

America's Wars

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American Revolution (17/5-1783)	
Total U.S. Servicemembers ¹	217

Total U.S. Servicemembers¹ 217,000
Battle Deaths 4,435
Non-mortal Woundings 6,188

War of 1812 (1812-1815)

Total U.S. Servicemembers286,730Battle Deaths2,260Non-mortal Woundings4,505

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. Servicemembers78,718Battle Deaths1,733Other Deaths (In Theater)11,550Non-mortal Woundings4,152

Civil War (1861-1865)

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.)² 1,050,000 Battle Deaths (Confederate)³ 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)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	4.734.991
Battle Deaths	53,402
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	63,114
Non-mortal Woundings	204,002

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	670,846
Living Veterans ¹⁰	696,000

NOTES:

- 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.

Korean War (1950-1953)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	5,720,000
Total Serving (In Theater)	1,789,000
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 ¹⁰	1,592,000

Vietnam War (1964-1975)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide) ⁶	8,744,000
Deployed to Southeast Asia ⁷	3,403,000
Battle Deaths ⁸	47,434
Other Deaths (In Theater) ⁸	10,786
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater) ⁸	32,000
Non-mortal Woundings ⁹	153,303
Living Veterans ¹⁰	6,953,000

Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990-1991)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	2,322,000
Deployed to Gulf	694,550
Battle Deaths	148
Other Deaths (In Theater)	235
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	1,565
Non-mortal Woundings	467
Living Veterans ¹⁰	4,483,000

America's Wars Total (1775 -1991)

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U.S. Military Service during Wartime	41,892,128
Battle Deaths	651,031
Other Deaths (In Theater)	308,800
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	230,254
Non-mortal Woundings	1,430,290
Living War Veterans	16,104,000
Living Veterans (Periods of War & Peace)	21,368,000

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: https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/casualties.xhtml Living Veterans 10 4,398,000

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. Veterans can be in more than one wartime period and the total living war Veterans is not the same as the sum of living Veterans from each individual war due to double counting.

Source: Department of Defense (DOD), except living Veterans, which are VA estimates as of Sep 2016.

American Revolution	Mexican War
Last Veteran, Daniel F. Bakeman,	Last Veteran, Owen Thomas Edgar,
died 4/5/1869, age 109	died 9/3/1929, age 98
Last Widow, Catherine S. Damon,	Last Widow, Lena James Theobald,
died 11/11/1906, age 92	died 6/20/1963, age 89
Last Dependent, Phoebe M. Palmeter,	Last Dependent, Jesse G. Bivens,
died 4/25/1911, age 90	died 11/1/1962, age 94
War of 1812	Civil War
Last Veteran, Hiram Cronk,	Last Union verified Veteran, Albert Woolson,
died 5/13/1905, age 105	died 8/2/1956, age 109
Last Widow, Carolina King,	Last Confederate verified Veteran, Pleasant Crump,
died 6/28/1936, age unknown	died 12/21/1951, age 104
Last Dependent, Esther A.H. Morgan,	Last Union Widow, Gertrude Janeway,
died 3/12/1946, age 89	died 1/17/2003, age 93
	Last Confederate Widow, Maudie Hopkins
	died 8/1/2008, age 93
Indian Wars	Spanish-American War
Last Veteran, Fredrak Fraske,	Last veteran, Nathan E. Cook,
died 6/18/1973, age 101	died 9/10/1992, age 106
World War I	
Last Veteran, Frank Buckles,	
died 2/27/2011, age 110	

VA estimates the number of living World War II U.S. veterans will be:

9/30/19356,000	9/30/20282,000	9/30/21224,000	9/30/22178,000
9/30/23141,000	9/30/24113,000	9/30/2590,000	9/30/2672,000
9/30/2758,000	9/30/2846,000	9/30/2937,000	9/30/3030,000
9/30/3124.000	9/30/3219.000	9/30/3316,000	9/30/3413.000

U.S. Veterans and Dependents on Benefits Rolls as of May 2016

	VETERANS	CHILDREN	PARENTS	SURVIVING SPOUSES	
Civil War	-	1	-	-	
Spanish-American War	-	46	-	42	
Mexican Border	-	3	-	6	
World War I	-	1,590	-	1,236	
World War II	144,938	9,360	10	178,251	
Philippines	1,776	155	3	2,598	
Korean Conflict	181,893	2,207	25	74,041	
Vietnam Era	1,525,400	4,570	1,198	251,543	
Gulf War 1	1,990,094	4,488	1,788	26,799	
Peacetime	710,773	1,382	713	36,048	
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Non service-connected ²	292,297	10,175	-	193,442	
Service-connected ²	4,262,577	13,627	3,737	377,122	

^{1.} For compensation and pension purposes, the Persian Gulf War period has not yet been terminated and includes Veterans of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and New Dawn.

^{2.} This total includes peacetime veterans receiving benefits.