



World War II: 70 Years On

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

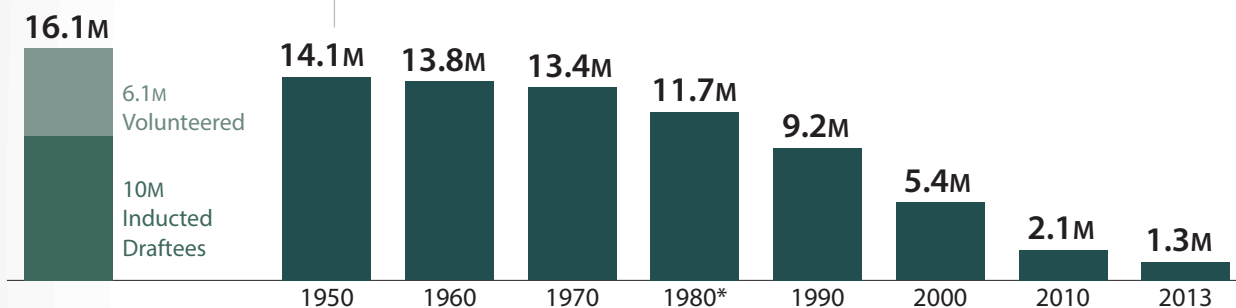
On May 8, 1945, the Allied countries of World War II formally accepted Germany's unconditional surrender of its military. Victory in Europe (V-E) Day marked the end of World War II in Europe. August 14, 1945, Victory Over Japan (V-J) Day marked the day Japan unconditionally surrendered to the Allies,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

Living U.S. World War II Veterans

M=millions

WWII
Total Served

28% of all males 18 and over in 1950 were WWII veterans



* Figures prior to 1980 include only male veterans.



16.1M served



671,000 wounded



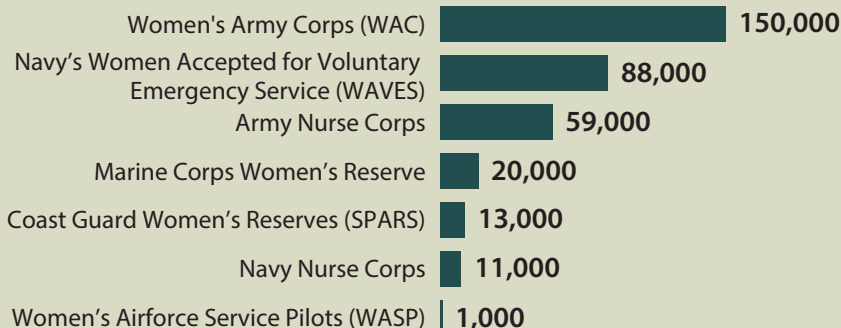
406,000 died



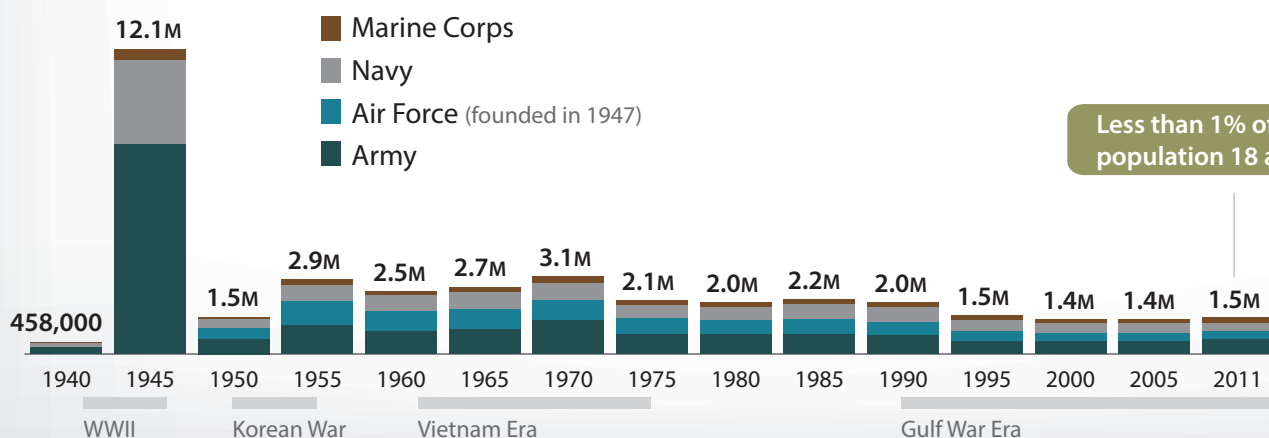
33 months average duration of service



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



Active Duty Military Strength Totals 1940-2011



Less than 1% of the total population 18 and over