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INTRODUCTION

This guide introduces researchers to sources, most of which are in the Grosvenor Room (GRO), about US participation in various wars and records of military service. It is designed to help genealogists and family historians identify soldiers and casualties.

This bibliography is not intended to be comprehensive. For wars that are especially well-documented, we limited our scope to New York State and how-to titles.

For resources specifically on Buffalo & Erie County, see the separate guide titled Military History and Records: Genealogical Sources for Buffalo and Erie County.
http://www1.buffalolib.org/libraries/collections/genealogy/pdfs/SubjectGuides/CIVILwar_BUFFALO.pdf

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Videos are in the Central Library's Media Room and may be borrowed.

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Military Service Records: A Select Catalog of National Archives Microfilm

Washington DC. National Archives Trust Fund Board, National Archives and Service Administration, 1985

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Historical Register and Dictionary of the United States Army from its Organization September 29, 1789 to March 2, 1903

Washington DC: GPO, 1903

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Report from the Secretary of War...in Relation to the Pension Establishment

Washington DC: D. Green, 1835

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Horowitz, Lois

A Bibliography of Military Name Lists from Pre-1675 to 1900

Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow Press, 1990

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Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives, 3rd ed.

Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Administration, 2000

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Salt Lake City, UT: Ancestry, ©1994

GRO E185.63 .W822 1994

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New York: Da Capo Press, 1994

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Washington, DC: Jonathon Elliot, 1816-1831

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Hamersly, Thomas Holdup Stevens

Complete Regular Army Register of the United States: For One Hundred Years, 1779-1879

Washington DC: T.H.S. Hamersly, 1880

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Washington: Adjutant General's Office, various dates

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Wilmington, DE: Scholarly Resources, 1995

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How to Locate Anyone Who Is or Has Been in the Military: Armed Forces Locator Guide

Spartanburg, SC: MIE Pub., ©1999

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United States. National Guard Bureau

Official National Guard Register

Washington, DC: Militia Bureau; U.S. G.P.O, 1922-1976

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List of Officers of the Navy of the United States and of the Marine Corps from 1775 to 1900

New York: L.R. Hamersly & Co, 1901

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Abstracts of Service Records of Naval Officers ("Records of Officers") 1829-1924

Washington, DC: National Archives Trust fund Board, National Archives and Records Administration, 1987

COLONIAL AND INDIAN WARS, 1689-1764

GRO E81 .I37 1987, 2 vols.

Index to Indian Wars Pension Files, 1892-1926

Waynesboro, TN: National Historical Pub. Co., 1987

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New York Colonial Muster Rolls, 1664-1775

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., 2000

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Muster Rolls of New York Provincial Troops, 1755-1764

[New York]: The Society, [1892]

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Documents Relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York

Albany, NY: Weed Parsons & Co., 1887

REVOLUTIONARY WAR, 1775-1783

GRO Ref. *CD3404 .N495 1994

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Guide to Records Relating to the Revolutionary War in the New York State Archives

Albany, NY: SUNY, State Educational Dept., Office of Cultural Education, 1994

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Secretary of the State of New York

Calendar of N.Y. colonial manuscripts, indorsed land papers; in the office of the secretary of state of New York. 1643-1803

Albany, NY: Weed, Parsons & Co., 1864

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Knoxville, TN: G.K. Schweitzer, ©1997

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Revolutionary Pensioners: A Transcript of the Pension List of the United States for 1813

Baltimore, MD: Southern Book Co., 1953

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[Baltimore, MD]: Genealogical Pub. Co., ©1991

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Baltimore, MD: Gateway Press; Washington, DC: National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, ©2003

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Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications

Washington, DC: 1966

GRO E255 .N5 1986

Neagles, James C.

Summer Soldiers: A Survey & Index of Revolutionary War Courts-Martial

Salt Lake City, UT: Ancestry Inc., 1986

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United States. War Dept.

The Pension List of 1820

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1991

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Salem, MA: Higginson Book Co., [1991]

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[Buffalo, NY]: Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, Grosvenor Reference Division, 1962

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List of Black servicemen compiled from the War Department collection of Revolutionary War records

Washington : National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, 1974.

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Bowie, MD: Heritage Books Inc., 1989-1998

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United States. War Department

Message from the President... "To Cause...A List of All Pensioners..."

Baltimore, MD: Clearfield Co., 1992

Includes Revolutionary War pensioners of 1818

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Klein, Milton M

New York in the American Revolution: A Bibliography

Albany, NY: New York State American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, 1974

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Collections of the New York Historical Society for the Year 1914, 1915

New York: The Society, 1916

Includes Revolutionary Muster Rolls 1775-1783

GRO Ref. *F118 .D3 1998, 2 vols.

Revised Master Index to the New York State Daughters of the American Revolution Genealogical Records Volumes

Zephyrhills, FL: Jean D. Worden, ©1998

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New York (State). Comptroller's Office

New York in the Revolution

Albany, NY: J.B. Lyon Co., 1904

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Patriot-Soldiers of 1775-178 : The Veterans of the War for American Independence of Chautauqua County, New York

[S.I.]: Jamestown Chapter, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, 1981

GRO F127 .O6 O73 v.1 No.2

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Revolutionary Soldiers Resident or Dying in Onondaga County, N. Y.; with Supplementary List of Possible Veterans...

Syracuse, NY: McDonnell Co., 1913

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Rejected or Suspended Revolutionary Pensions

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1969

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Washington D.C.: National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, [2012].

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The New York State Library: www.nysl.nysed.gov

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Notices of Sullivan's Campaign; or, The Revolutionary Warfare in Western New York...

Port Washington, NY: Kennikat Press [1970]

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The Sullivan Expedition of 1779; The Regimental Rosters of Men

[Ithaca? NY: 1965]

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Albany, NY: The University of the State of New York, 1929

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See our separate War of 1812 handout

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GRO Ref. *CS68 .W58 1991

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Peterson, Clarence Stewart

Known Military Dead During the Mexican War 1846-48

Baltimore, MD: The Author, ©1957

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Index to Mexican War Pension Files

Waynesboro, TN: National Historical Publishing Co., 1989

CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865

See our separate Civil War handouts

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR, 1898

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United States Army. Dept. of Porto Rico

Roster of Troops Serving in the Department of Porto Rico, Commanded by Brigadier General George W. Davis, U.S. Volunteers

San Juan, P.R.: Adjutant General's Office, 1899

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Known Military Dead During the Spanish American War and the Philippines Insurrection, 1898-1901
[Baltimore, MD: 1958]

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New York (State). Adjutant General's Office

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Albany, NY: J.B Lyon, 1900

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The Great War: A Guide to the Service Records of all the World's Fighting Men and Volunteers

Baltimore MD: Genealogical Publishing Co. [1998]

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North Salt Lake, UT: Heritage Quest, ©2001

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Roll of Honor: Citizens of the State of New York Who Died in the Service of the United States During the World War

Albany, NY: J.B. Lyon, 1922

GRO Ref. *D570.85 .N4 N38

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A Spirit of Sacrifice: New York's Response to the Great War

Albany NY, SUNY State Educational Dept. Office of Cultural Education, State Archives and Records Administration, 1993

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Stringer, Henry R., ed.

Heroes All! A Compendium of the Names and Official Citations of the Soldiers and Citizens of the United States and of Her Allies who were Decorated by the American Government for Exceptional Heroism and Conspicuous Service Above and Beyond the Call of Duty in the War with Germany, 1917-1919

Washington, DC: Fassett Publishing Company [©1919]

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United States. Bureau of Naval Personnel

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Washington, DC: Govt. Print. Office, 1920

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Soldiers of the Great War

Washington, DC: Soldiers Record Publishing Association, ©1920

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New Haven, CT: The Tuttle, Moorehouse & Taylor Company] 1921

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Barris, Lois

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Preliminary Inventory of the Selective Service System, 1940-1947

Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, 1951

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They Also Served: New Yorkers on the Home Front: A Guide to Records of the New York State War Council held in the New York State Archives

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Washington, DC :National Archives and Records Administration , 1996

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Portville, NY: Portville Historical and Preservation Society, 1998

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GRO Ref. D797 .U6 K56 2003

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Spartanburg, SC: MIE Pub., ©2003

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Mix, Ann Bennett

Touchstones: A Guide to Records, Rights and Resources for Families of American of American World War II Casualties

Bountiful, UT: ATLL, 1996

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United States. Coast Guard

Summary of Merchant Marine Personnel Casualties, World War II

Washington, DC: U.S. Govt. Print. Office, 1950

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[Washington, DC]: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in cooperation with the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, 2000

GRO Ref. D804.3 .M65 1995

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How to Document Victims and Locate Survivors of the Holocaust

Teaneck, NJ: Avotaynu, ©1995

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[New York]: Dial Press [1947]

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Army Directory, Reserve and National Guard Officers on Active Duty

Washington, DC: U.S. G.P.O., 1941

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National Archives Records Relating to the Korean War

Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Administration, 2003

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Washington, DC: The Army, 1961

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| Ancestry Library Edition | The <i>Military</i> section offers WWI draft registration cards, some Civil War records, Revolutionary War soldiers, World War II army enlistment records, and much more. | Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. No at-home use. |
| HeritageQuest Online | Offers Revolutionary War pension and bounty-land-warrant application files. Some names of servicemen are found in the <i>Search Books</i> section. | Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. Also available from home with a valid Buffalo and Erie County Public Library card. Sign in at address above. |

SELECTED WEBSITES

<https://www.archives.gov/research/military>

National Archives: Research in Military Records

<http://www.dmna.state.ny.us/historic/mil-hist.htm>

New York State Military Museum

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

Online Military Indexes & Records

<http://www.archives.gov/research/military/ww2/navy-casualties/>

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

State Summary of War Casualties from World War II for Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Personnel from New York

<https://www.archives.gov/research/military/korean-war/casualty-lists>

National Archives and Records Administration

State-Level Lists of Casualties from the Korean War (1951-1957) and Vietnam Conflict (1956-)

<https://www.911memorial.org/visit/memorial/names-911-memorial>

September 11, 2001 Victims

<https://thefallen.militarytimes.com/>

Honor the Fallen: Honoring Those Who Fought and Died in Operations Iraq Freedom and Enduring Freedom

FURTHER RESOURCES: THE ONLINE CATALOG OF THE BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

https://bepl.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/default

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KOREAN WAR 1950-1953 REGIMENTAL HISTORIES
KOREAN WAR 1950-1953 REGISTERS
MEXICAN WAR 1846-1848 REGIMENTAL HISTORIES
MEXICAN WAR 1846-1848 REGISTERS
MILITARY FUNERALS
MILITARY PENSIONS
NEW YORK STATE MILITIA
NEW YORK STATE NATIONAL GUARD
PENSIONS MILITARY
PERSIAN GULF WAR 1991 REGIMENTAL HISTORIES
PRISONERS OF WAR
REGISTERS OF DEAD
REGISTERS SOLDIERS
REGISTERS UNITED STATES
SOLDIERS NEW YORK STATE
SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR 1898 REGIMENTAL HISTORIES
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UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES REGISTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY REGIMENT
UNITED STATES ARMY REGISTERS
UNITED STATES CONTINENTAL ARMY REGISTERS
UNITED STATES HISTORY CIVIL WAR 1861-1865 REGIMENTAL HISTORIES
UNITED STATES HISTORY CIVIL WAR 1861-1865 REGISTERS
UNITED STATES HISTORY FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR 1755-1763 REGIMENTAL HISTORIES
UNITED STATES HISTORY FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR 1755-1763 REGISTERS
UNITED STATES HISTORY REVOLUTION 1775-1783 REGIMENTAL HISTORIES
UNITED STATES HISTORY REVOLUTION 1775-1783 REGISTERS
UNITED STATES HISTORY WAR OF 1812 REGIMENTAL HISTORIES
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UNITED STATES NAVY REGISTERS
VETERANS UNITED STATES REGISTERS
VIETNAMESE CONFLICT 1961-1975 CASUALTIES
VIETNAMESE CONFLICT 1961-1975 REGIMENTAL HISTORIES
VIETNAMESE CONFLICT 1961-1975 REGISTERS OF DEAD
WAR ON TERRORISM 2001
WORLD WAR 1914-1918 REGIMENTAL HISTORIES
WORLD WAR 1914-1918 REGISTERS
WORLD WAR 1939-1945 CASUALTIES
WORLD WAR 1939-1945 REGIMENTAL HISTORIES
WORLD WAR 1939-1945 REGISTERS