

# America's Wars

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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)

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>	2,079,000

#### 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
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	2,507,000

## Vietnam War (1964-1975)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide) <sup>6</sup>	8,744,000
Deployed to Southeast Asia 7	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 9	153,303
Living Veterans 5, 10	7,569,000

## 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 5, 10	2,246,002

## 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>11</sup>	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. 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,
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 estimates the number of living World War II U.S. veterans will be:\*

9/30/121,463,000	9/30/131,237,000	9/30/141,035,000	9/30/15855,000
9/30/16698,000	9/30/17562,000	9/30/18446,000	9/30/19350,000
9/30/20270,000	9/30/21205,000	9/30/22153,000	9/30/23112,000
9/30/2481,000	9/30/2557,000	9/30/2640,000	

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

# U.S. Veterans and Dependents on Benefits Rolls as of May 2012

	VETERANS	CHILDREN	PARENTS	SURVIVING SPOUSES
Civil War	-	2	-	-
Indian Wars	-	-	-	-
Spanish-American War	-	61	-	46
Mexican Border	-	10	-	19
World War I	-	2,284	-	2,510
World War II	254,939	11,057	26	208,436
Korean Conflict	204,414	2,352	86	66,785
Vietnam Era	1,348,131	4,239	2,152	198,440
Gulf War <sup>1</sup>	1,268,137	3,774	1,311	20,009
Non service-connected	314,245	17,146	2	180,810
Service-connected	3,069,653	26,867	5,021	315,057

<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.