



**VETERANS FOR COMMON SENSE**  
**U.S. Wars: Duration, Service members, & Casualties**

WAR (dates of U.S. participation in the case of international wars)	BEGAN	ENDED	DURATION (years)	TOTAL U.S. SERVICE MEMBERS (1950-present, "in theater" only)	DEATHS			WOUNDED
					TOTAL DEATHS. (in-theater)	KILLED IN ACTION (KIA) and other battle deaths	OTHER DEATHS in theatre	TOTAL WOUNDED (WIA), non-mortal
<b>American Revolution*</b>	April 19, 1775	September 3, 1783	8	217,000	4,435	4,435	n/a	6,188
<b>War of 1812</b>	June 18, 1812	February 18, 1815	3	286,730	2,260	2,260	n/a	4,505
<b>Indian Wars*</b>	January 1, 1817	December 31, 1898	81	106,000	1,000	1,000	n/a	n/a
<b>Mexican-American War</b>	April 25, 1846	February 2, 1848	2	78,718	13,283	1,733	11,550	4,152
<b>U.S. Civil War (U.S. troops only)</b>	April 12, 1861	April 9, 1865	4	2,213,363	364,511	140,414	224,097	281,881
<b>Spanish-American War</b>	April 21, 1898	July 4, 1902	4	306,760	2,446	385	2,061	1,662
<b>World War I</b>	April 6, 1917	November 11, 1918	1.5	4,734,991	116,516	53,402	63,114	204,002
<b>World War II</b>	December 7, 1941	December 31, 1946	5	16,112,566	405,399	291,557	113,842	670,846
<b>Korean War</b>	June 27, 1950	January 31, 1955	5	1,789,000	36,574	33,739	2,835	103,284
<b>Vietnam War*</b>	February 28, 1961	May 7, 1975	14	3,403,000	58,220	47,434	10,786	153,303
<b>Misc. Operations</b>								
<i>Iranian Hostage Rescue Mission</i>	<i>April 25, 1980</i>	<i>April 25, 1980</i>	<i>0.0</i>		<i>8</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>8</i>	
<i>Lebanon Peacekeeping</i>	<i>August 25, 1982</i>	<i>February 26, 1984</i>	<i>1.5</i>		<i>265</i>	<i>256</i>	<i>9</i>	
<i>Operation Urgent Fury, Grenada</i>	<i>October 25, 1983</i>	<i>December 15, 1983</i>	<i>0.14</i>		<i>19</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>1</i>	
<i>Operation Just Cause, Panama</i>	<i>December 21, 1989</i>	<i>February 13, 1990</i>	<i>0.15</i>		<i>23</i>	<i>23</i>		
<i>Operation Restore Hope &amp; UNOSOM, Somalia</i>	<i>December 3, 1992</i>	<i>March 25, 1994</i>	<i>1.33</i>		<i>43</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>14</i>	
<i>Operation Uphold Democracy, Haiti</i>	<i>September 19, 1994</i>	<i>March 31, 1995</i>	<i>0.5</i>		<i>4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>4</i>	
<b>Persian Gulf Wars</b>	<b>August 2, 1990</b>	<b>-Present</b>	<b>28+</b>		<b>4,866</b>	<b>3,667</b>	<b>1,199</b>	<b>32,719</b>
<i>Operations Desert Shield &amp; Desert Storm</i>	<i>August 2, 1990</i>	<i>April 6, 1991</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>694,550</i>	<i>383</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>235</i>	<i>467</i>
<i>Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF)</i>	<i>March 19, 2003</i>	<i>August 31, 2010</i>	<i>7.5</i>		<i>4,410</i>	<i>3,481</i>	<i>929</i>	<i>31,957</i>
<i>Operation New Dawn (OND)</i>	<i>September 1, 2010</i>	<i>December 31, 2011</i>	<i>1.33</i>		<i>73</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>295</i>
<b>Global War on Terrorism</b>	<b>October 7, 2001</b>	<b>-Present</b>	<b>18+</b>		<b>2,490</b>	<b>1,910</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>20,669</b>
<i>Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan Only) (OEF)</i>	<i>October 7, 2001</i>	<i>December 31, 2014</i>	<i>13.25</i>		<i>2,216</i>	<i>1,833</i>	<i>383</i>	<i>20,057</i>
<i>Operation Enduring Freedom (Other locations) (OEF)</i>	<i>October 7, 2001</i>	<i>-Present</i>			<i>131</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>39</i>
<i>Operation Freedom's Sentinel (OFS)</i>	<i>December 31, 2014</i>	<i>-Present</i>	<i>4+</i>		<i>68</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>392</i>
<i>Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR)</i>	<i>October 17, 2014</i>	<i>-Present</i>	<i>4+</i>		<i>75</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>181</i>

\*VA/DoD estimated data

**DATA SOURCES:**

- 1) Congressional Research Service, "Instances of Use of United States Armed Forces Abroad, 1798-2018" (R42738), December 28, 2018:
- 2) Congressional Research Service, "U.S. Periods of War and Dates of Recent Conflicts" (RS21405), December 14, 2018: <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RS21405.pdf>
- 3) U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, "America's Wars Fact Sheet," May 2017: [https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/factsheets/fs\\_americas\\_wars.pdf](https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/factsheets/fs_americas_wars.pdf)
- 4) U.S. Department of Defense, "Casualty Status as of 10 a.m. EDT April 25, 2019": <https://dod.defense.gov/News/Casualty-Status/>

**NOTES:**

- A) OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM includes casualties that occurred between March 19, 2003, and Aug. 31, 2010, in the Arabian Sea, Bahrain, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Persian Gulf, Qatar, Red Sea, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Casualties in these countries before March 19, 2003, were considered Operation Enduring Freedom. Personnel injured in OIF who die after Sept. 1, 2010, will be included in OIF statistics.
- Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Persian Gulf, Qatar, Red Sea, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Personnel injured in OND who die after Dec. 31, 2011, will be included in OND statistics.
- C) OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (Afghanistan only) includes casualties that occurred between Oct. 7, 2001, and Dec. 31, 2014, in Afghanistan only.
- D) OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (Other Locations) includes casualties that occurred between Oct. 7, 2001, and Dec. 31, 2014, in Guantanamo Bay (Cuba), Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Jordan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Philippines, Seychelles, Sudan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan and Yemen. Wounded in action cases in this category include those without a casualty country listed.
- E) OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE includes casualties that occurred in Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, the Mediterranean Sea east of 25° Longitude, the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea.
- F) OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINEL includes casualties that occurred in Afghanistan after Dec. 31, 2014.