Memorial Day Observance Facts

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Total number of military men and women who have lost their lives in service*

U.S. War Deaths

(1775 to Present)

Revolutionary War (1775-1783)	4,435
War of 1812 (1812-1815)	2,260
Indian Wars (1817-1898)	1,000
Mexican War (1846-1848)	13,283
Civil War (1861-1865)	498,332
Spanish-American War (1898-1902)	2,446
World War I (1917-1918)	116,516
World War II (1941-1945)	405,399
Korean War (1950-1953)	54,246
Vietnam War (1964-1975)	90,220
Persian Gulf War (1990-1991)	1,948
Global War on Terror (2001-Present)	7,033
TOTAL MILITARY DEATHS	1,197,118

Totals include battle deaths, other deaths in service (non-theater) and other deaths (in theater) as of Jan. 2020



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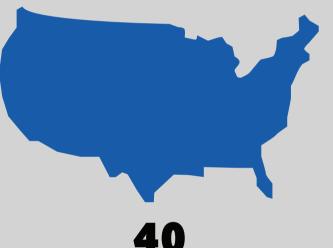
Number of National Veteran Cemeteries in the United States

3,700,000

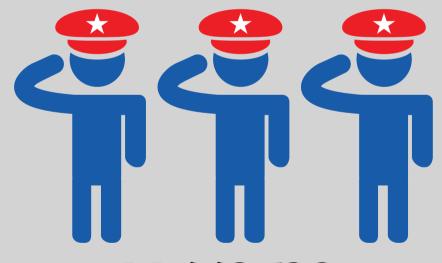
Graves are maintained and

21,400

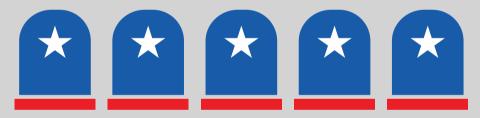
Acres (approximately) are managed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration (NCA)**



Number of states (and Puerto Rico) which have National Veteran Cemeteries**



44,662,128 Number of veterans who have served the country in war*



1,045 acres

LARGEST NATIONAL CEMETERY

Calverton National Cemetery in Calverton, NY

0.03 acres

SMALLEST NATIONAL CEMETERY

Hampton VAMC, VA

OLDEST NATIONAL CEMETERY

12 established in 1862

NEWEST NATIONAL CEMETERY

Pikes Peak National Cemetery established in October 2018

Western New York National Cemetery is under development as of Jan. 2019

Sources:

*U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs America's Wars and U.S. Department of Defense Casualty Status Report as of January 2020; The RAND Corporation as of 2018. **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration and veteranaid.org as of January 2019.

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Flags at Half-Staff

On Memorial Day, the U.S. flag should be flown at half-staff from sunrise to noon. The POW/MIA flag should be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sundown.