

Family Tree Magazine War Service Reference Guide

What wars were fought in your ancestor's lifetime?

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/upload/images/PDF/warreference.pdf>

Military Events

Register / Draft

Draft Registration cards

NARA, Ancestry.com

Inducted

Service

Medals, honors

Promotions

The Compiled Military Service Record (CMSR)

American Revolution, War of 1812, Civil War

Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF)

State Archives summaries

Rosters

Unit - Match their time in a unit to the action

Cruise books

Personal Papers, Special Collections

Discharge

DD Form 214 Report of Separation from Active Duty

Use eVetRecs or SF-180 to order

May have to look in local courthouse

Final pay voucher

Service summaries at state archives

Post-service

Bounty Lands

Pension – Veteran, Widow

Disabled Veterans Home

Veterans Affairs

Local Histories

Death

Obituaries

Burial

National cemetery

Headstone Applications

NARA

Archival Research Catalog (ARC)

Archival Databases (AAD)

National Personnel Records Center

<http://www.archives.gov/research/military/veterans/online.html>

<http://www.archives.gov/research/military/veterans/arc.html>

<http://www.archives.gov/aad>

<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel>

Ordering Military Records from NARA

eVetRecs for veterans and their families

<http://archives.gov/veterans>

veteran or next-of-kin can order online, but must mail/fax a signed request

Older records (pre-WWI)

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/pre-ww-1-records.html>

Click Order Online

Order Reproductions tab, Select Military Service and Pension Records

US Military Records (selected sources)

Civil War Soldiers & Sailors System (CWSS)

<https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm>

Ancestry.com

Search Historical Records from the Search Page

Narrow your search by record type: Military

Search from Landing Page: <http://www.ancestry.com/cs/us/militaryrecords>

www.fold3.com (Subscription database)

Memorial Pages

<https://www.fold3.com/pages/>

War of 1812 Pension Files (Free)

https://www.fold3.com/title_761/war_of_1812_pension_files

Civil War Widows' Pensions (Pay)

https://www.fold3.com/title_24/civil_war_widows_pensions

FamilySearch

U.S. Military Records Class Handout

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/U.S._Military_Records_Class_Handout

U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938

Ancestry.com database: <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1200>

Nationwide Gravesite Locator for veterans' cemeteries

<http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov>

U.S. Veterans Headstone Applications, 1925-1963

Ancestry.com database: <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2375>

Other resources

State archives for possible service summaries, militia histories

State archives for Militia Records

<http://www.archives.gov/research/alic/reference/state-archives.html>

Local courthouse for DD-214 (Separation)

Library of Congress: Veterans History Project

<http://www.loc.gov/vets/>

Military Reunion Groups and Associations

<http://allmilitaryreunions.org> (Not comprehensive)

<http://www.jenniferholik.com> (World War II)

Facebook Pages

<https://www.facebook.com/51stPioneerInfantry>

USAHEC Tutorials on my Blog

[USAHEC: Using the Online Catalog: Reference Bibliographies](http://aweekofgenealogy.com/usahec-using-the-online-catalog-reference-bibliographies/)

<http://aweekofgenealogy.com/usahec-using-the-online-catalog-reference-bibliographies/>

[USAHEC: Searching the Library and Digital Collections](http://aweekofgenealogy.com/usahec-searching-the-library-and-digital-collections/)

<http://aweekofgenealogy.com/usahec-searching-the-library-and-digital-collections/>

[USAHEC: Finding the Veterans Survey Inventories](http://aweekofgenealogy.com/usahec-finding-the-veterans-survey-inventories/)

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Contacting an archive

Contact Reference Desk

Request passed to Archivist

Archivist responds

(may ask for additional data)

Receive records OR Go to the archive

USAF

Air Force Historical Research Agency

<http://www.afhra.af.mil>

USN

Naval History and Heritage Command Archives

<http://www.history.navy.mil/research/archives.html>

USMC

Archives and Special Collections Branch of the Library of the Marine Corps

<http://guides.grc.usmcu.edu/archives>

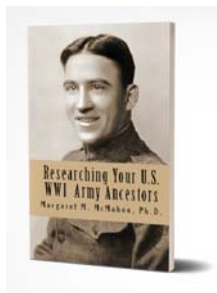
USA

United States Army Heritage and Education Center <http://www.carlisle.army.mil/ahec/index.cfm>

USCG

Genealogical research information

<http://www.uscg.mil/history/faqs/Genealogy.asp>



“Researching Your U.S. WWI Ancestor” is available through our website:
<http://aweekofgenealogy.com/books>

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<https://aweekofgenealogy.com/signup> or use this QR code.



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