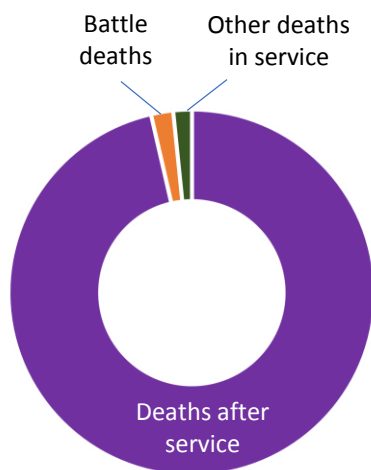




On Memorial Day VA Honors All Who Have Served and Died

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs honors the service and sacrifice of America's Veterans this Memorial Day. This infographic shows the number who have died in service to our nation or after their time in the military. VA honors their service with benefits provided by the National Cemetery Administration (NCA).



96%
The percentage of deceased Veterans who died after military service



Died During Wartime Military Service

Battle Deaths

656,000
Veterans who died in battle

Other Deaths in Service (In-Theater & Non-Theater)

552,000
Veterans who died in service, but not in battle

Died After Military Service (as of 9/30/2017)

32.5 million
Veterans who died after military service

NCA Memorial Benefits

13.6 million
The number of headstones and markers furnished since 1973

3.7 million
The number of gravesites maintained

135,306
The number of interments in National Cemeteries in 2018

NCVAS
National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics

Notes: Peacetime Only Veterans are those who served between 1918-1941, 1947-1950, 1955-1964, or 1975-1990. Death information for this population is limited to only those who used a VA benefit or served after 1975. Peacetime Only deaths are all listed under "Died After Military Service". Post-9/11 Gulf War Era Wartime deaths are as of May 13, 2019.

Sources: Deaths in Theater and other deaths in service through Vietnam War Era - https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/factsheets/fs_americas_wars.pdf. Pre-9/11 Gulf War Era Wartime deaths - <https://fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RL32492.pdf>. Post-9/11 Gulf War Era battle and other deaths in service - <https://dod.defense.gov/News/Casualty-Status/> (May 13, 2019). Post-World War I deaths after service - Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Enterprise Integration, Office of Data Governance and Analytics, *United States Eligibility Trends & Statistics (USVETS), 2017*. Data on burials and grave markers - Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, Office of Engagement and Memorial Innovations. Prepared by the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics www.va.gov/vetdata

