

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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Sent via email to: 83234-53985915@requests.muckrock.com

Mr. J.M. Porup MuckRock News, DEPT MR 83234 411A Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Mr. Porup:

This is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)/Privacy Act (PA) request dated November 14, 2019. Your request was received in our office on the same day and assigned case number DON-NAVY-2020-001528.

It has been determined that if Mr. Jens Porup service records still exist, they are no longer in the possession and control of the Navy, but may be maintained by National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) located:

National Personnel Records Center Military Personnel Records Branch 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

In view of the above determination, your request is being returned, recommending that you write directly to the above-identified official to request a copy of Mr. Porup's service records. To assist you in making your request to that official, a blank SF-180 form, which you need to complete and attach to your request letter, is being included as Enclosure 1.

Please be advised, however, that without the written authorization from Mr. Porup, only minimal information can be released to you. If Mr. Porup is deceased, please ensure that you attached proof of death (i.e., death certificate or obituary) to ensure that you are afforded the maximum amount of information and if you have access to a computer, you may file your request online at http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/ or via fax to: (314) 801-9195.

In this instance, the fees associated with the processing of your request are waived, but this action is not indicative of how future requests will be handled.

For this determination, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from either the DoD Navy Component FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Chris Julka, at:

Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, via phone: (703) 697-0031; or by contacting the Office of Government Information Services at: (https://ogis.archives.gov/), (202) 741-5770, ogis@nara.gov.

Questions regarding the action this office has taken to process your request may be directed to our FOIA Service Center at (202) 685-0412 or via email at donfoia-pa@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

R. Patterson

HEAD, DON FOIA/PA Program Office

Enclosure: 1. SF-180