

# America's Wars

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American	Revolution	(1775-1783)
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Total U.S. Servicemembers <sup>1</sup>	217,000
Battle Deaths	4,435
Non-mortal Woundings	6,188

## War of 1812 (1812-1815)

Total U.S. Servicemembers	286,730
Battle Deaths	2,260
Non-mortal Woundings	4,505

## Indian Wars (approx. 1817-1898)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (VA estimate)	106,000
Battle Deaths (VA estimate)	1,000

## Mexican War (1846-1848)

Total U.S. Servicemembers	78,718
Battle Deaths	1,733
Other Deaths (In Theater)	11,550
Non-mortal Woundings	4,152

## Civil War (1861-1865)

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Total U.S. Servicemembers (Union)	2,213,363
Battle Deaths (Union)	140,414
Other Deaths (In Theater) (Union)	224,097
Non-mortal Woundings (Union)	281,881
Total Servicemembers (Conf.) <sup>2</sup>	1,050,000
Battle Deaths (Confederate) <sup>3</sup>	74,524
Other Deaths (In Theater) (Confederate) 3, 4	59,297
Non-mortal Woundings (Confederate)	Unknown

## Spanish-American War (1898-1902)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	306,760
Battle Deaths	385
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	2,061
Non-mortal Woundings	1,662

## World War I (1917-1918)

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## World War II (1941 -1945)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	16,112,566
Battle Deaths	291,557
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	113,842
Non-mortal Woundings	671,846
Living Veterans <sup>5</sup>	2,306,000

#### NOTES:

- 1. Exact number is unknown. Posted figure is the median of estimated range from 184,000-250,000.
- 2. Exact number is unknown. Posted figure is median of estimated range from 600,000-1,500,000.
- 3. Death figures are based on incomplete returns.
- 4. Does not include 26,000 to 31,000 who died in Union prisons.
- 5. Estimate based upon new population projection methodology.

## Korean War (1950-1953)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	5,720,000
Battle Deaths	33,739
Other Deaths (In Theater)	2,835
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	17,672
Non-mortal Woundings	103,284
Living Veterans	2,307,000

## Vietnam War (1964-1975)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide) <sup>6</sup>	8,744,000
Deployed to Southeast Asia <sup>7</sup>	3,403,000
Battle Deaths <sup>8</sup>	47,434
Other Deaths (In Theater) <sup>8</sup>	10,786
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater) <sup>8</sup>	32,000
Non-mortal Woundings <sup>9</sup>	153,303
Living Veterans 5, 10	7,125,000

## Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990-1991)

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Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	2,322,000
Deployed to Gulf	694,550
Battle Deaths	147
Other Deaths (In Theater)	235
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	1,590
Non-mortal Woundings	467
Living Veterans 5, 10	2.269.000

## America's Wars Total (1775 -1991)

U.S. Military Service during Wartime	41,891,368
Battle Deaths	651,030
Other Deaths (In Theater)	308,800
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	230,279
Non-mortal Woundings	1,431,290
Living War Veterans	17,456,000
Living Veterans (Periods of War & Peace)	23,442,000

## Global War on Terror (Oct 2001 - )

The Global War on Terror (GWOT), including Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), are ongoing conflicts. For the most current GWOT statistics, visit the following Department of Defense Website: <a href="http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/gwot\_component.pdf">http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/gwot\_component.pdf</a>

- 6. Covers the period 8/5/64 1/27/73 (date of cease fire)
- 7. Department of Defense estimate
- 8. Covers period 11/1/55 5/15/75
- 9. Excludes 150,341 not requiring hospital care

10.VA estimate, as of 5/08, does not include those still on active duty and may include veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**Source:** Department of Defense (DOD), except living veterans, which are VA estimates as of Sep 2008.

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American Revolution	Mexican War
Last Veteran, Daniel F. Bakeman,	Last Veteran, Owen Thomas Edgar,
died 4/5/1869, age 109	died 9/3/29, age 98
Last Widow, Catherine S. Damon,	Last Widow, Lena James Theobald,
died 11/11/06, age 92	died 6/20/63, age 89
Last Dependent, Phoebe M. Palmeter,	Last Dependent, Jesse G. Bivens,
died 4/25/11, age 90	died 11/1/62, age 94
War of 1812	Civil War
Last Veteran, Hiram Cronk,	Last Union Veteran, Albert Woolson,
died 5/13/05, age 105	died 8/2/56, age 109
Last Widow, Carolina King,	Last Confederate Veteran, John Salling,
died 6/28/36, age unknown	died 3/16/58, age 112
Last Dependent, Esther A.H. Morgan,	Last Union Widow, Gertrude Janeway,
died 3/12/46, age 89	died 1/17/2003, age 93
Indian Wars	Spanish-American War
Last Veteran, Fredrak Fraske,	Last veteran, Nathan E. Cook,
died 6/18/73, age 101	died 9/10/92, age 106

VA estimates	the number	of living	World	War II II	S veterans	will be.*
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9/30/20233,000	9/30/21176,000	9/30/22131,000	9/30/2396,000

<sup>\*</sup> Estimates have changed based on new population projections.

## U.S. Veterans and Dependents on Benefits Rolls as of September 2008

	VETERANS	CHILDREN	PARENTS	SURVIVING SPOUSES
Civil War	-	2	-	-
Indian Wars	-	-	-	-
Spanish-American War	-	94	-	90
Mexican Border	-	15	-	60
World War I	-	3,169	-	4,873
World War II	274,052	14,403	117	223,895
Korean Conflict	156,842	3,170	257	60,948
Vietnam Era	1,015,151	8,843	2,932	165,376
Gulf War <sup>1</sup>	896,288	13,688	926	15,945
Non service-connected	315,763	18,103	2	182,236
Service-connected	2,951,587	28,016	5,385	320,979

<sup>1</sup> For compensation and pension purposes, the Persian Gulf War period has not yet been terminated and includes veterans of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.