

NAPA COUNTY VETERANS' COMMISSION AD
HOC COMMITTEE:

NAPA COUNTY WAR DEAD

FINAL REPORT

SEPT 24, 2019

Committee Members:

Commissioner Tom Sabo

Mr. Joshua Thornton, Eagle Scout at Large and Student Archivist

Commissioner Rose Sheehan

Ms. Susan Sanderson, Napa Resident District 1

Mr. Burt Lucido, Retired First Class Seaman

SUMMARY

I. BACKGROUND

The Napa County Veterans' Commissioners assembled a Napa County War Dead Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Commissioner Tom Sabo (Chair) and Commissioner Rose Sheehan. Additional Ad Hoc Committee Members enlisted by Commissioners Sabo and Sheehan included:

Mr. Joshua Thornton, Eagle Scout At-Large and Student Archivist

Mr. Burt Lucido, Retired First Class Seaman

Ms. Susan Sanderson, Napa District 1 Resident

This Committee was tasked to assemble a Napa County War Dead list for the purposes of a Napa County Veterans' Memorial and for publication within the Napa Valley Register to Honor the Fallen.

This formal Report is a compilation of the efforts put forth by this Committee. For more than a year, this Committee has researched, collected, and compiled diverse information to create the results herein. This is far from complete as it has been difficult to locate and include information on those who died later from war wounds. We respectfully request any corrections and additional information from the people of Napa County and elsewhere.

II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

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| a. WORLD WAR I - Napa County War Dead Totaled | 15 |
| i. (Reference Appendix A for War Dead List) | |
| b. WORLD WAR II - Napa County War Dead Totaled | 80 |
| i. (Reference Appendix B for War Dead List) | |
| c. KOREAN WAR - Napa County War Dead Totaled | 6 |
| i. (Reference Appendix C for War Dead List) | |
| d. VIETNAM WAR - Napa County War Dead Totaled | 26 |
| i. (Reference Appendix D for War Dead List) | |
| e. PERSIAN GULF WAR - Napa County War Dead Totaled | 0 |
| i. (Reference Appendix E for War Dead List) | |
| f. IRAQ/ AFGHANISTAN WAR - Napa County War Dead Totaled | 7 |
| i. (Reference Appendix G for War Dead List) | |

As Paul Waldman of the “American Prospect” noted in his 2014 article:

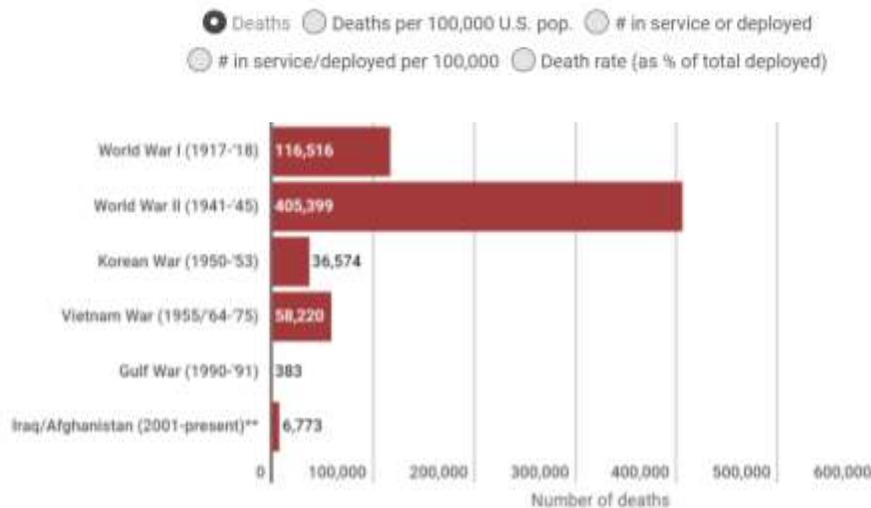
“...World War I and World War II, particularly the latter, more than 16 million Americans were in the armed forces. As a proportion of the population, 14 times as many Americans served in World War II as did in the wars of the last decade.”

In Vietnam, Waldman writes, there was one death for every 58 soldiers deployed.

In both World War I and World War II, that rate was about one in 40.

The chart below shows U.S. war deaths per official military conflict. Some of these figures, particularly those from older conflicts, are rough estimates. Sources are listed below.

U.S. War Deaths, by the Numbers



** Department of Defense, May 2016 (U.S. troops remain minimally involved in both conflict zones)

Sources

- War fatalities/deployments: *Dept. of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense*

- Population figures: *Paul Waldman, American Prospect (based on U.S. Census data from the year each war began)*

<https://www.kqed.org/lowdown/22209/interactive-american-war-deaths-by-the-numberspage>

IX. **APPENDIX G – Sources**

- a. Military National Archives
- b. Military Times
- c. World War II Honor List of Dead and Missing Army and Army Air Forces Personnel from California, 1946 **Creator:** War Department. The Adjutant Generals Office. Administrative Services Division. Strength Accounting Branch. (ca. 1941 - ca. 1954)
- d. State Summary of War Casualties from World War II for Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Personnel from California, 1946 **Creator:** Department of the Navy. Bureau of Naval Personnel. (1942-09/18/1947)
- e. US Department of Defense
- f. Congressional Research Service
- g. Los Angeles Times
- h. Associated Press
- i. Napa Register