

Locating People

Trying to locate active duty Army or Air Force? The Army will help you locate individuals on active duty only. The Air Force can locate active duty personnel, as well as retirees, reservists and guardsmen. This information is not available for those who have separated from the Air Force or are Army Air Corps retirees. Information on individuals stationed overseas or in a sensitive position will not be released. However, the locator service will forward mail to that person for up to 90 days, as long as the correct postage is on the envelope and any required fee has been paid. Parents, spouses, and government officials may call 1-210-652-5774 for a recorded message or 1-210-652-5775 for non-recorded service.

The following information is needed for all requests for all locator services:

- ✓ Give as much identifying information as possible about the person you wish to locate such as full name, rank, last duty assignment/last known military address, service number, and Social Security number.
- ✓ The locator service is free to immediate family members and government officials. Other family members, civilian friends, businesses and others must pay \$3.50. The check or money order must be made out to the U.S. Treasury. It is not refundable.

Mail your request to:

- United States Army
Commander
U.S. Army Enlisted Records & Evaluation Center
ATTN: Locator
8899 East 56th Street
Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN 46249-5301
Call: 1-866-771-6357

- United States Air Force:
HQ AFMPC/RMIQL
550 C Street, West, Suite 50
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4752
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The places to go for personal records are:

- National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
 - This organization also holds unit "morning reports" for the period up to 1974. Those reports show daily personnel status of units, so if the searcher knows the unit to which a soldier was assigned, the morning reports may include helpful information. **Note:** There are no guarantees.
 - The NPRC also has a web site:
http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/

- National Personnel Records Center
Civilian Personnel Records
111 Winnebago Street
St. Louis, MO 63118-4126
 - <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/> for more information. They will be able to verify employment timeframe or provide the records to the former employee.

- Unit operational records for the period up to 1954 are held at:
National Archives and Records Administration
Modern Military Records
8601 Adelphi Road (Room 2400)
College Park, MD 20740

- Operational records for the period after 1954 are at:
Freedom of Information Act Office
RMDA, U.S. Army
7798 Cissna Road
Springfield, VA 22153

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- Other useful web sites:
 - Veterans' associations: <http://www.vets.com/inside/alumni.htm>
(**Note:** Use the branch/numerical listings on the right side. For example, if you are looking for the 1st Infantry Division, you would click on "infantry" and then scroll down looking for 1st Division. Most veterans' groups have a newsletter and will publish notices that someone is looking for "Mr. Former Soldier")
 - National Archives: <http://archives.gov/research/arc/index.html>

 - Four web sites for general searching for people:
<http://peoplesearch.lycos.com/>

<http://www.anywho.com/>

<http://www.switchboard.com>

<http://find.intelius.com/search-name.php>