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About the National Archives



The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is the nation's record keeper. Of all the documents and materials created in the course of business conducted by the United States Federal government, only 1%–3% are determined permanently valuable. Those valuable records are preserved and are available to you, whether you want to see if they contain clues about your family's history, need to prove a veteran's military service, or are researching an historical topic that interests you.



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THE KNOW YOUR RECORDS PROGRAM

consists of free events with up-to-date information about our holdings. Events offer opportunities for you to learn about the National Archives' records through ongoing lectures, monthly genealogy programs, and the annual genealogy fair. Additional resources include an online genealogy tutorial, reference reports for genealogical research, and the newsletter *Researcher News*.



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Military Service and Casualty Records Electronically Available

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Archives Specialist John LeGloahec highlights military service and casualty records in the custody of the National Archives Electronic Records Division, available for download from the National Archives Catalog and accessible through Access to Archival Databases (AAD).

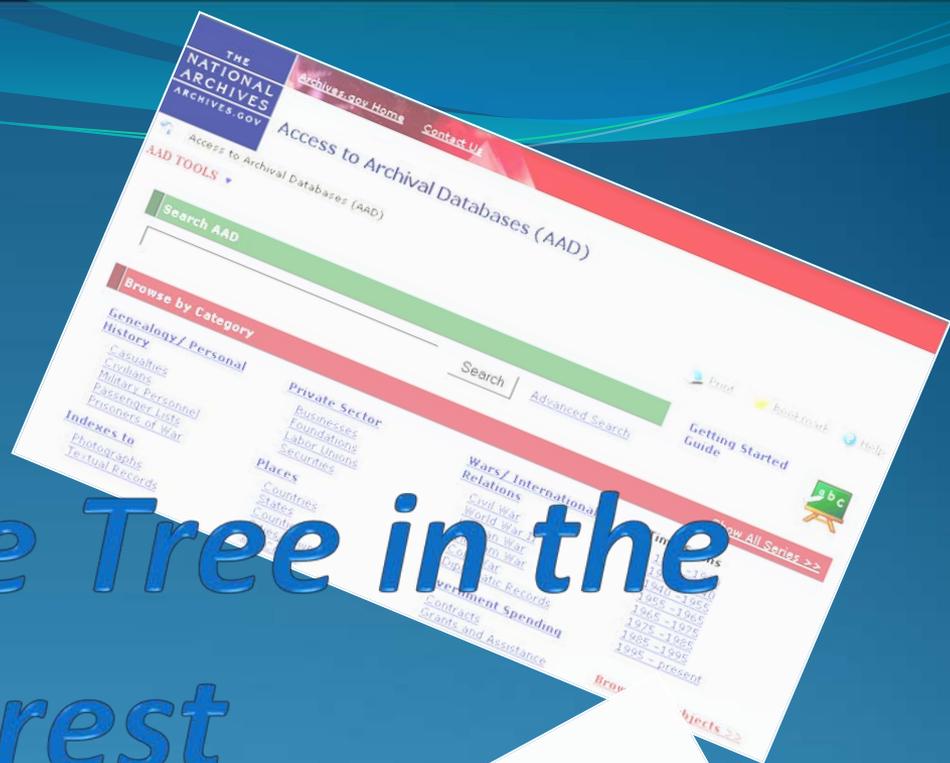
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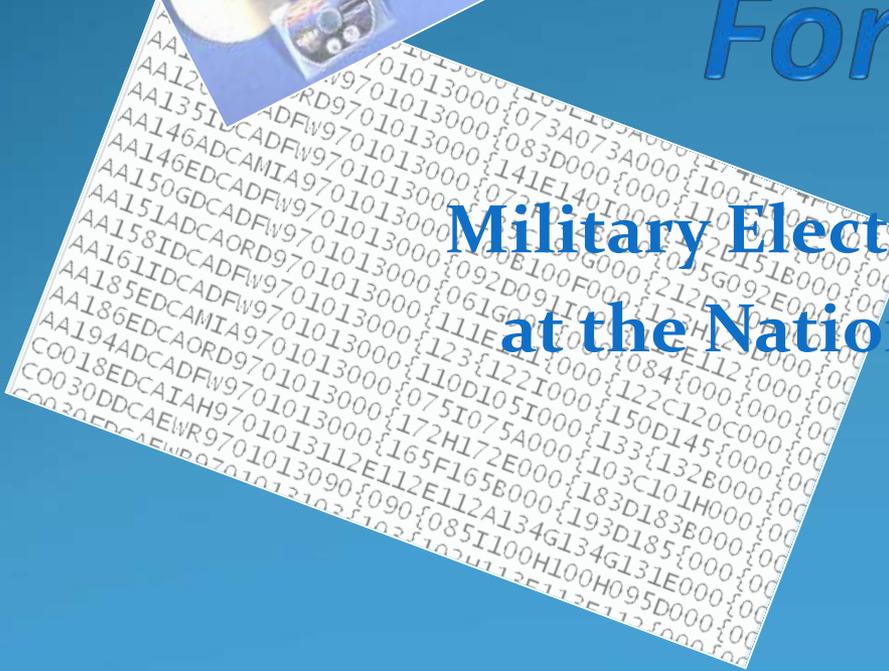
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Finding the Tree in the Forest

Military Electronic Records at the National Archives



The Electronic Records Division

- **Collecting “born-digital” records of the federal government for nearly 50 years.**
- **Most of the records are raw statistical data**
- **Many military service and casualty records are available online through AAD and for download from the National Archives Catalog.**

Access Tools

- Access to Archival Databases (AAD)
 - Sixty-four different series, in excess of 864 different files, and more than 120 million individual records
 - Nearly 2.5 million “hits” on AAD – daily average of about 9,000 in this fiscal year

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Access to Archival Databases (AAD) website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Archives.gov Home' and 'Contact Us'. The main header features the 'THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES ARCHIVES.GOV' logo and the title 'Access to Archival Databases (AAD)'. Below the header, there is a search bar with a 'Search' button and a link to 'Advanced Search'. To the right of the search bar, there are links for 'Print', 'Bookmark/Share', and 'Help'. The main content area is titled 'Browse by Category' and contains several columns of links: 'Genealogy/ Personal History' (including Casualties, Civilians, Military Personnel, Passenger Lists, Prisoners of War), 'Private Sector' (including Businesses, Foundations, Labor Unions, Securities), 'Places' (including Countries, States, Counties, Cities/Towns, Zip Codes), 'Wars/ International Relations' (including Civil War, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Cold War, Diplomatic Records), and 'Time Spans' (including 1800-1900, 1900-1940, 1940-1955, 1955-1965, 1965-1975, 1975-1985, 1985-1995, 1995-present). There is also a 'Government Spending' section with links for Contracts and Grants and Assistance. At the bottom, there is a 'What's New?' section with two entries about 'Central Foreign Policy Files'.

Access Tools

- The National Archives Catalog (direct download)
 - More than 100 series, 5000 files and 1.2 billion records
 - All are available for viewing and/or downloading

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Reference Reports

<http://www.archives.gov/research/electronic-records/info-for-researchers.html>

- Two Reports on World War II
 - World War II
 - RIP 78 – “Personal Participation in World War II” – The “American Soldier Surveys”



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- Three reports on the Korean Conflict
 - Casualties, MIA, POW
Records from the
Korean War Era
 - Nurse Casualties
 - State-level lists



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- Five reports from the Vietnam War
 - Military Objectives and Activities
 - Casualties, MIA, POW records
 - Casualty Statistics
 - RIP 90 – Records Relating to American POWs and MIA
 - State-level lists



World War II Records

- Records of Duty Locations for Naval Intelligence Personnel (Naval Group China) (AAD / NAC)
- World War II Army Enlistment Records (ASNF) (AAD / NAC)
- American Soldier in World War II Surveys (NAC)



World War II Records

- Records of World War II Prisoners of War (AAD / NAC)
- World War II Prisoners of the Japanese (AAD)



Korean War Records

- Repatriated Korean Conflict Prisoners of War (AAD / NAC)
- Records of American Prisoners of War (AAD / NAC)
- Defense Casualty Analysis System (DCAS) (AAD / NAC)
- Military Personnel Who Died as a Result of Hostilities (AAD / NAC)
- Records on Korean War Dead (AAD / NAC)



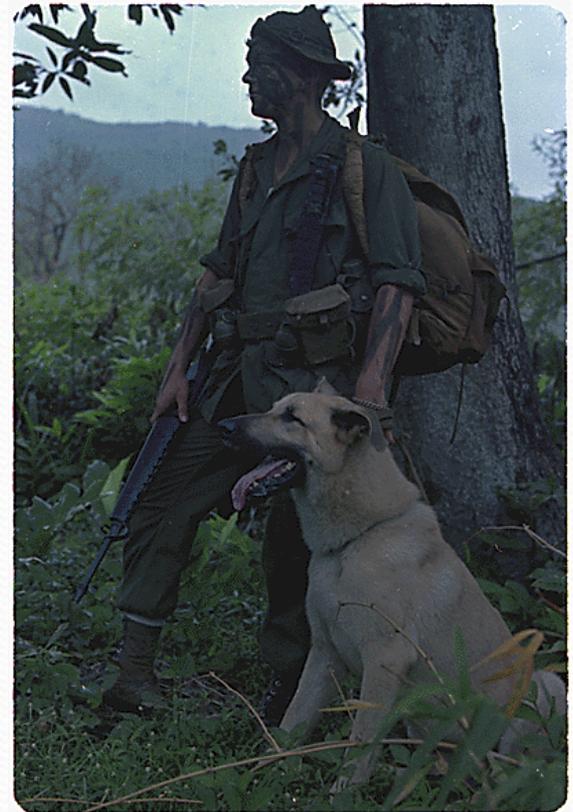
Vietnam War Records

- Defense Casualty Analysis System (DCAS) (AAD / NAC)
- Military Personnel Who Died, MIA, or POWs (AAD / NAC)
 - CACCF
 - CACRAF
- Deceased, Wounded, Ill, or Injured Army Personnel (AAD / NAC)
- The Coffelt Database (AAD)



Vietnam War Records

- Operational Files
- Vietnam Experience Study Files
- Awards and Decorations (AWADS)
(AAD)



Finding Records in the Access to Archival Databases (AAD)

- See associated handout for search terms and “how-to” guide



Downloading Records from the National Archives Catalog

- See associated handout for search terms and downloading FAQs

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Questions?

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