



How to Get Your Medals

So, you want to get your well-deserved medals. Just follow these simple steps and you'll have them in no time.

You also can fill out your request online at www.vetrecs.archives.gov.

It may take a little time (as long as three months in some instances), but rest assured, you will get the awards you deserve.

STEP 1: Obtain a *Standard Form 180 (SF 180)* available at www.archives.gov/research/order. Mail it to the appropriate address listed below based on your military service. Be sure to fill out the *SF 180* as completely as you can. **Service and social security numbers must be included.** If you do not have the requested information, write "NA," meaning the information is "not available."

STEP 2: Once your request has been processed, it will be forwarded to the facility from which the medals are mailed. You will receive a response showing which medals were verified for Army and Air Force veterans. For Navy, Coast Guard and Marines, you will receive a referral letter from NPRC.

STEP 3: If you experience problems with the verification process, write to the address listed for your military service. To check the status of your request, you can e-mail: mpr.status@nara.gov.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

- If the REFRAD date, discharge date, retirement date or date of death in service is more than 62 years old, the record is considered "archival," and replacement medals will only be processed at the request of the living veteran, retiree or next-of-kin (children or surviving, unmarried spouse).
- With the exception of the Coast Guard, the military service departments no longer transfer records to NPRC. In some cases, NPRC may have to refer the medals request to the appropriate service department. This is especially true for Air Force. Army records are accessible by NPRC staff through DPRIS for those separated/retired 1992 or later.
- Current members of the military should contact their unit or purchase replacement medals at their clothing sales/PX.
- In most cases, only a single set of replacement medals will be issued, and generally only to the veteran and next of kin.
- Personnel whose records were lost in the 1973 fire should include a copy of the separation document (*WD 53-55* and/or *DD-214*) with the eVetRecs signature page or *SF-180*.

SERVICE	WHERE TO WRITE FOR MEDALS DOCUMENTATION
ARMY	National Personnel Records Center 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138
AIR FORCE (including Army Air Corps and Army Air Forces)	National Personnel Records Center 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138
NAVY	Navy Personnel Command Liaison Office Room 350 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138
MARINE CORPS	Navy Personnel Command Liaison Office Room 350 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138
COAST GUARD	Navy Personnel Command Liaison Office Room 350 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138

Help for those who need it

The American Legion has launched a new webpage listing resources, warning signs and other information to help those confronting suicide.

 www.legion.org/suicideprevention

Family Of a Vet Resources and assistance for servicemembers, veterans and families living with PTSD, TB, and the challenges of life after combat.

 www.familyofavet.com

Give an Hour Provides free mental health care to servicemembers, veterans and families.

 www.giveanhour.org

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)

Resources and support for families who have lost servicemembers in combat, training accidents, or to suicide or illness.

 www.taps.org

Not Alone Help for servicemembers and families, particularly those dealing with PTSD.

 www.notalone.com

Her War, Her Voice! Peer support for the families of servicemembers, particularly those who deploy.

 www.herwarhervoice.com

Veterans Crisis Line

 www.veteranscrisisline.net

 (800) 273-8255, press 1

National Center for PTSD

 www.ptsd.va.gov