

America's Wars

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American Revolution (1775-1783)	
Total U.S. Servicemembers ¹	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)	
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 (1898-190	-
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

NOTES:

Living Veterans 5

1. Exact number is unknown. Posted figure is the median of estimated range from 184,000-250,000.

389,000

- 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.

Source: Department of Defense (DOD), except living veterans, which are VA estimates as of Sept. 2019

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	1,165,000

Vietnam War (1964-1975)

8,744,000
3,403,000
47,434
10,786
32,000
153,303
6,262,000

Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990-1991)

Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)	2,225,000
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	1,680,000

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)	230,254
Non-mortal Woundings	1,430,290
Living War Veterans ¹¹	14,918,000
Living Veterans (Periods of War & Peace)	19,210,000

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

- 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.Living War Veterans include Gulf War Era Veterans in addition to Desert Shield/Storm Veterans, Peacetime Veterans are 4,292,000 as of 9/30/2019

America's Wars Fact Sheet, Nov. 2019

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:*

9/30/21226,756	9/30/22168,278	9/30/23122,485	9/30/2487,443
9/30/2561,256	9/30/2642,127	9/30/27;28,444	9/30/2818,849
9/30/2912,247	9/30/307,795	9/30/31,4,853	9/30/322,953
9/30/331.753	9/30/341.013	9/30/35570	9/30/36311

^{*} Estimates have changed based on new population projections.

U.S. Veterans and Dependents on Benefits Rolls as of Nov. 2019

	VETERANS	CHILDREN	PARENTS	SURVIVING SPOUSES
Civil War	-	1	-	-
Spanish-American War	-	29	-	36
Mexican Border	-	1	-	3
World War I	-	1,058	-	814
World War II	68,501	7,608	6	125,992
Philippines	943	130	1	1,974
Korean Conflict	145,402	1,983	16	73,485
Vietnam Era	1,579,808	4,708	684	302,972
Gulf War ¹	2,601,277	5,335	2,125	33,925
Peacetime	787,462	1,256	570	39,368
Non service-connected ²	239,118	7,985	-	162,054
Service-connected ²	4,944,275	14,124	3,401	416,439

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

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