



Tips for Success

Strategy	Description	Why It Works
Try Name Variations	Search with initials, nicknames, or alternate spellings (e.g., Charles W. Smith versus C.W. Smith)	Broadens search and catches records with slight differences
Add Contextual Keywords	Include unit numbers, ship names, or campaigns (e.g., "36th Infantry, Italy, 1943")	Narrows results to relevant records
Use Quotation Marks	Group terms with quotes (e.g., "USS Enterprise")	Keeps search results precise and focused