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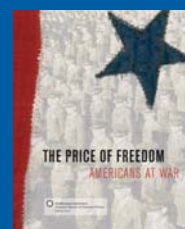
National Museum of American History

The Museum is located at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily; closed December 25. Admission is free. Museum exhibition areas, performance spaces, and most rest rooms accommodate wheelchairs. For further information call 202-633-1000 (voice) or 202-357-1729 (TTY) or visit americanhistory.si.edu.

Website

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/militaryhistory>

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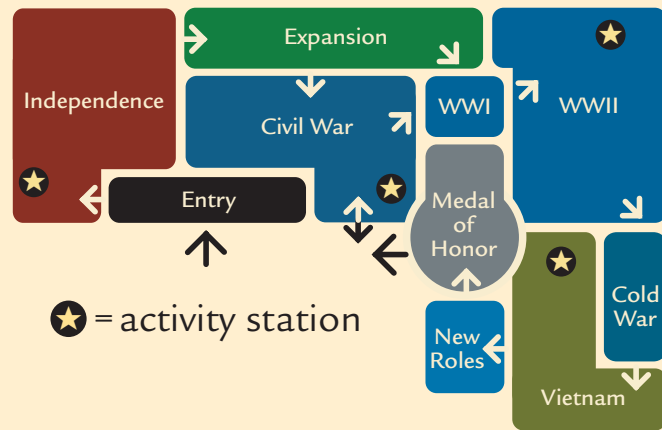


AMERICANS HAVE GONE TO WAR to win their independence, expand their national boundaries, define their freedoms, and defend their interests around the globe. ★ This exhibition examines how wars have shaped the nation's history and transformed American society. ★ It highlights the service and sacrifice of generations of American men and women. ★ ★ ★



HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Use this brochure to enhance your visit! In four exhibit sections—War of Independence, Civil War, World War II, and Vietnam—you will find activity stations that pose questions. Use embossing or rubbing devices there to mark your brochure and reveal the answers.



War of Independence
1775–1783

Wars of Expansion
1812–1902

Civil War
1861–1865

World War I
1917–1918

World War II
1941–1945

Cold War
1945–1989

Vietnam War
1956–1975

New American Roles
1989–Present

Americans went to war to win their independence from Great Britain.

Americans fought in North America and overseas to expand the nation's territory.

Americans battled each other over preserving their Union and ending slavery.

Americans reluctantly entered Europe's "Great War" and tipped the balance to Allied victory.

Americans joined the Allies to defeat Axis militarism and nationalist expansion.

Americans led Western efforts to contain Communism during the Korean War and nuclear arms race.

Americans fought a protracted and divisive war against Communist expansion in Southeast Asia.

Americans fought to defend their interests against threats at home as well as abroad.

AMERICANS AT WAR

	War of Independence 1775–1783	War of 1812 1812–1815	Indian Wars 1813–1890	Mexican War 1846–1848	Spanish-American War 1898–1902	Civil War 1861–1865	World War I 1917–1918	World War II 1941–1945	Korean War 1950–1953	Vietnam War 1964–1975	Gulf War 1990–1991	
In Service	217,000	286,730	106,000	78,718	306,760	3,263,363	4,734,991	16,112,566	5,720,000	9,200,000 In theater: 3,403,000	2,322,332 In theater: 694,550	In Service
Deaths	4,435 ***	2,260 *	1,000 *	13,283 ***	2,446 *	529,332 *****	116,516 *****	405,399 *****	36,576 ***	58,200 *****	382 *	Deaths
		** = 2,000 deaths		* = 1,000 deaths or fewer								

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

War of Independence
The Stamp Act
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Civil War
Choosing Sides
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World War II
Becoming a Soldier
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Vietnam
Remembering the Lost
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