

## DISCHARGES

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Prior to 1944, Army regulations allowed for the preparation of only an original discharge certificate, which was given to the soldier. The National Archives would not have the certificate on file unless it was later submitted by the veteran in support of a claim such as a pension or bounty land application, nor does it have the authority to prepare another.

Likewise the National Archives does not have discharge papers for most Navy and Marine Corps enlisted personnel. A few were submitted by veterans in support of pension claims and these can be found in select pension files.

M1856, *Discharge Certificates and Miscellaneous Records Relating to the Discharge of Soldiers from the Regular Army, 1792–1815*, reproduces discharge certificates and miscellaneous other records relating to the discharge of soldiers from the Regular Army, 1792–1815. These records are part of the Records of the Adjutant General's Office, 1780s–1917, RG 94, and are part entry 19, Post Revolutionary War Papers, 1784–1815. This is not a complete set of discharges for soldiers who served from 1792 to 1815. Many of these discharges were submitted by veterans to the War Department as proof of service in order to collect back pay.