

# Armed Forces



## Form N-400, Vocabulary to Study

### The United States Armed Forces

The U.S. armed forces is the United States' military. The Constitution says the President of the United States is the Commander in Chief of the U.S. armed forces. The Secretary of Defense is part of the Cabinet and advises the president.



The Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard are the armed forces of the United States. The Army National Guard and the Air National Guard are reserve components of their services that make the National Guard.



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### Speaking Practice

Form N-400 Part 12: 38A

38. A. Are you **currently** a member of the U.S. armed forces?

Yes  No

Practice with your partner.

Are you currently a member of the U.S. armed forces?



Yes, I am.

No, I'm not.

### Review

1. Name one branch of the U.S. armed forces. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who is the Commander in Chief? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is one Cabinet-level position? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name another Cabinet-level position. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Have you ever served in the U.S. armed forces? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you know anyone who has served in the U.S. armed forces? \_\_\_\_\_



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### Other Parts of the Form N-400 that Ask About Arms and Armed Groups

Underline any words you don't know and look up the definitions.

17. Were you **EVER** a part of any group, or did you **EVER** help any group, unit, or organization that used a weapon against any person, or threatened to do so?  Yes  No
- A. If you answered "Yes," when you were part of this group, or when you helped this group, did you ever use a weapon against another person?  Yes  No
- B. If you answered "Yes," when you were part of this group, or when you helped this group, did you ever tell another person that you would use a weapon against that person?  Yes  No
18. Did you **EVER** sell, give, or provide weapons to any person, or help another person sell, give, or provide weapons to any person?  Yes  No
- A. If you answered "Yes," did you know that this person was going to use the weapons against another person?  Yes  No
- B. If you answered "Yes," did you know that this person was going to sell or give the weapons to someone who was going to use them against another person?  Yes  No

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19. Did you **EVER** receive any type of military, paramilitary (a group of people who act like a military group but are not part of the official military), or weapons training?  Yes  No
20. Did you **EVER** recruit (ask), enlist (sign up), conscript (require), or use any person under 15 years of age to serve in or help an armed force or group?  Yes  No
21. Did you **EVER** use any person under 15 years of age to do anything that helped or supported people in combat?  Yes  No



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### Selective Service

Draft = when you have to serve in the armed forces by law

World War I started in Europe in 1914.

The United States entered the war in 1916.

In 1917, the U.S. passed the Selective Service Act.

The Selective Service Act gave the president the power to **draft** soldiers.

Currently, being a part of the U.S. armed forces is voluntary but there is a law that allows the U.S. government to draft soldiers.

Selective Service registration is required for men between the ages 18 through 25. It is the law.



*Flagg, J. M. (ca. 1917) I want you for U.S. Army: nearest recruiting station / James Montgomery Flagg. United States, ca. 1917. [Photograph] Retrieved from the Library of Congress, <https://www.loc.gov/item/96507165/>.*

### Review

Why is Selective Service important?



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During your Form N-400 interview, the Immigration Services Officer may ask you about Selective Service registration.

### Part 12. Additional Information About You (Person Applying for Naturalization) (continued)

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44. A. Are you a male who lived in the United States at any time between your 18th and 26th birthdays?  Yes  No  
(This does not include living in the United States as a lawful nonimmigrant.)

B. If you answered "Yes," when did you register for the Selective Service? Provide the information below.

Date Registered  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Selective Service  
Number

C. If you answered "Yes," but you **did not register** with the Selective Service System and you are:

1. Still under 26 years of age, you must register before you apply for naturalization, and complete the Selective Service information above; **OR**
2. Now 26 to 31 years of age (29 years of age if you are filing under INA section 319(a)), but you did not register with the Selective Service, you must attach a statement explaining why you did not register, and provide a status information letter from the Selective Service.

For more information see [Selective Service Administration – sss.gov](https://www.sss.gov)

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## Form N-400, Vocabulary to Study

### Celebrating our Armed Forces

We celebrate and honor the U.S. armed forces in many ways. Two national holidays to honor the U.S. armed forces are Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

### Veterans Day

Veterans Day is a U.S. holiday dedicated to American veterans (living or dead) of all wars.

Veterans Day is on November 11th.



Courtesy of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; Veterans Day National Committee

### Memorial Day

Memorial Day honors men and women who died in service to the United States.



Memorial Day, Vietnam Memorial, Washington, D.C.

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### Further reading:

Veterans Day is different from Memorial Day.

Memorial Day (the last Monday in May) honors American service members who died in service to the United States.

Veterans Day (November 11th) pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead.

For more behind the [history of Memorial Day](#) you can read this article from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - <https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/celebrate/memday.pdf>

For more behind the [history of Veterans Day](#) you can read this article from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - <https://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp>

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## Review

**When** is Memorial Day? \_\_\_\_\_

**When** is Veterans Day? \_\_\_\_\_

**What** is Memorial Day? \_\_\_\_\_

**What** is Veterans Day? \_\_\_\_\_

Name **three** U.S. holidays. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

