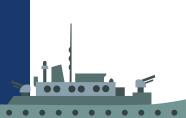# CLAIMS RESEARCH

LINKS AND REFERENCES

NATIONAL ARCHIVES / SHIP LOGS

- Search function for all scanned logs.
- Unit history, environmental reports, service records for KIA/MIA.
- Various media available such as videos, photos, and interviews.

DFAS / LES REQUESTS

- Can verify TDY, Hazard Duty Pay, drill dates
- Different Link for Army/Air Force and Navy/Marines
- Takes 30-90 days to process records prior to 1980
- DO NOT give out to veterans.

INTERACTIVE BWN MAP

- Created by Hill and Ponton and VA.
- VA's map will be live by end of 2024
- Makes plotting points easier, some ships are already plotted.

GOOGLE SCHOLAR

- Search function of peer reviewed, published, and governmental research articles.
- Easy to set search parameters., verified sources.
- Reduces risk of questionable sources or publications.

GENEALOGY

- History/vital records resource.
- Search for information such as marriage information, death dates, SSNs of deceased veterans.
- Subscription required for most resources.
- ie-Ancestry, Family Search

MILTIARY BRANCH HISTORICAL AGENCIES

- Each branch has a historical agency or branch that have search functions.
- Contact directly or file FOIA requests.
- Unit History.

STATE ARCHIVES

- Most states have archives or state museum.
- Historic vital records, unit histories.
- Records of accidents, military actions.

VA RESOURCES

- Intranet-DBQs, Index of Court Cases, M-21.
- VA Public Health, VA sponsored research.
- Million Veteran Program
- National Academies Veteran and Agent Orange Population Study (1994-Ongoing)

OTHERS

- DPRIS
- Medical Electronic Performance Support System (MEPPS)
- Local Historical Societies
- Cruise books
- Newspapers.com