



Terry J. Brown

Franklin County Recorder

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Franklin County Recorder Terry J. Brown Announces Special Veteran ID Card event March 12

Recorder's Office staff, equipment travel to F.O.P. Lodge # 9 to issue ID cards with recording of DD214

COLUMBUS – Franklin County Recorder Terry Brown today announced the Recorder's Office will once again take its popular Veteran ID Card program on the road on Saturday, March 12, this time to F.O.P. Capital City Lodge #9, 6800 Schrock Hill Ct., Columbus. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Recorder's Office staff members will issue Veteran ID cards to all veterans who bring an original or certified copy of their DD214 discharge papers. There is no charge for this service. Individuals who have previously recorded their DD214 in the Franklin County Recorder's office do not need to bring a copy with them to obtain a Veteran ID card. Veterans do not have to be a Franklin County resident to record their DD214 and receive a Veteran ID card.

"Thanks to our partnership with F.O.P. Lodge #9 and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, we are bringing our Veterans ID Card program to a place many veterans know through their careers in law enforcement," Recorder Brown said. "We are glad to provide this convenient service on a Saturday outside of our regular business hours, and we look forward to similar opportunities later this year."

Under Recorder Brown, the Franklin County Recorder's Office has issued more than 5,500 ID cards to veterans who have had their discharge papers, Form DD214, recorded with the Recorder's Office. The wallet-sized ID card eliminates the need for a veteran to carry their discharge document - which contains sensitive information and does not become a public record until 75 years after the date of recording - in order to provide proof of service. Brown's office launched the program in June 2013, becoming the second Recorder's Office in Ohio to issue veteran ID cards. Since that time, Recorder Brown has worked with other County Recorders across the state of Ohio to launch their own Veteran ID card program. This program is now available in 34 Ohio counties and to over 55% of all of Ohio's veterans in the counties in which they live.

"Our office worked with the Ohio Secretary of State to ensure the Veteran ID card issued by the Franklin County Recorder's Office can be used as a form of valid identification to vote, provided the address on the card matches the address on file with the Board of Elections," said Brown. "It is also an easily recognizable way for businesses and organizations to recognize and honor the service of our veterans. Many retailers and restaurants choose to do so by offering discounts to our veterans."

The free service is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Franklin County Recorder's Office, 373 S. High Street, 18th floor, Columbus, OH 43215.

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About the Franklin County Recorder's Office

In Ohio's capital city and second most populous county, the Franklin County Recorder's Office records an average of more than 187,000 documents each year, or about 90 documents per hour, and brings in an average of more than \$9.4 million in revenue to Franklin County and the State of Ohio. The Recorder's Office keeps and maintains accurate land records that are current, legible and easily accessible. Without the work of the County Recorder in recording, safekeeping and organizing all documents in a competent and logical manner, it would be nearly impossible to purchase land and be assured of a clear title or to lend money with land as security. Recorder Terry J. (TJ) Brown focuses on enhancing services to constituents while reducing costs and streamlining operations. For more information, visit <http://recorder.franklincountyohio.gov>.

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