

**RECORDER OF DEEDS - RECORD HONORABLY DISCHARGED PERSONNEL**

**Act of Apr. 8, 1868, P.L. 73, No. 37**

**Cl. 16**

**AN ACT**

To authorize the recorder of deeds in the several counties of this commonwealth to record the discharges of all honorably discharged officers and soldiers.

Section 1. Final discharges of officers and persons in Armed Forces or women's organizations; certificates of service; reports of separation and similar forms

The Recorders of Deeds in the several counties of this Commonwealth are hereby authorized and required to record all final discharges of all honorably discharged non-commissioned officers, and persons who were duly enlisted and mustered into the Armed Forces of the United States, a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States as defined in 51 Pa.C.S. § 7301 (relating to definitions) or in any women's organization officially connected therewith, and all certificates of service issued to commissioned officers upon termination of active service as aforesaid and as well as reports of separation from the Armed Forces of the United States or a reserve component thereof, commonly known as DD form 214, NGB form 22 and similar forms delivered to members of the armed services upon their retirement or separation from active duty, upon application being made to them by the holders thereof, their agents, attorneys, or legal representatives, for which the recorder shall be allowed a fee of fifty cents for recording the same, which fee shall be paid by the county where such discharge is recorded, upon the presentation to the county commissioners of proper vouchers by the recorder recording the same, and the recording of the same shall not be subject to the payment of the usual State tax: Provided, That the provisions of this act relating to the fees of the recorder and the state tax shall not apply to holders of discharges who are not residents of this Commonwealth at the time of making their applications to the recorder for placing the same of record.

(1 amended June 25, 2002, P.L.445, No. 67)

Section 2. Records of discharges, reports of separation and similar forms recorded or received by the recorder of deeds for recording under section 1 shall be confidential and no disclosure thereof shall be made by the recorder of deeds except as follows:

(1) To the person who is the subject of the record, report or form; or to a member of his immediate family; or to his agent or representative duly authorized in writing.

(2) To a person making a request for a record, report or form when the event that resulted in the record, report or form occurred more than seventy-five years prior to the request.

(3) When required by process of a court to be produced in any suit or proceeding therein pending.

(4) When required by the county director of veterans affairs or any department or other agency of the State or United States Government.

(2 added Dec. 19, 1975, P.L.517, No.151)