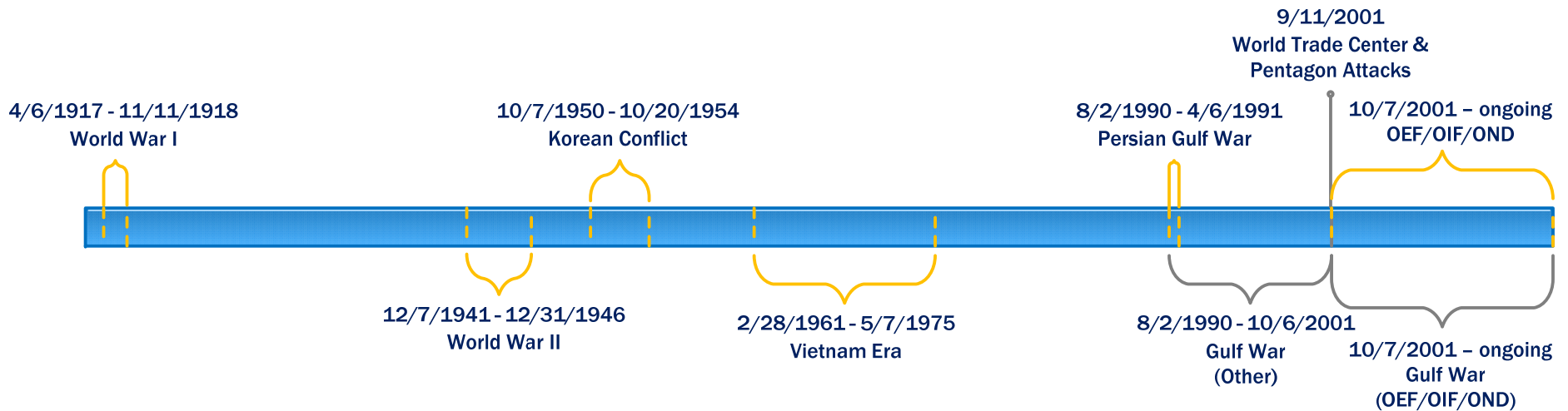


Timeline of U.S. Period of Service Eras (1900-Present)*



* Not included: Spanish-American War (April 21, 1898 – July 4, 1902)

Key: OEF/OIF/OND – Operation Enduring Freedom / Operation Iraqi Freedom / Operation New Dawn

Notes: U.S. war eras are portrayed in yellow brackets. VHA Office of Health Equity (OHE) distinguishes two Gulf War periods (portrayed in gray brackets): “Gulf War (Other)” is the period from the start of the Persian Gulf War to the start of Operation Enduring Freedom (August 2, 1990 – October 6, 2001), while “Gulf War (OEF/OIF/OND)” includes the OEF/OIF/OND conflict beginning on October 7, 2001 and still ongoing as of the date this document was prepared 1/10/2015 and as of latest update (02/10/2017).

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