

Public Service: Military & Civilian NATIONAL ARCHIVES 2023 GENEALOGY SERIES

May 3–June 14 on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. ET

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2023 Genealogy Series Public Service: Military and Civilian

Welcome!



The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is pleased to present this educational series of lectures on how to conduct family research.

As one of the nation's premier genealogy institutions, it is our mission to inform the public about National Archives holdings that relate to family history and to make those records available to you.



About the Sessions



Our presentations will demonstrate how to use federal resources at the National Archives and Records Administration for genealogical research. This year we focus on individuals who have served our nation in military or civilian service. We also have a session on how to preserve your own family collections.

National Archives presenters are broadcasting from Washington, DC; College Park, MD; Denver, CO; and St. Louis, MO. Sessions are intended for beginners to experienced family historians–all are welcome!



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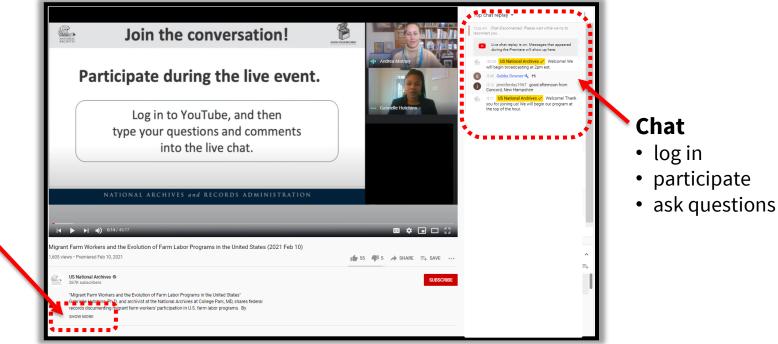
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Videos and presentation materials remain available after the premiere date.



Schedule: May 3–17



May 3	Welcome and Introductions	
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_	May 3 1:05 p.m. ET	<i>Civilians at War: Records of Participation in U.S. Military Conflicts</i> <i>Claire Kluskens</i> - Subject Matter Expert for Genealogy/Census Related Records and Digital Projects Archivist from the National Archives in Washington, DC
	May 10 1 p.m. ET	Basic Military Records at the National Archives: Revolutionary War to 1917 John Deeben – Archivist from the National Archives in Washington, DC
	May 17 1 p.m. ET	National Archives at St. Louis: Understanding the 1973 Fire and Its Impact on Genealogical Research Eric Kilgore - Archives Specialist from the National Archives at St. Louis
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Schedule: May 31–June 14



May 31 1 p.m. ET	<i>Civilian Conservation Corps Indian Division on the Reservation</i> Cody White - Subject Matter Expert for Native American Related Records and an Archivist from the National Archives at Denver
June 7 1 p.m. ET	Accessing and Understanding Korean War Army Unit Records Rachael Salyer - Subject Matter Expert in Modern Military Records and an Archivist from the National Archives at College Park, MD
June 14 1 p.m. ET	Creating Your Own Preservation Survey and Plan for Family Collections
	Sara Holmes - Conservator in Preservation Programs from the National Archives at St. Louis
June 14 1:55 p.m. ET	Closing Remarks







Basic Military Records at the National Archives: Revolutionary War to 1917

This presentation outlines basic military records held at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC. The records cover the "Old Military" period from the Revolutionary War to 1917 and are characterized by different types of service, including volunteer service (state regiments and militias) as well as the Regular military (Army, Navy, and Marine Corps). Each type of service was documented differently, but there are also basic records common to all types of service.



Presenter Biography





John P. Deeben is an archivist with the **Reference Branch at the National** Archives in Washington, DC. John provides reference services for Old Army records from the Revolutionary War to the early 20th century, and frequently lectures and writes about federal records of genealogical interest.

John P. Deeben



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Basic Military Records at the National Archives

Revolutionary War to 1917

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MAY 2023



Old Military Records 1775-1912

Volunteer Service

• Compiled Military Service Records (CMSRs)

Regular Army Service

- Register of Enlistments
- U.S. Naval Service
 - Rendezvous Reports

Marine Corps

• Service Records (Case Files)



Volunteer Service

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Volunteer Service **Compiled Military Service Records**

Created in the 1890s to help the War Department verify service for pension claims

Compiled from various original sources such as muster rolls, payrolls, returns, hospital records, and prison records

Arranged by

Services

- War
- State
- Military unit
- Surname (alphabetical)



Compiled Military Service Records

- Revolutionary War, 1775-83*
- War of 1812, 1812–15
- Indian Wars, 1784-1858*
- Mexican War, 1846-48
- Civil War, 1861-65*
- Spanish-American War, 1898
- Philippine Insurrection, 1899-1902

* records that have been microfilmed and/or digitized



Compiled Military Service Records

Basic information about soldiers:

• Full name

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- Date(s) of enlistment
- Period(s) of service
- Residence
- Personal description
 - o Miscellaneous
 - Pay rates
 - Special duty assignments
 - Wounding/death in combat
 - Hospital/Prisoners of War (POW) records



Revolutionary War Compiled Military Service Record (CMSR) of William Graham

- Name: William Graham
- Unit: 1 Massachusetts Regiment
- War: Revolutionary
- Rank: Corporal

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Compiled Military Service Records Personal Papers

Individual documents about specific soldiers filed with their CMSR

• Enlistment papers

Research

Services

- Inventories of personal effects
- Final statements of service
- Reports of death and interment
- Pay and subsistence accounts (earlier wars)



STATE Comeron COUNTY OF I. Aucolar de Abrego, born in Matamorer in the State of Meruco aged Aventy years, do hereby acknowledge to have and by occupation a day of Arounder voluntarily enlisted this lent 18 19 , as a Soldier in the Army of the United States of America, for the period of THREE YEARS, unless sooner discharged by proper authority : Do also agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be, established by law. And I Justas de Africas do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whomsoever ; and that I will observe and obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War Vicolas the Strigo Sworn and subscribed to, at Brounsuilly of 2110 le unaly I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above named Recruit, agreeably to the General Regulations of the Army, and that in my opinion he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmity, which would, in any way, disqualify him from performing the dutles of a soldier. Examining Surgeon. R. For Can I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the Recruit, Justian sly to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my judgement and bottef, he is of age; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly the Regulations which govern the recruiting service, This soldier has Bluch inches high. DIRECTIONS .- This enlistment must be signed and acknowledged in triplicates, one copy to be sent to the Adjutant-General, one to the the linguinest, and one copy to be retained by the recruiting officer: the copy to the Adjutant-General must be such adjutant-transmission of the being signed; the call must be surer and subscribed to before any Commissionel Officer.

Enlistment paper for Nicolas de Abrigo, Co. K, 1st Texas Cavalry (U.S.)



Compiled Military Service Records Personal Papers

M347, Unfiled Papers and Slips Belonging to Confederate Compiled Service Records

- Not indexed in the State or Consolidated indexes
- A "catch-all" series intended to be with the CMSRs but never filed
 Could not be linked to an established service record
 - Insufficient evidence to create a service record
 - Some of the papers document civilian service, such as employment as
 - Army teamsters or government service



Compiled Military Service Records Bookmarks

File notations listed at the bottom of a soldier's CMSR jacket

- CB Files—Letters Received, 1863–1894 (RG 94, entry 297) M1064, Letters Received by the Commission Branch of the Adjutant General's Office, 1863–1870
- ACP Files—M1395, Letters Received by the Appointment Commission and Personal Branch, Adjutant General's Office, 1871–1894
- **CT** Files—Letters Received (Colored Troops Division), 1863–1888 (RG 94, entry 360)
- EB Files—Letters Received (Enlisted Branch), 1862–1889 (RG 94, entry 409)
- VS Files—Letters Received (Volunteer Service Division), 1861–1889 (RG 94, entry 496)
- **R&P** Files—Document Files (Record & Pension Office), 1889–1904 (RG 94, entry 501) If a file number in this series is not available, an abstract of it may be in the series "Record Cards, 1889–1904" (RG 94, entry 502)



Bookmark example: CMSR for 2 Lt. Thomas W. Custer

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Bookmark example: CMSR for 2 Lt. Thomas W. Custer

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Compiled Military Service Records Record of Events

Carded histories of volunteer organizations

- **M594**, Compiled Records Showing Service of Military Units in Volunteer Union Organizations
- M861, Compiled Records Showing Service of Military Units in Confederate Organizations

Published in Janet B. Hewett, ed. Supplement to the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, Part II: Record of Events. 80 vols. Wilmington: Broadfoot Publishing Co., 1994–1998

- Record of Event cards filed with CMSRs for the Old Indian Wars (1811– 1858), the Mexican War (1846–1848), the Spanish-American War (1898), and the Philippine Insurrection (1899–1902)
- Volunteer organizations from the post-Revolutionary period (1784–1811) and the War of 1812 (1812–1815) have "Caption Cards."



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Regular Army Service





The Regular Army Register of Enlistments

- Basic source to document service in the Regular Army
- 1798-1914
- Available on microfilm as M233, Register of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798–1914
- Arranged by
 - Year of enlistment
 - Alphabetically (first letter of surname)
 - Chronologically by date of enlistment

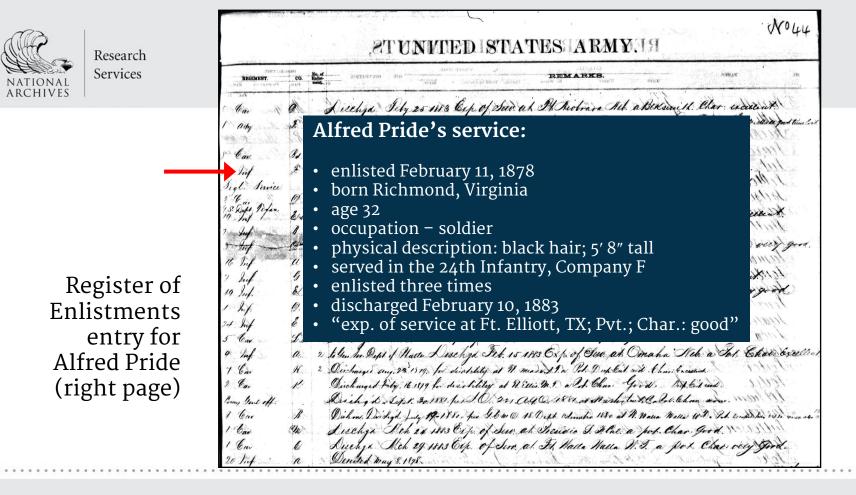


Register of Enlistments

Basic information about soldiers:

- Rank
- Physical description
- Occupation
- Date and place of birth
- Date of enlistment
- Unit assignment
- Term of service
- Discharge information

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The Regular Army Enlistment Papers

The original paper contract to serve in the U.S. Army, signed by the recruit. The War Department retained the original copies on file.

Organized in two subseries covering the periods 1798–July 14, 1894, and July 15, 1894–October 31, 1912

- Enlistment Papers, 1798-Oct. 31, 1912 (RG 94, entry 91)
- Enlistment Papers of Indian Scouts, 1866–1914 (RG 94, entry 92)



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Enlistment Papers for Alfred Pride: 1878 Enlistment (back side)

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The Regular Army Personal Papers

Similar to Volunteer records, intended to be filed with Regular Army enlistment jackets that were never created. Papers remained separate files.

Personal Papers, 1812–1912 (RG 94, entry 94)

Certificates of Disability, 1812–1899 (RG 94, entry 95)

Final Statements, 1862–1899 (RG 94, entry 96)

Available digitally on <u>www.fold3.com</u>



E96 - Final Statement of Service and Record of Death and Interment for Private John D. Boyer, Co. B, 10th U.S. Infantry

I certify. That Dinate of Cantain WT2. M. Dudleys Company [13]] of the Dereth Regiment No. 2. RECORD OF DEATH AND INTERMENT. of U.S. Inlantry, born in Sebanan , in the State of Pennoy hania aged Ineulit wears tive feet seven inches high, fair complexion, John 9 Bours Name and number of person interred. eyes, Burn hair, and by profession an Engineer , was enlisted Juy. Number and locality of the grave . by leat Sugar at Manishug Prine on the Third Mard. 11 Hospital number of the deceased . eighteen hundred and Sitter hour to serve for Jule years, Private los B. 101 U.S. In Regiment, rank, and company . . . entitled to a discharge by reason of _____Ocat the died Och 19, 18/14 at Linda U. S.a. Juil books at Mashington De TEbarmon County Fe Residence before enlistment Single him Inflamation of the Syndie Conjugal condition, (and if married,) the residence of the widow) . . . Inflamation of the Sung The said Pinabe was last paid by He was evounded through the he Paymaster Mai Seward to include the Theilt first day Ninden eighteen hundred and Sille four, and has pay due from that Age of the deceased America time to the procent date. The 19th day of Det- 18/4 Nativity Address References and remarks . . . He has been drawing \$ per month for re-enlistment, under sec. 2, act of Aug. 4, 1854. There is due to him fire dellars & kinter che 5-90 dollars retained pay. va Oel-14 186 H Buried Oct-30186 4 There is due to him The hundred & mentifierde 325 100 dollars retained bounty. Date of death and burial. ______ dollars on account of clothing not drawn in kind. There is due to him C [A duplicate of this Record has been forwarded to the Sexton, and another remains at this Hospital.] He is indebted to the United States Jun del store 7 55 dollars on account of extra clothing-He is indebted to the United States menter Sollars & 20,00 pr Suit Unil & Martle too dollars. The cost of the ration at this post is cents. It becomes my duty to inform you that the person above described died at this Hospital as herein stated ; and that it is desired his remains should be interred with the usual military honors. GIVEN in duplicate at tot Chunkus My. Ho this Fifteen . November MILITARY HOSPITAL Proper This copy of Record is to be transmitted to the Adjutant General at Washington immediately after the place of burial and the number of [A. G. O. Ne. 94.] the grave have been ascertained and registered. The above notification is to remain attached.



U.S. Navy Service





U.S. Navy Service Rendezvous Reports, 1846–1891

Weekly reports from the recruiting officers

Indexes:

- **T1098** for before and after Civil War (1846-61, 1865-1884)
- **T1099** for Civil War service (1861–1865)

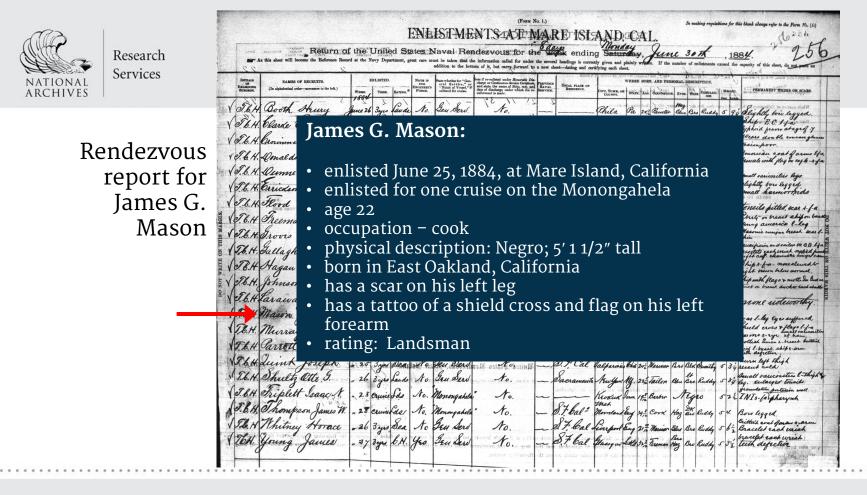
M1953, Weekly Returns of Enlistments at Naval Rendezvous ("Enlistment Rendezvous"), January 6, 1855–August 8, 1891



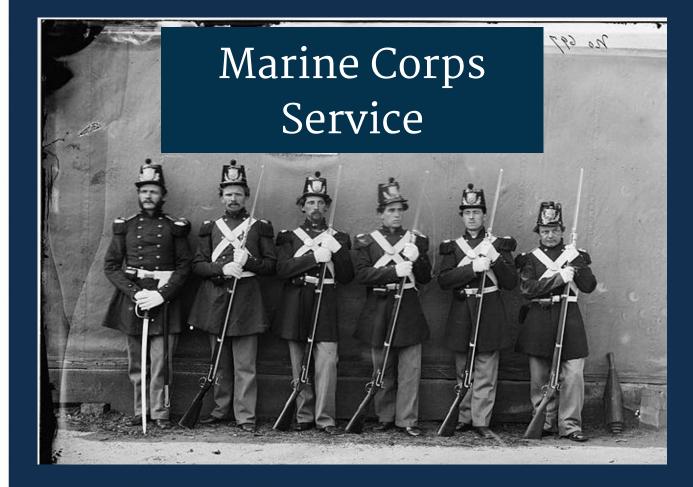
Rendezvous Reports

Basic information about sailors:

- Name of sailor
- Date and term of enlistment
- Rating (rank)
- Previous naval service
- Usual place of residence
- Place of birth
- Occupation
- Personal description
- Permanent marks or scars







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Marine Corps Service Service Records, 1798–1895

Alphabetical Card List of Enlisted Men of the Marine Corps, 1798– 1941 (RG 127, Entry 75)

Service Records of Enlisted Men, 1798–1895 (RG 127, Entry 76)

- Enlistment/reenlistment papers
- Conduct record
- Descriptive list
- Notice of discharge
- Medical surveys



John Gaston ₫, do acknowledge that Thave voluntarily enlisted myself to serve four years in the Marine Corps of the UNITED STATES unless sooner discharged, upon the terms mentioned in the act passed the 11th day of July, I798, entitled "An act for establishing and organizing a Marine Corps ;" also the act passed the 2d day of March, 1833, entitled "An act to improve the condition of the non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the Army and Marine Corps of the United States, and to prevent desertion ;" also the act passed 30th June, 1834. entitled "An act for the better organization of the United States Marine Corps;" and also the acts passed the 2d day of March, 1837, entitled "An act to provide for the enlistment of boys for the Naval service, and to extend the term of the enlistment of seamen ;" and February 20, 1845, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the enlistment of boys for the Naval service, and to extend the term of the enlistment of seamen," and also the 9th section of an act passed March 3, 1845, "making appropriations for the Naval service for the year ending the 30th of June, 1846 :" and that I have had read to me the Rules and Articles of the Army and Navy against Mutiny and Desertion.

Wilness my hand, this Fiftenth day of December 1804. 1. John Caston do solemnly swear or affirm, (as the case may be) that I will bear true allegiance to the United States of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whosoever, and observe and obey the order of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles for the government of the Army and Navy of the United States. And further, that I am of the full age of Juenty-one ther, that I am or the this see of Sweening - one form Enclon Store Conston N. H. Sworn before me, at Mearine Baveracks, Patsmouth N. H. this Fiftenth day of Dicember 1864. 6, J. Helli, Capt, loudy, Obst. SIZE ROLL. John Caston a private form in the U. States, sing of Rennsylvania Courty of Gentre U. States, Belont for courts of Gentre of a Photomouth. N. He for four years, by Capt. C. D. Hell-aged 28 years 5 feet 74 inches high, Blue eyee, Brown hair, Fair complexion, by trade or occupation a Goldier REMARKS: Enwited as a Voluntur. Has served in the avery. I certify, That the above recruit is free from bodily defects, and is qualified to perform the only of a soldier. Has been vaccin ated - J. He lelach Cash Suger

Enlistment paper for John Easton, December 15, 1864



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Muster Rolls U.S. Volunteers, 1775–1902

The muster rolls of U.S. volunteer organizations provide information by company for each unit, showing their locations or duty stations during each reporting period, and the names of individuals who had enlisted, deserted, died, or been discharged.



Muster Rolls U.S. Volunteers, 1775–1902

Rolls exist for specific conflicts:

- M246, Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775– 1873 (available on Fold3)
- War with Northwest Indians, 1790-95 (RG 94, entry 54)
- War of 1812 (RG 94, entry 55)
- Various Indian Wars and Other Incidents Requiring the Employment of Troops, 1794–1858 (RG 94, entry 56)
- Civil War, Mexican War, Creek War, Cherokee Removal, and Other Wars, 1836–1866 (RG 94, entry 57)

- Confederate Muster and Pay Rolls, 1861–65 (RG 109, entry 18)
- Spanish-American War (RG 94, entry 58)
- Muster Rolls of Volunteer Organizations: Philippine Insurrection, 1899–1901 (RG 94, entry 59)
- Muster Rolls of the Puerto Rico Regiment, U.S. Volunteers, 1899–1901 (RG 94, entry 60)



Muster roll for Boude's Company, 5th Pennsylvania Line, April 1779

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Muster Rolls U.S. Regular Army, 1784–1912

The muster rolls of Regular Army organizations include field units (infantry, cavalry, and artillery), general service recruits, detachments doing recruiting service, other detachments; Indian scouts, Philippine scouts, prisoners, and other miscellaneous groups organized by location.

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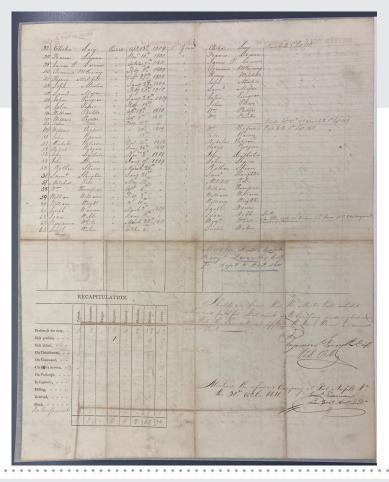
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Muster Rolls Access Policy

The National Archives in Washington, DC (Archives 1) Reference Branch is the custodian of United States Army muster rolls from the Revolutionary War through 1916, both Regular Army and Volunteer units. This branch also holds muster rolls of the Confederate States Army. Without exception, all the muster rolls are fragile, and many are in poor physical condition. To better preserve them, this branch has initiated the following policies for their use:

- Muster rolls can be pulled for viewing in the Research Room **only if the information sought by the researcher is unavailable in other records or publications**, and if the staff determines that pulling the muster rolls in question will not cause further deterioration.
- Photocopying of muster rolls is prohibited under all circumstances.
- Non-flash photography of muster rolls may be permitted upon approval by the staff in the Research Room. Flash photography is never allowed.
- Digitization of muster rolls is permitted only after the records have undergone appropriate conservation treatment.



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Regimental Records Volunteer Organizations

- Book Records of Volunteer Organizations: Mexican War, 1846-48 (RG 94, entry 111)
- Regimental Books of Volunteer Organizations: Civil War (Union), 1861–65 (RG 94, entries 112–115)
- Regimental and Company Books of Volunteer Organizations: Spanish-American War, 1898 (RG 94, entry 116)
- Regimental and Company Books of U.S. Volunteer Organizations: Philippine Insurrection, 1899–1901 (RG 94, entry 117)
- Regimental and Company Books of U.S. Volunteer Organizations: Puerto Rico, 1899– 1901 (RG 94, entry 118)



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Regimental books can include the following types of records:

- Regimental letter books
- Regimental and company order books
- Regimental descriptive books
- Regimental and company morning reports

May also include clothing books, guard reports, account books, sick reports, court-martial books, and books concerning furloughs and absences. The extant books for each organization vary.



Regimental Records Regimental Descriptive Books

- Arranged alphabetically by state, then by arm of service, then numerically by unit
- Regimental and company rolls in book form
- Personal descriptions of members for each company
- Regimental rosters of commissioned and noncommissioned officers by rank; lists provide the name, rank, date of promotions, transfers, resignations, or death of officers
- Company descriptive books contain lists of commissioned and noncommissioned officers, enlisted men, and men transferred or discharged; registers of deaths; lists of deserters



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Regimental Records Regular Army Organizations

Records of United States Army Commands, 1784–1821 (Record Group 98)

- Records of field establishments of the U.S. Army

 Departments, Districts, Divisions, Posts, and Units
- Orderly books, Company books, Morning Reports, and other miscellaneous returns
 - Artillery (Corps of Artillery)
 - Cavalry (Dragoons)
 - o Infantry
 - o Riflemen



Regimental Records Regular Army Organizations

Records of United States Regular Army Mobile Units, 1821–1942 (Record Group 391)

- Artillery (regiments, field batteries, Coast Artillery Companies, and U.S. Army mine planters)
- Cavalry (Dragoons)
- Infantry
- Engineers (Sappers/Miners/Pontoniers)

Records can include regimental headquarter administrative records (letters, orders, unit histories) and company/battalion records (descriptive books, rosters, returns, muster rolls)







Medical Records Carded Records

Carded Medical Records (CMR) provide information about wounds, injuries, sicknesses, hospitalizations, and deaths.

The CMR were mostly transcribed from the hospital registers of sick and wounded

• Field Records of Hospitals, 1821–1912 (RG 94, entry 544)

The CMR may include some or all the following information: name, rank, organization, complaint, date of admittance and name of hospital to which admitted. Remarks also noted: date returned to duty, deserted, discharged, transferred to another hospital, furloughed, or died.

Records dated 1894 and later may also include race, birthplace, date of enlistment, and complications.



Medical Cards Volunteers

Carded records of Patients, Williamsville Hospital, New York, War of 1812 (RG 94, entry 532)

Carded Medical Records of Officers, 1861–1865 (RG 94, entry 533A)

Carded Medical Records of Volunteer Soldiers in the Mexican and Civil Wars (RG 94, entry 534)

• Records for selected regiments are available digitally in the <u>National Archives Catalog</u>

Carded Medical Records, Pioneer Corps, 1861–1865 (RG 94, entry 537)

Medical cards for Confederate soldiers, Spanish-American War, and Philippine Insurrection are filed with the individual CMSRs.



Medical Cards Regulars

- Regular Army, 1821–1884 (RG 94, entry 529)
- Regular Army, 1894–1912 (RG 94, entry 530)
- Hospital Stewards, Noncommissioned Staff Officers, and Musicians, 1821– 1884 (RG 94, entry 538)
- Contract and Dental Surgeons, 1898–1912 (RG 94, entry 539)
- Marine Corps, 1821-1884 (RG 94, entry 533)
- Gunboat and Naval Service, 1861–1865 (RG 94, entry 536)



Carded medical records for Michael Jacobs, Company K, 46th Pennsylvania Volunteers

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Regimental Casualty Lists: Civil War, 1861–1865 (entry 652, RG 94)



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