

## **Definitions for Ethnicity, Race and Veterans Categories**

### **ETHNICITY: RACE**

**Hispanic or Latino** – A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

**American Indian or Alaska Native** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North or South America (including Central America), and who maintains a tribal affiliation or community attachment.

**Black or African American** – A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

**Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander**– A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

**Asian** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

**White** - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

### **VETERAN STATUS**

**Disabled Veteran** means: (1) A veteran of the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service who is entitled to compensation (or who but for the receipt of military retired pay would be entitled to compensation) under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or (2) A person who was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability.

**Armed Forces Service Medal Veteran** means any veteran who, while serving on active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service, participated in a United States military operation for which an Armed Forces service medal was awarded pursuant to Executive Order 12985.

**Other Protected Veteran** means a veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized, under the laws administered by the Department of Defense.

**Recently Separated Veteran** means any veteran during the three-year period beginning on the date of such veteran's discharge or release from active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service.