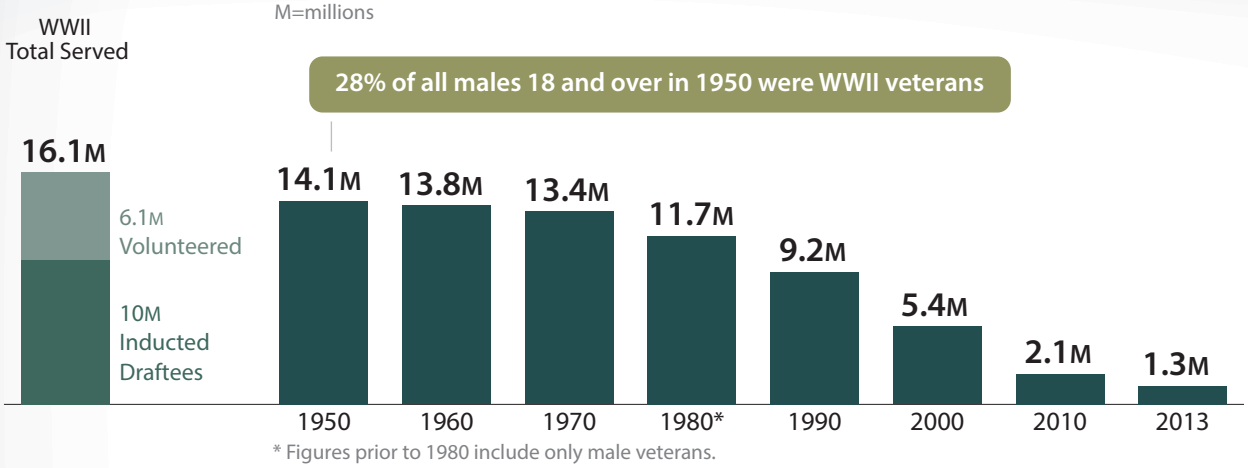
World War II: 70 Years On

V-E Day, May 8, 1945 | V-J Day, August 14, 1945

On May 8, 1945, the Allied countries of World War II formally accepted Germany's unconditional surrender of its military. Victory in Europe (V-E) Day marked the end of World War II in Europe. August 14, 1945, Victory Over Japan (V-J) Day marked the day Japan unconditionally surrendered to the Allies, effectively ending World War II.

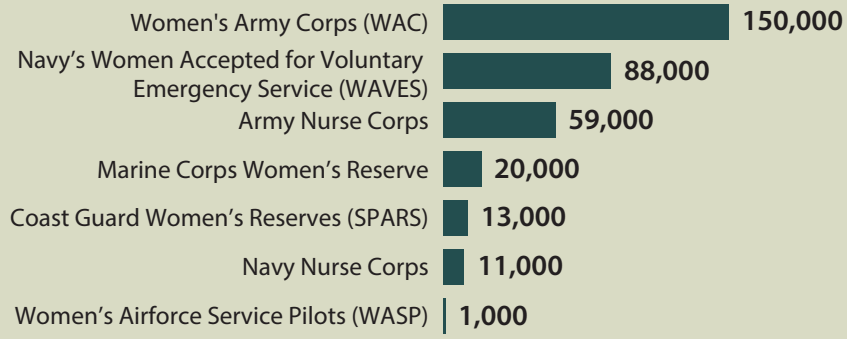
Living U.S. World War II Veterans

M=millions



* Figures prior to 1980 include only male veterans.

Women in World War II
Total: 342,000
Died: 217



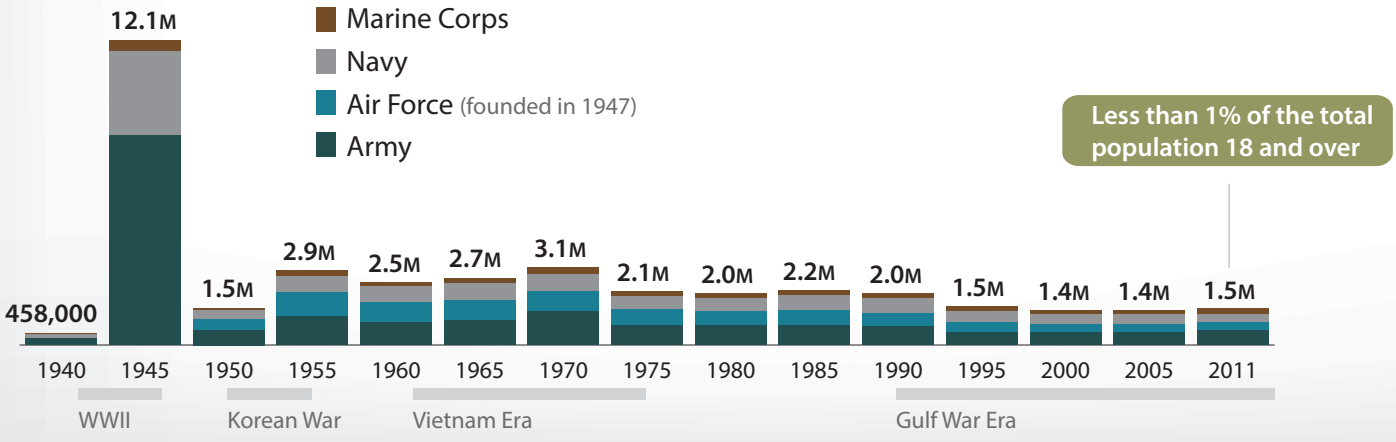
16.1M served

671,000 wounded

406,000 died

33 **months** average duration of service

Active Duty Military Strength Totals 1940–2011



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