

IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

CHAMBERS OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #: 2002-06

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BOB INZER, CLERK OF COURTS

IN RE: REMOVAL OF MILITARY DISCHARGE CERTIFICATES FROM CLERK'S WEBSITE

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 24, of the Florida Constitution states that "[e]very person has the right to inspect or copy any public record made or received in connection with the official business of any . . . officer . . . except with respect to records exempted"

WHEREAS, Section 28.2221, Florida Statutes (2001), provides:

1. "The Legislature finds that a proper and legitimate state purpose is served by providing the public with access to public records and information on the Internet and hereby determines that [this] . . . fulfill[s] and further[s] an important state purpose."
2. "No later than January 1, 2002, the county recorder [Clerk of Court] shall provide a current index of documents recorded in the official records of the county for the period beginning no later than January 1, 1990, on a publicly available Internet website which shall also contain a document requisition point for obtaining images or copies of the documents reflected in the index"

WHEREAS, Section 119.01, Florida Statutes (2001), provides that "[t]he Legislature finds that, given advancements in technology, providing access to public records by remote electronic means is an additional method of access that agencies should strive to provide to the extent feasible."

WHEREAS, Section 119.07, Florida Statutes (2001), provides that "[e]very person who has custody of a public record shall permit the records to be inspected by any person desiring to do so"

WHEREAS, Rule 2.050, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, permits the entry of administrative orders, that Rule 2.020, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, defines as "a directive necessary to administer properly the court's affairs,"

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes do not require the filing of Military Discharge Certificates (DD214), and the benefits from filing accrue solely to the filer.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

Military discharge certificates, Form DD214, that have been recorded in Official Records and have been posted on the Leon County Clerk's website, may be removed from the website by Clerk personnel at the citizen's request.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, on March 14, 2002.


WILLIAM GARY, Chief Judge

