

## Row-on-Row: US Military Graves, Cemeteries, and Memorials

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### Planned Session Topics

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1	Introductory Material and Summary History of US Military Burials
2	Overview of Types of Military Burial Locations (mostly domestic)
3	Continuation of Overview of Types of Military Burial Locations and 20 <sup>th</sup> Century World War 1 and 2 Burials
4	American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) and Selected Specific Graves and Cemeteries

### US War Deaths

War	Date	Deaths		
		Combat	Other	Total
American Revolution	1775-1783	8,000	17,000	25,000
War of 1812-	1812-1815	2,280	12,740	15,000
Mexican-American War	1846-1848	1,733	11,550	13,283
US Civil War (Union)	1861-1865	140,414	224,097	364,511
US Civil War (Confederate)+	1861-1865	94,000	195,000	290,000
Spanish-American War	1898	385	2,061	2,446
Philippine-American War	1898-1913	1,020	3,186	4,196
World War I	1914-1918	53,402	63,114	116,516
World War II	1941-1945	291,557	113,842	405,399
Korea	1950-1953	33,656	2,830	36,516
Vietnam	1955-1975	47,434	10,786	58,220
Persian Gulf	1990-1991	149	145	294
Afghanistan	2001-2021	1,910	415	2,325
Iraq	2003-2011	3,519	973	4,492

#### Additional Information: Selected Websites

National Cemetery Administration (NCA, part of US Veterans Administration), <https://www.cem.va.gov/index.asp> : accessed 1 Feb 2022. Huge web site. The following link leads to a particularly interesting 40-page booklet: [file:///C:/Users/ccf14/AppData/Local/Temp/NCA\\_America\\_WWII\\_Burial\\_Program.pdf](file:///C:/Users/ccf14/AppData/Local/Temp/NCA_America_WWII_Burial_Program.pdf) : accessed 1 Feb 2022). The web site also contains information for veterans concerning burial in a National Cemetery.

American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC), <https://www.abmc.gov> : accessed 1 Feb 2022. Another large and informative web site. Many downloadable pdf pamphlets and booklets. The following link is to a WW1 guidebook said to have been partly written by *Major* D. D. Eisenhower, when he was assigned to the ABMC for about 1.5 years in the 1920s: [https://www.abmc.gov/sites/default/files/publications/AABEFINAL\\_Blue\\_Book.pdf](https://www.abmc.gov/sites/default/files/publications/AABEFINAL_Blue_Book.pdf)

United States military casualties of war, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_military\\_casualties\\_of\\_war](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_military_casualties_of_war)

Instructor: <http://www.xenonsheepdog.org/oddsandends/index.html>

## Deaths in Selected Other Conflicts

Conflict	Date	Deaths		
		Combat	Other	Total
<b>First Barbary War</b>	1801-1805	35	39	74
<b>Black Hawk War</b>	1832	47	258	305
<b>Second Seminole War</b>	1835-1842	328	1207	1535
<b>Great Sioux War</b>	1875-1877	314		314
<b>US Occupation Nicaragua</b>	1910, 1912-1925, 1927-1933	90	69	159
<b>Occupation of Haiti</b>	1915-1934	10	138	148
<b>Berlin Blockade</b>	1948-1949	0	31	31
<b>Beirut Deployment</b>	1982-1984	256	19	256
<b>Invasion of Panama</b>	1989	23	0	23

### Additional Information: Selected Books

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Sledge, Michael; *Soldier Dead: How We Recover, Identify, Bury, and Honor Our Military Fallen*; Columbia University Press, (New York); 2005.

Honaker, Charles W. (Bill); *The Dead Were Mine*; (Apparently self-published); 2014. This book may have been written in the late 1940s.

Conner, Thomas H.; *War and Remembrance: The Story of the American Battle Monuments Commission*; University Press of Kentucky; 2018.

Holt, Dean W.; *American Military Cemeteries* (Second Edition); McFarland and Company, Publishers (Box 611, Jefferson NC 28640); 2010.

Steere, Edward and Boardman, Thayer M.; *Final Disposition of World War II Dead, 1945-1951*; US Army Quartermaster Corps, QMC Historical Studies, Series II, No. 4; Washington D.C, Historical Branch Office of the Quartermaster General 1957. Seems to no longer be available online as a complete download, but it can probably be read, one page at a time, from: <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uiug.30112101586490&view=1up&seq=1>

Steere, Edward, *The Graves Registration Service in World War II*, Q. M. C. Historical Studies No. 21; Washington DC, Historical Section, Office of the Quartermaster General; US G. P. O.; 1951.

<https://play.google.com/store/books/details?id=UWs8WZeQc8C&rdid=book-UWs8WZeQc8C&rdot=1>

Lemay, Kate Clarke, *Triumph of the Dead: American World War II Cemeteries, Monuments, and Diplomacy in France*, The University of Alabama Press (Tuscaloosa), 2018.