

Survey Name: Veteran's Exemption Database

Survey Description: In our continuing efforts to optimize the veteran's data, we have examined veterans with duplicate names and social security numbers. Recently, we queried for veterans that have not applied for a claim since the tax year 2004. Currently, there are 439 active and 6,878 inactive veterans in this category. The Department would like to remove these veterans in the next few weeks. This survey will close on Friday, May 8, 2008.

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County	Created By	Does this cause any issues for your county?	If you answered yes to the prior question, please explain	If removing these historical veteran records is an issue, what would you suggest as a retention period?
Hot Springs	Shelley Deromedi	Yes	I think if we have put the info on the veteran in the system, it should remain there indefinitely. There are always the issues of veterans relocating or widows needing to apply. It is good historic information.	Indefinitely
Goshen	Debbi Surratt	Yes	Initially - this was to be the warehouse for our veterans system - if you take the inactive vets off - virtually you are requiring us once again to maintain our own system for veterans and again requiring us to duplicate our work and maintain information in two separate place which only leads to inconsistencies and inaccuracies and confusion. We were told initially that this system would have unlimited space and memory and that it is the ideal place for warehousing the information we previously kept and got rid of in our own counties. Why now do you find it necessary to go back on the original premise and do away with the inactives?	Indefinitely
Campbell	Troy Clements	Yes	I totally agree with Shelley and Debbi. This is historical information that we have went to great lengths to maintain, and I see no reason for removing them from the data base when there is a chance the Veteran, or their surviving spouse, could return some day to reinstate their exemption.	Indefinitely
Natrona	Susan Dewitt	Yes	We also need the historical information for veteran's who are currently inactive but could re-activate.	Indefinitely
Uinta	Lori Perkins	Yes	I agree with Debbie. We need one system maintained so we dont have to keep track ourselves.	Indefinitely
Weston	Tina Conklin	Yes	I agree with the counties who have already responded. Keep the inactive one in the database for historical use and for reactivation.	Indefinitely

Laramie	Brenda Arnold	Yes	We are proud of the fact that every veteran that had ever used the exemption in Laramie County is on file. We invested alot of time keying the historical information into our own database prior to using the department. I am very opposed to deleting the info.	Indefinitely
Niobrara	Elaine Griffith	Yes	This is historical data and we have worked hard to enter and maintain this database. I do not want any of it deleted.	Indefinitely
Park	Doug Brandt	Yes	Data base history. I thought that was the purpose.	Indefinitely
Lincoln	Debbie Larson	Yes	ditto other comments	Indefinitely
Sweetwater	Dave Rauzi	Yes	I agree completely with the other responses. We need to maintain all of the information.	Indefinitely
Crook	Dee Griffis	Yes	I agree with the other responses that it should be for history purposes and then we don't have to go to our vault to research if someone moved away and then came back to re-sign up.	Indefinitely
Platte	Al Wright	Yes	I agree with the counties that already responded. This is historical information and should be kept indefinitely. I thought that was the purpose in the beginning. Why remove a record and then have to re-enter information if the veteran or widow comes in to get reinstated.	Indefinitely
Sublette	Janet Montgomery	Yes	The historical information needs to be retained. Veterans move away and then years later return. Surely the state's computer system has the capacity to store this information.	Indefinitely
Teton	Cathy Toolson	Yes	historical data that is used time after time.	Indefinitely
Johnson	Dorothy Elsom	Yes	We would like to have them remain in the history. There maybe people that move around and come back to the state. We prefer to not have to re collect this information.	Indefinitely
Washakie	Kathy Treanor	Yes	We do not want any active vets deleted. When we built our database we entered all vets that were still alive or their spouse was alive as they could become eligible for the benefit in the future as statute changes came about. We are going to look at all our inactive and make sure they are correct. You could then delete our inactive only. Vets retention for records is 10 years per DOR.	10 Years
Big Horn	Gina Anderson	Yes	I agree with the comments made by the other assessors	Indefinitely
Converse	Dixie Huxtable	No		10 Years
Carbon	Sheryl Snider	Yes	Keep the inactive veteran in the database for historic purpose and for possibility of reactivation - the project to enter our vets was very time consuming and we do not want to lose that information.	Indefinitely
Sheridan	Paul Fall	No		
Fremont	Eileen Oakley	Yes	Leave the active records on. Someone had to enter them for a reason. Could probably delete the inactive.	
Albany	Grant Showacre	Yes	We echo the other counties remarks. The historical value of these record is worth the effort required to maintain them in the data base.	Indefinitely