

# MILITARY DISCHARGES

Veterans are encouraged to take their military discharge papers (DD214) to the local register of deeds for recording. The register of deeds will copy and index the document and give the original back to the veteran. If the original is ever lost, destroyed or damaged, the veteran can always get a certified copy from the register of deeds.

Military discharge papers are valuable to veterans because they may be required to prove eligibility for certain benefits and programs.

If you cannot locate your DD214 military discharge document, contact the [La Crosse County Veteran's Service Office](#) at (608)785-9719 for assistance.

To get your DD214 military discharge document recorded, make sure that it has an original signature. Take this document to the register of deeds during office hours.

You can also bring a certified copy of your DD214 from another county or from the Wisconsin Department of Veteran's Affairs and have it recorded with your local register of deeds for your convenience.

To get a certified copy of your DD214 military discharge document, which was recorded earlier with the La Crosse County Register of Deeds, you may come in person to the Register of Deeds office, 400 4<sup>th</sup> Street North, room 1220, present your picture ID and they will prepare the certified copy free of charge. You may also request your certified DD214 through the La Crosse County Veteran's Service Office at 400 4<sup>th</sup> Street North, room 1340. You may contact their office at (608) 785-9719.



