

VIETNAM WAR FACT SHEET

US Troops Who Served in South Vietnam January 1965 – March 1973: †	2,594,000
US Troops from Wisconsin who served in Vietnam: *	165,400
Surviving Vietnam Veterans who are disabled: *	11%
Average age of the Vietnam War GI: †	19

US Casualties †

Killed in Action	47,418
Non-hostile Deaths	10,811
Hospitalized Wounded	153,329
Non-Hospitalized Wounded	150,375
Missing in Action	2338 (at war's end)
Prisoners of War	766 (114 died in captivity)

Wisconsin Casualties

Killed in Action ‡	1241
– Missing in Action #	37

Timeline 1950 – 1975 †

Beginning of US advisory war in Vietnam.	AUG 1950
Battle of Dien Bien Phu. First US casualties in advisory war.	MAR – MAY 1954
Gulf of Tonkin Incident. Beginning of US combat operations. First US POW taken.	AUG 1964
Operation Rolling Thunder begins bombing raids on North Vietnam.	MAR 1965
Marines land at Da Nang. Start of the ground war.	MAR 1965
Operation Game Warden begins US Navy inland waterway interdiction.	APR 1966
Battle of Khe Sanh. Marines come under siege for 77 days. US KIA 205.	JAN – APR 1968
Tet Offensive. US KIA 3,895. Turning point in the war.	JAN – FEB 1968
Operation Rolling Thunder Ends.	OCT 1968
Battle of Hamburger Hill. After 11 assaults, 1000 troops of the 101 st Airborne capture Hill 937 in the A Shau Valley. US KIA 70.	MAY 1969
US Navy ends inland waterway combat.	DEC 1970
Operation Linebacker/Linebacker I/Linebacker II. Concentrated bombing of North Vietnam.	Throughout 1972
Operation Homecoming begins. Release of US POWs.	FEB 1973
Last US Ground Troops Leave Vietnam.	MAR 1973
Fall of Saigon to the army of North Vietnam.	APR 1975

SOURCES:

† Vietnam War Combat Chronology: A Special Publication of VFW Magazine, 2002

‡ Wisconsin Historical Society

* Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

The Highground list of Vietnam casualties