

**U.S. ARMY HERITAGE AND EDUCATION CENTER  
Veteran Military Service Survey**

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<b>AUTHORITY:</b>	AR 870-5
<b>PRINCIPAL PURPOSE:</b>	To record the essential background information of a veteran, a veteran's family member, or an associate of a veteran, who may have historical significance to the United States Army.
<b>ROUTINE USES:</b>	This form will become part of the U.S. Army's historical collection and may be used as a basis for further communication with the veteran. The information on this form will be used by historians and researchers as a record of a veteran's history and recollections.
<b>DISCLOSURE:</b>	Voluntary.

**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).

**1. Name:**

1a. Please check any campaigns you participated in during your service:

World War II (Pacific)	<input type="checkbox"/>	World War II (Europe/Africa)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Korean War	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vietnam War	<input type="checkbox"/>
Armed Forces Expeditions (Dominican Republic, Grenada, Panama)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Southwest Asia (Desert Storm/Shield)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kosovo / Bosnia	<input type="checkbox"/>	Global War On Terrorism, Afghanistan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Global War On Terrorism, Iraq	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (list):	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

2b. How did you initially enter service? (check one)	Enlisted			ROTC
	Drafted			USMA
	Direct Appointment			OCS
2c. Initial Entry Date:	2d. Age:	2e. Location:		
2f. Date you completed service:	2g. Highest rank or grade held:			
2h. Did you serve in the National Guard or Reserves?				
2h.1. National Guard Service Dates and State:				
2h.2. Reserves Service Dates:				
<b>3. What Did You Do?</b> 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	FET	Ranger
3d. Did you receive language training? If so, which languages?				
3e. Please list other special training you received while in the service:				

3f. Why did you seek specialized training?

3g. Please list any schools you attended while in the Army, and their locations.

3h. Did you attend any training centers (NTC, JRTC, etc)? If so, when and where?

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

4a1. Co./Trp./Btry:

4a2. Bn/Sqdn:

4a3. Brigade:

4a4. Division:

4a5. Higher HQ:

Position:

4b1. Co./Trp./Btry:

4b2. Bn/Sqdn:

4b3. Brigade:

4b4. Division:

4b5. Higher HQ:

Position:

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

4c. Where were you stationed (garrison)? Dates?

4d. Which operations did you participate in? What was your role or position?

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?

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? How did these experiences prepare you for later service?

5b. What was the primary mission of your unit, such as combat arms, signal, logistics, etc? What were the primary weapons or equipment systems your unit operated?

5c. What were your duty assignments (driver, infantry squad member, unit commander, etc)? If you were a career Soldier, please give a brief overview of your career.

5d. Please list your awards and decorations. When and how did you earn them?

5e. Please tell us briefly about your service experience. What were the highs and lows of your military experience? What do you want to make sure future generations understand about your military experience?

5f. 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. We will only use this information 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.

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 are registered in the donor's name, 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.

## To return this form:

**BY MAIL:** please place in an envelope and send it to -

U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center  
Veteran Survey Program  
950 Soldiers Drive  
Carlisle, PA 17013

**Electronically:** fill out the .pdf form on our website ([www.usahec.org](http://www.usahec.org)) or scan your hand-filled survey, and email to –

[usarmy.carlisle.awc.mbx.ahec-ves@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.carlisle.awc.mbx.ahec-ves@mail.mil)

Please put your last name and "Vet Survey" in the subject line.

Please feel free to contact the USAHEC, or one of our Ambassadors, by phone at 717.245.3972 or visit our website at [www.usahec.org](http://www.usahec.org). Thank you for your service and your assistance in **Telling the Army Story, One Soldier at a Time.**®