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Honoring our Veterans

Veterans Day is observed annually on November 11, honoring those who served in the United States Armed Forces. Each year, we acknowledge the work done and sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform.



A joint services color guard marches in the dedication day parade for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, 1/1/1983. [National Archives Identifier 6375696](#)

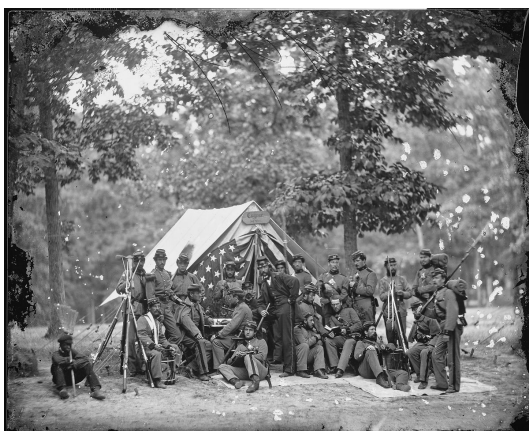
We invite you to explore the wealth of records held by the National Archives that document U.S. military encounters from the 18th century through the 20th century, including the [Veterans Day Military History roundup](#) on the Unwritten Record blog, and our [Veterans Day Resources](#) on [archives.gov](#).



Color Photographs of Signal Corps Activity, 1944 - 1981. 2.75 mm Rockets Loaded on to a OV-1A, 9/11/1967. [National Archives Identifier 176250302](#)

The National Archives is proud to serve veterans and their families, especially through our work at the [National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, MO](#). You can find out how we help [veterans access their records to receive benefits](#), and read about the work our [Preservation staff](#) do to make these records accessible. Be sure to take a look at our [free special programs](#) on topics from the Revolutionary War to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and World War II movies.

To all veterans and their families: thank you for your service.



Mathew Brady Photographs of Civil War-Era Personalities and Scenes. Engineer camp, 8th N.Y. State Militia, ca. 1860-1865. [National Archives Identifier 524918](#)



Men of 369th (15th N.Y.) who won the Croix de Guerre for gallantry in action, 2/12/1919. [National Archives Identifier 26431282](#)



WASPs Around a Curtiss A-25A, ca. 1943.

[National Archives Identifier 176250894](#)



Photograph of Sailors Paying Tribute to Casualties of the Pearl Harbor Attack at a Hawaiian Islands Cemetery. [National Archives Identifier 12009116](#)



Photograph of American Troops on LCT Preparing for Normandy Invasion, 6/1944. [National Archives Identifier 12008276](#)



U.S. Army nurses arrive to relieve the nursing problem of Santo Tomas University prison camp, Manila, Luzon, P.I. [National Archives Identifier 204950951](#)



Flag Raising on Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima, Japan, 2/23/1945. [National Archives Identifier 100310761](#)



Woman Working on Inside of SNV Fuselage at Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Plant in Downey, California, 7/1943. [National Archives Identifier 176217199](#)

Transcribe Records as a Citizen Archivist

American Civil War Military Service Records, “United States Colored Troops”

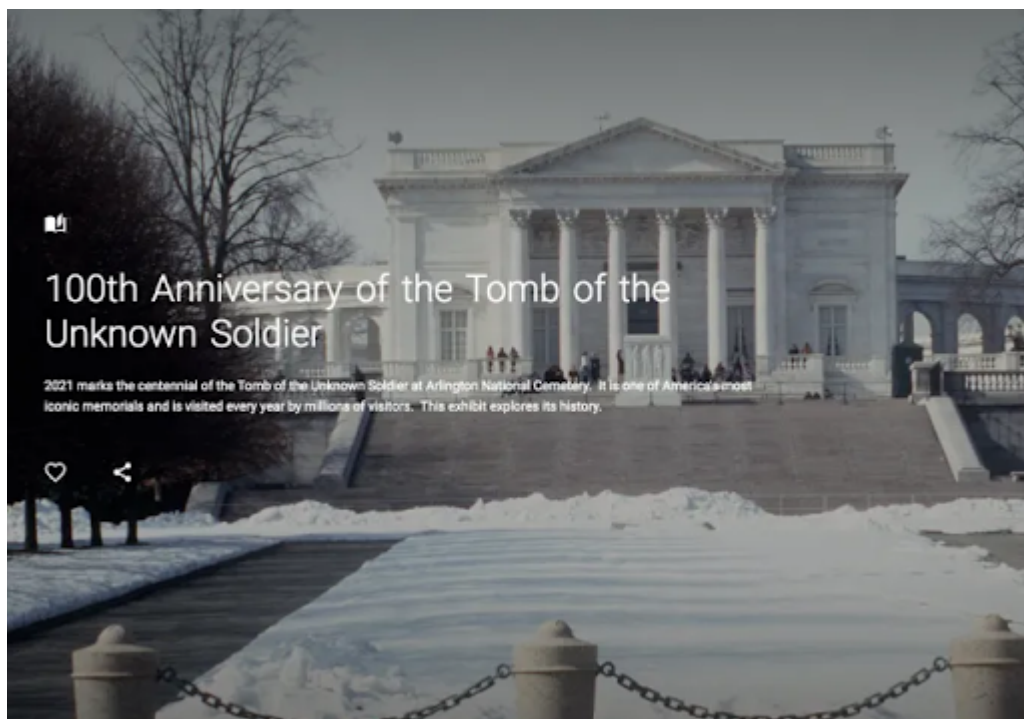
In honor of Veterans Day, we invite you to help [transcribe records related to the “United States Colored Troops.”](#) These records include the military service records of Union volunteer soldiers who served during the American Civil War. Records include jackets (folders) containing cards on which information relating to individuals, companies, and regiments of the Volunteer Service of the United States during the Civil War have been copied from original records such as muster rolls, returns, descriptive books, and morning reports.

On May 22, 1863, the War Department issued General Order 143, establishing a “Bureau of Colored Troops” in the Adjutant General’s Office to recruit and organize African American soldiers to fight for the Union Army. With this order, all African American regiments were designated as “United States Colored Troops (USCT).” Learn more about the digitization of these records on the [Pieces of History blog](#).



President Barack Obama Participates in a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, 11/11/2012. [National Archives Identifier 176552676](#)

This [new exhibit on Google Arts and Culture](#) showcases special media records, including drawings, photographs, and film, relating to the history of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Tomb is one of America's most iconic memorials and is visited every year by millions of visitors.





Memorial Day Services, Memorial Amphitheatre, Arlington National Cemetery, 5/30/1936. [National Archives Identifier 209280045](#)



Annual Pilgrimage of the Gold Star Mothers, Inc. of New York and nearby States, to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery., 9/30/1934. [National Archives Identifier 209280039](#)

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What was my grandfather's military unit during World War II?



How can I research my uncle's service in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War?



Where do I find records of women who served as WACs in the Women's Army Corps?



How can I request copies of my dad's medals and decorations that were never issued?



Where can I find photos of "The Harlem Hellfighters" from World War I?



Which ship did my father serve on in the Navy during World War II?



How can I get a copy of my DD-214?

Be sure to explore the Military sub-communities, including [Army and Air Force Records](#), [Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Records](#), and [Military and Civilian Personnel Records](#).

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COVID-19 Update

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