

Update on Obtaining Documentation of Veterans' Status through the National Archives

Veterans' Program Letter (VPL) [06-24](#) Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP) Requirements and Functions provides grant recipients the [National Archives Veterans' Service Records website](#) and instructions as a resource for requesting the DD-214.

When the National Archives does not have a veteran's DD-214

- In this instance, the National Archives may issue NA Form 13038, Certification of Military Service. This form is primarily used to replace a lost or destroyed DD-214, or a poor quality of a DD-214 would make the photocopy unreadable.
- The form will indicate the individual's name, branch of service, period of service, and type of discharge.
- If NA Form 13038 indicated that the individual received a discharge or release under conditions other than dishonorable, and completed at least one day of active duty, then the individual meets the veteran status requirement for HVRP (see VPL [06-24](#) for eligibility requirements).

VETS will accept NA Form 13038 to document veteran status

To meet HVRP participant case file documentation standards (see VPL [06-24](#) for documentation requirements), grant recipients must maintain a copy of the NA Form 13038 in the participant's case file to verify veteran status.

Grant recipients should consult with their Grant Officer's Technical Representative (GOTR) if they have any questions on the acceptance of NA Form 13038.