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DELAWARE COUNTY RECORDER HELPS HUNDREDS OF VETERANS GAIN ACCESS TO SERVICES WITH VETERAN ID CARD PROGRAM

Melissa Jordan, the Delaware County Recorder, launched the Veteran ID Card Program in March of 2014 and has had a tremendous response to the program as her office approaches the one year anniversary of the program launch.

“We’ve issued almost 800 cards since March of 2014,” Recorder Jordan said. “If the card makes it easier for even one Vet to get the benefits he or she deserves, then the program has been a success,” she added.

The program allows Ohio veterans to obtain a Document Identification Card (Vet ID card) from the Recorder’s office, and the card displays a photograph of the veteran, as well as relevant information regarding their service to our country. In 2014, Recorder Jordan travelled to a Veteran event at Columbus State and to the Delaware County Fair where she recorded discharges and provided the Vet ID cards to Veterans attending the events. She said she has plans to attend the fair and more events in 2015 to “take the program to the Veterans” as much as possible.

In order to receive a Vet ID card from the Recorder’s office, a veteran must present and record their military discharge with the Delaware County Recorder’s Office and show two forms of current and valid identification. The discharge must be an original or certified copy. There is no cost to record the military discharge, and the ID card costs \$1.00. Acceptable forms of identification are an original or certified birth certificate, ID card issued by the US Department of Veterans Affairs, US military ID card, Social Security card, state issued license to carry a concealed weapon, state issued driver’s license, and state issued ID, or valid passport. At least one form of identification submitted must be a photo ID.

In Ohio, the County Recorder maintains veterans’ military discharge records and veterans prove eligibility for various benefits using these records. Previously, veterans had to prove their eligibility by carrying an 8x11 certified copy of their DD 214. This card contains relevant information like the certified DD214, but is easier to carry due to its small size.

Veterans wishing to record their discharge and obtain a Vet ID card may do so during regular business hours in the Recorder’s Office. **All veterans are encouraged to get their Vet ID card. If they have not filed their discharge papers, please have those items ready to file.** Out-of-county veterans are encouraged to file their certified or original DD 214’s and obtain their Vet ID cards in Delaware County as well. If you have any questions about the Vet ID card program, please do not hesitate to contact the Recorder’s office at (740) 833-2460 or Melissa Jordan at the email listed above. For questions regarding obtaining your Military Discharge, contact the **Delaware County Veterans Service Commission** at (740)833-2010.