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Monroe County New Veteran Probate Waiver Program

Monroe County, Pa – Monroe County Register of Wills, Kate Best, with assistance from the Veterans Affairs office and the County Commissioners, is proud to announce a new program starting in 2025, the Veteran Probate Waiver Program.

The Register of Wills office will now waive up to \$150 of county fees toward the opening of a qualified Veteran's estate. "This is our way to help make the difficult time after a loved one has passed a bit easier and remind all Monroe County veterans and their families how thankful we are for their service," said Kate Best, Register of Wills. "I come from a family of Veterans and know just how much they sacrifice for their country. Continuing to expand and add programs to assist veterans and their families is the least we can do."

Any individual looking to open an estate for a Veteran can complete an easy application in the Register of Wills office. That application will be verified by the Veterans Affairs office and then returned to the Register so they may start the probate process with the reduced fee.

The Veterans Affairs office provides general veteran benefit services to all Veterans of all time periods and their respective dependents. The staff can help explain available programs, assist in obtaining necessary substantive evidence/documents and to file with the respective adjudication department at the regional office. All services are free of charge.

The Register of Wills Office provides various services to the public such as the probate (opening) of decedent estates, collection of inheritance taxes and maintenance of records pertaining to estates.

More information about the new program is available by contacting the Register of Wills office at 570-517-3347 or the Veterans Affairs office at 570-517-3187.

Notice of Veteran Probate Waiver Program Registration

Part I – To be completed by the executing representative or representing attorney

Deceased Veteran's Information			
Name		SSN	
Date of Birth		Place of Birth	
Legal Residence at time of Death			
Military Information			
Branch of Service			
Type of Discharge			
Disposition Information			
Date of Death		Place of Death	
Date of Disposition		Place of Disposition	
County of Legal Residence at time of Death			
Executing Representative Information			
Name		Relationship	
Address		Phone Number	

Part II – Signature of Executing Representative

I (We) hereby give Notice that the above Veteran is requesting to be enrolled in the Veteran Probate Waiver Program and hereby certify that the facts set forth are true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Part III- Signature of the Register and Recorder of Deeds & Wills or Representative

Signature _____ Date: _____

Part III – Certification of Service

I have examined the proof of service and the Attached DD 214 or equal Discharge paperwork of the within named veteran, and find that the statements made above are correct, and that such service during the _____ (War) meet the criteria needed to proceed with admittance into the ***Probate Waiver Program***.

(Signature of the Monroe County Department of Veterans Affairs)