

## Preservation for Military Families

Many keepsakes are important to the military and their families.

Get started with the Quick Preservation Tips (PDF)

([/alcts/sites/ala.org.alcts/files/content/confevents/preswk/pdfs/PWfirst\\_step\\_nodate.pdf](#)) and Quick Preservation Tips for Military Families (PDF)

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Explore resources on our Preserve Your Treasures pages

(<http://www.ala.org/alcts/preservationweek/howto>), which provide general preservation resources, and more specific tips to help you preserve textiles, photographs, digital photographs, and other digital materials, including audio and video recordings, email, and social media.

### Items for Military Families to Save

#### Texts/SMS

Applications and tools continue to be developed for archiving the many forms of social media we use to communicate. The Library of Congress's digital preservation blog, The Signal, presents this helpful post: Archiving Cell Phone Messages (<http://blogs.loc.gov/digitalpreservation/2012/04/archiving-cell-phone-text-messages>), by Mike Ashenfelder. Remember to make multiple copies of all electronic records you want to preserve!

#### Facebook

Facebook now offers a feature for downloading your Facebook page content (<http://www.facebook.com/help/131112897028467/>). Other applications that help archive any personal website are described on our Digital Preservation page (<http://www.ala.org/alcts/preservationweek/howto/digital-preservation-tips>). Scroll down to "Social Media/Websites." Remember to make multiple copies of all electronic records you want to preserve!

#### Skype

Vodburner (<http://www.vodburner.com>) is an application that allows you to download your Skype conversations to your computer's hard drive. Remember to make multiple copies of all electronic records you want to preserve!

#### Uniforms and Other Textiles

The following resources describe how to care for fabric components of medals, uniforms, badges, insignia, hats, and flags.

Caring For Your Treasures: Textiles (<http://www.conservation-us.org/docs/default-source/public-relations/caring-for-your-treasures-textiles.pdf>)

American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works



**Image above:** Diane M. Henderson Collection (<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/diglib/vhp/story/loc.natlib.afc2001001.11706/>) (AFC/2001/001/11706), Photographs, Veterans History Project, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress

Flat Storage for Textiles ([http://canada.pch.gc.ca/DAMAssetPub/DAM-PCH2-Museology-PreservConserv/STAGING/texte-text/13-2\\_1439925170753\\_eng.pdf?WT.contentAuthority=4.4.10](http://canada.pch.gc.ca/DAMAssetPub/DAM-PCH2-Museology-PreservConserv/STAGING/texte-text/13-2_1439925170753_eng.pdf?WT.contentAuthority=4.4.10))  
Canadian Conservation Institute

## **Medals**

The following resources describe how to care for metal objects like medals, buckles, personal identification tags, and swords.

CCI Notes 9/4: Basic Care of Coins, Medals and Medallion Art ([http://cci-icc.gc.ca/resources-ressources/ccinotesicc/9-4\\_e.pdf](http://cci-icc.gc.ca/resources-ressources/ccinotesicc/9-4_e.pdf))

Canadian Conservation Institute

AIC: How to Protect Your Metal Objects (<http://beta.conservation-us.org/docs/default-source/resource-center/metalobjects.pdf?sfvrsn=0>)

American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works

## **Safely Display Your Memorabilia**

It is important to take certain precautions when displaying keepsakes to reduce exposure to light, humidity, and extreme temperatures. Additionally, preservation quality framing materials must be used.

Preservation Guidelines for Matting and Framing (<http://www.loc.gov/preservation/care/mat.html>)  
Library of Congress

Conservation Framing of Embroideries and Other Flat Textiles ([http://cci-icc.gc.ca/resources-ressources/ccinotesicc/13-17\\_e.pdf](http://cci-icc.gc.ca/resources-ressources/ccinotesicc/13-17_e.pdf))

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