Military Service Records and Unit Histories: 
A Guide to Locating Sources

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Summary

This report is a guide to locating individual service records and military unit histories from the American Revolution to the present. This guide provides referral information for locating individual service records of discharged and deceased veterans. It includes information regarding locating and obtaining active service records. Also included are relevant addresses and websites of government agencies, historical associations, and a select bibliography. This report will be updated as needed.

Active Duty Personnel

Air Force and Air National Guard

U.S. Air Force Personnel Center
HQ AFPC/DPSRP
550 C Street, West, Suite 19
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4721

Tel: (800) 616-3775
(210) 565-5000

Air Force Reserve

Air Reserve Personnel Center/DSMR
HQ ARPC/DPSSA/B
6760 E. Irvington Place, Suite 4600
Denver, CO 80280-4600
[http://arpc.afrc.af.mil/customerassistance/records.asp]

Tel: (800) 525-0102
Army and Army National Guard

U.S. Army Human Resources Command
ATTN: AHRC-MSR
200 Stovall Street
Alexandria, VA 22332-0444
Tel: (703) 325-0928

Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve

Commander, (CGPC-adm-3)
Coast Guard Personnel Command
4200 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1100
Arlington, VA 22203-1804
Tel: (202) 493-1713
(866) 634-0574

Marine Corps and Selected Marine Corps Reserve

Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps
Personnel Management Support Branch (MMSB-10)
2008 Elliot Road
Quantico, VA 22134-5030
Tel: (800) 268-3710
(703) 784-3930

Marine Corps: Individual Ready Reserve, Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, or Inactive Reserve

Marine Corps Mobilization Command
15303 Andrews Road
Kansas City, MO 64147-1207
Tel: (800) 255-5082

Navy, Navy Active Reserve, Navy Individual Ready Reserve and Inactive Reserve

Naval Personnel Command (PERS-312E)
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-3120
[http://www.navy.mil/navydata/questions/records.html]
Tel: (901) 874-4885

Navy Individual Ready Reserve and Inactive Reserve

Naval Reserve Personnel Command
4400 Dauphine Street
New Orleans, LA 70149-7800
Tel: (866) 250-4778

Discharged, Deceased, or Retired Personnel

Military Service and Pension Records

For military and pension records prior to the 20th century, contact:
National Archives and Records Administration
Old Military and Civil Records (NWCTB-Military)
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20408
[http://www.archives.gov/veterans/index.html]

For military records from 20th century conflicts, contact:

National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
[http://www.archives.gov/st-louis]
Tel: (314) 801-0800
Fax: (314) 801-9195

**Military History Centers**

**Air Force**

United States Air Force
Air Force Historical Studies Office
AF/ HOH
Research and Analysis Division
3 Brookley Avenue, Box 94
Bolling AFB, DC 20032-5000
Tel: (202) 404-2264
Fax: (202) 404-2232
E-mail: afhso.research@pentagon.af.mil
[http://www.airforcehistory.hq.af.mil]

U.S. Air Force Historical Research Agency
600 Chennault Circle
Building 1405
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6424
Tel: (334) 953-2395

National Museum of the U.S. Air Force
1100 Spaatz Street
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433
Tel: (937) 255-3286
[http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/]

**Army**

U.S. Army Center of Military History
Building 35
Collins Hall
103 Third Avenue
Fort Lesley J. McNair
Washington, DC 20319-5058
Tel: (202) 685-4042
[http://www.army.mil/cmh]

U.S. Army Military History Institute/
U.S. Army Heritage & Education Center
950 Soldiers Drive
Carlisle, PA 17013-5021
Tel: (717) 245-3700
Coast Guard
U.S. Coast Guard Historian’s Office  (G-IPA-4)  Tel: (202) 372-4651
U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters
2100 Second Street, SW
Washington, DC 20593-0001
[http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/history/collect.html]

Coast Guard Museum  Tel: (860) 444-8511
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
15 Mohegan Avenue
New London, CT 06320-8511
[http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/museum/MuseumInfo.html]

Marine Corps
Marine Corps History Division  Tel: (703) 432-4874
3079 Moreell Avenue
Quantico, Virginia 22134

Marine Corps Heritage Foundation  Tel: (800) 397-7585
307 5th Avenue
Quantico, VA 22134-0998
(703) 640-7965
[http://www.usmcmuseum.org]

Merchant Marine
American Merchant Marine Museum  Tel: (516) 773-5515
300 Steamboat Road
[http://www.usmma.edu/museum]
Barstow House
Kings Point, NY 11024

Navy
Naval Historical Center  Tel: (202) 433-4882
Washington Navy Yard
805 Kidder Breese Street, SE
[http://www.history.navy.mil]
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5060

Additional Sources for Research
Alternate Record Sources for Military Service Data, Personnel-Related Records, and Medical-Related Records at NARA

Repositories of Primary Sources; website from the University of Idaho
[http://www.uidaho.edu/special-collections/OtherRepositories.html]
Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration
Nationwide Gravesite Locator
[http://www.cem.va.gov]

Veterans History Project of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress
[http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets]

**CRS Reports**

CRS Report RS20900, *D-Day: The French Jubilee of Liberty Medal*


**Select Bibliography**


