"Remembering Vietnam" this Veterans Day

In honor of Veterans Day, visit the National Archives November 9-16, 2018 for a week-long commemoration honoring and paying tribute to Vietnam War veterans.

Soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division stand guard over a Landing Zone waiting for the second wave of assault helicopters to land, 7/6/1966. National Archives Identifier 100310308

Join us on Wednesday, November 14, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., for a program on support and resources for Vietnam veterans: “Remembering Veterans: A conversation of what happens after Duty, Honor, Country.”
Former Senator and Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel will deliver remarks, and the program will include a panel discussion with expert panelists including Rick Weidman, Vietnam veteran and Executive Director for Policy and Government Affairs for Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). The program will be held at the William G. McGowan Theater at the National Archives in Washington, DC. Learn more and register now.

Unable to join us in person? Watch the program live on the National Archives YouTube channel.

Helicopter on the lawn of the National Archives for the opening weekend of the Remembering Vietnam exhibit, November 2017. Photo by National Archives photographer Jeff Reed

As part of this week-long Veterans Day commemoration, Vietnam-era helicopters will once again be on display on the front lawn of the National Archives from November 9-16.

While visiting the National Archives, be sure to see our current exhibition: “Remembering Vietnam.” The exhibit examines 12 critical episodes in the Vietnam War to provide a framework for understanding the decisions that led to war, events and consequences of the war, and its legacy. The exhibit is free and open to the public, and will be on display in the Lawrence F. O’Brien Gallery of the National Archives Museum through January 6, 2019.

Visit archives.gov/vietnam for more information on education resources, to request military records, explore the Vietnam War timeline, and discover more resources.
Volunteer to Honor Veterans

The American Soldier in World War II transcribe-a-thon

Join us in the Innovation Hub at the National Archives in Washington, DC on Tuesday, November 13 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, as we host The American Soldier in World War II transcribe-a-thon. The goal is to make accessible an unusual collection of wartime documents — 65,000 pages of uncensored, handwritten reflections written by U.S. soldiers during World War II.

This event is part of a 72-hour collaborative transcribe-a-thon between Virginia Tech, the National Archives, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, with additional support from the Social Science Research Council.

It is possible for classes, groups, communities, or individuals to participate both online and remotely. For more information and to register yourself or group, please visit the event page.

Tag a Veteran
Help “Tag a Veteran” in selected military records in the Catalog, looking for names of servicemembers within historical records. Type the names you see in the Tag field, making the record searchable by name.

Enhancing these records makes it easier for veterans and their family members to find their names in the Catalog.

Visit our Citizen Archivist Missions page in our new "Outside the Box" section for links to these selected military records.

Get Started Transcribing!

Each year, we acknowledge the work done and sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform. The National Archives and Records Administration is proud to serve veterans and their families, especially through our work at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, MO. We hope you will join us this Veterans Day as we honor and pay tribute to Veterans.

Questions or comments? Email us at catalog@nara.gov.