



## Snyder County Department of Veteran Affairs

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### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Who is a veteran?**

**A**n anyone that possesses a valid military discharge, paper (DD form 214) may be a veteran if you have questions about your DD form 214, contact the Snyder County Veteran's Affairs Office, 570-837-4277.

#### **What If I Can't Find My Discharge Form Or It Was Destroyed?**

**C**ome in, or call, the Snyder County Veteran's Affairs Office for assistance. Ask for a standard form 180, "request pertaining to military Records", once filed out, the form will be sent to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC), in St. Louis, MO, where military personnel and medical records are maintained. If you have access to a computer, you can go to <http://www.vetrecs.archives.gov/> to request a new DD Form 214.

If you recorded your DD Form 214 in the county Register And Recorder Office following your return from military service, they will make you a certified copy from their records free of charge.

#### **What If My Spouse Dies Before Me, Can He/She Be Buried In A VA National Cemetery?**

**Y**es, surviving spouses of veterans who died on or after January 1, 2000, do not lose eligibility for burial in a national cemetery if they remarry. Burial of dependent children is limited to unmarried children under 21 years of age, or under 23 years of age if a full-time student at an approved educational institution. Unmarried adult children who become physically or mentally disabled and incapable of self-support before age 21, or age 23 if a full-time student, also are eligible for burial.

#### **How Long Is My Eligibility Certificate For VA Home Loan Good?**

**T**he certificate is good until the veteran applies for a new one. Most lending companies will ask for an eligibility certificate that is current.

#### **How Long After Discharge Can I Wait Before Using My Montgomery Educational Benefit?**

**V**eterans have ten (10) years from their date of discharge to use their educational benefits. You should start using your education benefits as soon as possible to keep from losing this valuable benefit.

