

Table 16.2 America's wars and casualties (dates indicate U.S. troop involvement)

War	Participants	Deaths in Service
American Revolution 1775–1783	Unknown	4,435
War of 1812 1812–1815	286,730	2,260
Mexican War 1846–1848	78,718	13,283
Civil War, Union Only 1861–1865	2,213,363	364,511
Spanish–American War 1898–1902	306,760	2,446
World War I 1917–1918	4,734,991	116,516
World War II 1941–1945	16,112,566	405,399
Korean War 1950–1953	5,720,000	36,576
Vietnam War 1964–1973	8,744,000	58,209
Persian Gulf War 1990–1991	2,322,000	382

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs 2007.