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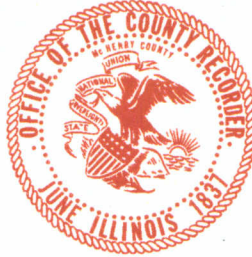
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In recognition of all service members, United States Armed Forces veterans and their families, Phyllis K. Walters, McHenry County Recorder, and Mike Iwanicki, Superintendent of the McHenry County Veteran's Assistance Commission, invite all county veterans to the Recorder's Office Thursday, November 12th and Friday, November 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to record their DD214 papers. The office is located in the McHenry County Administration Building, 667 Ware Road, Woodstock. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

Recorder Walters will provide two "free" certified copies of each newly recorded DD214. In addition, veterans may obtain copies of previously recorded DD214s at no charge with proper photo identification.

Military discharge papers - also known as DD214s - can help deliver multiple benefits. By recording these important papers, one can insure that certified copies of these documents are readily available for veterans to apply for benefits including medical care, disability, education and training, burial benefits, as well as home loan guarantees. If original DD214 papers are lost or misplaced, it can take 21 days or longer to receive a new one from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

Once recorded, these private records are protected. All computer images of military discharge records are represented by a marker page which lists only the type of document, veteran's name, and number of pages contained in the DD214. "My office takes every precaution necessary and enforces strict procedures to insure the privacy and protection of DD214s and all records of the office," says Recorder Walters.

The Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs (IDVA) will also be in attendance providing official certification to eligible veterans on their DD214 in order for them to receive the "VETERAN" designation on their driver's license/ID card.

For more information regarding this event, please contact the Recorder's Office at 815.334.4110.

For additional information regarding this press release, please contact Phyllis K. Walters at (815) 334-4109.