



Military Records Research Guide

Resource	What You'll Find	Notes and How to Use
Fold3	Digitized service records Enlistments Draft Cards Pensions Award citations	Some collections are free; others require a subscription. Use unit/campaign filters for better results
State Archives & Veteran Affairs Offices	Draft board info Bonus applications Wartime correspondence	Most states offer online request forms or email/phone support
National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)	Personnel files (OPF, OMPF) Unit records, maps Casualty reports, draft registrations	Submit SF-180 to request records Some records viewable on-site WWII Army records may be incomplete due to 1973 fire
Specialized Branch Repositories	Army: USAHEC - Navy/Marine Corps: Naval History and Heritage Command - Coast Guard: National Maritime Center	Ideal for branch specific research Visit websites for access procedures and contact info