

# HELPFUL INFORMATION

DD214 Did you know that it is highly recommended that you register your DD214 or Report of Separation from Active Duty to the Register of Deeds?

This will ensure if you or a family member can obtain it in a timely manner versus having to go through the National Archive.

In many cases you are required to have a DD214 to claim benefits post-retirement or separation.

The GI Bill and VA home loan products are two examples —you cannot be approved for a VA home loan or the GI Bill without showing proof of service, which is the DD214 in the case of separated or retired service members.

If your DD214 gets lost, stolen, or if your spouse passes and you do not have a DD214 or Report of Separation From Active Duty you may be delayed in receiving entitlements.