

Access to Archival Database Main page

The screenshot shows the Netscape browser window displaying the NARA AAD Main Page. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.archives.gov/aad/index.html>. The page features a dark blue header with the NARA logo and the tagline "...ready access to essential evidence...". Below the header, the main content area is divided into three columns. The left column contains a vertical navigation menu with links such as "WELCOME", "ABOUT US", "RESEARCH ROOM", "RECORDS MANAGEMENT", "RECORDS CENTER PROGRAM", "FEDERAL REGISTER", "NHPRC & OTHER GRANTS", "EXHIBIT HALL", "DIGITAL CLASSROOM", "RECORDS OF CONGRESS", and "PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES". The middle column, titled "AAD Tools", includes a "PRINT-FRIENDLY VERSION" link, the "AAD" logo, a "SEARCH" button, and a list of links: "What is AAD?", "Getting Started", "Understanding Archival Electronic Records", "Understanding a Data File's Context", "AAD Terminology", "AAD Help", and "Frequently Asked". The right column, titled "Welcome to the Access to Archival Databases (AAD) System", contains a "NEW! What's New in AAD" link, a paragraph explaining the system's purpose, a list of features, and a statement about NARA's mission. The browser's status bar at the bottom shows the date "Friday, June 11, 2004" and the time "11:04 AM".

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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 "ready access to essential evidence." AAD is the first publicly accessible

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Clicking on the search button brings up the next screen where you click on “People”

The screenshot shows a Netscape browser window titled "Access to Archival Databases - List of Series - Netscape". The address bar displays "http://aad.archives.gov/aad/title_list.jsp". The page features the NARA logo and the tagline "...ready access to essential evidence...". Below the header, there is a navigation bar with links: "What is AAD?", "AAD Terminology", "Getting Started", "FAQ", "Understanding: Data Files", "Electronic Records", "Where Am I?", and "HELP". A sub-navigation bar includes "Exit AAD" and "Select Series/File Unit". The main heading is "Select a Series/File Unit". The instructions state: "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." Below the instructions, it says "Select from ONE of the following below:". There are three links: "All Series", "People", and "Indexes to Other Records". Below these links are two search fields: "Subject:" and "Geographic Area:", each with a dropdown menu and a "Submit" button. The browser's status bar at the bottom shows "Done", "Options", "Inbox", "Write", "Web", "powered by YAHOO! search", "Go Search!", "Help", and "Disconnected". The taskbar at the very bottom shows various application icons and the system clock displaying "3:06 PM".

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Select a Series/File Unit

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Select from ONE of the following below:

[All Series](#)
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[Indexes to Other Records](#)

Subject: Submit

Geographic Area: Submit

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[Exit AAD](#) > [Select Series/File Unit](#) > **Series/File Unit Results**

List Series That Identify People PRINT-FRIENDLY VERSION

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. 1978 - ca. 1980](#)
Creator: Veterans Administration. Department of Veterans Benefits. DVB Administrative 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. U.S. Naval Group China. (1942 - ca. 1947)
Level of Description: Series from Record Group 38: Records of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations

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Scroll down to get to the link for the WWII database

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Series: World War II Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File, 6/1/2002 - 9/30/2002

Part of: Record Group 64: Records of the National Archives and Records Administration

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.

Options	Title (click to select a file unit)	Other Titles
SELECT	Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File, 1938-1946	

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Title: World War II Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File , 6/1/2002 - 9/30/2002

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
Textual Records

Level of Description: Series from Record Group 64: Records of the National Archives and Records Administration

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File Unit Description

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

Part of: Series: World War II Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File, 6/1/2002 - 9/30/2002

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 a online database by selecting a data table listed below and following the instructions for "searching databases" on the next page.

Options	Title
SELECT	ARMY SERIAL NUMBER ELECTRONIC FILE: MERGED PROCESSED FILE ENLISTMENT CARD RECORDS
SELECT	ARMY SERIAL NUMBER ELECTRONIC FILE: MERGED PROCESSED FILE ENLISTED RESERVE CORPS STATISTICAL CARD RECORDS

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Clicking on the first button, the one with card records brings you to the search input window for WWII Enlistments

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an opportunity either to revise your search or to order the entire data file.

Note: Please read the [FAQ \[frequently asked questions\]](#) about the Army Serial Number File (ASNf) before you try to search for any records. [View the ASNf FAQ](#)

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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.

Column Title	Select Search Operators	Enter Values
ARMY SERIAL NUMBER:	CONTAINS ALL VALUES	<input type="text"/> Sample Values
NAME:	CONTAINS ALL VALUES	<input type="text"/> Sample Values
RESIDENCE: STATE:	CONTAINS ANY VALU	<input type="text"/> Select from Code List
RESIDENCE: COUNTY:	CONTAINS ANY VALU	Please select a value for the RESIDENCE: STATE column first! <input type="text"/> Select from Code List
PLACE OF ENLISTMENT:	CONTAINS ANY VALU	<input type="text"/> Select from Code List
YEAR OF BIRTH:	CONTAINS ANY VALU	<input type="text"/> Sample Values

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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

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.

Submit Close [Download Code List](#)

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Scroll down until you get to the state you want and checkmark it. Here I have a checkmark in the box next to Arkansas

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<input type="checkbox"/>	O5	ANDORRA or PORTUGAL
<input type="checkbox"/>	K8	ANGLO-EGYPTIAN SUDAN or BRITISH CAMEROONS or BRITISH NORTH AFRICA or GAMBIA or GOLD COAST or NIGERIA or SIERRA LEONE or TOGOLAND or TONGA
<input type="checkbox"/>	O7	ANGOLA or CAPE VERDE ISLANDS or MOZAMBIQUE or PORTUGUESE AFRICAN POSSESSIONS or PORTUGUESE GUINEA or PRINCIPE or ST THOME
<input type="checkbox"/>	J9	ARGENTINA
<input type="checkbox"/>	98	ARIZONA
<input type="checkbox"/>	I8	ARIZONA, CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR
<input type="checkbox"/>	R8	ARIZONA, LIMITED SERVICE or AT SEA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	87	ARKANSAS
<input type="checkbox"/>	H7	ARKANSAS, CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Q7	ARKANSAS, LIMITED SERVICE
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Next scroll up to the top or down to the bottom of the list and click on 'submit'

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Select Coded Value

Coded Value Description for: RESIDENCE: STATE

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Submit Close [Download Code List](#)

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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

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an opportunity either to revise your search or to order the entire data file.

Note: Please read the FAQ [frequently asked questions] about the Army Serial Number File (ASNF) before you try to search for any records. [View the ASNF FAQ](#)

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NAME:	CONTAINS ALL VALUES	<input type="text"/> Sample Values
RESIDENCE: STATE:	CONTAINS ANY VALU	87 Select from Code List
RESIDENCE: COUNTY:	CONTAINS ANY VALU	Please select a value for the RESIDENCE: STATE column first! 019 Select from Code List
PLACE OF ENLISTMENT:	CONTAINS ANY VALU	<input type="text"/> Select from Code List
YEAR OF BIRTH:	CONTAINS ANY VALU	<input type="text"/> Sample Values

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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.