



# The Denton County Veteran

## Veterans Airlift Command

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The Veterans Airlift Command provides free air transportation to wounded warriors, veterans and their families for medical and other compassionate purposes through a national network of volunteer aircraft owners and pilots.



For more information please visit <http://www.veteransairlift.org>

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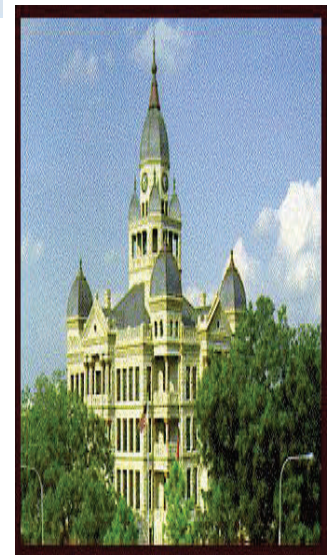
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## PURPLE HEART POSTAGE STAMP

Tammy Duckworth, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) assistant secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, recently spoke at a U.S. Postal Service ceremony announcing the reissue of the Purple Heart stamp. This is the fifth issue of the Purple Heart definitive postage stamp. The Purple Heart stamp was first issued on May 20, 2003. The reissued stamp features a photograph by Ira Wexler of one of two Purple Hearts awarded to James Loftus Fowler of Alexandria, Va., who was battalion commander of the Third Battalion, Fourth Marines serving in Vietnam.

For more information, contact your local post office.



## Here SHE is, the USS New York, made from the World Trade Center

*'The ship's motto? 'Never Forget'*



It was built with 24 tons of scrap steel from the World Trade Center.

It is the fifth in a new class of warship - designed for missions that include special operations against terrorists. It will carry a crew of 360 sailors and 700 combat-ready Marines to be delivered ashore by helicopters and assault craft.

Steel from the World Trade Center was melted down in a foundry in Amite, LA to cast the ship's bow section. When it was poured into the molds on Sept 9, 2003, 'those big rough steelworkers treated it with total reverence,' recalled Navy Capt. Kevin Wensing, who was there. 'It was a spiritual moment for everybody there.'

Junior Chavers, foundry operations manager, said that when the trade center steel first arrived, he touched it with his hand and the 'hair on my neck stood up.' 'It had a big meaning to it for all of us,' he said. 'They knocked us down. They can't keep us down.. We're going to be back. 'The ship's motto? 'Never Forget'

New Satellite Location in Carrollton

Beginning August 7, 2009

1060 Frankford Rd, Suite 200

Carrollton, TX 75007

**Every Friday**

**10:30AM—12:30PM**

**972-434-8813**

## 100 Percent Disabled Veterans FAQ

House Bill 3613 added Section 11.131 to the Tax Code. This section requires an exemption of the total appraised value of homesteads of Texas veterans who received 100% compensation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs due to a 100 percent disability rating or determination of individual unemployability by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Here are some common questions resulting from this new legislation.

**Question:**

**Can this exemption be applied to all properties owned by a veteran who qualifies?**

**Answer:**

**No, this exemption can only be applied to a residence homestead of a disabled veteran. A disabled veteran who owns property other than his residence homestead may apply for a different disabled veteran's exemption. This exemption is in Tax Code Section 11.22 and is applied according to the veteran's disability rating of 10% or higher. An eligible disabled veteran may receive both exemptions.**

**Question:**

**In order to qualify for this exemption, do you have to be receiving a 100 percent disability rating and receiving 100 percent service connected disability compensation?**

**Answer:**

**Yes, a disabled veteran with a service connected disability receiving 100 percent disability compensation and with a disability rating of 100 percent (or determination of individual unemployability) would be eligible for this exemption.**

**Question:**

**To qualify for this exemption does a veteran have to be both unemployable and have a service connected disability rating of 100 percent?**

**Answer:**

**No, a disabled veteran who has a service connected disability and is receiving 100 percent disability compensation would be eligible for this exemption if he or she is either 100 percent disabled or is unemployable.**

**Question:**

**Do I have to apply for this exemption to receive it this year?**

**Answer:**

**Yes, in order to receive the exemption for this year you must make application to your local appraisal district. You may download and print the [residence homestead exemption for disabled veterans with 100 percent disability application \(50-764\)](#) from the Comptroller's Web site Window on State Government at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/vetexempt.pdf>**

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Serving Denton County Veterans with an attitude of gratitude



Denton County Veterans Service Office is a member of the General Administration Team of Denton County. The Denton County Veterans Service Office is charged with the responsibility of advising armed forces veterans and dependents of the legal benefits available to them under U.S. Federal and State Laws.

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