



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the East about Native Americans**  
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History: The Military Ordinate of the United States was erected in 1957 and elevated as the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A. (Washington, District of Columbia) in 1985. Previously since 1917, Catholic chaplains in the United States Armed Forces worldwide were administered by a military vicar. It is believed that Native American Catholics have served in the Armed Forces since the Revolutionary War and throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

1898                      Sister M. Joseph, C.A.S. [Josephine Two Bears] (Hunkpapa), Sister M. Gertrude, C.A.S. [Ella Clark] (Hunkpapa), Sister M. Bridget, C.A.S. [Anna Pleets] (Hunkpapa), and Sister M. Anthony, C.A.S. [Susan Bordeaux] (Hunkpapa) were U.S. Army nurses who administered a hospital at Camp Columbia, Havana, Cuba; they were the first American Indian women to officially serve in the U.S. Armed Forces

Major military facilities served by Catholic chaplains have included:

1802-present	U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York
1845-present	U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland
1865-1994 (closed)	Fort Ord U.S. Army Base, Monterey Bay Peninsula, California
1891-present	Puget Sound U.S. Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington
1894-present	Fort Offutt/ Crook, U.S. Air Force Base, Sarpy, Nebraska
1908-present	Pearl Harbor U.S. Naval Station, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
1911-present	Great Lakes U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois
1917-present	Fort Lewis U.S. Army Base, Fort Lewis, Washington
1933-present	Edwards U.S. Air Force Base, Edwards, California

1940-present	Fort Irwin U.S. Army Base, Barstow, California
1940-present	Fort Leonard Wood School, U.S. Army, Pulaski County, Missouri
1942-present	Camp Pendleton U.S. Base, near San Luis Rey, California
1942-present	Fort Hood U.S. Army Base, Killeen, Texas
1942-present	NAS Whidbey Island, U.S. Naval Base, Oak Harbor, Washington
1942-present	Whiteman Air Force Base, near Warrensburg, Missouri
1943-present	Coronado U.S. Naval Base, San Diego, California
1943-1997 (closed)	Long Beach U.S. Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, California
1951-present	Mountain Warfare U.S. Marines Training Center, Bridgeport, California
1954-present	U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans are unknown.  
 However, copies of sacramental records, 1917-present, may be requested  
 online.