



# ABCs OF MILITARY RESOURCES



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## ***ABCs of Military Resources: Best Recommendations for Unclassified Resources to Answer Questions about the Military***

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In U.S. Navy jargon, *gouge* is the essential piece of information; the heart of the matter - this is our “gouge” on tips and some resources for searching for military information

Trivia Question -- How many *uniformed services* are there?  
[37 US Code Chapter 1, section 101, 1\(B\)3](#)

Air Force

Army

Coast Guard

Marine Corps

Navy

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Public Health Service [PHS]

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## SEARCH STRATEGIES

- Focus your thinking for military research by using the same techniques you'd use in any reference question
- Determine which entity would care about the topic to write about it
- Look for organizations that would have reason or ability to collect stats
- Try to understand the military organization/structure to get to the right office or agency
- Figure out what the military calls it to use the right search terms [military lingo]
- Search by the .MIL domain to get focused results
  - CAVEAT – many military schools and organizations are moving to .EDU and .ORG domains
- Use the specialized search engines for more focused results
- Site map and site search within sites
- RSS feeds – Blog feed, MyiGoogle
- Social Networking sites [LinkedIn, Facebook, Second Life etc.]

## EXAMPLES

Military vs. armed forces

TAD – TDY

Acquisition [military vs business]

Rank - CAPT [Navy] vs. Capt/Cpt [Air force, Army or Marine Corps]

Weapons [kinds = missiles, ordnance, mines, etc]

Need to disambiguate

Sparrow [bird, missile]

Typhoon [weather, submarine, military aircraft, close in weapon system ]

## AWARDS, RANK AND INSIGNIA

Rank

[Officer Rank](#)

[Enlisted Rank](#)

Badges and Insignia

[Air Force Emblems and Badges](#)

[Army](#)

[Coast Guard](#)

[Marine Corps](#)

Navy

- [Officer and Specialty Insignia](#)
- [Enlisted Ratings](#)

Awards and Decorations

[Order of Precedence](#)

## **SPECIALIZED SEARCH TOOLS**

[Google US Government](#) [formerly Google Uncle Sam]

[USA.gov](#) [formerly Firstgov]

[DTIC Online MultiSearch](#)

[Catalog of US Government Publications](#)

[Public Military Domain Search](#)

## **OFFICIAL SERVICE SITES**

[Defense](#)

[Air Force](#)

[Army](#)

[Coast Guard](#)

[Marine Corps](#)

[Navy](#)

[National Guard Bureau](#)

## **OTHER HELPFUL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

[Central Intelligence Agency \(CIA\)](#)

[White House](#)

## **COMMERCIAL SITES**

[CQ](#) [various]

[Declassified Documents Reference System Online](#)

[Digital National Security Archive](#)

[Ebscohost](#)

[Economic Intelligence Unit \(EIU\)](#)

[Global Information System](#)

[Global Insight](#)

[Inside Defense](#)

[Jane's Information Group](#)

[LexisNexis Congressional](#)

[Military Balance](#)

[Military Periscope](#)

[NewsBank – Armed Services and Government News](#)

[Praeger Security International](#)

[ProQuest](#)

[SIPRI Yearbook](#)

[STRATFOR](#)

[WorldCat](#)

## **REFERENCE TOOLS**

[Center for Army Lessons Learned \(CALL\) Acronyms](#)

[Center for Army Lessons Learned \(CALL\) Thesaurus](#)

[DOD Dictionary of Military Terms](#)

[Glossary of Defense Acquisition Acronyms and Terms](#)

[Military Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations](#)

[Military Time](#)

[MilitaryHOMEFront Glossary Terms](#)

[Military Slang](#)

[Military Slang](#)

[Phonetic Alphabet](#)

[Terms /Abbreviations / Acronyms](#)

## **RESEARCH** [see also Think Tanks]

### Military

[Acquisition Research Program](#)

[Air Force Institute of Technology \[AFIT\]](#)

[Air Force Research Institute](#)

[Air Force Office of Scientific Research](#)

[Air Force Research Laboratory](#)

[Air Force Scientific Advisory Board](#)

[Air University Research Information Management System](#)

[Air War College Gateway](#)

[Army Command & General Staff College \(CGSC\)](#)

[Army Research Laboratory](#)

[Army Research Institute \(ARI\)](#)

[Army War College](#)

[AT&L Knowledge Sharing System](#) [acquisition information]

[Center for Army Lessons Learned](#)

[Chemical and Biological Defense and Chemical Demilitarization Website](#)

[Defense Acquisition Guidebook](#)

[Defense Acquisition University](#)

[Defense Research &Engineering](#)

[Defense Science Board \(DSB\)](#)

[DeploymentLink](#)

[DTIC Online](#)

[DTIC Multisearch](#)

[Gulflink](#)

[Marine Corps University](#)

[Military Education Research Libraries Network \(MERLN\)](#)

[MERLN Digital Collections](#)

[Maxwell Archives](#) [formerly Air University Research Web]

[National Defense University](#)

[Naval Research Advisory Committee](#)

[Naval Research Laboratory](#)

[Naval Research Laboratory Technical Reports](#)

[Naval Postgraduate School Research](#)

[Naval War College](#)

[Strategic Studies Institute](#)

### Non-Military

[DOE Office of Scientific and Technical Information's \(OSTI\) Science Conference Proceedings Portal](#)

[Rand](#)

[National Academies Press](#)  
[Naval Studies Board](#)  
[Science.gov](#)  
[SIPRI Arms Industry Database](#)  
[SIPRI Arms Transfer Database](#)  
[SIPRI Military Expenditure Database](#)  
[SIPRI Multilateral Peace Operations Database](#)

## **JOURNALS**

### Indexes

[Air University Index to Military Periodicals \[AULIMP\]](#)  
[Staff College Automated Military Periodicals Index \[SCAMPI\]](#)  
Esbcohost Military  
ProQuest Military  
Lexis Nexis Government Periodicals

### Scholarly Journals

[DoD and Military Electronic Journals](#) [good list]  
[Acquisition Review Journal](#)  
[Air & Space Power Journal](#)  
[Army Lawyer](#)  
[CTC Sentinel](#)  
[High Frontier: The Journal of Space Professionals](#)  
[Joint Force Quarterly \(JFQ\)](#)  
[Marine Corps University Journal](#) [coming mid-2009]  
[Military Law Review](#)  
[Military Review](#)  
[Naval War College Review](#)  
[Parameters](#)  
[Strategic Studies Quarterly](#)  
[Strategic Insights](#)

### Service Trade Journals

[Air Force Magazine](#)  
[Army](#)  
[Marine Corps Gazette](#)  
[US Naval Institute Proceedings](#)  
[Sea Power](#)

## **MILITARY HISTORY**

### Air Force

- [Air Force Historical Research Agency](#)
- [Air Force Historical Studies Office](#)

### Army

- [Center of Military History](#)

- [Army Heritage and Education Center](#)
- [U.S. Army Heritage Collection Online](#)
- [USMA Digital Collections](#)
- [Combined Arms Research Library](#)

Marine Corps

- [U.S. Marine Corps History Division](#)

Navy

- [Naval History & Heritage Command](#)

[National Archives](#)

[National Security Archive \[GWU\]](#)

## **BIBLIOGRAPHIES**

[Air University Library Bibliographies](#)

[Army War College Library](#)

[Joint Forces Staff College Library](#)

[National Defense University MiPALS](#)

[Naval History and Heritage Command](#)

[Naval Postgraduate School Library](#)

[Pentagon](#)

## **BUDGET**

[DOD Comptroller](#)

- [National Defense Budget Estimates for the FY Budget \(Green Book\)](#)

Service

- [Air Force](#)
- [Army](#)
- [Navy/Marine Corps](#)

[Congressional Budget Office \(CBO\)](#)

Congressional Committees

Appropriations Committees

- [House](#)
- [Senate](#)

Budget Committees

- [House](#)
- [Senate](#)
  - [Democratic](#)
  - [Republican](#)

[Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\)](#)

[DOD Congressional Budget Data](#)

[Defense Appropriations and Authorization laws](#)

[NPS Library Defense Budget Information](#)

## **CONGRESSIONAL/LEGISLATIVE**

[House Appropriations/Defense](#)

[House Armed Services Committee](#)

[Senate Appropriations/Defense](#)

[Senate Armed Services Committee](#)

[Thomas](#)

[GPO Access Legislative Branch Resources](#)

## **EQUIPMENT**

[DOD Facts and Figures](#)

[Dictionary of American Fighting Ships](#)

[Air Force Fact Sheets](#)

[Army Factfiles](#)

[Coast Guard Aircraft, Boats, & Cutters](#)

[Navy Fact File](#)

## **INSPECTOR GENERALS (IG)**

[Department of Defense IG](#)

[Government Accountability Office \(GAO\)](#)

[Marine Corps IG](#)

[Navy IG](#)

[Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction \(SIGAR\)](#)

[Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction \(SIGIR\)](#)

## **STATISTICS**

[Population Representation in the Military](#)

[DOD Personnel & Procurement stats](#)

[Defense Manpower Data Center](#)

[Demographic Breakdown Reports](#) [Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute]

[FedStats](#)

## **GOOD NON .MIL SITES**

[Federation of American Scientists \(FAS\)](#)

- [DOD 101 – An Introduction to the Military](#)
- [Secrecy News](#)

[Global Security.org](#)

[Center for Defense Information \(CDI\)](#)

[Homeland Security Digital Library \(HSDL\)](#)

[Internet Archives Wayback Machine](#) [good for broken links]

[MilitaryInfo.com](#)

[Military OneSource.com](#)

[Military.com](#)

[Small Wars Journal](#)

[Wikileaks](#)

## MISCELLANEOUS

Army Field Manuals

[U.S. Army Heritage Collection Online](#)

[Federal of American Scientists](#)

[GlobalSecurity](#)

[Library of Congress](#)

CRS reports

- [Federal of American Scientists \(FAS\)](#)
- [Open CRS](#)
- [University of North Texas](#)
- [State Dept Foreign Press Center](#)

Directives, Instructions, Specifications and Standards

[DOD](#)

[Air Force](#)

[Army](#)

[Coast Guard](#)

[Marine Corps](#)

[Navy \[SECNAV/OPNAV\]](#)

[ASSIST](#) [Specifications and standards]

[DOD SSP](#)

[Doctrine](#)

[DOD Libraries](#)

Freedom of Information Act [FOIA] Reading Rooms

[DOD](#)

[Defense Intelligence Agency](#)

[Air Force](#)

[Army](#)

[Coast Guard](#)

[Marine Corps](#)

[Navy](#)

[Military FOIA sites list](#)

[Military Compensation](#)

- [Pay and Allowances](#)
- [Benefits](#)
  - [Survivor Benefits](#)
- [Retirement](#)
- [Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation](#)

[Military Music](#)

[Protocol, Customs and Traditions](#)

## **SOCIAL NETWORKING**

[Army Images on Flickr](#)

[Army Links on del.icio.us](#)

[Army on Twitter](#)

[Army Videos on “YouTube”](#)

[Second Life \[Military Lands\]](#)

[US Army Combined Arms Center on Twitter](#)

## **BLOGS/RSS/LISTSERVS**

Army Libraries Discussion List

[subscribe: [LISTSERV@ORATOR.USMA.EDU](mailto:LISTSERV@ORATOR.USMA.EDU), subscribe ARMY-LIB (Your First and Last Name)]

[Military Libraries Division Discussion List](#)

[Army Blog](#)

[Navy Podcasts & RSS](#)

[U.S. Air Force Live](#) [official blog]

[Marine Corps RSS feeds](#)

[US Army Combined Arms Center Blog Library](#)

[SLA Military Libraries Blog](#)

[greta’s links](#)

[Military & Government RSS Feeds](#)

[MILBlogging.com](#)

[Military Information](#) [NPS Library]

[Military Internet](#) [NPS Library]

## **THINK TANKS/RESEARCH CENTERS & INSTITUTES**

[Aerodynamic Decelerator Systems Center](#)

[Africa Center for Strategic Studies](#)

[Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies](#)

[Cebrowski Institute for Innovation and Information Superiority](#)

[Center for Advanced Operational Cultural Learning](#)

[Center for Asymmetric Warfare](#)

[Center for Civil Military Warfare](#)

[Center for Contemporary Conflict](#)

[Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies](#)

[Center for Homeland Defense and Security](#)

[Center for Information Systems Security Studies and Research](#)

[Center for Stabilization and Reconstruction Studies](#)

[Center for Strategic Leadership \(CSL\)](#)

[Center for Strategy and Technology](#)

[Center for Technology and National Security Policy](#)

[Center for the Study of Chinese Military Affairs](#)

[Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction](#)

[Center on Terrorism and Irregular Warfare](#)

[Combating Terrorism Center](#)  
[Command and Control Research Program \(CCRP\)](#)  
[Culture and Conflict Studies](#)  
[Culture, Region & Language Program](#)  
[Cyberspace & Information Operations Study Center](#)  
[Defense Equal Opportunities Manpower Institute](#)  
[Defense Personnel Security Research Center \(PERSEREC\)](#)  
[Defense Resources Management Institute](#)  
[Foreign Military Studies Office \(FMSO\)](#)  
[George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies](#)  
[Global Center for Security Cooperation](#)  
[Institute for National Strategic Studies \(INSS\) \(NDU\)](#)  
[Institute for National Security Studies \(INSS\) \(US Air Force Academy, CO\)](#)  
[Marine Corps Institute](#)  
[Meyer Institute of Systems Engineering](#)  
[Modeling, Virtual Environment and Simulation Institute](#)  
[Near East - South Asia Center for Strategic Studies](#)  
[Peacekeeping & Stability Operations Institute \(PKSOI\)](#)  
[Proteus USA](#)  
[Spacecraft Research and Design Center](#)  
[Strategic Studies Institute \(SSI\)](#)  
[U.S. Air Force Counterproliferation Center \(CPC\)](#)

#### PORTALS

[Air War College \[AWC\]](#)  
[Army Knowledge Online \[AKO\]](#)  
[Navy Knowledge Online \[NKO\]](#)  
[Air Force Portal](#)  
DTIC Research and Engineering Portal  
DTIC Private STINET  
[Open Source Center](#)