

HOW CAN I VERIFY IF SOMEONE IS IN THE MILITARY

1. Please **use the Defense Manpower Data Center's (DMDC) Military Verification Service** <https://scra.dmdc.osd.mil/scra/#/home> to verify if someone is in the military. The website will tell you if the person is currently serving in the military. This will require defendant's date of birth or Social Security number. The site is available 24-hours a day. ***The single record search link will provide the certificate free of charge.***

2. **What if the Plaintiff does not have a computer ?**

The Plaintiff may request a manual search by mail using the defendant's name and date of birth or Social Security number. Send a request with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

**Defense Manpower Data Center
Attn: Military Verification
1600 Wilson Blvd. Suite 400
Arlington, Virginia 22209-2593**

3. **What if the Plaintiff does not have the defendant's social security number and/or a date of birth ?**

The Plaintiff must file a Military Affidavit which contains a factual basis upon which the court may reasonably conclude that the defendant is or is not a member of the military service. Simply writing **"I have never seen the defendant in a military uniform,"** or **"the defendant never mentioned that he is a military service member."** The court will not consider these statements. Some factors the court may consider if articulated are:

- a. Whether the defendant has recently been asked if they are a member of the military.
- b. Whether an inquiry has been made of a resident (name required) of the same household who is (an adult 18 or older) as to the defendant's military status.
- c. Whether the defendant's spouse has been asked about the defendant's military status.
- d. Whether a neighbor (name required) has been asked about the defendant's military status.