Obtaining Military Personnel Records

Get your military service records and awards from the National Personnel Records Center.

Military Records
The documents in your military service record can help you successfully compete for a job, get a loan, or prove your eligibility for other benefits. The separation document (DD-214 or equivalent) is the most commonly requested item. It provides proof of military service and grants you access to important benefits and entitlements. Whether you need just one key document from your file or a copy of your entire service record, you can start your request with us right online.

Medals and Other Awards
The medals and other awards you earned while serving your country are an important part of your military service record. If your medals are missing or damaged, you can apply for replacement of these medals online. In addition, our staff can help you determine whether you qualify for medals and other awards that were conferred after you were discharged from military service.

Start the process by visiting www.archives.gov/veterans
Learn more, read helpful FAQs, and enter your request online.

If you don’t have computer access, you can also order your records by mail using Standard Form 180. This form is available at most Veterans Services Offices, or you can order it from us by mail.

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National Personnel Records Center (Military)
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