



# American War and Military Operations Casualties: Lists and Statistics

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## Summary

This report is written in response to numerous requests for war casualty statistics and lists of war dead. It provides tables, compiled by sources at the Department of Defense (DOD), indicating the number of casualties among American military personnel serving in principal wars and combat actions.

Wars covered include the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam Conflict, and the Persian Gulf War. Military operations covered include the Iranian Hostage Rescue Mission, Lebanon Peacekeeping, Urgent Fury in Grenada, Just Cause in Panama, Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Restore Hope in Somalia, Uphold Democracy in Haiti, and the ongoing Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

For the more recent conflicts, starting with the Korean War, more detailed information on types of casualties, and, when available, demographics have been included. This report also cites sources of published lists of military personnel killed in principal wars and combat actions.

This report will be updated as events warrant.

**Table 8. Vietnam Conflict: Casualty Summary**

(as of May 16, 2008)

Casualty Type	Total	Army	Air Force	Marines	Navy
Killed in Action	40,934	27,047	1,080	11,501	1,306
Died of Wounds	5,299	3,610	51	1,486	152
Missing in Action—Declared Dead	1,085	261	589	98	137
Captured—Declared Dead	116	45	25	10	36
<b>Total Hostile Deaths</b>	<b>47,434</b>	<b>30,963</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>13,095</b>	<b>1,631</b>
Missing—Presumed Dead	123	118	0	3	2
Other Deaths	10,663	7,143	841	1,746	933
<b>Total Non-Hostile Deaths</b>	<b>10,786</b>	<b>7,261</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>935</b>
<b>Total In-Theater Deaths</b>	<b>58,220</b>	<b>38,224</b>	<b>2,586</b>	<b>14,844</b>	<b>2,566</b>
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<b>Total—No Remains</b>	<b>1,741</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>379</b>
<b>Wounded—Not Mortal</b>	<b>153,303</b>	<b>96,802</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>51,392</b>	<b>4,178</b>
<b>Number Serving Worldwide<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>8,744,000</b>	<b>4,368,000</b>	<b>1,740,000</b>	<b>794,000</b>	<b>1,842,000</b>
<b>Number Serving Southeast Asia<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>3,403,000</b>	<b>2,276,000</b>	<b>385,000</b>	<b>513,000</b>	<b>229,000</b>
<b>Number Serving South Vietnam<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>2,594,000</b>	<b>1,736,000</b>	<b>293,000</b>	<b>391,000</b>	<b>174,000</b>

**Source:** Washington Headquarters Services, Directorate for Information Operations and Reports, <http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/vietnam.pdf>.

- a. Inclusive dates are November 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975. Casualty dates after the end date represent service members who were wounded during the period and subsequently died as a result of those wounds and those service members who were involved in an incident during the period and were later declared dead.
- b. Estimated figures.

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