Celebrating our Veterans - Military Records on Fold3

What is Fold3?
- Top genealogical database for military records
- A subscription-based website available for FREE (from home with your DPL card and in-library for anyone!)
- Contains over 596 million records of military and non-military resources
- Partners with the National Archives and Records Administration
- Owned by Ancestry.com
- New for 2022 – now a TexShare database available at over 1,000 libraries through Texas

What records are on Fold3?
- Covers American Revolution through more recent conflicts
- Each conflict has its own collection of records
- Available records will vary depending on the conflict
- **Collection Highlights:** Revolutionary War Service & Pension Records | War of 1812 Pension Files | Army Registers, 1798-1969 | Civil War Service Records and "Widows' Pensions" | WWI & WWII Draft Registration Cards | Navy Muster Rolls 1939-1971
  - Pension records may contain: Date and place of birth | Marriages | Property holdings | Names of dependents and supporting documentation such as: Discharge papers | Marriage and death certificates | Physician reports | Family Bible pages | Testimonials from family members, neighbors, or other soldiers
- New Collections: Military Yearbooks, 1900-2011 | Navy Cruise Books, 1918-2009 | US Navy Support Books, 1900-2011 | US Morning Reports 1912-1939 | US Army WWI Transport Service, Passenger Lists 1910-1939 | Various Unit Histories
  - US Morning Reports 1912-1939 - 119 microfilm reels from NARA recently digitized | Will eventually go through 1946 | Exception-based report – soldiers' name only listed if change in duty | A way to track WWI & WWII activity – helps overcome record loss
- Learn about what kind of records are available for the time period you are researching (Browsing Fold3 conflicts and researching online) https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki
  - Some military personnel files (most of WWI & WWII) were destroyed by fire in 1973
  - What 20th century military service records that are available, are NOT online & need to be requested from the National Personnel Records Center - http://archives.gov

Browsing Fold3
- Home page – default is United States, but Australian, Canadian, U. K. & New Zealand records are available
- Browse U.S. by conflict or special collection
- Fold3 Browse Layout - Works in columns
  - Each column selection narrows your browsing further
  - At any point you can start a search at the top using your browsing selections
  - Continuing to narrow your browsing will eventually take you to the image set
  - At any point you can back out of your search using the left arrow
- Fold3 Training Center – gives you important how-to's & tutorials
- War Stories – gives battle & regimental histories of the Civil War
  - Search battles by soldier & see corresponding images!
- Free FOLD3 account lets you create memorials | Print & save | Save to Ancestry
- Memorials - Allows users to celebrate relatives who served in the U.S. military (requires free account)
  - Search honor wall for your relatives and sort by conflict
  - Interactive memorials - USS Arizona Memorial Wall (WWII), Vietnam Memorial Wall
  - Create a memorial with a free Fold3 account
- Your Gallery (requires free account)
  - Saves your recent record views
  - Allows bookmarking – groups under "Your Content"

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- Tag your finds how you would like to organize them (person, family group, war, battle, etc.)

Searching & Customizing Results

- Think about your ancestor's time period & search other family members too (brothers, uncles, etc.)
- Birth Years of Veterans

Conflict	Birth Years	Conflict Dates
Revolutionary War	1726-1767	1775-1783
War of 1812	1762-1799	1812-1815
Mexican War	1796-1831	1846-1848
Civil War	1811-1848	1861-1865
Spanish-American War	1848-1881	1898
World War I	1872-1900	1917-1918
World War II	1877-1925	1941-1945
Korean War	1900-1936	1950-1953
Vietnam War	1914-1955	1964-1972

- Filter option allows you to customize and narrow your search
  - Usually start with a name search
  - The filter feature can be used multiple times
- Include *pieces* of information – but not everything you know. Every piece of information you add to the search reduces the number of results you receive.
  - Vary the amount of information you enter
- Name Search Tips - Know all variations, spellings and nicknames of the person you are searching for
  - Search with "*" wildcard - Use at least 2 characters before or after wildcard

View, Save, Print

- Under "Info" you can submit a correction to the transcription immediately
- **Annotate** – label or transcribe the record to make it easier for others to find
- **Comment** – discuss the record or add your thoughts about a conversation
- Save to your Ancestry (profile or tree) - Will save the link to the image, but not the image
- If you want to save a Fold3 image to your Ancestry tree:
  - Download the image to your computer
  - Upload the image to your tree
- To save image - Go to the "Tool" icon.
  - Select "Download"
  - Select "Entire Image" or "Portion of Image"
  - Choose JPG or PDF
  - You must do this for each page
- Downloading entire file for 50+ pages – You must have a free account & be logged in
- To print image - Go to the "Tool Icon"
  - Select Print
  - Select "Entire Image" or "Portion of Image