

**Subject:** Press Release

Hello, wanted to let you know we are sending a Press Release regarding people getting DD214's. There is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party company charging people to get their DD214's & recording them. The Recorder's Office contacted us that on Tuesday they had received 4 DD214's from this company. When the DD214 is recorded they have to send them back to this company. 2 were already recorded at the Courthouse.

This has been talked about between the Counties. One of the Counties did contact organizations & received a Decease & Desist letter, for this reason, we did send this release to the Joshua at the County Attorney. He did a couple changes, which have been done.

Beside the news organizations we have also sent to the Veteran Organizations & the City Halls in Woodbury County.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Hope you all have a Merry Christmas!

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### **Fees for Military Records**

The Woodbury County Commission of Veteran Affairs wants to make all Veterans aware that recording or requesting Military Records is free of charge for a Veteran. Please review the Iowa Code Chapter and Information regarding submitting copies of DD214 documents below. Please remember you may always contact your local County Veterans Affairs Office for assistance recording or requesting military records.

The County Recorder's office has on permanent record, military discharges that have been presented for recording. Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 331.608(6), notwithstanding Section 22.2, subsection 1, such record shall be confidential and shall not be made available for examination or copying except as follows:

- To the person who is the subject of the record, to a member of that person's immediate family, or to that person's agent or representative duly authorized in writing.
- To a person requesting to examine or copy a record when the event that resulted in the record being made occurred more than sixty-two (62) years prior to the request. However, the recorder shall redact any social security number included in a record made available pursuant to this paragraph.
- To a person who is a funeral director licensed pursuant to chapter 156 and who has custody of the body of a deceased Veteran.
- When otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- When otherwise required by a department or agency of the federal or state government or a political subdivision. The recorder shall make these records available to the Department of Veteran's Affairs. The Department of Veteran's Affairs and its employees shall be subject to the same state and federal confidentiality restrictions and requirements that are imposed on the recorder.

Veterans are also eligible to submit legal copies of their DD214 to the County Recorder's office in the county in which they reside. There is no fee to record the DD214. Copies of military discharge records are also free of charge. Veterans and entitled immediate family members may request in-person or complete a military discharge application. All records not recorded in your local county can be requested from the National Personnel Records Center.

For more information, please contact the Woodbury County Commission of Veteran Affairs Office at (712) 279-6606.