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Summary

This report provides U.S. war casualty statistics. It includes data tables containing the number of casualties among American military personnel who served in principal wars and combat actions from 1775 to the present. It also includes data on those wounded in action and information such as race and ethnicity, gender, branch of service, and cause of death. The tables are compiled from various Department of Defense (DOD) sources.

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), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), Operation New Dawn (OND), and Operation Inherent Resolve.

For the more recent conflicts, starting with the Korean War, the report includes additional detailed information on types of casualties and, when available, demographics. It also cites a number of resources for further information, including sources of historical statistics on active duty military deaths, published lists of military personnel killed in combat actions, data on demographic indicators among U.S. military personnel, related websites, and relevant Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports.

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Introduction

This report provides war casualty statistics. It includes data tables containing the number of fatalities and the number of wounded among American military personnel who served in principal wars and combat actions from 1775 to the present. It also includes information such as race and ethnicity, gender, branch of service, and, in some cases, detailed information on types of casualties and causes of death.

A review of the composite data reveals the following:

- During the period between the Revolutionary War and the present, the Civil War produced the most American casualties, when both Union statistics and Confederate estimates are taken into account.
- World War II was the first war in which there were more battle casualties than deaths from other causes, such as accidents, disease, and infections.

Casualty statistics for wars that ended long ago are updated periodically, sometimes yearly. These updates almost always reflect the identification of remains of persons previously listed as missing in action and the reclassification of those persons as dead. Other reasons, much less frequent, include the discovery of errors in casualty records for individuals or categories of people.

Casualty Statistics

Casualty statistics for conflicts prior to the Persian Gulf War (Desert Shield and Desert Storm) are updated periodically by the Defense Casualty Analysis System (DCAS) of the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC). Casualty figures for Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), Operation New Dawn (OND), and Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR) are updated daily. Links to the sources for casualty figures appear below each table in this report.

Table 1 lists casualty statistics for battles, attacks, or operations for which the Congressional Research Service (CRS) receives numerous requests.

Table 19 lists casualties published by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Historian's Office. In response to congressional requests, CRS includes Coast Guard casualty data as provided by USCG in addition to DOD data. The USCG, although an armed service, was an agency under the jurisdiction of several federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT). The Coast Guard remained under USDOT until February 2003, when it was placed within the Department of Homeland Security.

**Table I. Principal Wars of Conflicts in Which the United States Participated:
U.S. Military Personnel Serving and Casualties
(1775-1991)**

War or Conflict	Branch of Service	Number Serving	Casualties			
			Total Deaths	Battle Deaths	Other Deaths	Wounds Not Mortal ^a
	Total	—	4,435	4,435	—	6,188
Revolutionary War^b	Army	—	4,044	4,044	—	6,004
1775-1783	Navy	—	342	342	—	114
	Marines	—	49	49	—	70
War of 1812^c	Total	286,730	2,260	2,260	—	4,505
1812-1815	Army	—	1,950	1,950	—	4,000
	Navy	—	265	265	—	439
	Marines	—	45	45	—	66
Mexican War^c	Total	78,718	13,283	1,733	11,550	4,152
1846-1848	Army	—	13,271	1,721	11,550	4,102
	Navy	—	1	1	—	3
	Marines	—	11	11	—	47
Civil War^c	Total	2,213,363	364,511	140,414	224,097	281,881
(Union Forces Only) ^d	Army	2,128,948	359,528	138,154	221,374	280,040
1861-1865	Navy	84,415	4,523	2,112	2,411	1,710
	Marines	^e	460	148	312	131
Spanish-American War	Total	306,760	2,446	385	2,061	1,662
1898-1901	Army ^f	280,564	2,430	369	2,061	1,594
	Navy	22,875	10	10	—	47
	Marines	3,321	6	6	—	21
World War I	Total	4,734,991	116,516	53,402	63,114	204,002
1917-1918	Army ^g	4,057,101	106,378	50,510	55,868	193,663
	Navy	599,051	7,287	431	6,856	819
	Marines	78,839	2,851	2,461	390	9,520
World War II	Total	16,112,566	405,399	291,557	113,842	670,846
1941-1946 ^h	Army ⁱ	11,260,000	318,274	234,874	83,400	565,861
	Navy ^j	4,183,466	62,614	36,950	25,664	37,778
	Marines	669,100	24,511	19,733	4,778	67,207

War or Conflict	Branch of Service	Number Serving	Casualties			
			Total Deaths	Battle Deaths	Other Deaths	Wounds Not Mortal ^a
Korean War^k	Total	5,720,000	36,574	33,739	2,835	103,284
1950-1953	Army	2,834,000	29,856	27,731	2,125	77,596
	Navy	1,177,000	657	503	154	1,576
	Marines	424,000	4,509	4,267	242	23,744
	Air Force	1,285,000	1,552	1,238	314	368
Vietnam Conflict^l	Total	8,744,000	58,220	47,434	10,786	Hosp. Care Req'd: 153,303 No Hospital Care: 150,341
1964-1973	Army	4,368,000	38,224	30,963	7,261	Hosp. Care Req'd: 96,802 No Hospital Care: 104,723
	Navy	1,842,000	2,566	1,631	935	Hosp. Care Req'd: 4,178 No Hospital Care: 5,898
	Marines	794,000	14,844	13,095	1,749	Hosp. Care Req'd: 51,392 No Hospital Care: 37,202
	Air Force	1,740,000	2,586	1,745	841	Hosp. Care Req'd: 931 No Hospital Care: 2,518
Persian Gulf War^m	Total	2,225,000	383	148	235	467
1990-1991	Army	782,000	224	98	126	354
	Navy	669,000	56	6	50	12
	Marines	213,000	68	24	44	92
	Air Force	561,000	35	20	15	9

Source: Defense Casualty Analysis System (DCAS), https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/report_principal_wars.xhtml.

Notes: Data prior to World War I are based on incomplete records in many cases. Casualty data are confined to dead and wounded and, therefore, exclude personnel captured or missing in action who were subsequently returned to military control.

- a. Marine Corps data for World War II, the Spanish-American War, and prior wars represent the number of individuals wounded, whereas all other data in this column represent the total number (incidence) of wounds.
- b. Number serving not known, but estimates range from 184,000 to 250,000.
- c. As reported by the Commissioner of Pensions in the annual report for FY1903.

- d. Authoritative statistics for the Confederate forces are not available. Estimates of the number who served range from 600,000 to 1,500,000. The final report of the Provost Marshal General, 1863-1866, indicated 133,821 Confederate deaths (74,524 battle and 59,297 other) based upon incomplete returns. In addition, an estimated 26,000 to 31,000 Confederate personnel died in Union prisons.
- e. The Marine Corps number serving is included in the Navy total.
- f. Number serving covers the period April 21, 1898, to August 13, 1898, whereas dead and wounded data are for the period May 1, 1898, to August 31, 1898. Active hostilities ceased on August 13, 1898, but ratifications of the Treaty of Peace were not exchanged between the United States and Spain until April 11, 1899.
- g. Includes air service. Battle deaths and wounds not mortal include casualties suffered by American forces in northern Russia to August 25, 1919, and in Siberia to April 1, 1920. Other deaths cover the period from April 1, 1917, to December 31, 1918.
- h. Data are for the period December 1, 1941, through December 31, 1946, when hostilities were officially terminated by presidential proclamation, but a few battle deaths or wounds not mortal were incurred after the Japanese acceptance of the Allied peace terms on August 14, 1945. Numbers serving from December 1, 1941, through August 31, 1945, were as follows: Total 14,903,213; Army 10,420,000; Navy 3,883,520; and Marine Corps 599,693.
- i. Includes Army air forces, also known as the Army Air Corps.
- j. Battle deaths and wounds not mortal include casualties incurred in October 1941 due to hostile action.
- k. Worldwide military deaths during the Korean War totaled 54,246. In-theater casualty records are updated annually.
- l. Number serving covers the period August 5, 1964 (“Vietnam era” begins), through January 27, 1973 (date of cease-fire). Deaths include the period November 1, 1955 (commencement date for the Military Assistance Advisory Group), through May 15, 1975 (date last American servicemembers left Southeast Asia). Casualty records are updated annually, including current deaths that are directly attributed to combat in the Vietnam Conflict. Additional detail shows the number of wounded-in-action servicemembers not requiring hospital care.
- m. For this conflict, Coast Guard numbers are included with Navy. Report does not include one servicemember missing in action (Captain Michael “Scott” Speicher, whose remains were recovered in Iraq in 2009).

Table 2. Worldwide U.S. Active Duty Military Deaths in Selected Military Operations
(1980-1996)

Military Operation/Incident	Casualty Type	Army	Navy	Air Force	Marine Corps	Total	
Iranian Hostage Rescue Mission April 25, 1980	Nonhostile ^a	0	0	5	3	8	
Lebanon Peacekeeping August 25, 1982 - February 26, 1984	Hostile ^b	3	19	0	234	256	
	Nonhostile	5	2	0	2	9	
	Total	8	21	0	236	265	
Urgent Fury, Grenada 1983	Hostile	11	4	0	3	18	
	Nonhostile	1	0	0	0	1	
	Total	12	4	0	3	19	
Just Cause, Panama 1989	Hostile	18	4	0	1	23	
Persian Gulf War 1990-1991	Desert Shield	21	36	9	18	84	
	Desert Storm	Hostile	98	6	20	24	148
		Nonhostile	105	14	6	26	151
	Desert Storm Total	203	20	26	50	299	
	Total	224	56	35	68	383	
Restore Hope and Unosom, Somalia, 1992-1994	Hostile	27	0	0	2	29	
	Nonhostile	4	0	8	2	14	
	Total	31	0	8	4	43	
Uphold Democracy, Haiti 1994-1996	Nonhostile	3	0	0	1	4	

Source: DCAS, https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/report_operations.xhtml.

- a. According to the Department of Defense *Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms*, as amended through August 31, 2005, a *nonhostile casualty* is a casualty that is not directly attributable to hostile action or terrorist activity, such as casualties due to the elements, self-inflicted wounds, or combat fatigue. The current version of the *Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms*, as amended through July 16, 2014, uses the term *nonbattle casualty* for *nonhostile casualty*. See http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/new_pubs/jpl_02.pdf.
- b. The dictionary named above defines a *hostile casualty* as a person who is the victim of a terrorist activity or who becomes a casualty in action. *In action* characterizes the casualty as having been the direct result of hostile action, sustained in combat or relating thereto, or sustained going to or returning from a combat mission provided the occurrence was directly related to hostile action. Included are persons killed or wounded mistakenly or accidentally by friendly fire directed at a hostile force or what is thought to be a hostile force. However, not to be considered as sustained in action and not to be interpreted as hostile casualties are injuries or death due to the elements, self-inflicted wounds, combat fatigue, and, except in unusual cases, wounds or death inflicted by a friendly force while the individual is in an absent-without-leave, deserter, or dropped-from-rolls status or is voluntarily absent from a place of duty.

Table 3. Active Duty Military Deaths: Race/Ethnicity Summary
(as of July 25, 2009)

Race/Ethnicity	Korean War		Vietnam Conflict		Persian Gulf War	
	F	M	F	M	F	M
Number of Deaths						
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	104	0	226	0	3
Asian	0	241	0	139	0	1
Black or African American	0	3,075	0	7,243	3	63
Hispanic or Latino	0	306	0	0	0	1
Hispanic or Latino—One or More Races	0	576	0	350	0	14
More Than One Race or Unknown	0	2,853	0	204	0	3
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	148	0	229	0	2
White	2	29,269	8	49,826	12	280
Total	2	36,572	8	58,217	15	367
Percentage^a	F	M	F	M	F	M
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0.3	0	0.4	0	0.8
Asian	0	0.7	0	0.2	0	0.3
Black or African American	0	8.4	0	12.4	20.0	17.2
Hispanic or Latino	0	0.8	0	0	0	0.3
Hispanic or Latino—One or More Races	0	1.6	0	0.6	0	3.8
More Than One Race or Unknown	0	7.8	0	0.4	0	0.8
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0.4	0	0.4	0	0.5
White	0	80.0	0	85.6	80.0	76.3
Total^b	0	100.0	0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/Documents/RACE-OMB-WC.pdf>

Note: Prior to the Korean War, race often went untracked. In the few cases in which race was tracked or recorded, soldiers were given a choice between some variation of “white” or “black”; categories such as “Hispanic or Latino,” “Asian,” or “Native American” were not used. “F” indicates female, and “M” indicates male.

- a. Percentages of total female or male deaths, divided by ethnicity. For instance, in the Persian Gulf War, 20% of female deaths were black or African American and 80% of female deaths were white.
- b. Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding. Figures include worldwide and Global War on Terror deaths.

Table 4. U.S. Active Duty Military Deaths, 1980-2010, Part I: Total Military Personnel
(as of November 2011)

Calendar Year	Active Duty	Full-Time (est.) Guard-Reserve	Selected Reserve FTE ^a	Total Military FTE	Total Deaths
1980	2,050,758	22,000	86,872	2,159,630	2,392
1981	2,093,032	22,000	91,719	2,206,751	2,380
1982	2,112,609	41,000	97,458	2,251,067	2,319
1983	2,123,909	49,000	100,455	2,273,364	2,465
1984	2,138,339	55,000	104,583	2,297,922	1,999
1985	2,150,379	64,000	108,806	2,323,185	2,252
1986	2,177,845	69,000	113,010	2,359,855	1,984
1987	2,166,611	71,000	115,086	2,352,697	1,983
1988	2,121,659	72,000	115,836	2,309,495	1,819
1989	2,112,128	74,200	117,056	2,303,384	1,636
1990	2,046,806	74,250	137,268	2,258,324	1,507
1991	1,943,937	70,250	184,002	2,198,189	1,787
1992	1,773,996	67,850	111,491	1,953,337	1,293
1993	1,675,269	68,500	105,768	1,849,537	1,213
1994	1,581,649	65,000	99,833	1,746,482	1,075
1995	1,502,343	65,000	94,585	1,661,928	1,040
1996	1,456,266	65,000	92,409	1,613,675	974
1997	1,418,773	65,000	94,609	1,578,382	817
1998	1,381,034	65,000	92,536	1,538,570	827
1999	1,367,838	65,000	93,104	1,525,942	796
2000	1,372,352	65,000	93,078	1,530,430	832
2001	1,384,812	65,000	102,284	1,552,096	943
2002	1,411,200	66,000	149,942	1,627,142	1,051
2003	1,423,348	66,000	243,284	1,732,632	1,399
2004	1,411,287	66,000	234,629	1,711,916	1,847
2005	1,378,014	66,000	220,000	1,664,014	1,929
2006	1,371,533	72,000	168,000	1,611,533	1,882
2007	1,368,226	72,000	168,000	1,608,226	1,953
2008	1,402,227	73,000	207,917	1,683,144	1,440
2009	1,421,668	75,000	144,083	1,640,751	1,515
2010	1,430,985	76,000	178,193	1,685,178	1,485

Source: DCAS, https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/report_by_year_manner.xhtml.

Note: Official Department of Defense (DOD) end-strengths as of December 31 for military pay accounts. Excludes full-time Guard and Reserve.

- a. Full-time equivalent (FTE) is based on official DOD fiscal year end selected reserve strength (10% of the figure is used to estimate days on active duty).

Table 5. U.S. Active Duty Military Deaths, 1980- 2010, Part II: Cause of Death
(as of November 2011)

Calendar Year	Total Deaths	Accident	Hostile Action	Homicide	Illness	Pending	Self-Inflicted	Terrorist Attack	Undetermined
1980	2,392	1,556	0	174	419	0	231	1	11
1981	2,380	1,524	0	145	457	0	241	0	13
1982	2,319	1,493	0	108	446	0	254	2	16
1983	2,465	1,413	18	115	419	0	218	263	19
1984	1,999	1,293	1	84	374	0	225	6	16
1985	2,252	1,476	0	111	363	0	275	5	22
1986	1,984	1,199	2	103	384	0	269	0	27
1987	1,983	1,172	37	104	383	0	260	2	25
1988	1,819	1,080	0	90	321	0	285	17	26
1989	1,636	1,000	23	58	294	0	224	0	37
1990	1,507	880	0	74	277	0	232	1	43
1991	1,787	931	147	112	308	0	256	0	33
1992	1,293	676	0	109	252	0	238	1	17
1993	1,213	632	0	86	221	0	236	29	9
1994	1,075	544	0	83	206	0	232	0	10
1995	1,040	538	0	67	174	0	250	7	4
1996	974	527	1	52	173	0	188	19	14
1997	817	433	0	42	170	0	159	0	13
1998	827	445	0	26	174	0	165	3	14
1999	796	439	0	38	154	0	150	0	15
2000	832	429	0	37	180	0	153	17	16
2001	943	461	12	49	197	0	153	46	25
2002	1,051	565	17	54	213	0	174	0	28
2003	1,399	597	312	46	231	1	190	0	22
2004	1,847	605	735	46	256	0	197	0	8
2005	1,929	646	739	54	280	1	182	0	27
2006	1,882	561	769	47	257	8	213	0	27
2007	1,953	561	847	52	237	22	211	0	23
2008	1,440	506	352	47	244	6	259	1	25
2009	1,515	467	346	77	277	19	302	0	27
2010	1,485	424	456	39	238	22	289	0	17

Source: DCAS, https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/report_by_year_manner.xhtml.

Table 6. Korean War: Casualty Summary
(as of December 22, 2014)

Casualty Type	Total	Army	Air Force	Marines	Navy
Killed in Action	23,613	19,715	209	3,320	369
Died of Wounds	2,460	1,887	14	532	27
Missing in Action—Declared Dead	4,817	3,337	991	386	103
Captured—Declared Dead	2,849	2,792	24	29	4
Total Hostile Deaths	33,739	27,731	1,238	4,267	503
Missing—Presumed Dead	8	4	4	0	0
Other Deaths	2,827	2,121	310	242	154
Total Nonhostile Deaths	2,835	2,125	314	242	154
Total In-Theater Deaths^a	36,574	29,856	1,552	4,509	657
Total Non-Theater Deaths	17,672	7,277	5,532	1,019	3,844
Total Deaths	54,246	37,133	7,084	5,528	4,501
Killed in Action (No Remains)	1,521	1,072	49	252	148
Died of Wounds (No Remains)	22	22	0	0	0
Missing in Action—Declared Dead (No Remains)	4,549	3,276	807	372	94
Captured—Declared Dead (No Remains)	1,891	1,850	13	25	3
Nonhostile Missing—Presumed Dead (No Remains)	8	4	4	0	0
Nonhostile Other Deaths (No Remains)	84	5	37	6	36
Total—No Remains	8,075	6,229	910	655	281
Wounded—Not Mortal	103,284	77,596	368	23,744	1,576
Number Serving Worldwide ^b	5,720,000	2,834,000	1,285,000	424,000	1,177,000
Number Serving In-Theater ^b	1,789,000	1,153,000	241,000	130,000	265,000

Source: DCAS, https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/report_korea_sum.xhtml.

- a. Inclusive dates are June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953. Casualty dates after the end date represent servicemembers who were wounded during the period and subsequently died as a result of those wounds and servicemembers who were involved in an incident during the period and were later declared dead.
- b. Estimated figures.

Table 7. Vietnam Conflict: Casualty Summary
(as of December 22, 2014)

Casualty Type	Total	Army	Air Force	Marines	Navy ^a
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
Total Hostile Deaths	47,434	30,963	1,745	13,095	1,631
Missing—Presumed Dead	123	118	0	3	2
Other Deaths	10,663	7,143	841	1,746	933
Total Nonhostile Deaths	10,786	7,261	841	1,749	935
Total In-Theater Deaths	58,220	38,224	2,586	14,844	2,566
Killed in Action (No Remains)	575	173	206	102	94
Missing in Action—Declared Dead (No Remains)	691	201	339	74	77
Captured—Declared Dead (No Remains)	52	32	7	3	10
Nonhostile Missing—Presumed Dead (No Remains)	91	86	0	3	2
Nonhostile Other Deaths (No Remains)	332	69	30	37	196
Total—No Remains	1,741	561	582	219	379
Wounded—Not Mortal	153,303	96,802	931	51,392	4,178
Number Serving Worldwide ^b	8,744,000	4,368,000	1,740,000	794,000	1,842,000
Number Serving Southeast Asia	3,403,000	2,276,000	385,000	513,000	229,000
Number Serving South Vietnam	2,594,000	1,736,000	293,000	391,000	174,000

Source: DCAS, https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/report_vietnam_sum.xhtml.

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

- a. Includes Coast Guard.
- b. Estimated figures.

Table 8. Persian Gulf War: Casualty Summary
(Desert Shield and Desert Storm; as of December 22, 2014)

Casualty Type	Total	Army	Air Force	Marines	Navy ^a
Killed in Action	144	96	20	22	6
Died of Wounds	4	2	0	2	0
Missing in Action—Declared Dead	0	0	0	0	0
Captured—Declared Dead	0	0	0	0	0
Total Hostile Deaths	148	98	20	24	6
Missing—Presumed Dead	12	0	2	8	2
Other Deaths	223	126	13	36	48
Total Nonhostile Deaths	235	126	15	44	50
Total In-Theater Deaths	383	224	35	68	56
Total Non-Theater Deaths	1,565	608	299	171	487
Total Deaths	1,948	832	334	239	543
Killed in Action (No Remains)	2	0	0	0	2
Missing in Action (No Remains)	0	0	0	0	0
Captured—Declared Dead (No Remains)	0	0	0	0	0
Nonhostile Missing—Presumed Dead (No Remains)	12	0	2	8	2
Total—No Remains	14	0	2	8	4
Wounded—Not Mortal	467	354	9	92	12
Serving Worldwide ^b	2,225,000	782,000	561,000	213,000	669,000
Serving In-Theater—Active Duty	584,342	271,654	70,741	90,866	151,081
Serving In-Theater—Recalled	110,208	78,512	11,666	12,660	7,370

Source: DCAS, https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/report_gulf_sum.xhtml.

Notes: Inclusive dates are August 7, 1990, to January 15, 1991. Any casualty counted after the end date represents a servicemember who was wounded during the period and subsequently died as a result of those wounds or a servicemember who was in a missing status during part of the war period and later declared dead.

- a. Includes Coast Guard.
- b. Estimated figures.

Tables 9 through 11 provide casualty statistics for OEF, which began on October 7, 2001.¹ Data for OEF are updated on a daily basis. Daily casualty summaries are available at DOD’s website: <http://www.defense.gov/news/casualty.pdf>.

Tables 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 provide ethnicity statistics for OEF, OIF, and OND. A U.S. Office of Management and Budget mandate, Directive No. 15, requires all federal record keeping and data presentation to use race and ethnicity categories. For further explanation, see http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/fedreg_directive_15.

¹ Defense Casualty Analysis System (DCAS) database, https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/casualties_oef.xhtml.

Table 9. Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF): Casualty Summary by Casualty Category
(as of December 22, 2014)

Casualty Type	Total	Army	Navy	Marines	Air Force
Killed in Action	1,369	999	77	245	48
Died of Wounds ^a	473	329	7	133	4
Died of Terrorist Activities	2	0	0	0	2
Total Hostile Deaths	1,844	1,328	84	378	54
Accident	305	194	25	52	34
Illness/Injury	61	40	11	5	5
Homicide	13	10	0	3	0
Self-Inflicted	116	84	8	19	5
Undetermined	12	7	3	1	1
Pending ^b	1	0	1	0	0
Total Nonhostile Deaths	508	335	48	80	45
Total Deaths	2,352	1,663	132	458	99
Total Wounded In Action	20,065	14,204	414	4,946	501

Source: DCAS, https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/report_oef_type.xhtml.

- a. Includes those who died of wounds where wounding occurred in the theater and death occurred elsewhere.
- b. *Pending* is defined as final category to be determined at a later date.

Table 10. Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF): Military Deaths
(as of December 22, 2014)

	Totals	Army	Navy	Marines	Air Force
Casualty Type					
Hostile	1,844	1,328	84	378	54
Nonhostile	508	335	48	80	45
Total	2,352	1,663	132	458	99
Gender					
Female	51	36	5	2	8
Male	2,301	1,627	127	456	91
Total	2,352	1,663	132	458	99
Officer/Enlisted					
E1-E4	1,123	772	35	293	23
E5-E9	933	681	78	131	43
Officer	296	210	19	34	33
Total	2,352	1,663	132	458	99
Age					
Aged <22	513	336	16	156	5
22-24	538	365	18	137	18
25-30	729	535	39	123	32
31-35	262	186	33	23	20
>35	310	241	26	19	24
Total	2,352	1,663	132	4578	99
Component					
Active	2,033	1,381	125	436	91
Reserve	100	67	7	22	4
National Guard	219	215	0	0	4
Total	2,352	1,663	132	458	99
Race					
American Indian or Alaska Native	30	15	7	6	2
Asian	62	47	6	8	1
Black or African American	193	147	12	28	6
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	8	5	1	2	0
White	1,999	1,412	99	409	79
Multiple Races	30	19	6	1	4
Unknown	30	18	1	4	7
Total	2,352	1,663	132	458	99

	Totals	Army	Navy	Marines	Air Force
Ethnicity					
Asian (Other)	15	6	2	3	4
Chinese	1	0	0	1	0
Cuban	3	3	0	0	0
Filipino	17	11	3	3	0
Guamanian	9	9	0	0	0
Hispanic or Spanish	95	65	9	18	3
Indian	3	2	0	1	0
Indian Tribes U.S.	18	11	1	4	2
Japanese	1	0	0	0	1
Korean	9	8	1	0	0
Latin American	36	17	3	15	1
Melanesian	1	0	0	0	1
Mexican	38	24	0	13	1
None	1,921	1,344	108	388	81
Other	126	112	3	8	3
Micronesian	3	3	0	0	0
Pacific Islander (Other)	13	11	1	1	0
Polynesian	4	3	1	0	0
Puerto Rican	26	21	0	3	2
Vietnamese	1	1	0	0	0
Not Specified	12	12	0	0	0
Total	2,352	1,663	132	458	99

Source: DCAS, https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/report_oef_deaths.xhtml.

Table 11. Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF): Military Wounded in Action
(as of December 22, 2014)

	Totals	Army	Navy	Marines	Air Force
Casualty Type					
Hostile	20,065	14,204	414	4,946	501
Total	20,065	14,204	414	4,946	501
Gender					
Female	376	314	5	29	28
Male	19,628	13,890	371	4,894	473
Not Specified	61	0	38	23	0
Total	20,065	14,204	414	4,946	501
Officer/Enlisted					
E1-E4	11,907	7,938	212	3,597	160
E5-E9	6,825	5,200	178	1,151	296
Officer	1,317	1,051	24	197	45
Total	20,049	14,189	414	4,945	501
Age					
Aged <22	4,927	3,070	59	1,767	31
22-24	5,708	3,849	112	1,641	106
25-30	5,902	4,427	121	1,156	198
31-35	1,843	1,475	46	241	81
>35	1,528	1,291	37	117	83
Unknown	157	92	39	24	2
Total	20,065	14,204	414	4,946	501
Component					
Active	17,593	12,102	394	4,675	422
Reserve	800	489	20	271	20
National Guard	1,672	1,613	0	0	59
Total	20,065	14,204	414	4,946	501
Race					
American Indian or Alaska Native	188	116	23	45	4
Asian	389	307	18	58	6
Black or African American	1,407	1,154	30	191	32
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	78	25	8	42	3
White	16,347	12,220	243	3,448	436
Multiple Races	198	133	18	43	4
Unknown	1,458	249	74	1,119	16
Total	20,065	14,204	414	4,946	501

	Totals	Army	Navy	Marines	Air Force
Ethnicity					
Aleut	1	1	0	0	0
Asian (Other)	74	37	1	32	4
Chinese	15	9	1	5	0
Cuban	11	4	0	6	1
Eskimo	9	3	0	6	0
Filipino	60	26	11	21	2
Guamanian	7	4	1	2	0
Hispanic or Spanish	430	256	46	125	3
Indian	33	14	1	17	1
Indian Tribes U.S.	53	21	7	23	2
Japanese	9	5	1	3	0
Korean	22	14	0	7	1
Latin American	138	89	8	38	3
Mexican	323	125	5	187	6
None	2,711	1,458	206	598	449
Other	13,659	11,369	8	2,260	22
Micronesian	8	7	1	0	0
Pacific Islander (Other)	37	21	1	15	0
Polynesian	6	3	0	3	0
Puerto Rican	84	58	2	21	3
Vietnamese	10	6	0	4	0
Not Specified	161	52	38	71	0
Unknown	2,204	622	76	1,502	4
Total	20,065	14,204	414	4,946	501

Source: DCAS, https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/report_oef_wounded.xhtml.

Note: Casualty areas include in and around Afghanistan, Republic of the Philippines, Southwest Asia, and other locations.

Tables 12 through 14 provide casualty statistics for OIF, which began on March 20, 2003.² Major combat operations ended on September 1, 2010.³ These statistics are revised on a daily basis as records are processed through the U.S. military system.

² DCAS, https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/casualties_oif.xhtml.

³ DCAS, https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/casualties_ond.xhtml.

Table 12. Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): Casualty Summary by Casualty Category
(as of December 22, 2014)

Casualty Type	Total	Army	Navy ^a	Marines	Air Force
Killed in Action	2,676	1,921	62	664	29
Died of Wounds	799	610	1	188	0
Died While Missing In Action	1	1	0	0	0
Died While Captured	5	5	0	0	0
Died While Detained	1	0	1	0	0
Total Hostile Deaths	3,482	2,537	64	852	29
Accident	566	413	19	121	13
Illness/Injury	94	72	10	6	6
Homicide	36	23	4	7	2
Self-Inflicted	223	180	4	37	2
Undetermined	11	9	2	0	0
Total Nonhostile Deaths	930	697	39	171	23
Total Deaths	4,412	3,234	103	1,023	52
Total Wounded in Action	31,949	22,229	644	8,626	450

Source: DCAS, https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/report_oif_type.xhtml.

Notes: Includes those who died of wounds where wounding occurred in theater and death occurred elsewhere.

a. Navy totals include Coast Guard.

Table 13. Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): Military Deaths
(as of December 22, 2014)

	Totals	Army	Navy ^a	Marines	Air Force
Casualty Type					
Hostile	3,482	2,537	64	852	29
Nonhostile	930	697	39	171	23
Total	4,412	3,234	103	1,023	52
Gender					
Female	110	89	10	8	3
Male	4,302	3,145	93	1,015	49
Total	4,412	3,234	103	1,023	52
Officer/Enlisted					
E1-E4	2,541	1,711	43	774	13
E5-E9	1,444	1,194	49	174	27
Officer	427	329	11	75	12
Total	4,412	3,234	103	1,023	52
Age					
Aged <22	1,283	789	15	473	6
22-24	1,073	790	17	257	9
25-30	1,126	875	31	204	16
31-35	426	353	16	49	8
>35	503	426	24	40	13
Unknown	1	1	0	0	0
Total	4,412	3,234	103	1,023	52
Component					
Active	3,502	2,493	79	884	46
Reserve	413	246	24	139	4
National Guard	497	495	0	0	2
Total	4,412	3,234	103	1,023	52
Race					
American Indian or Alaska Native	43	27	1	15	0
Asian	77	63	5	9	0
Black or African American	439	372	12	48	7
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	17	10	1	6	0
White	3,640	2,626	82	892	40
Multiple Races	62	46	0	16	0
Unknown	134	90	2	37	5
Total	4,412	3,234	103	1,023	52

	Totals	Army	Navy^a	Marines	Air Force
Ethnicity					
Asian (Other)	17	8	1	8	0
Chinese	6	5	0	1	0
Cuban	3	3	0	0	0
Eskimo	1	1	0	0	0
Filipino	41	29	2	8	2
Guamanian	1	1	0	0	0
Hispanic or Spanish	212	132	4	75	1
Indian	5	4	0	1	0
Indian Tribes U.S.	51	35	1	15	0
Japanese	2	2	0	0	0
Korean	13	10	0	3	0
Latin American	66	33	6	27	0
Melanesian	1	1	0	0	0
Mexican	136	88	1	45	2
None	3,461	2,567	87	767	40
Other	242	206	0	33	3
Micronesian	6	5	0	1	0
Pacific Islander (Other)	28	26	0	2	0
Polynesian	10	9	0	1	0
Puerto Rican	50	48	1	0	1
Vietnamese	6	4	0	2	0
Not Specified	54	17	0	34	3
Total	4,412	3,234	103	1,023	52

Source: DCAS, https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/report_oif_all.xhtml.

a. Navy totals include one Coast Guard death.

Table 14. Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF): Wounded in Action
(as of December 22, 2014)

	Totals	Army	Navy	Marines	Air Force
Casualty Type					
Hostile	31,949	22,229	644	8,626	450
Total	31,949	22,229	644	8,626	450
Gender					
Female	627	547	6	41	33
Male	31,214	21,682	542	8,573	417
Not Specified	108	0	96	12	0
Total	31,949	22,229	644	8,626	450
Officer/Enlisted					
E1-E4	19,685	12,510	361	6,640	174
E5-E9	10,383	8,327	244	1,575	237
Officer	1,880	1,392	38	411	39
Total	31,948	22,229	643	8,626	450
Age					
Aged <22	8,892	5,262	133	3,432	65
22-24	7,997	5,764	153	1,974	106
25-30	7,542	5,926	140	1,345	131
31-35	3,063	2,557	80	372	54
>35	2,863	2,444	92	234	93
Unknown	1,592	276	46	1,269	1
Total	31,949	22,229	644	8,626	450
Component					
Active	24,930	16,443	541	7,573	373
Reserve	2,838	1,663	103	1,053	19
National Guard	4,181	4,123	0	0	58
Total	31,949	22,229	644	8,626	450
Race					
American Indian or Alaska Native	344	220	25	95	4
Asian	528	413	20	90	5
Black or African American	2,727	2,348	44	306	29
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	57	32	2	21	2
White	25,903	18,048	485	7,000	370
Multiple Races	322	243	15	57	7
Unknown	2,068	925	53	1,057	33

	Totals	Army	Navy	Marines	Air Force
Total	31,949	22,229	644	8,626	450
Ethnicity					
Aleut	5	4	0	1	0
Asian (Other)	73	65	1	6	1
Chinese	20	18	0	2	0
Cuban	29	20	1	7	1
Eskimo	6	4	0	2	0
Filipino	126	95	9	18	4
Guamanian	14	13	1	0	0
Hispanic or Spanish	696	509	20	161	6
Indian	63	41	1	21	0
Indian Tribes U.S.	247	182	8	56	1
Japanese	15	12	2	1	0
Korean	57	52	0	3	2
Latin American	198	158	6	32	2
Melanesian	5	3	0	2	0
Mexican	818	548	15	238	17
None	7,143	6,023	190	557	373
Other	13,241	12,703	13	506	19
Micronesian	25	21	2	2	0
Pacific Islander (Other)	84	68	2	12	2
Polynesian	48	48	0	0	0
Puerto Rican	286	257	4	20	5
Vietnamese	30	26	0	4	0
Not specified	1,027	85	31	904	7
Out of range	3	0	0	3	0
Unknown	7,690	1,274	338	6,068	10
Total	31,949	22,229	644	8,626	450

Source: DCAS, https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/report_oif_woundall.xhtml.

Tables 15 through 17 provide casualty statistics for Operation New Dawn (OND). Following the end of combat operations in Iraq (OIF) on September 1, 2010, use of the term *Operation New Dawn* began on the same day, at the beginning of stability operations.⁴

⁴ DCAS, https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/casualties_ond.xhtml.

Table 15. Operation New Dawn (OND): Casualty Summary by Casualty Category
(as of December 22, 2014)

Casualty Category	Total	Army	Navy ^a	Marines	Air Force
Killed in Action	22	22	0	0	0
Died of Wounds ^b	16	16	0	0	0
Total Hostile Deaths	38	38	0	0	0
Accident	5	3	0	0	2
Illness/Injury	7	5	1	0	1
Homicide	3	3	0	0	0
Self-Inflicted	12	10	1	0	1
Undetermined	1	1	0	0	0
Total Nonhostile Deaths	28	22	2	0	4
Total Deaths	66	60	2	0	4
Total—Wounded in Action	295	293	0	0	2

Source: DCAS, https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/report_ond_type.xhtml.

- a. Navy totals include Coast Guard.
- b. Includes those who died of wounds where wounding occurred in theater and death occurred elsewhere. Any casualty counted after the end date represents a servicemember who was wounded during the period and subsequently died as a result of those wounds or a servicemember who was in a missing status during a part of the war period and later declared dead.

Table 16. Operation New Dawn (OND): Military Deaths
(as of December 22, 2014)

	Totals	Army	Navy ^a	Marines	Air Force
Casualty Type					
Hostile	38	38	0	0	0
Nonhostile	28	22	2	0	4
Total	66	60	2	0	4
Gender					
Female	0	0	0	0	0
Male	66	60	2	0	4
Total	66	60	2	0	4
Officer/Enlisted					
E1-E4	38	33	1	0	4
E5-E9	20	20	0	0	0
Officer	8	7	1	0	0
Total	66	60	2	0	4
Age					
Aged <22	11	10	0	0	1
22-24	15	14	0	0	1
25-30	25	22	1	0	2
31-35	5	5	0	0	0
>35	10	9	1	0	0
Total	66	60	2	0	4
Component					
Active	54	49	1	0	4
Reserve	6	5	1	0	0
National Guard	6	6	0	0	0
Total	66	60	2	0	4
Race					
Asian	1	1	0	0	0
Black or African American	5	5	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	1	0	0	0
White	58	52	2	0	4
Multiple Races	1	1	0	0	0
Total	66	60	2	0	4
Ethnicity					
Hispanic or Spanish	8	8	0	0	0
None	54	49	1	0	4
Other	1	0	1	0	0
Polynesian	1	1	0	0	0
Puerto Rican	2	2	0	0	0
Total	66	60	2	0	4

Source: DCAS, https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/report_ond_deaths.xhtml.

a. Navy totals include Coast Guard.

Table 17. Operation New Dawn: Military Wounded in Action
(as of December 22, 2014)

	Totals	Army	Navy	Marines	Air Force
Casualty Type					
Hostile	295	293	0	0	2
Total	295	293	0	0	2
Gender					
Female	12	11	0	0	1
Male	283	282	0	0	1
Total	295	293	0	0	2
Officer/Enlisted					
E1-E4	177	177	0	0	0
E5-E9	99	97	0	0	2
Officer	19	19	0	0	0
Total	295	293	0	0	2
Age					
<22	62	62	0	0	0
22-24	67	67	0	0	0
25-30	103	102	0	0	1
31-35	28	28	0	0	0
>35	34	33	0	0	1
Unknown	1	1	0	0	0
Total	295	293	0	0	2
Component					
Active	218	217	0	0	1
Reserve	16	16	0	0	0
National Guard	61	60	0	0	1
Total	295	293	0	0	2
Race					
Asian	7	7	0	0	0
Black or African American	39	39	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	1	0	0	0
White	241	239	0	0	2
Multiple Races	4	4	0	0	0
Unknown	3	3	0	0	0
Total	295	293	0	0	2
Ethnicity					
Cuban	1	1	0	0	0
Hispanic or Spanish	6	6	0	0	0
Korean	2	2	0	0	0
Latin American	3	3	0	0	0
Mexican	3	3	0	0	0
None	27	25	0	0	2

	Totals	Army	Navy	Marines	Air Force
Other	233	233	0	0	0
Pacific Islander (Other)	1	1	0	0	0
Puerto Rican	4	4	0	0	0
Unknown	15	15	0	0	0
Total	295	293	0	0	2

Source: DCAS, https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/report_ond_wound.xhtml.

In an address to the American people on September 10, 2014,⁵ President Obama described a four-part strategy to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). Subsequently, on September 22, 2014, the President authorized U.S. Central Command to carry out military actions against the ISIL terrorists.⁶ **Table 18** lists casualties for Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR).

Table 18. Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR): Casualties
(as of December 23, 2014)

	Total Deaths	Deaths in Action	Nonhostile	Pending	Wounded in Action
OIR U.S. Military Casualties	3	0	3	0	0
OIR U.S. DOD Civilian Casualties	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	0	3	0	0

Sources: U.S. Department of Defense (DOD), News Releases at <http://www.defense.gov/news/casualty.pdf>.

Table 19 lists U.S. Coast Guard casualties, including those that occurred in Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the Mediterranean Sea east of 25° longitude, the Persian Gulf, and the Red Sea.

Table 19. U.S. Coast Guard Service Casualties

War or Conflict	Number Served	Deaths in Action	Wounded	Total Casualties
War of 1812	100 (?)	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Mexican War	71 officers	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Civil War	219 officers	1	Unknown	Unknown
Spanish-American War	660	1	0	1
World War I	8,835	111 ^a	Unknown	Unknown
World War II	241,093	574 ^b	Unknown	1,917

⁵ David Hudson, “President Obama: ‘We Will Degrade and Ultimately Destroy ISIL,’” *The White House Blog*, September 10, 2014, at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2014/09/10/president-obama-we-will-degrade-and-ultimately-destroy-isil>.

⁶ The White House, Office of the Press Secretary, “Statement by the President on Airstrikes in Syria,” at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/09/23/statement-president-airstrikes-syria>.

War or Conflict	Number Served	Deaths in Action	Wounded	Total Casualties
Korean War	8,500 ^c	0	0	0
Vietnam War	8,000	7	60	67
Mayaguez Incident	8 ^d	0	0	0
Grenada: Operation Urgent Fury	162	0	0	0
Panama: Operation Just Cause	9 ^e	0	0	0
Operation Desert Shield/Storm	400	0	0	0
Kosovo	100	0	0	0
Operation Iraqi Freedom	1,250 ^f	1	1	2

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, United States Coast Guard. “Coast Guard History, Frequently Asked Questions” at <http://www.uscg.mil/history/faqs/wars.asp>.

- a. Includes 81 Coast Guard deaths from other causes (i.e., crashes, accidents, disease, or drowning).
- b. There were an additional 1,343 Coast Guard deaths from other causes, such as crashes, accidents, disease, or drowning.
- c. Equals the approximate number of Coast Guardsmen who were eligible for the Korean Service Medal.
- d. Crewmen on board HC-130B CG-1339 and one Coast Guard office participating in the U.S. Coast Guard-U.S. Navy Exchange Programs on board USS *Harold E. Holt* (FF-1074).
- e. There were six personnel from Group Miami Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) stationed aboard the USS *Vreeland* (FF-1068), which was conducting operations when the ship was diverted for Operation Just Cause. Three other ships were assigned permanently to Panama and were also involved in the conflict. No casualties were incurred.
- f. As of June 2004.

Resources

Sources of Statistics

The Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) provides detailed historical tables as well as annual statistics on active duty military deaths. DMDC also lists names of the fallen for Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and Operation Enduring Freedom. <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/casualties.xhtml>

The Office of the Historian, U.S. Coast Guard, provides a historical table listing the number of U.S. Coast Guardsmen who served and the number of casualties incurred in conflicts from the War of 1812 to Operation Iraqi Freedom to June, 2004. <http://www.uscg.mil/history/faqs/wars.asp>

Sources of Published Lists of Names of War Dead or Other Demographic Indicators

The Congressional Research Service receives many requests for lists of war dead. Names of the fallen are often engraved on memorials, mentioned in tributes, or used for other ceremonial purposes. The names of U.S. military personnel killed in major wars and other combat actions are published in the following sources:

World War I

Soldiers of the Great War, from the collection of the Harvard University Library. Available through the Internet Archive in various formats, including a digitized PDF by Google that may be accessed at

<https://archive.org/details/soldiersgreatwa02doylgoog>

The American Battle Monuments Commission

The American Battle Monuments Commission's (ABMC's) "Burials and Memorializations" webpage lists the names of servicemembers buried or memorialized in ABMC cemeteries overseas. The database allows searching by name, conflict (beginning with World War I), branch of service, unit number, state of entry, cemetery or memorial, and date of death.

<http://www.abmc.gov/search-abmc-burials-and-memorializations>

World War II

Military Personnel Casualty Lists

The National Archives' Online Public Access catalog allows the public to search the archives' military personnel casualty lists. The site may be accessed at

http://research.archives.gov/search?expression=military+personnel+casualty+lists&pg_src=brief&data-source=archives-gov

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Korean War

Korea State-Level Casualty Lists

The National Archives publishes casualty lists that may be searched by home state of record.

<http://www.archives.gov/research/military/korean-war/casualty-lists/state-level-alpha.html>

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Vietnam War

Vietnam State-Level Casualty Lists

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<http://www.archives.gov/research/military/vietnam-war/casualty-lists/state-level-alpha.html>

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Persian Gulf War (Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield)

Persian Gulf War State-Level Casualty Lists

The National Archives publishes casualty lists that may be searched by home state of record.

<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/display-partial-records.jsp?f=4773&mtch=385&q=persian+gulf+war&cat=GP21&dt=2514&tf=F&bc=sl>

Global War on Terror

Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) Casualties

The National Archives publishes casualty lists that may be searched by home state of record.

http://aad.archives.gov/aad/display-partial-records.jsp?s=4772&dt=2514&tf=F&bc=%2Csl%2Cfd&q=Operation+Enduring+Freedom&btnSearch=Search&as_alq=&as_anq=&as_epq=&as_woq=

Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) Casualties

The National Archives publishes casualty lists that may be searched by home state of record.

http://aad.archives.gov/aad/display-partial-records.jsp?s=4772&dt=2514&tf=F&bc=%2Csl%2Cfd&q=Operation+Iraqi+Freedom&btnSearch=Search&as_alq=&as_anq=&as_epq=&as_woq=

Related Sources

Defense Prisoner of War and Missing Personnel Office (DPMO)

DPMO's mission is to "Keep the Promise" by locating the remains, repatriating, or determining the whereabouts of missing Americans. Currently, 83,000 Americans are missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, Vietnam, and the Gulf War. Names of those who have been accounted for can be found on the DPMO's "Recently Accounted For" webpage at

http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/accounted_for/

Wars Prior to World War I

Lists of casualties that are not available from a central source may in some cases be available at the state level from each state's or commonwealth's adjutant general's office or from military history detachments, military museums, state libraries, or archives. The National Guard Association, at <http://www.ngaus.org/state-national-guard-information>, provides links to contacts for National Guard information in all 50 states as well as District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Additional Websites

U.S. Casualty Status is a daily update of casualties published by DOD for OEF, OIF, OND, and OIR.

<http://www.defense.gov/news/casualty.pdf>

DOD News Releases contain daily news, including military personnel fatalities by name. The releases archive at the bottom of the webpage dates to October 1994.

<http://www.defense.gov/releases/>

CRS Reports

CRS Report R41084, *Afghanistan Casualties: Military Forces and Civilians*, by Susan G. Chesser.

CRS Report RS22452, *A Guide to U.S. Military Casualty Statistics: Operation Inherent Resolve, Operation New Dawn, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom*, by Hannah Fischer.

CRS Report R42738, *Instances of Use of United States Armed Forces Abroad, 1798-2014*, by Barbara Salazar Torreon.

CRS Report RS21405, *U.S. Periods of War and Dates of Current Conflicts*, by Barbara Salazar Torreon.

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