM VETERANS' MONUMENT**

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda announced recently that the application period for inclusion on the Post-Vietnam Veterans' Monument has been extended through July 31, 2017. "We want to give as many people as possible the opportunity to be included on this memorial," stated Freda.

The Town of North Haven stated in June its intention of honoring those residents of the Town who have served honorably for the United States of America in wars and armed conflicts with the erection of a post-Vietnam Veterans' monument on the Town Green. The monument will be constructed in 2017 with an anticipated unveiling as part of a Veteran's Day commemoration. Interested parties are encouraged to get their applications submitted as soon as possible.

To apply submit your application along with a COPY (no originals please - DD-214 will not be returned) of your DD-214 to the Office of the First Selectman by July 31, 2017. No applications will be considered after that date. Applications are available on the Town of North Haven website: [www.northhaven-ct.gov](http://www.northhaven-ct.gov) or in the Office of the First Selectman.

As per the adopted Town Ordinance, the following mandatory eligibility criterion for an individual to be listed on the monument is as follows:

A. The individual must have served at least ninety (90) days on active duty and possess an honorable discharge or still be on active service. An exception to this ninety (90) day requirement will be made if the individual is/was killed or wounded in action or the duration of the hostile action or conflict in which the individual served was less than ninety (90) days. (Please note that combat/in country service is NOT necessary to be included on the monument.)

B. The individual's Veterans' Federal Form DD-214 (Report of Separation), or in some cases, his/her long form discharge, must list North Haven, Connecticut as the individual's home of record at the time of his/her service entry. If an individual serves longer than two (2) years, whether by reenlistment and/or extension of service or reserve obligation, and changes their home of record to North Haven, Connecticut while on active duty, then such individual shall be considered to have North Haven, Connecticut as his/her home of record at the time of his/her service entry.

Although combat or in country service is not required, individuals who have the appropriate campaign medal listed on his/her Form DD-214 will be entitled to a special designation to appear

after the individual's name on the monument. Appropriate campaign medals awarded with dates of qualifying service as follows for this monument:

Lebanon (Second Incursion), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal June 1, 1983 through December 1, 1987, Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal June 1, 1983 through December 1, 1987; Operation Urgent Fury – Grenada, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal October 23, 1983 through November 21, 1983; Operation Just Cause – Panama, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal December 20, 1989 through January 31, 1990; Southwest Asia Service – Gulf War, Southwest Asia Service Medal August 2, 1990 through November 30, 1995; Various Operations in Somalia, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal December 5, 1992 through March 31, 1995; Kosovo Campaign, Kosovo Campaign Medal, awarding of this Medal began on March 24, 1999 and the Medal is still open and eligible for awarding; Afghanistan, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, awarding of this Medal began on October 24, 2001 and the Medal is still open and eligible for awarding; Iraq Campaign, Iraq Campaign Medal, awarding of this Medal began on March 19, 2003 and the Medal is still open and eligible for awarding; Global War on Terrorism, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (For various engagements throughout the world beginning September 11, 2001), this Medal is still open and eligible for awarding; and Operation Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, awarding of this Medal began on June 15, 2014 and the Medal is still open and eligible for awarding.

The award of the National Defense Service, Global War on Terrorism Service, Humanitarian Service, or Armed Forces Service Medals do not in and of themselves qualify as appropriate campaign awards entitling an individual to receive a special designation after the individual's name on the monument, unless the individual recipient is killed and/or awarded a Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, and/or Combat Action Ribbon.

Only Veterans with service during the specified periods above are eligible. Note that all other memorials are permanently closed and no consideration can be given to those Veterans of Vietnam and prior. The First Selectman Michael Freda and the Town of North Haven look forward to working with our Veterans and honoring them with a Memorial.

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