

Safeguarding your DD-214 with
Surry County Register of Deeds Office

When You Need We Got It!

- ✓ Your DD214 is your passport or gateway to gaining access to VA healthcare, Compensation, pension, GI Bill and other VA benefits for which you might be potentially eligible.
- ✓ This document contains information normally needed to verify character and military service for benefits, retirement, employment, and membership in veterans' organizations, etc.
- ✓ It is also a document that is important following the death of the Veterans, to help families, secure eligible VA burial benefits.
- ✓ Once you receive a certified copy of your DD Form 214 upon discharge from active duty or a certified replacement in the mail from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. Please stop by our County Register of Deeds Office to register your DD 214.
- ✓ If your DD214 is lost, misplaced or destroyed in a fire, for example and you previously registered your document with the county Register of Deed's. You can avoid the average 10 day or longer wait-time to secure another replacement copy from the National Personnel Record Center(NPRC) in St Louis. Instead, you can quickly get a replacement copy from the county Register of Deeds' office during normal business hours or contact the County Veteran Service Office for assistance.
- ✓ Your privacy is protected by North Carolina law which requires proof that you are the veteran or eligible next-of-kin or a legally appointed representative of the Veteran before access to the DD214 is granted by the county Register of Deeds Office