

# America's Wars

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<b>American Revolution (1775-1</b>	783)
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
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# 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)

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
Living Veterans	0

#### 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 <sup>5</sup>	1,711,000

#### 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)	)
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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	2,275,000

#### 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	7,391,000

#### 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 <sup>5, 10</sup>	2,244,583

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

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)	230,279
Non-mortal Woundings	1,431,290
Living War Veterans <sup>17</sup>	16,962,000
Living Veterans (Periods of War & Peace)	23,234,000

#### 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. Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) estimate, as of 4/09, does not include those still on active duty and may include veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- 11. Total will be more than sum of conflicts due to no "end date" established for Persian Gulf War.

**Source:** Department of Defense (DOD), except living veterans, which are VA estimates as of Sep 2010.

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,		
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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		
World War I			
Last Veteran, Frank Buckles,			
died 2/27/11, age 110			

VA's projection for living	U.S. World War II veterans thro	ough the year 2029:	
9/30/141,002,000	9/30/15843,000	9/30/16727,000	9/30/17614,000
9/30/18494,000	9/30/19374,000	9/30/20257,000	9/30/21210,000
9/30/22167,000	9/30/23127,000	9/30/2487,000	9/30/2549,000
9/30/2640,000	9/30/2732,000	9/30/2824,000	9/30/2915,000

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

# U.S. Veterans and Dependents on Benefits Rolls as of January 2013

	VETERANS	CHILDREN	PARENTS	SURVIVING SPOUSES
Civil War	-	1	-	-
Indian Wars	-	-	-	-
Spanish-American War	-	58	-	46
Mexican Border	-	7	-	12
World War I	-	2,192	-	2,248
World War II	236,358	10,733	20	207,742
Philippines	2,018	160	9	3,526
Korean Conflict	202,360	2,324	71	68,396
Vietnam Era	1,390,078	4,157	2,025	208,789
Gulf War <sup>1</sup>	1,389,204	3,390	1,440	21,427
Peacetime	667,630	1,357	871	34,000
Non service-connected <sup>2</sup>	313,310	12,021	0	195,091
Service-connected <sup>2</sup>	3,510,015	13,083	4,451	348,241

<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. 2 This total includes peacetime veterans receiving benefits