

Naval War College Library

Portals & Web Sites



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PORTALS

A number of military-sponsored Web portals are available via the Internet. A portal is a Web site that acts as an entry point for additional information by providing links to other Web sites, databases, files, or services. There is at least one portal for each branch of military service. Depending upon the portal, a variety of information is available including personnel data, military news, advancement information, operations and training information, technical publications, and in some cases, **library resources**.

Subscribe to the portal affiliated with your branch of military service.

These are secure sites. **The Army, Navy, and Air Force portals are encouraging the use of a Common Access Card (CAC) reader. However, the username/password system does work** [Checked 1/29/10]. Note that logging in using the username/password system on AKO/DKO now requires you to answer profile questions when first logging on (your favorite color, etc.).

The following portals provide access to full-text electronic book and journal articles:

1.) Defense Knowledge Online (DKO)/ Army Knowledge Online (AKO) **<https://www.us.army.mil>**

DKO is a joint portal for all of DoD. Currently, it is operated via the Army Knowledge Online platform. AKO/DKO continues to expand and change during this transitional phase.

There are 3 different types of AKO accounts.

- (1) Full Army Accounts, available to active Army, Army retired, Army Reserve, Individual Ready Reserve, National Guard, DA civilians, DA civilian retired, NAF civilian, U.S. Military Army cadets, ROTC cadets (MS III and IV), and Army guests.
- (2) Joint Accounts. DKO Accounts are Joint Accounts available to active Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, Air Force civilian, active Navy, Navy Reserve, Navy civilian, active Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve, Marine Corps civilian, DoD civilian, active Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve, Coast Guard civilian.
- (3) Sponsored Accounts are for special contractors and guests.

Library Resources: Once logged on, go to “Self Service,” then “My Library.” Scroll down the page to “Library Database links.” If you are trying to access a *particular* journal, go to A-Z Journal list, type in the title of the journal, and see if it is included in one of the databases.

For general subject search for full-text articles, try searching Academic OneFile, General OneFile, Military and Intelligence Database, and World History Collection. Newstand (full-text newspapers), NetLibrary (full-text electronic books), and Encyclopedia Britannica online are among the databases available from NKO.

Access is also available to *Question Point*, a library-based email reference service.

2.) Navy Knowledge Online (NKO), <https://www.nko.navy.mil>

Unrestricted access to NKO and Navy e-Learning is available to: active duty, retired, reserve and their dependants of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. In addition, unrestricted access is provided for delayed entry personnel, Naval Academy midshipmen, DoN civil service, and DoN contractors. Guest Accounts are available via sponsorship of an NKO member.

Library Resources: Once logged onto NKO, Click “Reference” and note the selection of databases/links available on the left sidebar. Click E-content to access a number of databases including ProQuest database (journal articles), NetLibrary (electronic books), Gale e-books (electronic books), Gale Expanded Academic database (articles), Armed Forces and Government News (full text of 25 selected military magazines), and Newsbank (online newspapers).

3.) Air Force (AF) Portal, <https://www.my.af.mil>

Available to the U.S. Military, U.S. Government civilians, and contractors supporting USAF efforts. Preference is made to CAC logon. Users who want to use username/password must submit a GCSS-AF Form 41 (see Web site information).

Library Resources: Once logged onto the AF Portal, click “Library,” then “Reference Center.” Under the heading “Databases and Directories” are a number of links to resources such as NetLibrary (electronic books) and Newsbank (newspapers). From “Selected Research Databases,” access is available to a number of free databases from which partial or full text is available. However, the portal lacks a database for general academic/military journal articles. Links are available under “Experts Online” to email questions to AU Fairchild Center’s Reference Librarians.

WEB SITES

The following Web sites are useful resources. Be advised that they are not controlled by the Department of Defense, and that the Naval War College does not endorse these Web sites or the information, products or services contained therein. The Naval War College does not exercise any editorial control over the information you may find at these locations.

1. **DefenseLink** www.defenselink.gov
DefenseLINK is the official Web site for the Department of Defense and the starting point for finding U.S. military information online.
2. **Federation of American Scientists** www.fas.org
The Federation of American Scientists is a nonprofit organization that began as the Federation of Atomic Scientists in 1945. The founding members of FAS were participants of the Manhattan Project. Today the organization maintains this Web site to disseminate information on conventional and nuclear weapons and world armaments.
3. **GlobalSecurity** www.globalsecurity.org
GlobalSecurity is a comprehensive database of background information and news in the areas of defense, space, intelligence, WMD, and homeland security. Updates are posted hourly as events unfold around the world.
4. **Government Accountability Office** www.gao.gov
The Government Accountability Office, formerly known as the General Accounting Office, is the government's own watchdog service. It serves Congress and the public interest by analyzing federal programs, activities and functions.
5. **Government Printing Office** www.gpo.gov
GPO Access is a service of the U.S. Government Printing Office that provides free full-text products published by, and about, the federal government, such as: Congressional documents and reports, Federal Register, US Code, US Statutes, reports of the President, State of the Union addresses, and House and Senate calendars.
6. **Homeland Security Digital Library** <https://www.hsdl.org>
The Homeland Security Digital Library (HSDL) collection, a product of the Naval Postgraduate School, includes homeland security strategy, policy and research documents published by:
 - Federal, state and local government agencies
 - International governments and institutions
 - Research institutions, universities, and think tanks

- 7. Joint Electronic Library** www.dtic.mil/doctrine
The Joint Electronic Library is the online depository of joint doctrine. Joint publications, draft publications, CJCS directives, and the DOD dictionary of Military and Associated Terms are among the items found at this site.
- 8. North Atlantic Treaty Organization** www.nato.int
This is the official Web site of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Nato.int offers maps, photos, documents, monographs, and news and current events. The NATO online catalog is available and there is a link to the NATO archives.
- 9. RAND** www.rand.org
A nonprofit research and analysis organization, RAND produces monographs and reports of interest to the academic and business communities, especially those involved with policy and decision making. Of particular interest are RAND's publications on national security and terrorism.
- 10. Scientific and Technical Information Network** www.dtic.mil
The Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC)'s Scientific and Technical Information Network (STINET) offers the DoD community access to pertinent scientific and technical reports, including many student papers from the Naval War College and other military service schools. Click the link on the right side bar "Search DTIC Collections."
- 11. United Nations** www.un.org
This is the official Web site of the United Nations. The site offers a daily briefing, and covers the activities of the various commissions of the UN. Enter the **Documents, Maps** section to find the **UN Documentation Centre** and browse by General Assembly or Security Council documents.
- 12. Department of State** www.state.gov
This is the official Web site of the U.S. Department of State. Use the A-Z index to navigate this large site. Find access to country studies and important information for travelers going outside of the United States, as well as coverage of many issues of international interest.
- 13. WorldCat** www.worldcat.org
WorldCat is the world's largest network of library content and services. From WorldCat.org, you can search the collections of libraries in your community and thousands more around the world for books, magazines, videos, and more.