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DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ★ FALL 2023 SEMINAR

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY WARS  
Military Records & Research

with  
**Michael L. Strauss, AG**

SEPTEMBER 23



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# THE TWENTIETH CENTURY WARS Military Records & Research

with

Michael L. Strauss, AG

A DGS HYBRID SEMINAR – SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

Military records can provide a goldmine of information about our ancestors. While many of us are familiar with records from past wars, recent wars can be a bit confusing. Join us as Michael Strauss unlocks the secrets to finding the records for the 20th Century Wars.



Welcome! • 9:25 - 9:30 am (Central Daylight Time)

**Session 1 • 9:30 - 10:40 am ~ The Great War: Researching your World War I Ancestors** Fought between 1914-1918, in the beginning of this global conflict the United States had officially declared neutrality. On April 6, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war on Germany and to mobilize the resources of the United States. Many records share the feelings, attitudes, along with the reactions of our government by searching for our ancestors' connection during World War I.

Break - 10:40 - 10:55 am

**Session 2 • 10:55 - 12:05 pm ~ World War II** With the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, 1941, the United States was plunged into another global conflict. On the battlefield and the home front alike, our country mobilized to defeat the Axis Powers. Resources include service records, draft registrations, morning reports, and records from the home front. This lecture will also focus on ways to reconstruct those records most affected by the fire of 1973.

Lunch - 12:05 - 12:50 pm

**Session 3 • 12:50 - 2:00 pm ~ Researching the Korean and Vietnam Wars** Following the end of World War II the United States became involved in two wars, beginning in 1950 to 1953 with the Korean War. This war is often referred to as the 20th

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century's forgotten war, as it is overshadowed by World War II and Vietnam. The second war is the Vietnam War, also called the Second Indochina War, that was fought between 1955 and 1975. This lecture focuses on records for both wars, including service records, draft records, and morning reports covering all of the military branches.

Break - 2:00 - 2:15 pm

**Session 4 • 2:15 - 3:35 pm ~ Tracing the Movements of a Military Unit** Knowing where your ancestor's military unit served will help determine the events in which the unit was actively engaged. Understanding the lineage, and order of battle for the military unit will help in knowing the command structure of the organization. This lecture focuses on a wide variety of records to trace the steps of military units over multiple war periods.

Seminar Closing . . . . . 3:40 pm



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### How Our Hybrid Seminar Works:

- Register online by clicking the Fall Seminar link at [dallasgenealogy.org](http://dallasgenealogy.org). When registering, you will choose whether your attendance will be In-Person (at the Dallas Central Library) or Live-Streamed (via Zoom).
- A few days before the seminar you will receive an email with a link to the syllabus, and a link for joining the seminar (online) on the day of the event.
- Recordings are made of each seminar session and are available to registrants for two weeks after the seminar.

Register Online ~	By Sept. 3rd:	After Sept. 3rd:
Member . . . . .	\$50 each . . . . .	\$70 each
Non-Member . . . . .	\$60 each . . . . .	\$80 each
In-Person Box Lunch . . . . .		\$14 each

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- You must register by Sept. 20th if you want to order lunch.
- Registration for this seminar ends at midnight, Sept. 22nd.
- The seminar registration fees shown are in U.S. dollars.
- Refund requests are granted prior to Sept. 3rd. No refunds after this date, but a PDF of the syllabus and access to the recorded lectures are provided for two weeks after the seminar.

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Michael L. Strauss, AG is a professional Accredited Genealogist, and research manager for Ancestry ProGenealogists. He was previously employed as a forensic investigator for thirty years.

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Michael is a national genealogical lecturer and instructor, and faculty member at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), and the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research (IGHR), where is is the coordinator for the military courses held on the campus of the University of Georgia in Athens.

Michael was the film historian for the 2015 Academy Award nominated movie *Finding Vivian Maier*.

Michael has been involved in Civil War and Mexican American War reenacting for more than twenty-five years. He likes to appear at lectures in uniform and with real artifacts in order to give the audience the most realistic experience possible.

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