

Veterans Services

Dear Veteran,

I am honored to have the opportunity to thank you for your service. Without people like you, this Country would not be what it is today.

As the Nassau County Clerk, I am pleased to offer services that can be of great benefit to veterans, which include our recording of Certificates of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD-214) and the issuance of Veterans Peddler's Licenses.

Veterans are also eligible for numerous other programs here in Nassau County, including a reduction in property taxes. When applying, veterans can receive an exemption based on the type of service they rendered to their country during wartime. A DD-214 must be submitted to determine eligibility for this program.

I encourage you to contact the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency at the telephone numbers listed on the inside of this brochure to find out what benefits you may be entitled to and for assistance with completing required forms to receive your veterans' benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (V.A.), New York State, and Nassau County.

On a personal note, please accept my heartfelt appreciation for the sacrifices you made in the service of our country.

Sincerely,



Record your Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD-214) at the County Clerk's office

The Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD-214) provided to a veteran on leaving the service is the most commonly recognized proof of service in the armed forces. Because it is a valuable and important document, like a deed or a mortgage, New York State law provides a way for it to be recorded at the County Clerk's office.

Once recorded at the Clerk's office, a DD-214 is available at any time, *even if the original document is subsequently lost by its owner*. A certified copy of a discharge certificate will be legally recognized as if it were the original.

Recording Your Discharge at the Nassau County Clerk's Office

Honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces are entitled to record their discharge certificates and receive two certified copies at the County Clerk's office *free of charge*.

Additional certified copies of recorded discharges can be made for a nominal fee of \$2.50 for veterans or their immediate families whenever needed.

Certificate of Release & Discharge from Active Duty

You may either bring the discharge certificate into this office in person or record it by mail. **You must bring your photo ID (or mail with a copy of your photo ID) and the original document, not a copy.** Your original document will be returned directly to you. There is no charge for this service.

Law To Prevent Identity Theft

Section 250 of the Military Law provides for free recording of all veterans' honorable discharges, and now requires that these recorded DD-214s be sealed from public view. This section of the law reads: *"No filed certificate or any information contained therein, shall be disclosed to any person except the veteran or parent, spouse, dependent or child of the veteran, representative of the estate of the deceased veteran or a public official, acting within the scope of his or her employment, unless such disclosure is authorized in writing by the veteran."*

Why a Veteran May Need a Copy of His/Her Discharge

The best reason to record your discharge certificate is to insure against losing the original. Once recorded, certified copies will be made for you or your immediate family, whenever you need them, even if you lose the original.

Discharge papers are the best proof of military service, and these important papers are used to prove eligibility for a variety of benefits from property tax exemptions to civil service credits.

Nassau County Clerk Veterans Recognition Program

In 2009, County Clerk Maureen O'Connell announced the '**Veterans Recognition Program**,' which offers veterans who record their DD-214 with the Clerk's Office discounts at local businesses. It is a great way to support the local economy, promote our neighborhood businesses and safeguard these vital documents, while showing our appreciation to our veterans for their dedicated service to our country.

Over 75,000 veterans reside in Nassau County and more than 3,000 have returned from serving in the Middle East. The Clerk's Office records original Veteran Discharge Papers (DD-214) free of charge, making them easily accessible to the veteran. When a DD-214 is filed at the Clerk's Office, a photo ID discount card will be issued along with a list of participating businesses. Updated lists are always available at the County Clerk's Office and online at our website.

For more information, please call us at (516) 571-2664 or visit our website:
<http://nccivicplusweb.nassaucountyny.gov/458/County-Clerk/>

Veterans Peddler Permit

Veterans who have been honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces are eligible to apply for a Veterans Peddler's License free of charge. This license provides veterans with the right to hawk, peddle, vend, and sell goods, wares, or merchandise or solicit trade upon the streets and highways within Nassau County.

To apply, present in person a valid driver's license or photo identification, a utility bill (as proof of Nassau County residency), two passport size photos (2"x2") and your Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD-214). Licenses are issued free of charge and are valid as long as the veteran maintains residency within the county.

Peddlers are also required to comply with village or town ordinances related to street peddling. Information can be obtained directly from the towns and villages in which business is conducted.

For more information...

The Nassau County Veterans Service Agency (*see contact information below*) can provide information on other benefits you may be entitled to as a veteran, including:

- Education Benefits
- Employment, and Job Training Opportunities
- V.A. Home Loan Guarantee information
- Health Care Eligibility, Medical Transportation
- Small Business Help, Legal Services
- Directory of V.A. Medical Centers

Additional Resources

Nassau County Veterans Service Agency
(Located at Nassau University Medical Center)

2201 Hempstead Turnpike

Building 'Q'

East Meadow, NY 11554

(516) 572-6560 / (516) 572-6565 Fax: (516) 572-6570

NASSAU COUNTY VETERANS COURT

99 Main Street Hempstead, NY
11550 (516) 493-4200

US DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS NASSAU VET CENTER

970 South Broadway
Hicksville, NY 11801
(516) 348-0088

**NASSAU COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENT
VETERAN REAL PROPERTY
TAX EXEMPTION DIVISION**
240 Old Country Road, 4th Floor
Mineola, NY 11501
(516) 571- 1500

**NORTHPORT VA MEDICAL
CENTER**
79 Middleville Road
Northport, NY 11768
631-261-4400

**NORTHPORT VA
EAST MEADOW CLINIC**
2201 Hempstead Turnpike, Building Q
East Meadow, NY 11554
631-754-7978

**NYS DIVISION OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS**
2 Empire State Plaza
17th Floor
Albany, NY 12223
1-888-838-7697

**NYS DIVISION OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS
REGIONAL BENEFITS
OFFICE**
245 West Houston Street
New York, NY 10014
1-800-827-1000

**NYS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
DIVISION OF VETERAN EMPLOYMENT
SERVICES**
301 W. Old Country Road
Hicksville, NY 11801
(516) 934-8519 / 8531

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.....
[.WWW.VA.GOV](http://WWW.VA.GOV)
NYS DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.....
WWW.VETERANS.NY.GOV
NATIONAL RESOURCE DIRECTORY.....
WWW.NRD.GOV
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION & EMPLOYMENT.....
[.WWW.VETSUCCESS.GOV](http://WWW.VETSUCCESS.GOV)
VETERANS BENEFITS PORTAL.....
[..WWW.EBENEFITS.VA.GOV](http://WWW.EBENEFITS.VA.GOV)
VA VET CENTERS.....
WWW.VETCENTER.VA.GOV
WOMEN VETERANS.....
WWW.WOMENSHEALTH.VA.GOV