

Military Record Sources

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1. Claims files for pensions based on federal military service, 1775-1916, and bounty land warrant application files based on wartime service, 1775-1855. Archives I Textual Reference Branch: <http://www.nara.gov> . National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC 20408. 202-501-5430.
2. Regular Army enlisted personnel serving from 1789 through October 31, 1912, and officers serving from 1789 through June 30, 1917. Archives I Textual Reference Branch. See address in #1.
3. Officers separated after June 30, 1917, and enlisted personnel separated after October 31, 1912. National Personnel Records Center. <http://www.nara.gov/regional/stlouis.html> . Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100.
4. Records relating to persons who served in the Confederate States army from 1861 through 1865. Archives I Textual Reference Branch. See address and phone in #1.
5. Volunteer service of persons serving during an emergency and whose service was considered to be in the federal interest during the period 1775-1902. Archives I Textual Reference Branch. See address and phone in #1.
6. Morning Reports, pre-1917. Archives I Textual Reference Branch, National Archives and Records Administration. See address and phone in #1.
7. Morning Reports, 1917-1974. In 1974 the Army discontinued the use of morning reports and switched to PDC cards. PDC cards are also in the custody of the National Personnel Records Center. See address and phone in #3.
8. Unit Operational Records, pre-1939. Archives I Textual Reference Branch, National Archives and Records Administration. See address and phone in #1.
9. Unit Operational Records, 1939-1954, and 1954 to present for units which served in Southeast Asia. Archives II Textual Reference Branch, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. 301-713-7250.
10. Unit Operational Records, 1954-present for units which did not serve in Southeast Asia. Organizational History Files, 1955-1979. Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts Office, 7798 Cissna Road, Suite 205, Springfield, VA 22150-3166. 703-806-7135.
11. Organizational History Files, 1980-present. U.S. Army Center of Military History, 103 Third Avenue, Ft. McNair, DC 20319-5058. Ph 202-685-2733.
12. Unit Rosters, pre-1917. Archives I Textual and Reference Branch, National Archives and Records Administration. See address and phone in #1.
13. Unit rosters, 1917-present, Regular army. National Personnel Records Center. See address in #3.
14. Unit rosters, 1917-present, Army Reserve (a) for soldier himself - Army Reserve Personnel Center, ATTN: ARPC-SFR-SSD, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5200 (b) for the public (please submit request under Freedom of Information), US Army Reserve Personnel Center, ATTN: ARPC-IMP-F (FOIA), 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63123-5200.
15. Information pertaining to unit Lineages and Honors. Organizational History Branch, U.S. Army Center of Military History, 103 Third Avenue, Ft. McNair, DC 20319-5058. 202-685-2733.
16. Awards to individuals still on active duty. Military Awards Branch, US Total Army Personnel Command, ATTN: TOPC-PDA, Suite 7S07, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0471. 703-325-8699 or 8700.
17. Awards to individuals no longer in the service. U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Center, Veterans Services Directorate, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5200. Note: individual must submit request with name, social security number and/or service number, and return address.

18. Official Photographs. (a) Pertaining to the US Army, 1861-1982. Still Picture Branch, Special Archives Division, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. 301-713-6660. (b) Pertaining to the US Army, after 1982. Defense Visual Information Center, 1363 Z Street Center, March Air Force Base, CA 92517-2727. 909-413-1605.
19. Motion Pictures. (a) Through the Vietnam era. Motion Picture, Sound and Video Branch, Special Archives Division, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. (b) Post Vietnam Era. Defense Visual Information Center, 1363 Z Street Center, March Air Force Base, CA 92517-2717. 909-655-7401.
20. Unofficial materials such as unit histories, personal papers, diaries, and photographs. Also includes select official papers. U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013-5008. 717-245-3611. <http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usamhi/> .
21. Official US Army Publications. US Army Publications Center, 2800 Eastern Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21220-2896. 410-671-2272.
22. Flags/Heraldic Items. (1) Information concerning flags/heraldic items, colors, streamers, guidons, insignia, uniforms (AR-840-10). US Army Institute of Heraldry, 9235 Gunston Road, Room S-112, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-5579. 703-806-4968 or 4969. (b) Requisitions/disbursement of campaign decoration streamers, silver bands, Army flags, etc. U.S. Army Support Office, Philadelphia, ATTN: AMSSC-1-SSA-SH, P.O. Box 60539. 215-737-2521 or 2522.
23. Records concerning units in or assigned to the US Army Air Forces. Other Air Force related documents (such as plane crashes, etc.). US Air Force Historical Research Agency, 600 Chennault Circle, Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6424. 205-953-5834.

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