

MILPERSMAN 1000-040

FINGERPRINTING

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References	NAVEDTRA 82740, Master-at-Arms, provides fingerprint methods and procedures to follow.
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1. **Background.** Fingerprints are the most positive means of identifying individuals. The ridges on the skin of the palmar surfaces of the hands and the planar surfaces of the feet are commonly referred to as papillary or friction ridges. These ridges form on the fetus before birth and remain unchanged throughout life and even after death, until decomposition of skin destroys them. Damage to the skin during a person's life may either be temporary or permanent. Abrasions and slight cuts that do not permanently affect the skin are corrected in time by nature, and the ridges reappear as they existed before the damage occurred. Deep cuts and injuries affecting the innermost sections of the skin will result in permanent scars but the general pattern will continue to exist.

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2. **When to Fingerprint.** Fingerprints will be recorded under the following circumstances:

For members who are	prepare	at time
first term enlistees into the Navy or Naval Reserve who require an Entrance National Agency Check (ENTNAC) background investigation,	DD 2280, Armed Forces Fingerprint Card	and place of enlistment.
first term enlistees into the Navy or Naval Reserve who require a security clearance background investigation,	FD 258, FBI Fingerprint Card or applicant Fingerprint Card	and place that SF 86, Questionnaire for Sensitive Positions (for National Security), background investigation is requested.
Officer Candidates,	FD 258	of appointment.
Reserve Officers,	FD 258	applicant accepts appointment.
Naval Academy Midshipman,	FD 258	member reports to Naval Academy.
Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Midshipman (Regular Program),	FD 258	they report to their respective NROTC units.
NROTC Midshipman (Contracts Program),	FD 258	they enter the advanced portion of the NROTC Contract Program.
reenlisted with a break in service in excess of 24 months,	FD 258	and place of reenlistment.
is a return deserter,	FD 249, Fingerprint Card	at time of apprehension.