

Researching Veteran and Unit Service Records

Military Service Records

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC), Military Personnel Records, holds most military personnel, health, and medical records of discharged and deceased veterans of all services from World War I to the present. Personnel records may be requested online at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans> or by completing the Standard Form 180 <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html> and sending it to the correct address listed on the back of the form.

Note that in 1973, a disastrous fire at NPRC destroyed approximately 16 million to 18 million Army and Air Force official military personnel files. In such cases where files were lost, NPRC uses alternate sources of information to respond to requests.

More information about obtaining military personnel files can be found on the NPRC website, <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/>, or by contacting the center at:

National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
Tel: (314) 801-0816 congressional line
Tel: (314) 801-0800 public line
E-mail: MPR.center@nara.gov

Finding Unit Histories

Unit records are preserved at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For unit records of World War II, Korean, and Vietnam Conflicts contact the Archives

Textual Reference Branch at NARA
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001
Tel: (866) 272-6272

Online service records requests

The eVETRECS website uses this form where you can make a new request for a Veteran's records or check the status of existing request.

<https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html#BasicInformation>

Military History Centers and Museums

Air Force

U.S. Air Force Historical Research Agency
600 Chennault Circle
Building 1405
Maxwell AFB, AL 361 12-6424
<http://www.afhra.af.mil/index.asp>

Air Force Historical Studies Office
AF/HOH
Research and Analysis Division
3 Brookley Avenue, Box 94
Boiling AFB, DC 20032-5000
E-mail: afhso.research@pentagon.af.mil
<http://www.airforcehistory.hq.af.mil>

National Museum of the U.S. Air Force
1100 Spaatz Street
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433
<http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/>

Army

U.S. Army Center of Military History
Collins Hall
103 Third Avenue
Fort Lesley J. McNair
Washington, DC 203 19-5058
E-mail: CMHAnswers@conus.army.mil
<http://www.history.army.mil/>

U.S. Army Heritage & Education Center
950 Soldiers Drive
Carlisle, PA 17013-5021
E-mail: carl_usamhi@conus.army.mil
(research inquiries)
<http://usahec.org>

Coast Guard

U.S. Coast Guard Historian's Office (CG-09224)
U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters
2100 Second Street, SW
Washington, DC 20593-0001
<http://www.uscg.mil/history/>

Coast Guard Museum
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
15 Mohegan Avenue
New London, CT 06320-4195
<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg092/museum/>

Marine Corps

Marine Corps History Division
3078 Upshur Avenue
Quantico, VA 22134
<https://www.usmcu.edu/Research/History-Division/>

Marine Corps Heritage Foundation
3800 Fettler Park Drive
Suite 104
Dumfries, VA 22025
E-mail: info@marineheritage.org
<http://www.marineheritage.org/>

Merrchant Marine

American Merchant Marine Museum
300 Steamboat Road Kings Point, NY 11024
<https://www.usmma.edu/museum>

Navy

Naval History & Heritage Command
805 Kidder Breese Street, SE
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5060
<http://www.history.navy.mil>