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DELAWARE COUNTY RECORDER ANNOUNCES VETERAN ID CARD PROGRAM

Melissa Jordan, Delaware County Recorder is announcing the launch of a new initiative benefiting our United States Military Veterans. "I am happy to be able to implement this beneficial program, while staying within my 2014 budget, and I look forward to maintaining this program without increasing my budget in future years. This program allows Ohio veterans to obtain a Document Identification Card (Vet ID card) from the Recorder's office which will display a photograph of the veteran as well as relevant information regarding their service to our country," said Recorder Jordan.

In Ohio, the County Recorder is responsible for maintaining veterans' military discharge records, or DD 214. Veterans to prove their eligibility for various military benefits, earned through their service, use these records. In the past, veterans had to prove their eligibility by carrying an 8x11 certified copy of their DD 214. This card will contain relevant information like the certified DD214, but will be much easier to carry. It will be the size of a credit card and reference the on-file DD 214.

In order to receive a Vet ID card from the Recorder's Office, a veteran must record their military discharge with the Delaware County Recorder's Office and show two forms of current and valid identification. There is no cost to record the military discharge, and the ID card costs only \$1. The only 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.

The program in Delaware County kicks off on Saturday, March 8, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. After the launch, the program will continue to be available during normal business hours. For the Saturday kick-off, the doors to the Hayes Building will be accessible from the ground floor on Union Street and will not open until 10 a.m. All veterans are encouraged to come get their Vet ID card. If they have not filed their discharge papers, please come with 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.

For questions about the Vet ID cards themselves arise leading up to the launch, 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.

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