

## State to Unveil Six New Veteran License Plates



MONTPELIER – The State of Vermont will unveil six new veteran license plates during a ceremony at 12:30 p.m. January 28<sup>th</sup> in the Cedar Creek Room at the State House.

During the ceremony, Department of Motor Vehicle Commissioner Robert Ide will unveil plates honoring veterans who served in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, the Iraq War, and the Afghanistan War. The first recipient of a new plate will be Vermont National Guard Adjutant General, Major General Michael Dubie, who will receive a plate honoring his service in Iraq.

**The new plates will be available to eligible veterans beginning February 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

“There is no additional fee for the new recognition license plates, and veterans can apply to receive them at any time,” Ide said. “To be eligible, veterans must have served in the combat theater that is recognized by the plate for which they apply.”

These new plates will not supplant other veteran plates already offered by the state. DMV will continue to provide all existing veteran related license plates, which include the plate displaying a U.S. flag and plates honoring Purple Heart recipients, Pearl Harbor Survivors, and former Prisoners of War.

The new plates are possible because of a 2008 change in state law that gives the Department of Motor Vehicles working in conjunction with the Office of Veterans Affairs greater flexibility in creating new license plates to recognize military service. The two organizations hope to have another round of new veteran-recognition plates available by the end of the year that will recognize the five military branches, retired military members, disabled veterans, and combat decorated veterans.

Questions regarding eligibility for the new plates should be directed to the Office of Veterans Affairs at (802) 828-3379. Questions regarding vehicle registrations should be directed to the Department of Motor Vehicles at (802) 828-2000.

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