

Military Records Handout

As you can tell from this list of over 100 links, there are a ton of Military Records out there. This is one of the biggest categories of records available. Many of these links come from FamilySearch's Military Records wiki:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Military_Online_Genealogy_Records

Keep in mind that what you see here does not include state archive records or many private collections. In addition to the National Archives in Washington D.C. and regional archives, the federal repository for military records is the:

National Personnel Records Center

1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63138

Because of covid restrictions, the NPRC is not actively providing records access for genealogical research. However, many state and local archives are open, but it is always best to call ahead. One benefit is that a number of archives has been using the time closed to the public to digitize additional records and make them available online.

Big Databases

<https://www.familysearch.org>

<https://www.ancestry.com/cs/militaryrecords>

<https://www.fold3.com>

<https://www.archives.gov/research/military/veterans/online> <https://www.cyndislist.com/us/military/>

<https://www.google.com> (Google the name of the war + "military records")

Revolutionary War, 1774-1783

The DAR Genealogical Research System (GRS)

https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/default.cfm?tab_id=0

[United States. French Combatants in the Revolutionary War, 1778-1783](#)

[United States Rosters of Revolutionary War Soldiers and Sailors, 1775-1783](#)

[U.S., Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Applications](#)

[U.S., Revolutionary War Compiled Service Records, 1775-1783](#)

[U.S., Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783](#)

[United States, Rolls Of The Soldiers In The Revolutionary War](#)

[United States, Lord Dunmore's Ethiopian Regiment, 1776](#)

[U.S., Revolutionary War Pension Payment Ledgers, 1818-1872](#)

[United States, Census Of Revolutionary War Pensioners, 1840](#)

[United States, Inspection Roll Of Negroes, 1783](#)

[Revolutionary War Records - Daughters of the American Revolution](#)

[United States British Loyalists](#)

[United States, Rolls Of The Soldiers In The Revolutionary War](#)

Indian Wars of the 1800s

[U.S. Army Indian Campaign Service Records Index, 1815-1858](#)

[U.S., Index to Indian Wars Pension Files, 1892-1926](#)

War of 1812, 1812-1815

[U.S., War of 1812 Index to Service Records, 1812-1815](#)

[United States War of 1812 Index to Pension Application Files, 1812-1910](#)

[National Society United States Daughters of 1812](#)

Mexican War, 1846-1848

Online rosters of soldiers. Descendants of Mexican War Veterans website: <http://www.dmwv.org/>

[U.S., Compiled Military Service Records for American Volunteer Soldiers, Mexican War, 1845-1848](#)

[U.S., Mexican War Index and Service Records, 1846-1848](#)

[U.S., Mexican War Pension Index, 1887-1926](#)

[National Park Service - US Mexican War Soldiers and Sailors Database](#)

Civil War, 1861-1865

The Medical and Surgical History

<http://collections.nlm.nih.gov/catalog/nlm:nlmuid-14121350R-mvset>

[Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Database](#)

[U.S., Civil War Roll of Honor, 1861-1865](#)

Union Soldiers

General Records

[United States Civil War Soldiers Index, 1861-1865](#)

[U.S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861 - 1865](#)

[United States, Official Army Register 1861-1865](#)

[United States Census of Union Veterans and Widows of the Civil War, 1890](#)

[Roster of All Regimental Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons in the late war, with the service, and last-known post-office address \(1882\)” compiled by N. A. Strait.](#)

[United States Records of Headstones of Deceased Union Veterans, 1879-1903](#)
[United States Union Provost Marshal Files of Individual Civilians, 1861-1866](#)
[United States Union Provost Marshal Files of Two or More Civilians, 1861-1866](#)

Service Records

[Service Records of Confederate Soldiers,](#)
[U.S., Union Soldiers Compiled Service Records, 1861-1865](#)
[United States Civil War Service Records of Union Soldiers, 1864-1866](#)
[United States Civil War Service Records of Union Colored Troops, 1863-1865](#)

Pension Records

[U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934](#)
[United States Civil War Widows and Other Dependents Pension Files, 1861-1934](#)
[United States Civil War and Later Pension Index, 1861-1917](#)
[U.S., General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934](#)
[U.S., Civil War Widows and Other Dependents Pension Files](#)
[U.S., Civil War and Later Pension Index, 1861-1917](#)
[U.S., General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934](#)
[U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934](#)
[U.S., Remarried Widows Index to Pension Applications, 1887-1942](#)
[U.S., Index to General Correspondence of the Pension Office, 1889-1904](#)

Confederate Soldiers

General Records

[U.S. Confederate Officers Card Index, 1861-1865](#)
[U.S., Records of Confederate Prisoners of War, 1861-1865](#)
[United States Civil War Confederate Applications for Pardons, 1865-1867](#)
[United States Civil War Confederate Papers of Citizens or Businesses, 1861-1865](#)
[United States Civil War Records of Confederate Nonregiment Soldiers, 1861-1865](#)
[United States Civil War Unfiled Papers of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865](#)
[United States, Register of Confederates and Civilians Who Died in the North, 1861-1865](#)

Service Records

[U.S., Confederate Navy and Marine Service Records, 1861-1865](#)
[U.S., Confederate Soldiers Compiled Service Records, 1861-1865](#)

[United States Civil War Service Records of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865](#)

Pension Records

Confederate pensions are administered by the State. See [Confederate Pension Records](#) for more information.

Spanish-American War, 1898

Spanish American online rosters at <http://www.spanamwar.com/geneaol.htm>

[U.S. Index to Service Records, War with Spain, 1898](#)

World War I, 1917-1918

[American Soldiers of World War I](#)

[U.S., Remarried Widows Index to Pension Applications, 1887-1942](#)

[U.S. WW I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918](#)

[United States World War I Draft Registrations, 1917-1918,](#)

[United States, World War I American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917-1919,](#)

[U.S., WWI Troop Transport Ships, 1918-1919](#)

[Doughboy MIA Database 1917-1918](#)

[American Overseas Military Burials, 1917-1974](#)

World War II, 1941-1945

[U.S., World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946](#)

[World War 2 Allies Collection](#)

[United States, World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942](#)

[U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942](#)

[U.S. WWII Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947](#)

[United States World War II Prisoners of War of the Japanese, 1941-1945](#)

[Japanese Registers of POWs WWII](#)

[World War II Prisoners of War, 1941-1946](#)

[U.S., World War II Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954](#)

[Never Forgotten, Taiwan POW List](#)

[United States, War Relocation Authority centers, final accountability rosters, 1942-1946](#)

[U.S., WWII Army Deserters Pay Cards, 1943-1945](#)

[U.S., Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, Unaccounted-for Remains, Group A, 1941-1975,](#)

[U.S., Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, Unaccounted-for Remains, Group B, 1941-1975,](#)

[American Overseas Military Burials, 1917-1974](#)

Korean War, 1950-1953

[United States American Prisoners of War During the Korean War, 1950-1953](#)

[United States Korean War Battle Deaths, 1950-1957](#)

[United States Korean War Dead and Army Wounded, 1950-1953](#)

[United States Korean War Repatriated Prisoners of War, 1950-1954](#)

[American Battle Monuments Commission - Korean War Honor Roll](#)

[U.S., Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, Unaccounted-for Remains, Group A, 1941-1975](#)

[U.S., Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, Unaccounted-for Remains, Group B, 1941-1975](#)

[U.S., Navy Muster Rolls, 1949-1971](#)

[American Overseas Military Burials, 1917-1974](#)

Vietnam, 1964-1972

[United States Casualties of the Vietnam War, 1956-1998](#)

[United States Military Personnel who Died During the Vietnam War, 1956-2003](#)

[Vietnam Veterans Memorial](#)

[U.S., Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, Unaccounted-for Remains, Group A, 1941-1975,](#)

[U.S., Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, Unaccounted-for Remains, Group B, 1941-1975,](#)

[U.S., Navy Muster Rolls, 1949-1971](#)

[American Overseas Military Burials, 1917-1974](#)

General Records by Branch of Service

Air Force

[Air Force Register Extracts](#)

Army

[U.S. Returns from Regular Army Non-Infantry Regiments, 1821-1916](#)

[U.S., Army Transport Service, Passenger Lists, 1910-1939](#)

[United States Casualties of Army Personnel, Dependents and Civilian Employees, 1961-1981](#)

[Air Force Register Extracts](#)

Marine Corp

[United States Muster Rolls of the Marine Corps, 1798-1937](#)

[Muster Rolls Of The Marine Corps](#)

[U.S., Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958](#)

Navy

[United States Naval Enlistment Rendezvous, 1855-1891](#)

[U.S. Navy Muster Rolls, 1949-1971 3](#)

[United States Navy Widows' Certificates, 1861-1910](#)

[United States, Index of Navy and Marine Corps Awards, 1925-1994](#)

Records for Multiple Branches of Service

[United States, Index of Navy and Marine Corps Awards, 1925-1994](#)

[United States, Burial Registers for Military Posts, Camps, and Stations, 1768-1921](#)

[National Veterans Cemetery Index](#)

[U.S. Veterans' Gravesites, ca. 1775-2019](#)

[U.S. Compiled Service Records, Post-Revolutionary War Volunteer Soldiers, 1784-1811](#)

[U.S., Registers of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914](#)

[U.S. Military and Naval Academies, Cadet Records and Applications, 1800-1908](#)

[U.S., Navy and Marine Corps Registries, 1814-1992](#)

[U.S., Old War Pension Index, 1815-1926](#)

[United States, Veterans Oral History](#)

Misc. Records

Military Commendations

[U.S., Navy and Marines Awards and Decorations, 1942-1994](#)

[Web: U.S., Congressional Medal of Honor](#)

Veterans Records

[U.S., Veterans Administration Master Index, 1917-1940](#)

[U.S., National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938](#)

[U.S., Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907-1933](#)

[United States, Veteran's Administration Master Index, 1917-1940](#)

Military Cemeteries

[United States Records of Headstones of Deceased Union Veterans, 1879-1903](#)

[United States Headstone Applications for U.S. Military Veterans 1925-1949](#)

[American Battle Monuments Commission Burials Database](#)

[National Cemetery Administration - Nationwide Gravesite Locator](#)

Conscientious Objectors

<http://www.swarthmore.edu/Library/peace/conscientiousobjection/WWI.CO.coverpage.htm>

Burned Records

The Military Personnel Records Center is in St. Louis, Missouri. On 12 July 1973 a disastrous fire destroyed approximately 16-18 million Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF). The records affected:

Army personnel discharged November 1, 1912 to January 1, 1960 80% destroyed.

Air Force personnel discharged September 25, 1947 to January 1, 1964
(with names alphabetically after Hubbard, James E.) 75% destroyed.

No duplicate copies of these records were ever maintained, nor were microfilm copies produced. Neither were any indexes created prior to the fire. In addition, millions of documents had been lent to the Department of Veterans Affairs before the fire occurred. Therefore, a complete listing of the records that were lost is not available. However, in the years following the fire, the NPRC collected numerous series of records (referred to as [Auxiliary Records](#)) that are used to reconstruct basic service information.

Military Research Special Interest Group (SIG)

The Military Research SIG will return in-person and (if possible) Zoom meetings beginning the first Tuesday, February 1, 2022. The time will be from 10:30 AM to noon with a short topic presentation lasting about 20 minutes. The rest of the time will be allocated to helping and fielding questions for attendees (in-person or online). Covid-19 has taken a toll on everyone, and the Military Research SIG was no exception. More details will be sent out the beginning of 2022 on the Military Research SIG. If you have a topic of interest for a short presentation you would like to see, please contact Stuart Murray (stubucks@gmail.com), Victoria Sullivan (vsullivan@comcast.net) or Susan Johnston (zacathan@comcast.net). Hope to see you there.