United States Casualties of War

War or Conflict	Date	Deaths		Wounded	Total	Missing	Sources/Notes	
The of Commet		Combat	Other	Total	Wounded	Dead/Wounded	Wilssing	Sources/1votes
American Revolutionary War	1775-1783	8,000	17,000	25,000	25,000	50,000		[a]
Quasi-War	1798-1800	20		20	42	62		
Barbary Wars	1801-1815	35		35	65	100		
Other actions against pirates	1800-1900	10		10	21	31		
Northwest Indian War	1785-1795	1221+			458	1679+	3	
War of 1812	1812-1815	2,260	~17,000	~20,000	4,505	~25,000	3	[1]
First Seminole War	1817-1818	30	17,000	30	4,505	123,000		[1]
Black Hawk War	1832	60+		30				
Second	1835-1842	328		~1,500				
Black Hawk War			11.550		4.150	17.425		[0]
Mexican-American War	1846-1848	1,733	11,550	13,283	4,152	17,435		[2]
Third Seminole War	1855-1858	26		26				EL1
Civil War: Total UNION	1861-1865	212,938 140,414	224,097	~625,000 364,511	281,881	646,392		[b]
CONFEDERATE		72,524	224,097	~260,000	201,001	040,392		
Indian Wars	1865-1898	919		~200,000	1,025			[2]
Korean Expedition	1871	3		3	9	12		[3]
Spanish-American War	1898	385	2,061	2,446	1,622	4,068		[2]
Philippine-American War	1898-1913	1,020	3,176	4,196	2,930	7,126		[2]
Boxer Rebellion	1900-1901	37	3,170	37	204	7,120		[2]
Mexican Revolution	1914-1919	35+		31	70			
Occupation of Haiti	1915-1934	146			26+			
World War I	1917-1918	53,402	63,114	116,516	204,002	320,518	3,350	[2][c]
Northern Russian	1918-1920	55,.52	00,11.	424	20.,002	520,510	2,223	[4]
Expeditionary Force Siberia	27.20 27.20							[.,]
American Expeditionary Force Siberia	1918-1920			189				
China	1918; 1921;1926- 1927;1930;1937	5			78	83		[5]
US Occupation of	1927-1933	48			68	116		[5]
Nicaragua World War II	1941-1945	291,557	113,842	405,399	670,846	1,076,245	30,314	[2] See Note
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China {Cold War} Berlin Blockade	1945-1947 1948-1949	13	31		43	56		[5] [6]
Korean War	1950-1953	30,880	2806	36,516	92-134	128,650	4,759	Note: 4,759
Kolean wai	1930-1933	30,880	2800	30,310	92-134	128,030	4,739	MIA-SeeNote D below
Russia {Cold War}	1950-1955	32			12	44		[5]
China {Cold War}	1956	16				16		[5]
Bay of Pigs Invasion	1961	4				4		[7]
Vietnam War	1957-1973	47,424	10,785	58,209	153,303	211,454	2,489	[2][8]
Invasion of Dominican Republic	1965-1966	13			200	213	,	[5][9]
El Salvador Civil War	1980-1992	9		20	35			
Beirut Deployment	1982-1984	256		266	169			[10]
Persian Gulf Escorts	1987-1988	39	0	39	31			[]
Invasion of Grenada	1983	18	1	19	119			[10]
Invasion of Panama	1989	23		40	324			[10]
Gulf War	1990-1991	149	151	300	467		0[11]	[2]
Somalia	1992-1993	29	14	43	153			[10]
Haiti	1994-1995	1		4	3			[10]
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1995-2004	1		12	6			[12]
Kosovo	1999	1	19	20	2+	22+	0	[13]
Afghanistan*	2001-Present	532	224	756	2,379	3,125		[14]
Iraq War	2003-Present	3,788	540	4,328	46,132	50,460	1[15][16]	[17]

^{**} Includes: Afghanistan, Philippines, Horn of Africa and Pankisi Gorge.

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Wars ranked by total deaths

Rank	War	Years	Deaths	Deaths per Day	Deaths per Population
1	American Civil War	1861-1865	625,000	599	1.988% (1860)
2	World War II	1941-1945	405,399	416	0.307% (1940)
3	World War I	1917-1918	116,516	279	0.110% (1920)
4	Vietnam War	1964-1973	58,151	26	0.03% (1970)
5	Korean War	1950-1953	36,516	45	0.02% (1950)
6	American Revolutionary War	1775-1783	25,000	11	0.899% (1780)
7	War of 1812	1812-1815	20,000	31	0.345% (1810)
8	Mexican-American War	1846-1848	13,283	29	0.057% (1850)
9	Iraq War	2003-present	4,345	2	0.001% (2007)
10	Philippine-American War	1899-1913	4,196	5	0.006% (1900)

"Deaths per Day" are the total number of US Military Deaths, divided by the number of days between the dates of the commencement and end of hostilities, or until 31 December 2007 in the case of the Iraq War. "Deaths per Population" are the total number of Military Deaths, divided by the US Population of the year indicated.

Total American deaths by war

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World War II	405,399
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Philippine-American War	4,196

Wars ranked by combat deaths

Rank	War	Years	Deaths
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3	World War I	1917-1918	53,402
4	Vietnam War	1964-1973	47,355
5	Korean War	1950-1953	33,746
6	American Revolutionary War	1775-1783	8,000
7	Iraq War	2003-present	3,474
		2325 days	
8	War of 1812	1812-1815	2,260
9	Mexican-American War	1846-1848	1,733
10	Northwest Indian War	1785-1795	1,221+
11	Philippine-American War	1898-1913	1,020

American combat deaths by war

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Notes

- a. ^ Revolutionary War: All figures from the Revolutionary War are rounded estimates. Commonly cited casualty figures provided by the Department of Defense are 4,435 killed and 6,188 wounded, although the original government report that generated these numbers warned that the totals were incomplete and far too low. [18] Nevertheless, the numbers are often repeated without this warning, such as on the United States Department of Veteran Affairs website. [19] In 1974, historian Howard Peckham and a team of researchers came up with a total of 6,824 killed in action and 8,445 wounded. Because of incomplete records, Peckham estimated that this new total number of killed in action was still about 1,000 too low. [20] Military historian John Shy subsequently estimated the total killed in action at 8,000, and argued that the number of wounded was probably far higher, about 25,000. [21] The "other" deaths are primarily from disease, including prisoners who died on British prison ships.
- **b.** ^ Civil War: All Union casualty figures, and Confederate killed in action, from *The OxfordCompanion to American Military History*. [2] Estimate of total Confederate dead from James M. McPherson, *Battle Cry of Freedom* (Oxford University Press, 1988, 854.

- c. ^ World War I figures include expeditions in North Russia and Siberia. See also World War I casualties
- ca. ^ World War II Note the American BattleMonuments Commission database for the World War II reports that in 18 ABMC Cemeteries total of 93,238 buried and 78,979 missing and that "The World War II database on this website contains the names of those buried at our cemeteries, or listed as Missing in Action, buried or lost at sea. It does not contain the names of the 233,174 Americans returned to the United States for burial..." Similarly, the ABMC Records do not cover inter-War deaths such as the Port Chicago disaster in which 320 died.
- d. **Korean War:** Note: [2] gives Dead as 33,746 and Wounded as 103,284 and MIA as 8,177. The [POW/MIA] gives the figures listed here: for example: The total "Battle Dead" of 33,686 is broken down into 23,637KIA; 2,484DOW: 4,759MIA; 2,806 {POWS}. 2,830 are given as non-battledeaths; wounded 103,284 is given as the Number of incidences of wounded-including individual personnel wounded multiple times; likewise 17,730 are listed separately as having died elsewhere Worldwide during Korean War. The American Battle Monuments Commission database for the Korean Conflict reports "The Department of Defense reports that 54,246 American servicemen and women lost their lives during the Korean War. This includes all losses worldwide. Since the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. honors all U.S. Military who lost their ives during the War, we have tried to obtain the names of those who died in other areas besides Korea during the period June 27, 1950 to July 27, 1954, one year after the Korean Armistice...". After their retreat in 1950, dead Marines and soldiers were buried at a temporary gravesite near Hungnam, North Korea. During "Operation Glory" which occurred from July to November 1954 the dead of each side were exchanged; remains of 4,167 US soldiers/Marines were exchanged for 13,528 North Korean/Chinese dead.[22] After "Operation Glory" 416 Korean War "unknowns" were buried in the Punchbowl Cemetery. According to a DPMO white paper [23] 1,394 names were also transmitted during "Operation Glory" from the Chinese and North Koreans (of whom 858 names proved to be correct}; of the 4,167 returned remains were found to be 4,219 individuals of whom 2,944 were found to be Americans of whom all but 416 were identified by name. Of 239 Korean War unaccounted for: 186 not associated with Punchbowl unknowns {176 were identified and of the remaining 10 cases 4 were non-Americans of Asiatic decent; one was British; 3 were identified and 2 cases unconfirmed}; Of 10 Korean War "Punchbowl Unknowns" 6 were identified. According to report of June 24, 2008 at [24]
- Number of remains total unaccounted for: 8.055
- Number of remains repatriated are: 489 of whom 100 are identified
- da. ^ Cold War Korea and Vietnam and Middle East-additional US Casualties:
- North Korea {Cold War} 1959: 1968-1969; 1976; 1984 killed 41; Wounded 5; 82 captured/released.[25]
- USS Liberty incident 1967 killed 34; Wounded 173 by Israeli armed forces
- Vietnam War prior to 1964-US Casualties were Laos-2 killed in 1954; and Vietnam 1946-1954 2 killed see [26].
- e. ^ Iraq War. See also Casualties of the conflict in Iraq since 2003. Sources: [27].

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- 3. ^ Dispatch from Commodore John Rodgers to Secretary of the Navy, Corea June 23, 1871
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- 24. ^ [4]
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- 27. ^ Forces: U.S. & Coalition/Casualties Special Reports

See also

- Military history of the United States
- Dover test
- World War II casualties

External links

- Louisiana State University's statistical summary of major American wars
- Washington Post database of all U.S. service-member casualties
- CNN list of U.S. Casualties in Iraq since 2003.

- Complete list of U.S. Casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2003.
- Fact Sheet on American Wars from the VA
- DoD historical death tolls
- Twentieth Century Atlas Death Toll
- Iraq Casualties
- Navy and Marine death tolls
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- The McGavock Confederate Cemetery at Franklin, TN

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