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Official military discharge papers provided for free

BALLSTON SPA — The Saratoga County Clerk's Office and the Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency are reminding veterans and their family members that they should avoid paying exorbitant fees to companies offering services to obtain their military discharge papers (DD-214).

In accordance with military law, upon honorable discharge from their service to the country, veterans should file their discharge papers with the County Clerk's Office in the county where they reside. The original papers are always returned to the veteran.

Once veterans have filed their DD-214 with the County Clerk's Office, free certified copies will be provided upon request to the veteran or their parent, spouse, dependent or child at any time. New York State Military Law prohibits disclosure of the information on the discharge papers to anyone else without the written authorization of the veteran.

"When you record your DD-214 in our office, your papers are preserved permanently and will always be available when needed," Saratoga County Clerk Craig Hayner said.

Saratoga County veterans who need assistance obtaining their original military discharge papers from the federal government can contact the Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency at 518-884-4115.

For more information about filing discharge papers at the Saratoga County Clerk's Office, call 518-885-2213.

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