

**Table 512. Veterans Compensation and Pension Benefits—Number on Rolls by Period of Service and Status: 1990 to 2008**

[In thousands (3,584 represents 3,584,000), except as indicated. As of September 30. Living refers to veterans receiving compensation for disability incurred or aggravated while on active duty and war veterans receiving pension and benefits for non-service connected disabilities. Deceased refers to deceased veterans whose dependents were receiving pensions and compensation benefits]

| Period of service and veteran status   | 1990         | 1995         | 2000         | 2004         | 2005         | 2006         | 2007         | 2008         |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Total</b> . . . . .                 | <b>3,584</b> | <b>3,330</b> | <b>3,236</b> | <b>3,432</b> | <b>3,503</b> | <b>3,582</b> | <b>3,691</b> | <b>3,801</b> |
| Living veterans . . . . .              | 2,746        | 2,669        | 2,672        | 2,899        | 2,973        | 3,056        | 3,167        | 3,268        |
| Service-connected . . . . .            | 2,184        | 2,236        | 2,308        | 2,556        | 2,637        | 2,726        | 2,844        | 2,952        |
| Nonservice-connected . . . . .         | 562          | 433          | 364          | 343          | 336          | 330          | 323          | 316          |
| Deceased veterans . . . . .            | 838          | 662          | 564          | 533          | 530          | 527          | 524          | 533          |
| Service-connected . . . . .            | 320          | 307          | 307          | 318          | 323          | 326          | 330          | 338          |
| Nonservice-connected . . . . .         | 518          | 355          | 257          | 215          | 207          | 201          | 195          | 196          |
| World War I . . . . .                  | 198          | 89           | 34           | 16           | 13           | 11           | 9            | 8            |
| Living . . . . .                       | 18           | 3            | (Z)          | (Z)          | (Z)          | (Z)          | (Z)          | (Z)          |
| World War II . . . . .                 | 1,723        | 1,307        | 968          | 766          | 718          | 674          | 634          | 598          |
| Living . . . . .                       | 1,294        | 961          | 676          | 506          | 466          | 430          | 397          | 362          |
| Korean conflict <sup>1</sup> . . . . . | 390          | 368          | 323          | 302          | 295          | 290          | 287          | 282          |
| Living . . . . .                       | 305          | 290          | 255          | 237          | 231          | 226          | 223          | 218          |
| Vietnam era <sup>2</sup> . . . . .     | 774          | 868          | 969          | 1,172        | 1,218        | 1,260        | 1,305        | 1,347        |
| Living . . . . .                       | 685          | 766          | 848          | 1,028        | 1,068        | 1,104        | 1,142        | 1,175        |
| Gulf War <sup>3</sup> . . . . .        | (X)          | 138          | 334          | 552          | 630          | 716          | 819          | 923          |
| Living . . . . .                       | (X)          | 134          | 326          | 540          | 617          | 701          | 802          | 904          |
| Peacetime . . . . .                    | 495          | 559          | 607          | 624          | 627          | 631          | 637          | 644          |
| Living . . . . .                       | 444          | 514          | 567          | 587          | 591          | 596          | 602          | 609          |

X Not applicable. Z Fewer than 500. <sup>1</sup> Service during period June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955. <sup>2</sup> Service from August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975. <sup>3</sup> Service from August 2, 1990 to the present.

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 1990 to 1995, *Annual Report of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs*; beginning 2000, *Annual Accountability Report* and unpublished data; <<http://www1.va.gov/vetdata/>>.