



Introduction to Military Records at the National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair

Military Reference Reports

The National Archives has online finding aids called Reference Reports that offer specific guidance or research strategies for a variety of genealogy-related topics, including military service. The following Reference Reports offer a broad overview of available records for military service from the Revolutionary War to the Philippine Insurrection as well as service in the peacetime Regular military establishment.

Enlisted Men and Officers

- [Enlisted Service in the Regular Army, 1789–1914](#)
- [Officers in the Regular Army, 1789–1916](#)
- [Regular Army Pensions, 1775–1912](#)
- [Sailors in the US Navy, 1798–1885](#)
- [Officers in the US Navy, 1789–1925](#)
- [US Navy Pensions, 1776–1910](#)
- [Navy Pension Fund List, 1802–1836](#)
- [Headstone Records for U.S. Military Veterans Buried in Nonfederal Cemeteries, 1879–1985](#)

By War or Conflict

- [Revolutionary War, 1775–1783](#)
- [Revolutionary War Prisoners, 1776–1783](#)
- [Service Between the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812](#)
- [War of 1812, 1812–1815](#)
- [War of 1812 Prisoners](#)
- [Florida Seminole Wars, 1817–1858](#)

- [Winnebago Indian Disturbances, 1827](#)
- [Black Hawk War, 1831–1832](#)
- [Cherokee Disturbances, 1836–1839](#)
- [Mexican War, 1846–1848](#)
- [Union and Confederate Volunteer Service During the Civil War, 1861–1865](#)
- [Union Civil War Service in Organizations from the District of Columbia](#)
- [Confederate Army, 1861–1865](#)
- [Confederate Navy and Marine Corps, 1861–1865](#)
- [Civil War Pensions \(Union\), 1861–1865](#)
- [Confederate Prisoners of War, 1861–1865](#)
- [Confederate Pensions](#)
- [Veterans Reserve Corps \(VRC\), 1863–1865](#)
- [US Volunteer Infantry \(Galvanized Yankees\), 1864–1866](#)
- [Buffalo Soldiers](#)
- [United States Colored Troops \(USCT\), 1863–1866](#)
- [Spanish-American War, 1898–1899](#)
- [Philippine Insurrection, 1899–1902](#)
- [WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918](#)
- [WWII Draft Cards \(4th Registration\), 1942](#)

Other Records of Interest

- [Carded Medical Records, 1821–1912](#)
- [U.S. Military Post Returns, 1800–1916](#)
- [Bounty Land Warrants, 1789–1855](#)
- [Civil War and Later Burial Sites in a National Cemetery](#)
- [Enumeration of Revolutionary War and Civil War Veterans and Pensioners in the Federal Census](#)