

Top Ten Military Web Sites

- www.usgis.org go to military collection, then links. Very good.
- www.suvcw.org Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
- <http://genealogysearch.org> then go to U.S. genealogy, Military Records, King Philips War to Vietnam.
- <http://misc.traveller.com> then Genealogy, Southern, Then Civil War, lots of links
- www.archives.gov Former NARA, Then research room, help on researching
- www.ncwa.org Pay Site, but some good links.
- www.civilwardata.com Pay site, lots of info for the money.
- www.cyndislist.com Go to Military, very good, lots of links.
- www.suvcw.org/cwhist.htm lots of links very good.
- <http://etext.virginia.edu/civilwar/> mostly letters and recount of war stores.

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USEFUL CIVIL WAR SITES

<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>

<http://www.archives.gov/>

<http://www.civilwarmed.org/>

<http://49thvirginiainfantry.com>

<http://www.civil-war.net/>

<http://www.civilwar.com/>

<http://www.us-civilwar.com/battles.htm>

<http://www.cyndislist.com/cw.htm#Battles>

<http://www.civilwarhome.com/records.htm>

<http://www.civilwarhome.com/>

<http://suvcw.org/>

<http://suvcw.org/cwhist.htm>

<http://www.guildpress.com/>

Access to Military Service and Pension Records

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is the official repository for records of military personnel who have been discharged from the U.S. Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard.

Paper copies of military service and pension records can be ordered by mail from the facility which holds the records:

- The National Archives Building in Washington, D.C.
- The National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, MO

Individual military records are not online. However, sample military service records have been digitized and are available through the Archival Research Catalog (ARC).

Military Service Records in the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C.

Branch of Service	Dates
Volunteers	Military service performed by persons serving during an emergency and whose service was considered to be in the Federal interest, 1775 - 1902
Regular Army	Enlisted personnel, 1789 - October 31, 1912 Officers, 1789 - June 30, 1917
Navy	Enlisted personnel, 1798 - 1885 Officers, 1798 - 1902
Marine Corps	Enlisted personnel, 1789 - 1904 Some officers, 1789 - 1895
Coast Guard	Persons who served in predecessor agencies to the U.S. Coast Guard: the Revenue Cutter Service (Revenue Marine), the Life-Saving Service, and the Lighthouse Service, 1791 - 1919
Confederate States	Persons who rendered military service for the Confederate States government in its armed forces, 1861 - 1865
Veterans Records	Claims files for pensions based on Federal military service, 1775 - 1916 and Bounty land warrant application files relating to claims based on wartime service, 1775 - 1855

To order military service records from Washington, D.C., use NATF Form 86. To order military pension records, use NATF Form 85.

For more information about these records, see the information about military records on NARA's Genealogy page.

Later Military Service Records are in the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

Access to Military Service Records is limited. See Services for Veterans, Next-of-Kin, or the Veteran's Representative for more information.

To order records from St. Louis, use Standard Form 180.

Note: Many records were destroyed by fire in the St. Louis Center in 1973.

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