

Uncovering the Taegeuk: Researching Korean War Records

Frequently Asked Questions

- Where can I search for Korean War records?
 - The majority of unit, organizational, and operations records relating to the Korean War are held by the National Archives. When conducting your search, please have as much information as possible on the specific units or branch; this will aid NARA staff with locating the correct records.
- How can I search for Korean War records?
 - Searching for Korean War records may be done online using the NARA Catalog, Accessible Archives Database, or by requesting to view records in person at the nearest federal records center.
- What's the difference between unit records and personnel records?
 - Unit records are the chronological narrative of a particular military unit (companies, battalions, regiments, divisions, etc.) These primarily document major events such as engagements, reorganizations, attachments and detachments, and general movements. Personnel records are the files of individual service members. These will show the member's movements, promotions, transfers, travel orders, engagements, and units served.
- What websites should I use for my Korean War research?
 - [archives.gov](https://www.archives.gov): access the NARA Catalog and search for organization records
 - historyhub.history.gov: crowdsourcing website that connects public users to NARA Subject Matter Experts.
 - aad.archives.gov: Accessible Archives Database is a search engine that can locate online NARA records quickly and sift out all non-digital NARA records.
 - [archives.gov/veterans](https://www.archives.gov/veterans): request individual Korean War veteran records.

Korean War Record Groups

RG 15: Department of Veterans Affairs

RG 24: Bureau of Naval Personnel

RG 38: Office of the Chief of Naval Operations

RG 92: Office of the Quartermaster General

RG 111: Office of the Chief Signal Officer

RG 112: Office of the Surgeon General (Army)

RG 117: American Battle Monuments Commission

RG 125: Office of the Judge Advocate General (Navy)

RG 127: United States Marine Corps

RG 153: Office of the Judge Advocate General (Army)

RG 168: National Guard Bureau

RG 218: Joint Chiefs of Staff

RG 263: Central Intelligence Agency

RG 273: National Security Council

RG 289: Naval Intelligence Command

RG 313: Naval Operating Forces

RG 319: Army Staff

RG 330: Office of the Secretary of Defense

RG 338: U.S. Army Operational, Tactical, and Support Organizations

(World War II and Thereafter)

RG 407: Records of the Adjutant General's Office