General

U.S. military records (wiki)
    https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/U.S._Military_Records_Class_Handout

Military research guides: http://researchguides.net/military/index.htm

Genealogy guide to online U.S. military indexes and records: http://www.militaryindexes.com/

Ages of servicemen in wars: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ages_of_Servicemen_in_Wars

Free military records links: https://www.accessgenealogy.com/military-records

Mary's Genealogy Treasures, US military http://www.telusplanet.net/public/mtoll/usmil.htm

Cyndi's List, US military records: https://www.cyndislist.com/us/military/

Records found at National Archives? https://www.archives.gov/research/military/genealogy

Pension, Bounty Land

Military service and pension records: http://www.newhorizonsgenealogicalservices.com/military-records.htm

Description of ancestry/heritagequest Revolutionary War 1800-1900 bounty land files; log into HeritageQuest to read: https://search.ancestryheritagequest.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1995

Revolutionary War bounty land and pension application files, detailed pamphlet describing files and their contents: https://www.archives.gov/files/research/microfilm/m804.pdf

Online database to identify land and records created when transferring land from federal government to individual (not all military): https://glorecords.blm.gov/default.aspx

HeritageQuest, Fold3: Access for free through Erie County Public Library, *Services*, *E-databases*, then *Local History & Genealogy* (Link for Fold3 or Heritagequest, then enter library card number): https://erielibrary.org/services/edatabases/#edatabases+category:local-history-and-genealogy

Fold3 features original military records, including stories, photos, and personal documents. Many records from US National archives, The U.K. National Archives, and other international records.

Miscellaneous

Get *your own* military records: https://www.va.gov/records/get-military-service-records/

NARA Access to Archival Databases: https://aad.archives.gov/aad/

POW/MIA databases: http://www.loc.gov/rr/frd/powmia-home.html

1840 Pensioners Census: https://www.accessgenealogy.com/military/1840-pensioners-census.htm

Links to online World War I service databases: https://www.theworldwar.org/learn/research-center/state-military-records

1930 Register of commission and warrant officers of US Navy and Marine Corps
    https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?from=fhd&dps_pid=IE93120

Research WWII veterans: https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/research-veteran

Korean War casualty list: https://www.accessgenealogy.com/military/korean-war-casualty-list.htm

Vietnam War casualty list: https://www.accessgenealogy.com/military/vietnam-war-casualty-list.htm

Answers to common questions about military records and IDs: https://www.usa.gov/military-records

U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938
    https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1916230

Burial/Cemetery Information

National Cemetery Association, Dept of Veterans Affairs: https://www.cem.va.gov/

Nationwide gravesite locator: https://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1

Veteran's Administration Headstone Program: Headstones/markers provided free of charge for eligible veterans buried in **any** cemetery; also replace damaged markers at government expense. https://www.cem.va.gov/hmm/

U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca.1775-2006 Ancestry.com: Compilation of burial records from a variety of sources and cemeteries. http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8750 ($)

American Battle Monuments Commission honors America's overseas commemorative cemeteries and memorials: http://www.abmc.gov/

SAR Patriot Grave Locator: (Revolutionary War veterans only) http://patriot.sar.org/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=Grave%20Registry&-loadframes

FOIA and the Military

Each DOD Component, to include the military services, Department of Defense agencies, and combatant commands, responds to requests for its own records. Instructions for submitting a FOIA request in *DOD Freedom of Information Handbook* or in individual DOD Service Center websites. Agencies may charge fees related to storage, retrieval and delivery of information open under freedom of information act. Rules and fee schedules vary. http://www.allfreerecords.com/military-index.htm

Military Records– Don't look for what you can't find

WW II Draft Registration cards - Destroyed records, never microfilmed:

- ✓ Alabama
- ✓ Georgia
- ✓ Mississippi
- ✓ South Carolina
- ✓ Florida
- ✓ Kentucky
- ✓ North Carolina
- ✓ Tennessee

Some ancestry.com WWII Draft files **scanned incorrectly** *(ancestry.com only):* Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Back of one draft card appears in same image as front of next person's card. Correct front side of draft card, but back side of previous person's card.

1890 veterans census - some destroyed: Alabama - Kansas, and half of Kentucky (beginning of alphabetic order of states through the first half of Kentucky)

Nov 1800 fire destroyed Rev War pensions and bounty-land-warrant applications and related papers submitted before that date. Some files have cards noting that further papers not available.

NPRC fire, 12 Jul 1973: 16-18 million veteran records destroyed

    80% Army discharged between 1912 – 1960 with names after Hubbard, James E.

    75% of Air Force discharged between 1947 – 1964

    Some U.S. Army Reserve

Remember, however, that if the veteran applied for benefits of any kind, then some restored records should be available.

Archival OMPF (Official Military Personnel File) records: Discharge date of 1956 or prior* (62 years) open to public and can be ordered online for copying fee

Non-archival Discharge date of 1958 or after*: Access restrictions: Military veteran or next of kin (unremarried spouse, sibling, parent, child)

*rolling date—62 years after discharge