



# 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

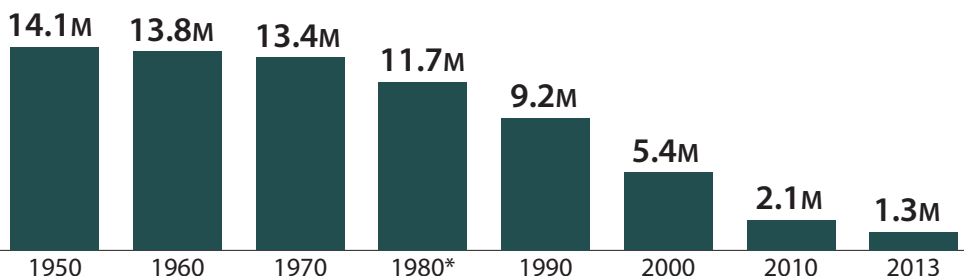
M=millions

WWII  
Total Served

16.1M

6.1M  
Volunteered  
10M  
Inducted  
Draftees

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



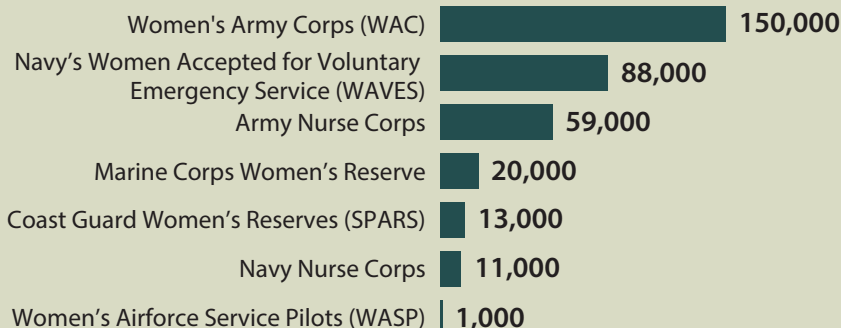
406,000  
died



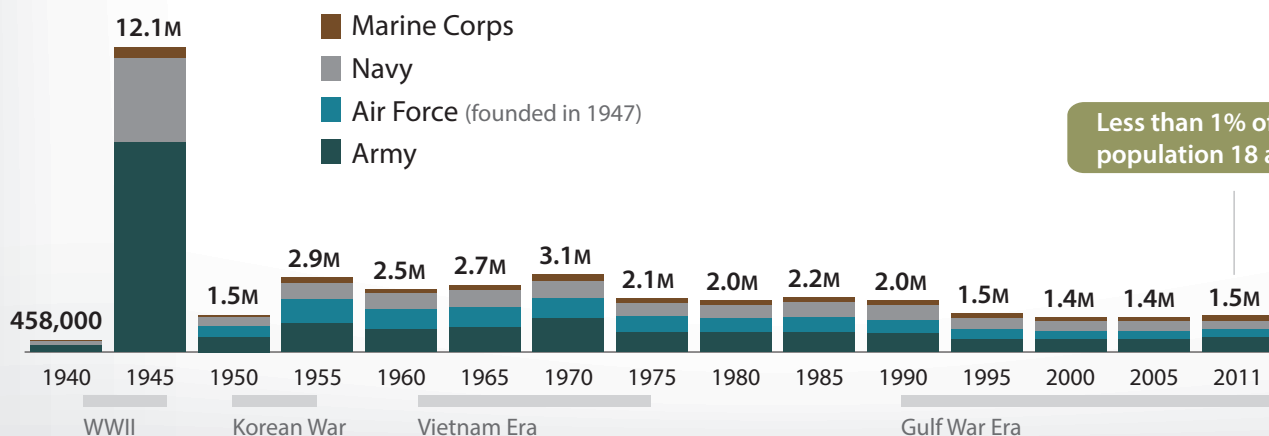
33  
months  
average  
duration of  
service



**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