

Researching World War II Military Records

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World War II Internet Links and Resources

Some of the facilities, agencies, or organizations listed below may hold information on individual veterans many are focused on historical information regarding military history, units, and conflicts. Refer to individual web pages for details on the holdings, research and reference policies before requesting information.

NARA's Military Service Records
<http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/military/>

Alexandria, VA 22332-040
703-325-9256

Databases:
List of Military databases at Ancestry.com
<http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/military/main.htm>

National Archives and Records Administration
ATTN: NWCTB
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20408-0001
Tel: 202-501-5410 (Genealogical Staff)
202:501-5400 (Record Availability)
Fax: 301-713-6905 (Fax-on-Demand Information)
e-Mail: inquire@arch2.nara.gov

Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420
Tel: 202-233-4000
800-827-1000
<http://www.va.gov/OIT/CIO/FOIA/default.asp>

National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
Tel: 314-538-4243 (Air Force records)
Tel: 314-538-4261 (Army records)
Tel: 314-538-4141 (Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard records)
Fax: 314-538-4175
e-Mail: center@stlouis.nara.gov
(General information only, no e-mail requests for records)

Marine Corps Historical Center
Washington Navy Yard, Building 58
Ninth and M Streets, SE
Washington, DC 20374-0580
Tel: 202-433-3483

Freedom of Information ACT (FOIA) Office
Total Army Personnel Command
ATTN: TAPC-PAO (FOIA)
200 Stovall Street

American Battle Monuments Commission
Courthouse Plaza II
2300 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 500
Arlington, VA 22201
703-696-6897

Naval Historical Center
Washington Navy Yard
901 M Street, SE
Washington, DC 20374-5060

Library:
Tel: 202-433-4132
Fax: 202-433-9553

Museum:
Tel: 202-433-4882
Fax: 202-433-8200

Operational Archives:
Fax: 20-433-2833

Ships History Branch:
Tel: 202-433-3643
Fax: 202-433-6677

e-Mail: <http://www.history.navy.mil/>

U.S. Coast Guard Historian's Office
(G-DP-4)

2100 2nd Street, SW
Washington, DC 20593
Tel: 202-267-0948

e-Mail: rbrowning@comdt.uscg.mil
spruce@comusmm.org/comdt.uscg.mil

U.S. Air Force Historical Research Agency
HQ AFHRA/RSA

600 Chennault Circle
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6424
e-Mail: AFHRANEWS1%RS%AFHRA@MAX1.au.af.mil
<http://www.au.af.mil/au/afhra/>

U.S. Army Center of Military History
103 Third Avenue

Fort McNair, DC 20319-5058
Tel: 202-761-5413

e-Mail: cmhweb@cmh-smtp.army.mil

<http://www.army.mil/cmh-pg/default.htm>

American Division Veterans' Administration
Army Awards and Decorations

<http://www.americal.org/awards/>

U.S. Army Military History Institute
22 Ashburn Drive, Carlisle Barracks
Carlisle, PA 17013

Tel: 717-245-3611

e-Mail: MHI-SC@carlisle-emh2.army.mil

(Special Collections)

MHI-AR@carlisle-emh2.army.mil (Archives
Collection)

MHI-HR@carlisle-emh2.army.mil (Historical
Reference)

<http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usamhi/>

U.S. Merchant Marine

<http://www.usmm.org/index.html>

U.S. Military Academy
Museum and Archives

Building 2107

Pershing Center

West Point, NY 10996-2099

Tel: 914-938-7052

e-Mail: museum@www.usma.edu

<http://www.usma.edu/Museum>

Other helpful websites:

- <http://www.armyairforces.com/ResearchHelp.aspx>
- <http://www.militaryindexes.com/worldwartwo>
- Fold 3 provides convenient access to US military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served.
<http://www.fold3.com>
- www.findagrave.com

- <http://www.wwiimemorial.com>

To locate family members of crew members, fellow POW barracks mates, consult the following:

- <http://merkki.com>

- www.zabasearch.com

- www.ancestry.com

(SSDI records, 1930 census records, and 1940 census records)

Additional on-line resources:

American Battle Monuments Commission: WWII Honor Roll. If the veteran you are searching for was killed in action and is still buried overseas, he should be listed in the database. Burials in the domestic United States are not listed.

Department of Veterans Affairs: National Cemetery Administration – Nationwide Gravesite Locator. If your veteran is buried in a national cemetery, this database covers almost all 120 sites. Burials abroad are not covered.

WWII POW Database Search at NARA. The records identify World War II U.S. military officers and soldiers and US and some Allied civilians who were prisoners of war and internees.

WWII MIA Database from the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office. Missing personnel from WWII are available from the DPMO website

World War II Honor List of Dead and Missing Army and Army Air Forces Personnel. Indexed by state, this database is under development.

Air Force History Index. Searchable index of documents held by the Air Force Historical Research Agency.

Books:

Knox Debra Johnson, World War II Military Records: A Family Historians Guide, Military Information Enterprises Publishing, 2003.

Johnson, Lt.Col. Richard S. and Debra Johnson Knox, How to Locate Anyone Who Is or Has Been in the Military, Military Information Enterprises Publishing, 1999.