

Finding World War II Records on Ancestry.com and Fold3

While not all records exist and not every record has been digitized, there is still a lot for you to look at.

If you start on our Military page, you can focus your search by conflict, by clicking on **World War II**

Or if you want to see what individual collections we have, try the **Ancestry.com Card Catalog filtering by Military and World War II** or the **Fold3 World War II title list**, which includes:

- **U.S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946**
(Ancestry.com)
- **U.S. World War II Marine Corp Muster Rolls, 1798-1958**
(Ancestry.com)
- **U.S. World War II Navy Muster Rolls, 1938-1949**
(Ancestry.com)
- **U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942**
(Ancestry.com)
- **Honolulu, Hawaii, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, 1941-2011** (Ancestry.com)
- **WWII War Diaries** (Fold3)
- **WWII Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Casualty List**
(Fold3)

Listings and records for other wars can be found in the same way.

Why Your Soldier May Not Show Up in the WWII Draft Registration Cards

Most of the WWII draft registration cards are not yet available in digitized form. First, you'll need to determine which of the drafts your ancestor may have been in and discover whether they are on Ancestry or whether you will need to obtain them from NARA. Also, your ancestor may have enlisted and never filled out a draft card.

There were 7 drafts taken for the U.S. in World War II:

1. **16 Oct. 1940**: all men between the ages of 21 and 31
2. **1 Jul. 1941**: all men who reached 21 since the first registration
3. **16 Feb. 1942**: all men between ages 20 and 21 and between 35 and 44 (Note: Some of these are available on Ancestry.com)
4. **27 Apr. 1942**: all men between the ages of 45 and 65 (Note: This is called the "Old Man's Draft" and these men were not expected to serve; these records are available on Ancestry.com)
5. **30 Jun. 1942**: all men between ages of 18 and 20
6. **Dec. 1942**: all men who had turned 18 since the last registration
7. **16 Dec. 1943**: all men living abroad between the ages of 18 and 44

You might also want to check out our research guide: **Find Them in World War II**