# America’s Wars

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## American Revolution (1775-1783)
- **Total U.S. Servicemembers**: 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.)**: 1,050,000
  - **Battle Deaths (Conf.)**: 74,524
  - **Other Deaths (In Theater) (Conf.)**: 59,297
  - **Non-mortal Woundings (Conf.)**: 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**: 1

## 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**: 671,846
  - **Living Veterans**: 2,498,000

## Korean War (1950-1953)
- **Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)**: 5,720,000
  - **Battle Deaths**: 33,741
  - **Other Deaths (In Theater)**: 2,833
  - **Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)**: 17,672
  - **Non-mortal Woundings**: 103,284
  - **Living Veterans**: 2,400,000

## Vietnam War (1964-1975)
- **Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)**: 8,744,000
  - **Deployed to Southeast Asia**: 3,403,000
  - **Battle Deaths**: 47,424
  - **Other Deaths (In Theater)**: 10,785
  - **Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)**: 32,000
  - **Non-mortal Woundings**: 153,303
  - **Living Veterans**: 7,639,000

## Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990-1991)
- **Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide)**: 2,322,000
  - **Deployed to Gulf**: 694,550
  - **Battle Deaths**: 147
  - **Other Deaths (In Theater)**: 235
  - **Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)**: 1,590
  - **Non-mortal Woundings**: 467
  - **Living Veterans**: 2,269,000

## America’s Wars Total (1775 -1991)
- **U.S. Military Service during Wartime**: 41,891,368
  - **Battle Deaths**: 651,022
  - **Other Deaths (In Theater)**: 308,797
  - **Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)**: 320,279
  - **Non-mortal Woundings**: 1,431,290
  - **Living War Veterans**: 17,484,000
  - **Living Veterans (Periods of War & Peace)**: 23,532,000

## 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:  

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### 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.
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 150,332 not requiring hospital care
10. VA estimate does not include those still on active duty and may include veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Source: Department of Defense (DOD), except living veterans, which are VA estimates as of Sep 2007.
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<td>Last Veteran, Daniel F. Bakeman,</td>
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VA estimates the number of living World War II U.S. veterans will be:*

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* Estimates have changed based on new population projections.

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### U.S. Veterans and Dependents on Benefits Rolls as of September 2007

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1 For compensation and pension purposes, the Persian Gulf War period has not yet been terminated and includes veterans of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.