# The American Military Experience

### American Civil War 1861



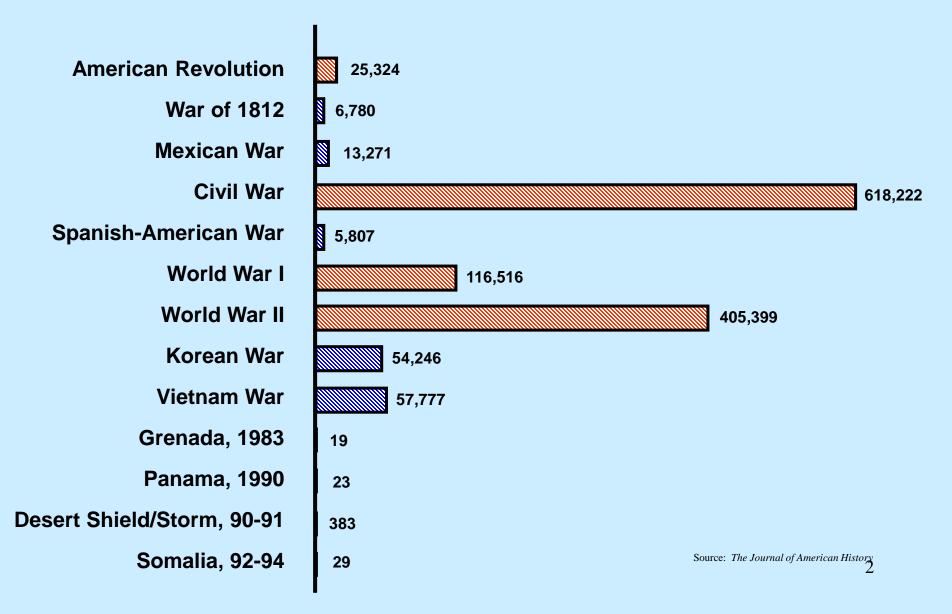


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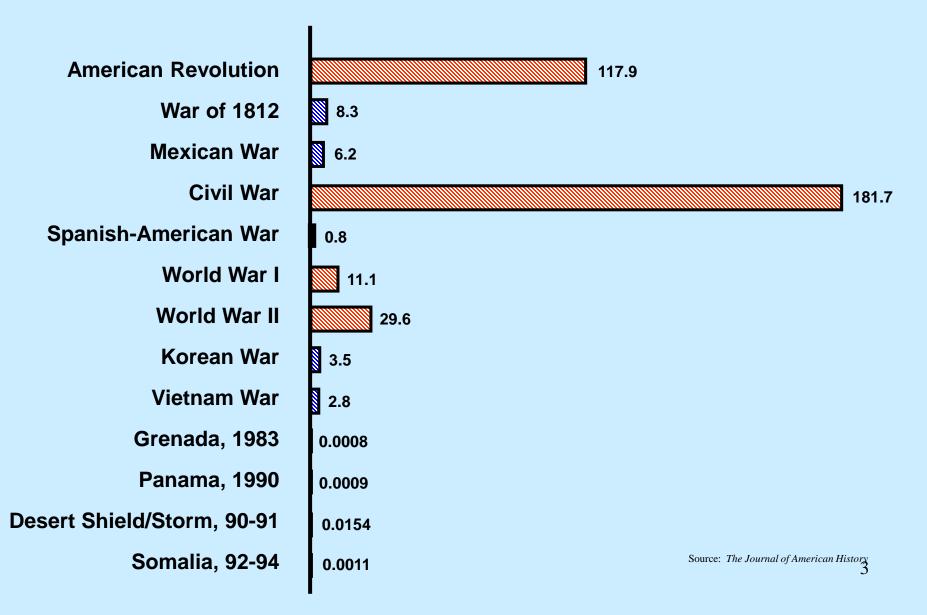
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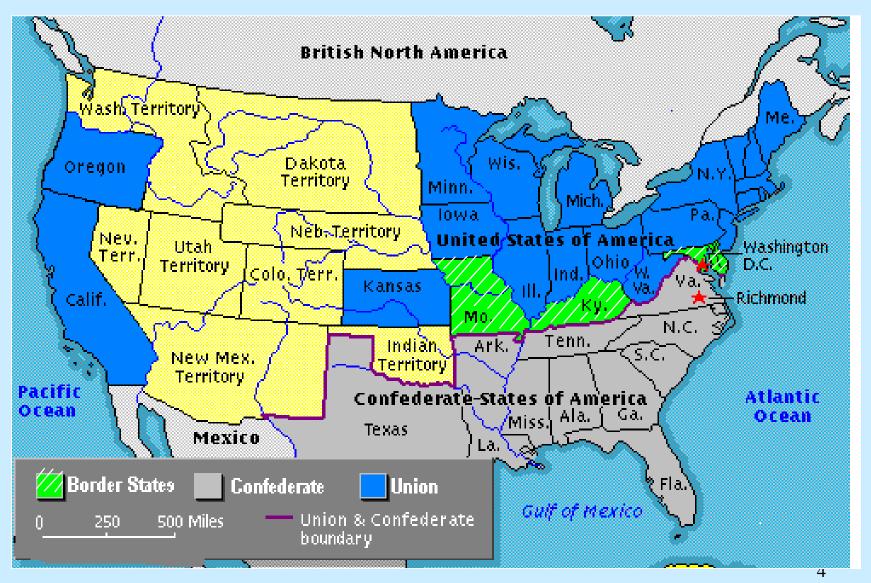


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(Wars and Recent Operations - per 10,000 Population)



# States in the Civil War



### **Distinct Issues**

- Causes of war
- Aims of belligerent governments
- *Motivations* of individuals

# Probably related, quite unlikely to be identical

### **American Civil War**

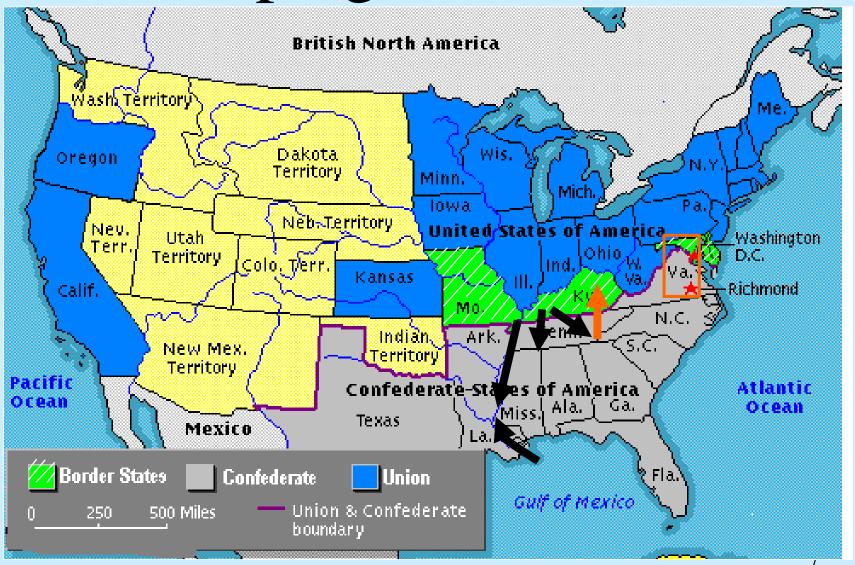
#### **CIVIL WAR STRATEGIES**

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	US	CS
WAR AIMS	Restore (Preserve) Union	Independent Sovereignty
	Scott	Davis
1861	Armed Diplomacy	Armed Diplomacy
	"Anaconda"	Cordon defense
1862-63	Halleck	Lee
	Decisive Points	Decisive Points
	Decisive Battle	Decisive battle
		Offensive Defense
1864	Grant	
	Hard War	Defense
	Break will	Break will

# Campaigns, 1861-63



# Infantry

#### Napoleonic Wars



Deadly Ground: 100 yards. Attack receives 2 volleys

Civil War



Deadly Ground: 500 yards. Attack receives 5-10 volleys.

### Artillery / Infantry Combat

#### Napoleonic Wars







Canister: 500 (-) yards

**Rifle: 500 (+) yards** 

# Projectile Comparison

	Diameter	Mass V	Velocity 1	Energy l	Penetration
•	5.56 mm	4.0 gm	925 m/s	1711 Nn	n 34 cm
	7.62 mm	9.7 gm	862 m/s	3603 Nm	65 cm
	14.7 mm .58 cal	28 gm	293 m/s	1201 Nm	24 cm

# Lethality?

#### Waterloo

- 200,000 involved
- 68,000 casualties
- 12 hours

### Gettysburg

- 191,000 involved
- 42,000 casualties
- 3 days

# Lethality?

- Napoleonic wars: 300-500 shots/wound
- Civil War: 127-181 shots/wound
- Russo-Japanese War (1904-05)
  20,000 shots/wound

### THE REGULAR ARMY ON THE EVE OF WAR

1861 REGIMENTS: 10 INFANTRY, 2 DRAGOONS, 1 MOUNTED RIFLE, 2 CAVALRY, 4 ARTILLERY.

Total Strength: 16,215 (out of 17,867 authorized)

- Regiments in theory, Companies in practice

Location: (198 line Co's) 183: frontier; 15: Canada/Atlantic)

Officers: 286 of 1098 resign, join CSA (very few enlisted)

Concentrate as skilled nucleus? Scatter as cadre?

# Comparative Resources

