



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Records of Awards and Decorations of Honor During the Vietnam War, 5/1969 - 3/1973

Record Group 472

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1. What information is in these records?

The series contains information on some of the awards and decorations of honor presented to U.S. military officers, soldiers, and to allied foreign military personnel during the Vietnam War.

2. Why were these records created?

This series was created in order to maintain records of awards presented during the Vietnam War in order to prepare reports from the data.

3. Is there a record for all awards and decorations of honor presented during the Vietnam War?

No, there is not a record for all awards and decorations of honor presented during the Vietnam War. We have determined that the majority of the records are of awards presented to U. S. Army personnel who served in units attached to the Military Assistance Command Vietnam, or MACV, such as MACV Advisory Groups.

4. How can I access a copy of the full file?

The raw data file, along with the associated technical documentation, may be downloaded from the National Archives Catalog at: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>. There you can search by the series name, Records of Awards and Decorations of Honor During the Vietnam War, or using the National Archives Identifier 604413, which is the description identifier for this series.

In the results, select to view the full series description. Click on the link “file(s) described in the catalog” next to “Includes:” for a list of the file units within this series. Then select the file unit containing the records of interest to you. The file unit description will include the list of electronic records and documentation files available for viewing and/or downloading.

Additional information about downloading electronic records from the Catalog is available at: <https://www.archives.gov/research/electronic-records/access-in-catalog-faqs>.

Please keep in mind that the data file consists of the raw structured data as loaded into AAD (i.e. the coded values without meanings), but without the AAD software that displays the meanings for coded values and field titles. For more details about using files containing raw structured data, you may wish to review our "Introduction to Raw Data" at:
<https://www.archives.gov/files/research/electronic-records/raw-data-intro.pdf>.