

Military Discharge (DD-214)

Military Discharge records (DD-214) are recorded in the County Clerk's office at **no charge** to the Veteran.

Government Code Sec. 552.140:

EXCEPTION: CONFIDENTIALITY OF MILITARY DISCHARGE RECORDS.

(a) This section applies only to a military veteran's Department of Defense Form DD-214 or other military discharge record that is first recorded with or that otherwise first comes into the possession of a governmental body on or after September 1, 2003.

(b) The record is confidential for the 75 years following the date it is recorded with or otherwise first comes into the possession of a governmental body. During that period the governmental body may permit inspection or copying of the record or disclose information contained in the record only in accordance with this section or in accordance with a court order.

(c) On request and the presentation of proper identification, the following persons may inspect the military discharge record or obtain from the governmental body **free of charge a copy or certified copy of the record:**

- (1) the veteran who is the subject of the record;
- (2) the legal guardian of the veteran;
- (3) the spouse or a child or parent of the veteran or, if there is no living spouse, child, or parent, the nearest living relative of the veteran;
- (4) the personal representative of the estate of the veteran;
- (5) the person named by the veteran, or by a person described by Subdivision (2), (3), or (4), in an appropriate power of attorney executed in accordance with Section 490, Chapter XII, Texas Probate Code;
- (6) another governmental body; or
- (7) an authorized representative of the funeral home that assists with the burial of the veteran.

Please fax, mail, or E-mail Requests along with identification.

(See the Lavaca County Clerk's Homepage for the form.)