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**Chester County Records Military Documents at Coatesville V.F.W. Event**

**COATESVILLE, PA** – The Chester County Recorder of Deeds recorded dozens of Military Discharge documents and produced Chester County Veteran ID & Discount cards at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (V.F.W.) Post #287 in Coatesville on Thursday.

The well-attended veterans' event included representatives from the Coatesville VA and the Veterans Multiservice Center. Also in attendance were staff from Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan's office and PA State Representative Dan Williams (District 74). Attending veterans and guests were able to explore the facility and enjoy light refreshments while taking advantage of the Chester County Recorder of Deeds' Military Discharge and Chester County Veteran ID & Discount programs without having to travel to the Chester County Government office in West Chester.

Veterans who recorded their discharge document(s) on-site immediately received a county-issued photo ID card, at no cost. A collection of roughly 100 Chester County businesses partner with the Recorder of Deeds to offer various discounts and specials to veterans who present their County ID Card at the time of purchase or services rendered. The Recorder of Deeds team processed paperwork and issued ID cards for 37 veterans during their visit.

Chris Pielli, Chester County Recorder of Deeds, stressed the importance of veterans recording their discharge paperwork officially. "If a fire, natural disaster, relocation or other event results in the loss of a veteran's original documents, the Recorder of Deeds department keeps their images and related information stored in perpetuity, so veterans and their families can easily request certified replacement copies at a later time if necessary for U.S. Veteran status or benefits," said Pielli.

"Veterans who resided in another county or state when they were discharged may have had their DD-214 recorded in that region; however, it is recommended that the veteran also record their documents in the county in which he or she currently resides," Pielli explains.

The Recorder of Deeds does not charge veterans a fee for either of these services when completed off-site nor in the 313 W. Market Street office and plans to participate in more off-site events at different locations in the near future. More information can be found on the Chester County website.

*The Recorder of Deeds is the county-elected official responsible for managing the repository for real estate records, military discharges and other official documents in Chester County. The office recorded its first deed in 1688.*

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