



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

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## DD214 RETENTION FOR AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

***Effective immediately, the Adjutant or Secretary at each Unit shall verify a member's eligibility by reviewing documentation such as a DD214, then promptly return the document to the individual. No copies or electronic records containing Personally Identifiable Information shall be retained.***

***Some Units currently maintain decades of archived DD214s, including those of deceased members. These records should be securely destroyed to reduce exposure to identity theft and mitigate potential legal liability.***

***This policy should be communicated to all membership staff and incorporated into Unit and Department procedures effective February 4, 2026.***

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Seavey".

Mark C. Seavey, J.D.  
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