Welcome to the Access to Archival Databases (AAD) System

NEW! What's New in AAD

Using AAD, you can search some of NARA's holdings of electronic records. For further information about all of NARA's electronic records holdings, including those not in AAD, see the Electronic and Special Media Records Services table of contents page. To search descriptions of NARA's non-electronic records, NARA's online catalogue, ARC, also is available.

AAD gives you:

- Online access to a selection of nearly 50 million historic electronic records created by more than 20 federal agencies on a wide range of topics;
- the ability to search for records with the specific information that you seek;
- important contextual information to help you understand the records better, including code lists, explanatory notes from NARA archivists, and for some series or files in AAD, related documents.

AAD supports NARA's mission, strategic plan, and vision by providing the public with broad access to essential evidence. AAD is the first publicly accessible...
Clicking on the search button brings up the next screen where you click on “People”.

**Select a Series/File Unit**

**Instructions:** AAD has approximately 400 data files with millions of records available online, but how do you know which one will be of interest to you? To assist you, NARA has grouped the series available in AAD in eight ways. Select one type of list below, click “Submit” and you will see all the relevant series grouped in that way. Click on a series title, and you will get more information about the series, including links to information about the data files in the series.

Select from ONE of the following below:

- All Series
- People
- Indexes to Other Records
- Subject:
- Geographic Area:

Submit
List Series That Identify People

Instructions: Click on a series title, and you will get more information about the series, including links to information about the data files in the series.

Title: Repatriated Korean Conflict Prisoners of War File, ca. 1970 - ca. 1990
Creator: Veterans Administration, Department of Veterans Benefits, DVB Administration Service, System and Security Division
Level of Description: Series from Record Group 15, Records of the Veterans Administration

Title: Records of Duty Locations for Naval Intelligence Personnel, 1942 - 1945
Creator: Department of the Navy, Naval Intelligence, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
Level of Description: Series from Record Group 33, Records of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations

Scroll down to get to the link for the WWII database

Instructions: NARA archivists created the description of the series that is displayed below. The file units that are associated with the series are listed in the table below. If you want to learn more about any of the file units, click on the title. If you want to search a file unit, click on "select" under "options".

File Unit(s) Available Online: The file units listed below are available online as searchable databases in the AAD system and may not represent a full listing of file units for this series.

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<td>Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File, 1933-1946</td>
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Title: World War II Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File, 6/1/2002 - 3/30/2002

Creator: National Archives and Records Administration Office of Records Services - Washington, D.C. Modern Records Programs: Electronic and Special Media Records Services Division (Most Recent)

Type of Archival Materials: Data Files

Level of Description: Series from Record Group 94: Records of the National Archives and Records Administration
File Unit Description

File Unit: Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File, ca. 1938 - 1946


Instructions: The following file unit description provides you information about the file unit. It also may list one or more physical data table that make up the data file. To search one of them, click on "select" under "options". If only one table is in the file unit, click on the link that says "Click here to search this data table."

Data Table(s): Each File Unit consists of one or more data tables which are available online as searchable databases. You may search an online database by selecting a data table listed below and following the instructions for "searching databases" on the next page.

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<td>ARMY SERIAL NUMBER ELECTRONIC FILE: MERGED PROCESSED FILE ENLISTED RESERVE CORPS STATISTICAL CARD RECORDS</td>
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Clicking on the first button, the one with card records brings you to the search input window for WWII Enlistments.

Tip: You can use the percent (%) or the asterisk (*) as wildcard characters when entering your search terms. Wildcards are not allowed for code lists, "contains phrase" searches, numbers, or dates.

Note that there is a link to the right of each data entry field? Residence State, Residence County and Place of Enlistment all say “Select from code list”
I have clicked on the ‘state’ Select from Code List’ link:

![Select Coded Value](image)

**Select Coded Value**

**Coded Value Description for:** RESIDENCE: STATE

**Instructions:** Please check the box next to the value you wish to use to narrow your search. Once you have selected all the values you would like to use, click the submit button to close the window and update your search criteria.

**Note:** Because the county codes are linked to specific state codes, you can select only one code at a time from the RESIDENCE: STATE code table. If your search page includes RESIDENCE: COUNTY, to select multiple state codes for a single search (for example, to use all three possible codes for a state), you should use the “Customize Search” option and de-select RESIDENCE: COUNTY.
Scroll down until you get to the state you want and checkmark it. Here I have a checkmark in the box next to Arkansas.
Next scroll up to the top or down to the bottom of the list and click on ‘submit’
Now I have 87 in for the State. If you know the code, you can type it in, which I have done for the county, 019. If you don’t know the code, click on the “Select from Code list” for Residence: County

You will notice that there is no search criteria for race, but you can add it (or other criteria) by clicking on “Customize Search” link above the input window. This works like the state code, so scroll down until you see Race and Citizenship and put a checkmark in the box. The default criteria are already checked.

Click on “submit” and you will now see “race and citizenship” as the last item in the search window.