



# SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF VETERANS MILITARY DISCHARGE BY REGISTER OF DEEDS

This authorization gives express authority to the \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS to release a copy of the DD 214, or similar military discharge document to the person noted below.

### Pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law 33A-2-8

Pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law 33A-2-8 a veteran may record, with a county register of deeds, any certificate of discharge from service in the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard, without charge. The county register of deeds shall provide a certified copy of the veteran's certificate of discharge, without charge, to certain individuals.

### VETERAN'S IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Note: If the veteran's name has changed since the requested separation document was issued, you must provide evidence of the name change.

Veterans Name: ( Last, First, Middle)		Veterans Social Security or Service Number:	
Date of Birth:	Date of Death:	Date of Entry:	Date of Separation:
Branch of Service:			

### PERSON REQUESTING INFORMATION

Name: (Last, First, Middle)			
Address: (Street or PO Box)			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:		Fax Number:	
Relationship to Veteran in the Case of a Deceased Veteran:			
The next of kin is defined as: un-remarried widow or widower, son, daughter, father, mother, brother or sister.			

Information provided on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Requester:

Date:

Veteran's signature required to release documents for living veterans to designated individuals

Signature of Veteran:

Date:

**PURSUANT TO SOUTH DAKOTA CODIFIED LAW THE FOLLIWNG INDIVIDUALS MAY  
REQUEST A COPY OF A VETERANS MILITARY DISCHARGE DOCUMENTS FREE OF  
CHARGE:**

The county register of deeds shall provide a certified copy of the veteran's certificate of discharge, without charge, upon request from:

- (1) The veteran;
- (2) A representative of the Department of Veterans Affairs;
- (3) An individual designated by the veteran to have access to the certificate;
- (4) The veteran's legal representative;
- (5) A veterans' service officer that is:
  - (a) Employed by a county in this state, pursuant to § 33A-1-22; or
  - (b) Appointed by an Indian tribe, pursuant to § 33A-1-29;
- (6) A veterans service organization representative, accredited by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or
- (7) The veteran's next of kin, if the veteran is deceased.

This section does not apply to a version of a veteran's certificate of discharge that does not display the veteran's type of discharge.

An individual requesting a certified copy of a veteran's certificate of discharge shall submit to the register of deeds a form, provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, that discloses the individual's eligibility to be issued the certified copy pursuant to this section.