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**386.20 CERTIFICATES OF DISCHARGE FROM U.S. SERVICE.**

Subdivision 1. **Recordation.** (a) Certificates of discharge from the United States Army, the United States Navy, and the United States Marine Corps and releases or transfers from active duty therein may be recorded in the office of the county recorder of any county in this state by the person to whom such discharge, release or transfer was issued without the payment of any fee to the county recorder for recording the same. Upon the request of the person having such instrument recorded, the county recorder shall not stamp, mark, or make any endorsement upon any such certificate of discharge, release or transfer, but after the recording thereof has been completed the recorder shall return the certificate of discharge, release, or transfer in the condition received.

(b) The release of any information pertaining to military certificates of discharge is governed by section 196.08.

Subd. 2. **Prima facie evidence.** The record of such certificate or duly certified copy thereof shall be prima facie evidence of all the facts therein stated and received as evidence of such facts in all courts of this state.

Subd. 3. **Record books.** The county recorder of any county is hereby authorized and empowered to procure at the expense of the county proper record books or electronic media for recording such certificates of discharge with sufficient indexes thereto.

**History:** (885, 886, 887) 1919 c 266 s 1-3; 1945 c 542 s 1; 1976 c 181 s 2; 1986 c 444; 2003 c 124 s 3; 1Sp2003 c 8 art 2 s 19; 2005 c 4 s 79,80