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Recording your DD-214 (Military Discharge Papers) in your local County Recorder's Office

The Report of Separation contains information normally needed to verify military service for benefits, retirement, employment, and membership in veterans' organizations.

In 2004, Public Act 093-0468 was established to protect the rights of veterans, meaning a recorded military discharge or DD-214 is no longer considered public information and is not available for public viewing. The service person is always welcomed in the Recorder's office to retrieve copies when needed, however if a spouse or family member is in need we suggest they use the services of the Veterans Assistance Commission to acquire this information. They will obtain the records and also be able to assist with any other services you might be needing.

HOW DO I RECORD MY DD-214 in the COUNTY RECORDER or REGISTRAR'S OFFICE?

Bring in your DD-214 paperwork **after your separation date** shown on your paperwork.

- Bring in a picture ID.
- Make sure that you record your DD-214 in a convenient county. A county where you will remember the location.
- Recording your DD-214 as well as getting copies and certified copies are free, so please ask for what you will need when you visit the office.

WHY SHOULD I RECORD MY DD-214 PAPERWORK?

Recording your DD-214 paperwork can save you a lot of headaches in the future. You will need certified copies of your discharge paperwork if you are applying for jobs, schools or other veteran benefits. You have one set of discharge papers....recording them not only safeguards them, but allows you to get certified copies. These certified copies act exactly like your original paperwork and allow you to give out multiple copies to many different sources.