

## Guide to finding New York National Guard Records

If you want recent records you need to be either the veteran or a very close relative.

For soldiers discharged after 1953 you need to go through the [New York National Guard's Records Center](#).

The [New York State Archives](#) has the following collections:  
New York State Adjutant General's Office [Organization Rosters of Military Officers, 1800-1899](#)  
New York State Adjutant General's Office [National Guard Muster Rolls, 1878-1954](#)  
[New York National Guard Service Cards, 1917-1954](#)

New York State residents have [free access to parts of Ancestry.com](#).

In addition to Ancestry.com is a related site, [Fold3](#). Fold3 is a genealogy website that specializes in military records. If you have an All Access membership to ancestry you also get membership to Fold3.

The New York State Military Museum has indexed over 1,000,000 names into our Roster database. You can [search that directly](#) or browse our [collections here](#).

### **Other collections at the NYS Military Museum that may be useful:**

#### [New York State Adjutant General Reports](#)

The New York State Adjutant General Reports are the reports given to the New York State Legislature by the head of the New York National Guard, the Adjutant General, or AG. Most years listed all of the officers in the NYNG and their unit affiliations; many years have a name index.

#### [Register of Militia Officers who served prior to 1858](#)

#### [New York National Guardsman](#)

The New York National Guardsman was a magazine published monthly from April, 1924 to August, 1940 when much of the New York National Guard was federalized for duty. It is a good source of photographs and biographical information on higher-ranking officers.

#### [Charts Showing Lineage Of New York Units](#)

#### [New York State Awards, Decorations, and Medals](#)

#### [New York Guard Monthly Rosters, 1940-1946, World War Two](#)

In addition we also have

Enlistment cards for soldiers who served in the 15<sup>th</sup> New York National Guard/369<sup>th</sup> Regiment;

Service cards for soldiers who were federalized for service in the US Army, 1940

Archival collections removed from various armories throughout the State.

**Please note that, if you cannot readily find information as to a particular soldier,** the best advice is for you to look for information related to the specific unit the soldier served in. Another possibility is searching for the unit's commanders, who may have written memoirs or books about the war.

In addition to the above places a good place to search is [WorldCat](#). WorldCat is a database of thousands of library catalogs. This is more of a discovery database since you will not be able to borrow these directly. Please be aware that the 1<sup>st</sup> US Infantry is different than the 1<sup>st</sup> New York Infantry.

Other possible resources are the local (to the soldier/unit) historical societies and public libraries. Local newspapers also had many "local interest" stories about men and women when they enlisted, were promoted, died, etc.