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PRINCIPAL WARS IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES PARTICIPATED
U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING AND CASUALTIES A/

War/Conflict	Branch of Service	Number Serving		Total Deaths	Battle Deaths	Other Deaths	Wounds Not Mortal B/
				Casualties			
Revolutionary War	Total	-	C/	4,435	4,435	-	6,188
1775 - 1783	Army	-		4,044	4,044	-	6,004
	Navy	-		342	342	-	114
	Marines	-		49	49	-	70
War of 1812	Total	286,730	D/	2,260	2,260	-	4,505
1812 - 1815	Army	-		1,950	1,950	-	4,000
	Navy	-		265	265	-	439
	Marines	-		45	45	-	66
Mexican War	Total	78,718	D/	13,283	1,733	11,550	4,152
1846 - 1848	Army	-		13,271	1,721	11,550	4,102
	Navy	-		1	1	-	3
	Marines	-		11	11	-	47
Civil War	Total	2,213,363		364,511	140,414	224,097	281,881
(Union Forces Only) E/	Army	2,128,948	D/	359,528	138,154	221,374	280,040
1861 - 1865	Navy	84,415		4,523	2,112	2,411	1,710
	Marines		N/	460	148	312	131
Spanish-American War	Total	306,760		2,446	385	2,061	1,662
	Army F/	280,564		2,430	369	2,061	1,594
	Navy	22,875		10	10	-	47
	Marines	3,321		6	6	-	21
World War I	Total	4,734,991		116,516	53,402	63,114	204,002
1917 - 1918	Army G/	4,057,101		106,378	50,510	55,868	193,663
	Navy	599,051		7,287	431	6,856	819
	Marines	78,839		2,851	2,461	390	9,520
World War II	Total	16,112,566		405,399	291,557	113,842	670,846
1941 - 1946 H/	Army I/	11,260,000		318,274	234,874	83,400	565,861
	Navy J/	4,183,466		62,614	36,950	25,664	37,778

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	Marines	669,100		24,511	19,733	4,778	67,207
Korean War	Total	5,720,000		36,574	33,739	2,835	103,284
1950 - 1953 K/	Army	2,834,000		29,856	27,731	2,125	77,596
	Navy	1,177,000		657	503	154	1,576
	Marines	424,000		4,509	4,267	242	23,744
	Air Force	1,285,000		1,552	1,238	314	368
Vietnam Conflict	Total	8,744,000		58,220	47,434	10,786	Hosp. Care Reqd. 153,303 / No Hospital Care 150,341
1964 - 1973 L/	Army	4,368,000		38,224	30,963	7,261	Hosp. Care Reqd. 96,802 / No Hospital Care 104,723
	Navy	1,842,000		2,566	1,631	935	Hosp. Care Reqd. 4,178 / No Hospital Care 5,898
	Marines	794,000		14,844	13,095	1,749	Hosp. Care Reqd. 51,392 / No Hospital Care 37,202
	Air Force	1,740,000		2,586	1,745	841	Hosp. Care Reqd. 931 / No Hospital Care 2,518
Persian Gulf War	Total	2,225,000		383	148	235	467
1990-1991 M/	Army	782,000		224	98	126	354
	Navy	669,000		56	6	50	12
	Marines	213,000		68	24	44	92
	Air Force	561,000		35	20	15	9

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND NOTES

A. Data prior to World War I are based on incomplete records in many cases. Casualty data are confined to dead and wounded and, therefore, exclude personnel captured or missing in action who were subsequently returned to military control.

B. Marine Corps data for World War II, the Spanish-American War, and prior wars represent the number of individuals wounded, whereas all other data in this column represent the total number (incidence) of wounds.

C. Not known, but estimates range from 184,000 to 250,000.

D. As reported by the Commissioner of Pensions in the annual report for fiscal year 1903.

E. Authoritative statistics for the Confederate forces are not available. Estimates of the number who served range from 600,000 to 1,500,000. The final report of the Provost Marshal General, 1863-1866, indicated 133,821 Confederate deaths (74,524 battle and 59,297 other) based upon incomplete returns. In addition, an estimated 26,000 to 31,000 Confederate personnel died in Union prisons.

F. Number serving covers the period April 21 to August 13, 1898, while dead and wounded data are for the period May 1 to August 31, 1898. Active hostilities ceased on August 13, 1898, but ratifications of the Treaty of Peace were not exchanged between the United States and Spain until April 11, 1899.

G. Includes air service. Battle deaths and wounds not mortal include casualties suffered by American forces in northern Russia to August 25, 1919, and in Siberia to April 1, 1920. Other deaths cover the period April 1, 1917, to December 31, 1918.

H. Data are for the period December 1, 1941, through December 31, 1946, when hostilities were officially terminated by Presidential Proclamation, but a few battle deaths or wounds not mortal were incurred after the Japanese acceptance of the Allied peace terms on August 14, 1945. Number serving from December 1, 1941, through August 31, 1945, were: Total - 14,903,213; Army - 10,420,000; Navy - 3,883,520; and Marine Corps - 599,693.

I. Includes Army air forces.

J. Battle deaths and wounds not mortal include casualties incurred in October 1941 due to hostile action.

K. Worldwide military deaths during the Korean War totaled 54,246. In-theater casualty records are updated annually.

L. Number serving covers the period August 5, 1964 ("Vietnam era" begins) through January 27, 1973 (date of cease-fire). Deaths include the period November 1, 1955 (commencement date for the Military Assistance Advisory Group) through May 15, 1975 (date last American servicemember left Southeast Asia). Casualty records are updated annually, including current deaths that are directly attributed to combat in the Vietnam Conflict. Additional detail now on table shows number of WIA servicemembers not requiring hospital care.

M. Coast Guard numbers are included with Navy. Report does not include one POW (Speicher). Casualty records are updated annually.

N. The Marine Corps number serving is included in the Navy total.