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WARS THAT TIME FORGOT

In this class, we will discuss how to research your ancestor who might have served in the Mexican American (1846-1848), Spanish American (1898), or Philippine American (1899-1902) War.

I. MEXICAN AMERICAN WAR (25 April 1846 – 2 February 1848)

- a. 115,000 +/- US soldiers, sailors & volunteers (state militia recruits)
 - i. Included citizens, immigrants, & Mexican nationals
- b. Confirm Service
 - i. 1890 Veterans Schedule
 - ii. NPS US Mexican War Soldiers & Sailors Database:
<https://www.nps.gov/paal/learn/historyculture/search-usmexwar.htm>
 - iii. County Histories & Biographies
- c. Service Records
 - i. Registration & Enlistment papers – Fold3, Ancestry LE, FamilySearch
 - ii. Compiled Service Records – Fold3, Ancestry LE, FamilySearch (below)
 - 1. CSR Index
 - 2. CSR Records: AR, MS, PA, TN, TX, Mormon Battalion
 - iii. Muster Rolls: Marine Corps – Fold3, Ancestry LE
 - iv. Casualties - 16,000 +/- dead & wounded
 - v. Federal & State Adjutant General Reports – Fold3
- d. Post Service Records
 - i. Bounty Land Warrants: Index – Fold3, Ancestry LE
 - ii. Pension Records
 - 1. Find payment voucher – Fold3
 - 2. Application Files Index – Ancestry LE

- iii. Disabled Soldiers Home – Fold3, Ancestry LE
- iv. Military and Lineage Societies
- v. Memorials

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Mexican_War,_1846_to_1848

<https://www.militaryindexes.com/mexicanwar/index.html>

<https://www.archives.gov/research/military/mexican-war>

United States, Indexes to Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers (NARA M629, M694, M872), 1784-1858, 1899-1901: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/collection/2120733>

<https://guides.loc.gov/mexican-war>

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II. SPANISH AMERICAN WAR (21 April – 13 August 1898)

- a. 280,000 +/- US Soldiers, Sailors & marines served
 - i. 28,000 regular army (including Buffalo Soldiers)
 - ii. Supplemented by state volunteers & National Guard
- b. Confirm service
 - i. 1930 US Federal Census
 - ii. Newspapers, diaries, letters
- c. Service Records
 - i. Registration & Enlistment papers – Fold3, Ancestry LE, FamilySearch
 - ii. Compiled Service Records
 - 1. Index – Fold3, Ancestry LE
 - 2. Records
 - a. Fold3: FL
 - b. Ancestry LE: CT, FL, IN, MA, MN, NY, NC, OR
 - iii. Muster Rolls – Fold3, Ancestry LE
 - iv. Casualties - 3,000 +/- deaths: many from disease
 - 1. MN Casualty List – Ancestry LE
 - v. Federal & State Adjutant General Reports – Fold3, Ancestry LE

d. Post Service Records

i. Pension Records

1. Payment Cards (1907-1933) – Fold3
2. Index – Fold3 (1861-1900), Ancestry LE (1861-1934)

ii. Disabled Soldiers Home, 1866-1938 – Fold3, Ancestry LE

iii. Military and Lineage Societies

1. Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States
2. Sons of the Spanish American War Veterans (1898-1902)
3. Daughters of '98 (1898-1902)

iv. Burials & Memorials

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Spanish-American_War,_1898

<https://www.militaryindexes.com/spanishamericanwar/index.html>

<https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1998/spring/spanish-american-war>

<https://guides.loc.gov/spanish-american-war>

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III. PHILIPPINE AMERICAN WAR (4 February 1899 – 4 July 1902)

a. AKA Philippine Insurrection

b. 126,500+/- served

- i. Included 6,000+ African American soldiers

c. Confirm service

- i. 1930 US Federal Census
- ii. Newspapers, diaries, letters

d. Service Records

- i. Registration & Enlistment papers – Fold3, Ancestry LE, FamilySearch
- ii. Compiled Service Records – FamilySearch (link below)
- iii. Muster Rolls
- iv. Casualties - 4,200+/-, mostly from disease; 3,000 wounded
- v. Federal & State Adjutant General Reports

e. Post Service Records

- i. Pension Records
- ii. Disabled Soldiers Home, 1866-1938 – Fold3, Ancestry LE
- iii. Military and Lineage Societies
 - 1. Military Order of the Carabao
 - 2. Sons of the Spanish American War Veterans (1898-1902)
 - 3. Daughters of '98 (1898-1902)
- iv. Memorials & Burials

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Beginning_Philippine_Insurrection_Research

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<https://www.cyndislist.com/us/philippine-american-war/>

<https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2000/summer/philippine-insurrection.html>

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