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PRESS RELEASE

The Portland Veterans Affairs Committee (V.A.C.) encourages veterans to register their discharges from military service with the Portland Town Clerk. Registration creates an easily accessible record of discharge in the event of loss or damage to original paperwork. The record is necessary for many town, state and federal benefits. Among other things, proof of discharge is required for a military funeral and property tax exemptions (which a spouse is eligible to continue receiving in the event of death). Registering is free and can be done at the Portland Town Clerk's Office located at 33 East Main Street. Veterans who have already registered do not need to register again.

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