

LOCATION OF MILITARY RECORDS

The various categories of military service records are described in the chart below. For each category there is a code number which indicates the address at the bottom of the page to which this request should be sent.

- Health and personnel records.** In most cases involving individuals no longer on active duty, the personnel record, the health record, or both can be obtained from the same location, as shown on the chart. However, some health records are available from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Records Management Center (Code 11). A request for a copy of the health record should be sent to Code 11 if the person was discharged, retired, or released from active duty (separated) on or after the following dates: ARMY--October 16, 1992; NAVY--January 31, 1994; AIR FORCE and MARINE CORPS--May 1, 1994; COAST GUARD--April 1, 1998. Health records of persons on active duty are generally kept at the local servicing clinic, and usually are available from Code 11 a week or two after the last day of active duty.
- Records at the National Personnel Records Center.** Note that it takes at least three months, and often six or seven, for the file to reach the National Personnel Records Center (Code 14) in St. Louis after the military obligation has ended (such as by discharge). If only a short time has passed, please send the inquiry to the address shown for active or current reserve members. Also, if the person has only been released from active duty but is still in a reserve status, the personnel record will stay at the location specified for reservists. A person can retain a reserve obligation for several years, even without attending meetings or receiving annual training.
- Definitions and abbreviations.** DISCHARGED--the individual has no current military status; HEALTH--Records of physical examinations, dental treatment, and outpatient medical treatment received while in a duty status (does not include records of treatment while hospitalized); TDRL--Temporary Disability Retired List.
- Service completed before World War I.** The oldest records pertaining to military service veterans are at the National Archives, for service that was completed before the following dates: ARMY--enlisted, 11/1/1912, officer, 7/1/1917; NAVY--enlisted, 1/1/1886, officer, 1/1/1903; MARINE CORPS--1/1/1905; COAST GUARD--1/1/1898. National Archives Trust Fund (NATF) forms must be used to request these records. Obtain the forms by e-mail from inquire@nara.gov or write to the Code 6 address.

BRANCH	CURRENT STATUS OF SERVICE MEMBER	WHERE TO WRITE ADDRESS CODE --
AIR FORCE	Discharged, deceased, or retired with pay (See paragraph 1, above, if requesting health record.)	14
	Active (including National Guard on active duty in the Air Force), TDRL, or general officers retired with pay	1
	Reserve, retired reserve in nonpay status, current National Guard officers not on active duty in the Air Force, or National Guard released from active duty in the Air Force	2
	Current National Guard enlisted not on active duty in the Air Force	13
COAST GUARD	Discharged, deceased, or retired (See paragraph 1, above, if requesting health record.)	14
	Active, reserve, or TDRL	3
MARINE CORPS	Discharged, deceased, or retired (See paragraph 1, above, if requesting health record.)	14
	Individual Ready Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve	5
	Active, Selected Marine Corps Reserve, or TDRL	4
ARMY	Discharged, deceased, or retired (See paragraph 1, above, if requesting health record.)	14
	Reserve; or active duty records of current National Guard members who performed service in the U.S. Army before 7/1/72	7
	Active enlisted (including National Guard on active duty in the U.S. Army) or TDRL enlisted	9
	Active officers (including National Guard on active duty in the U.S. Army) or TDRL officers	8
	Current National Guard enlisted not on active duty in Army (including records of Army active duty performed after 6/30/72)	13
	Current National Guard officers not on active duty in Army (including records of Army active duty performed after 6/30/72)	12
NAVY	Discharged, deceased, or retired (See paragraph 1, above, if requesting health record.)	15
	Active, reserve, or TDRL	10

ADDRESS LIST OF CUSTODIANS (BY CODE NUMBERS SHOWN ABOVE) - where to write/send this form

1	Air Force Personnel Center HQ AFPC/DPSRP 550 C Street West, Suite 19 Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4721	5	Marine Corps Reserve Support Command (Code MMI) 15303 Andrews Road Kansas City, MO 64147-1207	8	U.S. Total Army Personnel Command 200 Stoval Street Alexandria, VA 22332-0400	12	Army National Guard Readiness Center NGB-ARP 111 S. George Mason Dr. Arlington, VA 22204-1382
2	Air Reserve Personnel Center/DSMR 6760 E. Irvington Pl. #4600 Denver, CO 80280-4600	6	National Archives & Records Admin. Old Military and Civil Records (NWCTB- Military), Textual Services Division 700 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, DC 20408-0001	9	Commander USAEREC Attn: PCRE-F 8899 E. 56th St. Indianapolis, IN 46249-5301	13	The Adjutant General (of the appropriate state, DC, or Puerto Rico)
3	Commander CGPC-Adm-3 U.S. Coast Guard 2100 2nd Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20593-0001	7	Commander U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Command ATTN: ARPC-ALQ-B 1 Reserve Way St. Louis, MO 63132-5200	10	Naval Personnel Command 5720 Integrity Drive Millington, TN 38055-3130	14	National Personnel Records Center (Military Personnel Records) 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
4	Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps Personnel Management Support Branch (MMSB-10) 2008 Elliot Road Quantico, VA 22134-5030			11	Department of Veterans Affairs Records Management Center P.O. Box 5020 St. Louis, MO 63115-5020		

PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

The following information is provided in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3) and applies to this form. Authority for collection of the information is 44 U.S.C. 2907, 3101, and 3103, and E.O. 9397 of November 22, 1943. Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If the requested information is not provided, it may delay servicing your inquiry because the facility servicing the service member's record may not have all of the information needed to locate it. The purpose of the information on this form is to assist the facility servicing the records (see the address list) in locating the correct military service record(s) or information to answer your inquiry. This form is then filed in the requested military service record as a record of disclosure. The form may also be disclosed to Department of Defense components, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Transportation (Coast Guard), or the National Archives and Records Administration when the original custodian of the military health and personnel records transfers all or part of those records to that agency. If the service member was a member of the National Guard, the form may also be disclosed to the Adjutant General of the appropriate state, District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico, where he or she served.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENT

Public burden reporting for this collection of information is estimated to be five minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to National Archives and Records Administration (NHP), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. DO NOT SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND COMPLETED FORMS AS INDICATED IN THE ADDRESS LIST ABOVE