



# Brandi DeRemer, County Clerk

## Taylor County, Texas

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Dear Veteran,

First let me say sincerely, thank you for your service to our country. We live in the greatest country on earth, due quite a bit to you and your family. My father was a veteran and many in my office have sons and other relatives active in the military services today. You have our utmost respect.

Through a quirk in Texas Law, DD-214 Military Discharges filed in County Clerk's offices prior to September 1, 2003 are open records. This means that anyone can come into my office and view and/or copy that military record.

Those filed on or after September 1, 2003 are closed to the public and can only be accessed by you, your spouse, child or parent if you have passed away, a veteran's guardian, and representatives of the estate of a veteran, another governmental agency or a funeral home providing services to the veteran.

Your DD-214 was filed prior to September 1, 2003 and is an open record. I encourage you to request that record be deleted and refiled. This will make your military discharge private and not open to the public. We have included a form for you to use, please complete it and mail it back to me. We will delete the record from the public record and re-file it. We are proud to perform this service to you at NO charge.

A guardian of the veteran can request this service also. If the veteran has passed away, family members listed above, the executor of the estate can make this request too.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Brandi DeRemer