Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for April 2012
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Calling all WWII Veterans~

On April 28th, the **Leatherstocking - Honor A Flight** will depart Albany International Airport destination Washington D.C. WWII Memorial. This flight is **FREE** to all WWII Veterans and a guest can accompany them for $350.00. This is a day trip and there are currently 40 seats on this flight still available. Please contact Rick or Karen Connor at 518/827-5013 immediately for an application & to make reservations.

Military Service Record Request (SF-180)

Military personnel records can be used for proving military service, or as a valuable tool in genealogical research. Most veterans and their next-of-kin can obtain **free** copies of their DD Form 214 (Report of Separation) and other military and medical records.

Who may request these records:

- A **military veteran**, or
- Next of kin of a **deceased**, former member of the military. The **next of kin** can be any of the following:
  - Surviving spouse (that has not remarried), father, mother, son, daughter, sister, brother.

Please note: *Records are accessioned into the National Archives, and become archival,* ***62 years after*** *the service member's separation from the military. This is a rolling date; hence, the current year, 2012, minus 62 years is* ***1950****. Records with a discharge date of* ***1950*** *or prior are archival and are open to the public. Records with a discharge date of 1950 or after are non-archival and are maintained under the Federal Records Center program. Non-archival records are subject to access restrictions.*

Generally there is no charge for basic military personnel and medical record information provided to veterans, next-of-kin and authorized representatives from **Federal (non-archival) records.** If your request involves a service fee, you will be notified as soon as that determination is made.

However, **Archival OMPFs** are subject to the NARA fee schedule that authorizes the Agency to collect fees from the public for copies of archival records (44 USC 2116c and 44 USC 2307).

- A routine OMPF of 5 pages or less: $20 flat fee
- A routine OMPF of 6 pages or more: $60 flat fee (most OMPFs fall in this category)
- Persons of Exceptional Prominence (PEP) OMPF: $.75 cents per page ($15 minimum)