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New Deployed Military Property Tax Exemption Now Available

The Duval County Property Appraiser's Office is urging members of the service who meet the statutory qualifications to apply for the new **Deployed Servicemember Property Tax Exemption** that was signed into law this week.

The exemption is available to members of the service who receive a homestead exemption and who were deployed outside the continental United States, Alaska or Hawaii during the preceding calendar year in support of one of three designated operations:

- Operation Iraqi Freedom
- Operation Enduring Freedom
- Operation New Dawn

The tax exemption is in effect for the 2011 tax year for deployments during the 2010 calendar year. Applications are available in the Duval County Property Appraiser's Office at 231 East Forsyth Street, Suite 230 or at <u>duvalpa.com</u>. Those applying for the 2011 exemption must also supply <u>deployment</u> <u>orders or other proofs of the qualifying deployment(s)</u> that include <u>dates of the deployment(s) and that</u> <u>clearly identify the days during which the service member was outside the continental United States</u>. <u>Alaska or Hawaii</u>. The amount of the exemption is based on the number of days deployed in the previous calendar year.

Voters passed the constitutional amendment relating to this exemption in 2010; however it required implementing legislation which was enacted during this year's legislative session. While the deadline referenced in the <u>legislation</u> was June 1, 2011, the bill was not signed into law until May 31. Therefore, late applications will be accepted. The <u>deadline to file late is 25 days following the mailing of the Notices of Proposed Property Taxes in mid-August</u>. Applications will <u>not</u> be accepted after this deadline. Service members whose deployment spans over two or more calendar years must apply each year. This exemption is not automatically renewed, and applicants must have a homestead exemption on their property to qualify.

For questions relating to this exemption, call the Customer Service/Exemptions Division at (904) 630-2020.