

Military Genealogy: Online Resources for the Beginning Genealogist

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Types of Military Records:

- County Histories
- Enlistment Records/Separation Papers
- Military Service Organizations
- Muster Rolls
- Pension Records
- Service Records
- Soldier & Regiment Lists
- War Histories

Places for Military Records

- Libraries
- Genealogical Societies
- Museums/Archives
- Federal and State Offices

Start Locally

- Genealogical Societies and Historical Societies:
 - Diaries
 - Letters
 - Photos
 - Uniforms/memorabilia
- County Courthouse
 - Records of enlistments and discharges
 - Bonuses paid to soldiers, parents and widows
 - Pension records for disabled veterans and widows
- Military Service Organizations
- Local Newspapers

State Military Records

- Adjutant General's Office Records:
 - Muster Rolls



- Promotions
- Transfers
- Letters verifying service
- Military censuses
- Bonus/pension files & applications
- Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Records

National Archives Records Administration

- Military Records Index: www.archives.gov/research/military/index.html
- Military Service Forms <https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html>
- WWII Military Service Forms <https://bit.ly/2rsitXY>
- Archives online databases <http://aad.archives.gov/aad>

Revolutionary War

- Ancestry www.ancestry.com
- Cyndi's List: Revolutionary War Collections www.cyndislist.com/us/american-revolution/records
- Daughters of the American Revolution www.dar.org
- www.familysearch.org United States Revolutionary War Compiled Service Records, Revolutionary War Pension & Bounty Land Warrant Applications Files
- Fold3 Revolutionary War Pension Files www.fold3.com/publication/467/us-revolutionary-war-pensions-1800-1900
- Internet Archive: Pensioners of Revolutionary War Struck off the Rolls <https://archive.org/details/pensionersofrevo0000unse/page/102/mode/2up>
- HeritageQuest: American Revolutionary War Pension Files (incomplete)
- Kentucky Revolutionary War Warrants database <https://bit.ly/2Y1ANYp>
- The American Revolution and it's Era Maps and Charts of North America and the West Indies 1750-1789 <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/armhtml/armhome.html>
- Patriot Paths Tennessee Revolutionary War Veterans <https://tnmap.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=32a9be43e2b44e00a67edfc5ac2b7227>
- Valley Forge Muster Roll Project <http://valleyforgemusterroll.org>

War of 1812

- Fold3 www.fold3.com/collection/war-of-1812
 - U.S. Bounty-Land Warrant Applications 1812-1855
 - U.S. War of 1812 Pension Files 1812-1815
- Ancestry www.ancestry.com
- Internet Archive www.archive.org
- National Archives www.archives.gov/research/military/warof1812/index.html
- Access Genealogy www.accessgenealogy.com/military/1812/index.htm

- Family Search War of 1812 Service Records Wiki Page https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/US_War_of_1812_Service_Records
- Military Indexes: <http://militaryindexes.com/warof1812>
- Archives of Canada Canadian War of 1812 records: www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/war-of-1812/Pages/introduction.aspx

Blackhawk War

- Black Hawk War <http://lincoln.lib.niu.edu/blackhawk>
- Black Hawk War history and links <https://bit.ly/2GQWJyr>
- Illinois Black Hawk War Rosters <https://bit.ly/2GSQRVg>
- Wisconsin Historical Society <https://bit.ly/2J9zhz6>

Mexican War

- Fold3 www.fold3.com
 - Mexican American War Service Records
 - Ratified Indian Treaties
- Illinois Mexican War Rosters: <https://bit.ly/2IU2pve>
- Descendants of Mexican War Veterans www.dmwv.org
- National Archives <https://bit.ly/2GfEAf7>
- Mexican War Service Records www.familysearch.org
- My Heritage www.myheritage.com Mexican-American War Soldiers and Sailors



Civil War

- NPS Civil War Soldiers & Sailors Database www.nps.gov/civilwar
- fold3 <http://go.fold3.com/civilwar>
 - Confederate Amnesty Papers & Citizens File
 - Widow's Pension Files
 - Civil War Soldier's Service Records
 - Southern Claims Commission Approved claims 1871-1880
- Ancestry www.ancestry.com
 - U.S. Civil War Soldiers Database
 - Civil War Pension Files Index
 - American Civil War Soldiers (incomplete)
 - U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records 1863-1865
 - U.S. Confederate Army Casualty Lists and Reports 1861-1865
- HeritageQuest: Freedman's Bank Records
- U.S. National Archives: Records of the Claims Committees <https://bit.ly/2GMDTZk>
- Gettysburg College Digital Military Collection www.gettysburg.edu/library/gettdigital

- Missouri State Archives: Civil War Collection
www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/CivilWar/Resources
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War www.suvcw.org
- Virginia Tech University Civil War Newspaper Collection
www.civilwar.vt.edu/wordpress
- Grand Army of the Republic: www.garrecords.org
- Library of Congress GAR Records:
www.loc.gov/rr/main/gar/garintro.html

Spanish American (Philippine) War

- Spanish American War Veterans www.spanamwar.com/geneaol.htm
- Sons of the Spanish-American War <http://ssawv.org/index.htm>
- Genealogy Forum Spanish American War <http://genforum.genealogy.com/spanishamericanwar>



World War I

- American Battle Monuments Commission www.abmc.gov/search/wwi.php
- Fold3 www.fold3.com
 - U.S. Army WWI Transport Service Lists 1918-1919
 - American Soldiers of WWI (incomplete)
 - WWI Draft Cards 1917-1918
 - Naturalization Index WWI Soldiers, 1918
 - Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death Files
 - Panoramic Unit Photos www.fold3.com/publication/928/us-wwi-panoramic-unit-photos-1915-1919
- Internet Archive www.archive.org
- Library of Congress www.loc.gov/topics/world-war-i
 - WWI Panoramic Unit Photos
 - Camp/Base Newspaper Collections
- National World War I Museum <https://theworldwar.org>
- Polar Bear Expedition <http://polarbears.si.umich.edu>
- Prisoners of the First World War <http://grandeguerre.icrc.org>
- World War I Centennial Commission www.worldwar1centennial.org
- Europeana www.europeana-collections-1914-1918.eu
- Flanders Field Museum Project www.inflandersfields.be/en/namelist
- Canadian WWI War Diaries www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/020152_e.html



WWII

- www.ancestry.com
 - U.S. Army Roll of Honor 1939-1945
 - U.S. Marine Corps Casualty Indexes 1940-1958

- World War II Prisoners of War 1941-1946
- World War II United News Reels 1939-1945
- World War II Navy, Marine Corps, & Coast Guard Casualties
- Fold3 www.fold3.com
 - WWII Diaries
 - WWII JAG Case Files Pacific (Army & Navy)
 - Missing Air Crew Reports
- My Heritage www.myheritage.com
 - World War II Army Enlistments
 - World War II Reserve Corps Records
 - Japanese Americans Relocated During WWII 1942-1946
- Internet Archive WWII Collection <https://archive.org/details/wwiIarchive>
- Library of Congress Veterans Oral History project www.loc.gov/vets
- World War II Museum www.ww2online.org
- U.S. National Archives & Records Administration www.archives.gov/Veterans
- Daughters of WWII www.daughtersofww2.org

Holocaust Websites

- Ancestry Library Edition
 - Holocaust: Survivor names printed in Sharit Ha-Platah, 1946
 - Hungary: Jewish Names from the Central Zionist Archives
 - Holocaust: Auschwitz Forced Laborers Concentration Camp Listings
www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Holocaust/cclist.html
- Fold3 www.fold3.com/holocaust
- Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center www.ilholocaustmuseum.org
- International Tracing Service www.its-Arolsen.org/en/homepage/index.html
- Jewish Genealogy Society www.jewishgen.org/databases/Holocaust
- United States Holocaust Museum www.ushmm.org
- Yad Vashem www.yadvashem.org
- Weiner Holocaust Library <https://wienerholocaustlibrary.org>

Korean War

- Ancestry Library Edition
 - Stars and Stripes News: 1942-1964
 - Korean War Casualties 1950-1957
 - WWII & Korean Conflict Veterans Interred Overseas
 - Korean War Prisoners of War 1950-1957
- fold3 www.fold3.com
 - Korean War Casualties
 - Navy Muster Rolls and Cruise Books

- U.S. Headstone Applications, 1925-1963
- U.S. Veteran's BIRLS Affairs Death File, 1850-2010
- U.S. National Archives <https://aad.archives.gov/aad/print-series-list.jsp?cat=GP21>
 - Military Personnel Killed in Action 1950-1957
 - Korean War Casualties from 2/13/1950-12/31/1953
 - American Prisoners of War 1950-1953

Vietnam War

- Ancestry Library Edition
 - Vietnam War: U.S. Military Casualties 1956-1998
 - U.S. Navy Cruise Books Index 1918-2009
 - Vietnam War Casualties Returned Alive 1962-1979
- fold3 www.fold3.com
 - Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall
 - Navy Muster Rolls and Cruise Books
 - U.S. Headstone Applications, 1925-1963
 - U.S. Veteran's BIRLS Affairs Death File, 1850-2010
- My Heritage www.myheritage.com
 - Army Casualties 1961-1981
 - Vietnam Casualties 1956-1998

Additional Resources

- Ancestry U.S. Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1861-1985
www.ancestrylibrary.com/search/collections/2375
- Familysearch Colonial Wars Wiki Page
[www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Colonial Wars, 1607 to 1763](http://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Colonial_Wars,_1607_to_1763)
- Honor The Fallen: Iraq War Casualties: <https://thefallen.militarytimes.com>
- Library of Congress Veteran's Oral History Project www.loc.gov/vets/stories
- Medal of Honor Recipients www.cmohs.org
- Pritzker Military Library www.pritzkermilitary.org
- Register of Commissioned & Warrant Officers U.S. Navy 1815-1957
 - <https://library.si.edu/digital-library/book/register-commission-and-warrant-officers-navy-united-states-including-officers-marine-corps>
- Selective Service Records www.sss.gov/records.htm
- U.S. Registers of Enlistments in the U.S. Army 1798-1914 www.familysearch.org
- Veterans Administration (National Cemetery Database) <http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov>
- Veterans Benefits & Services www.cem.va.gov