

# OPERATION RECOGNITION

*A Program for WWII through Vietnam Veterans*



## **YOU CAN RECEIVE YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA THROUGH THIS SPECIAL PROGRAM**

In 2003, during the 72nd Session of the Nevada Legislature, Assembly Bill 52, Operation Recognition, was passed. This bill provides for Nevada School Districts to issue a standard high school diploma to certain veterans. To receive this high school diploma, a veteran must have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during WWII through the Vietnam Era, between the dates of September 16, 1940 and May 7, 1975. A veteran, a guardian of a disabled veteran, or a member of a deceased veteran's family, on behalf of the deceased veteran, may submit an application.

Please download the Operation Recognition documents. In it you will find the requirements to qualify and the instructions for submission to the Nevada Department of Veterans Services.

# OPERATION RECOGNITION

## FOR WWII THROUGH VIETNAM ERA VETERANS

### *HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FOR VETERANS*

*SERVING BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 16, 1940 AND MAY 7, 1975*

#### **Background:**

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#### **To Qualify:**

- The veteran must have a copy of the certificate of honorable discharge or a certified copy of the DD Form 214 issued to the veteran;
- The veteran must have attended a secondary school in the state before he left to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States and list the name and the location of the Nevada secondary school where they attended; and
- If the veteran is a current resident of Nevada but did not attend a secondary school in the state, he/she must provide an affidavit affirming that he/she attended a secondary school before leaving to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States and list the name of that secondary school.

#### **Where to Submit the Application:**

The application must be submitted to the **Nevada Department of Veterans Services, 6880 S. McCarran Blvd., Building A – Suite 12, Reno, NV 89509**, accompanied by a copy of the certificate of honorable discharge or a certified copy of the DD 214 issued to the veteran. If a guardian of a disabled veteran or family member of a deceased veteran submits an application requesting a standard high school diploma, the application must be accompanied by an affidavit affirming to the best of his/her knowledge that the disabled or deceased veteran attended a secondary school in this state before he/she left to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States and list the name and location of the Nevada secondary school.

#### **Approval Process of Application:**

The Nevada Department of Veterans Services will approve the application and forward it to the school district indicated on the application. The school district will notify the veteran of the approval and will arrange to present the high school diploma during one of the following as requested by the veteran: ***The school district's yearly graduation exercise – or a special ceremony.***

If the veteran chooses to forgo a ceremony, the high school diploma will be mailed directly to them. The Department of Veterans Services will receive a copy of all high school diplomas issued to veterans in this program.

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High School Diploma Application for Veterans  
Serving Between September 16, 1940 and May 7, 1975

**A CERTIFIED copy of Honorable Discharge Papers or CERTIFIED copy of DD Form 214 must be attached to this application.**

**Nevada School District for which you are applying for your high school diploma:**

**(Please see attached current listing of Nevada School Districts – Pages 6-8)**

**VETERAN APPLICANT'S NAME AND PERSONAL INFORMATION: (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY)**

LAST:	FIRST:	MIDDLE:	SUFFIX:
ADDRESS: (number, street, apt./ unit, city, state and zip code)		HOME PHONE:	
		WORK PHONE:	EXTENSION:
DATE OF BIRTH: Month    Day    Year	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:	MARITAL STATUS:	GENDER:
		M    S    W    D	Male / Female

**VETERAN'S MILITARY SERVICE INFORMATION:**

BRANCH OF SERVICE:	NAME & ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: (if appropriate)					
PERIODS OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SERVICE:	DATE(S) ENTERED (if available)			DATE(S) SEPARATED: (if available)		
	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	YEAR
SERVICE NUMBER:			HIGHEST RANK/GRADE ATTAINED: (if available)			

**LAST HIGH SCHOOL YOU ATTENDED: (Eligible Veterans with GED may apply)**

SCHOOL DISTRICT AND HIGH SCHOOL:	ADDRESS: (Must have City and State)	
YEARS ATTENDED: 19 _____ to 19 _____	YEAR LEFT HIGH SCHOOL TO ENTER MILITARY SERVICE: 19 _____	WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN YOUR GRADUATION YEAR? 19 _____

I certify that all information I have provided on this application and the supporting documentation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. (The **AFFIDAVIT** on **page 5** of this application is required only if you are a current resident of Nevada but did not attend a secondary school in this state, or if you are a guardian of a disabled veteran or a family member of a deceased veteran submitting an application for him/her.) Signed under penalty of perjury.

Signature of Spouse, Guardian, or Next of Kin: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Veteran Services Officer Use Only**

Veteran Representative Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Name and Title)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved

Disapproved

**School District Use Only**

Veteran Representative Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Name and Title)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved

Disapproved

**SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

Return the completed application and **CERTIFIED Honorable Discharge papers OR CERTIFIED DD FORM 214** to:

Nevada Department of Veterans Services  
6880 S. McCarran Blvd., Building A – Ste. 12  
Reno, NV 89509  
PHONE: 775-688-1653 FAX: 775-688-1656  
[www.veterans.nv.gov](http://www.veterans.nv.gov)

**TO REQUEST A COPY OF CERTIFIED HONORABLE DISCHARGE PAPERS OR CERTIFIED DD FORM 214:**

Nevada Department of Veterans Services  
5460 Reno Corporate Drive, Suite 131  
Reno, NV 89511  
PHONE: 775-321-4880 FAX: 775-321-4884  
or visit [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)

**DIPLOMA PRESENTATION:**

I would like to receive the diploma by: (check line that applies to you)

- \_\_\_\_\_ participating in a yearly high school graduation exercise
- \_\_\_\_\_ participating in a special ceremony for veterans
- \_\_\_\_\_ no ceremony, just mail the diploma to the address listed on this application

If military records are not available, the required copies may be obtained by providing all available service information about the veteran to:

National Personnel Records Center  
9700 Page Road, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100  
FAX: 314-538-4175 <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>

# AFFIDAVIT

FOR

OPERATION RECOGNITION APPLICATION  
FOR WWII THROUGH VIETNAM ERA VETERANS

High School Diploma Application for Veterans Serving  
Between September 16, 1940 through May 7, 1975

This affidavit is required only if either one of the following applies to the applicant:

- A current resident of Nevada but did not attend a secondary school in this state;
- or if a guardian of a disabled veteran, or family member of a deceased veteran, is submitting the application for the incapacitated or deceased

I certify (declare) under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this application as well as the foregoing is true and correct:

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ In the City of \_\_\_\_\_

In the State of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

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## NOTARIZED STATEMENT

Subscribed and sworn to before me at

\_\_\_\_\_  
On this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

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