

# U.S. ARMY HERITAGE AND EDUCATION CENTER

## Veteran Military Service Survey

### Privacy Act Statement

<b>AUTHORITY:</b>	AR 870-5
<b>PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:</b>	To record the essential background information of a U.S. Army Veteran or current serving Soldier.
<b>ROUTINE USES:</b>	This form will be part of the U.S. Army's historical collection and in the public domain. The information on this form may be used as a basis for further communication with the Veteran and will be used by historians and researchers as a record of a Veteran's history and recollections.
<b>DISCLOSURE:</b>	Voluntary. <b>Do not disclose Classified Information.</b> Pursuant to 18 U.S. Code § 793, the unauthorized disclosure of classified information may be subject to fine, imprisonment, or both.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** All U.S. Army veterans' experiences are important. By filling out this form, you are educating every historian, researcher, and Soldier who utilizes the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center's (USAHEC) historical resources. Your recorded experiences may be the lessons we need to help protect and preserve future generations. Please fill out the following blocks to the best of your ability and do not hesitate to expand your answers on additional pages. When complete, please return this form to the USAHEC (contact and mailing information can be found on the back of this packet).

<b>1. Name:</b>	<b>Today's Date:</b>
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1a. Please check all of the eras in which you served:

World War II (Pacific, 1941-1945)		World War II (Europe/Africa, 1941-1945)	
Korean War (Deployed , 1950-1953)		Vietnam War (Deployed, 1955-1975)	
Cold War Era (1947-1991)		Armed Forces Expeditions (Dominican Republic, Grenada, Panama)	
Post-Cold War (1992-2000)		Desert Storm/Shield (Deployed, 1990-1991)	
Kosovo / Bosnia (Deployed, 1998-1999)		Post-9/11 (Not Deployed, 2001-Present)	
Global War On Terrorism (Deployed, 2001-Present)			

Other (list):

**2. Entry Into Service.** Tell us about how and when you joined the Army.

2a. How did you initially enter service? (check one)	Enlisted		ROTC	
	Drafted		USMA	
	Direct Appointment		OCS	

2b. Initial Entry Date:	2c. Age:	2d. Location:
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2e. Date you completed service:	2f. Highest rank or grade held:
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2g. Did you serve in the National Guard or Reserves?

2h.1. National Guard Service Dates and State:

2h.2. Reserves Service Dates:

2i. Why did you join the U.S. Army? What were the circumstances of your entry into the service?

**3. What Did You Do?** Tell us about how you served in the Army.

3a. Branch / Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) and Title:

3b. Did you choose your branch or MOS? If so, why?

3c. Did you receive specialized training? (Check all that apply)	Airborne	Air Assault	SF	EOD
	Aviation	Sapper	RECONDO	Ranger

Other Specialized training (Pathfinder, FET, etc):

3d. Did you receive language training? If so, which languages?

3e. Did you receive any other specialized training while serving? If so, why did you seek such training?

3f. Please discuss any schools (JAG, PLDC, ANCOC, BNCOC, etc) and training centers (JRTC, NTC, etc.) you attended while in the Army that had an important impact on you and describe any memorable experiences during that time.

**4. Where and with whom did you serve? Tell us about the units and Soldiers with which you served.**

4a. List the units in which you served:

4a1. Co./Trp./Btry:

4a2. Bn/Sqdn:

4a3. Brigade:

4a4. Division:

4a5. Higher HQ:

4a6. Your Position:

4a7. Unit Station/Location:

4a8. Dates in unit:

4b1. Co./Trp./Btry:

4b2. Bn/Sqdn:

4b3. Brigade:

4b4. Division:

4b5. Higher HQ:

4b6. Your Position:

4b7. Unit Location:

4b8. Dates in unit:

**IF YOU SERVED WITH MORE THAN TWO UNITS, PLEASE LIST THE REST OF YOUR SERVICE ON A SEPARATE PAGE!**

4b. Which operations or training events did you participate in? What was your role or position during that time? Please provide details.

4e. Please list the names, ranks, and units of any service buddies or key leaders with whom you served. Why were they important or memorable to you? Add additional persons to a separate sheet of paper.

Name:	Rank:	Unit:
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**5. Tell us about your service.**

5a. What were the most important skills you learned in the Army? Did these skills prepare you for later military service or your post-service life?

5b. What was the primary mission of your unit, such as combat arms, signal, logistics, etc? Please provide details. If you served in more than one unit, choose one or two that you remember well or were important to you and explain why.

5c. What were the primary weapons or equipment/vehicle systems you operated? Please include additional details about the equipment or weapons.

5d. What duty assignments (driver, infantry squad member, unit commander, etc.) were most important to you? Please explain why you remember them. If you were a career Soldier, you may give a brief overview of your career.

5e. Please list the awards and decorations you earned that are important to you. When and how did you earn them?

5f. Please briefly describe some of the high points of your military experience.

5g. Please briefly describe some of the low points of your military experience.

5h. What do you want to make sure future generations understand about your military experience?

5i. Please list any Veterans Organizations, reunions you attend, or other organizations you are a member of pertaining to your veteran status.

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### OPTIONAL PERSONAL INFORMATION REQUEST

Please fill out the form below with your personal contact information. This information will only be used by the USAHEC to contact you if we have further questions about your service. This information will be detached from the above form and will NOT be kept as a historical record.

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	

# THANK YOU FOR FILLING OUT THIS BRIEF SURVEY!

Thousands of veterans and their families have already shared their stories with the USAHEC, but they only represent a small fraction of the millions who served. To truly capture the breadth of our veterans' experiences, and to protect and preserve future generations, we need YOUR story for the U.S. Army's historical collection!

Many of our veterans and their families choose to share their stories by making unconditional gifts of their materials to the U.S Army. Their personal papers and historic objects become part of the Army Historical Collection and all items have a permanent, secure, state-of-the-art, climate-controlled home to preserve them for future generations. Items are available to students of all ages, and the general public, honoring your service as a respected part of our nation's military heritage.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT GIFTING HISTORICAL MATERIALS TO THE U.S. ARMY'S HISTORICAL COLLECTION PLEASE VISIT US ONLINE AT [WWW.USAHEC.ORG](http://WWW.USAHEC.ORG)**

## To return this form:

<p><b>BY MAIL:</b> Please place in an envelope and send it to:</p> <p>U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center Veteran Survey Program 950 Soldiers Drive Carlisle, PA 17013</p>	<p><b>Electronically:</b> Fill out the .pdf form on our website (<a href="http://www.usahec.org">www.usahec.org</a>) or scan your hand-filled survey, and email to:</p> <p><a href="mailto:usarmy.carlisle.awc.mbx.ahec-ves@mail.mil">usarmy.carlisle.awc.mbx.ahec-ves@mail.mil</a></p> <p>Please put your last name and "Vet Survey" in the subject line.</p>
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