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VFW Post 8555 Newsletter/Calendar

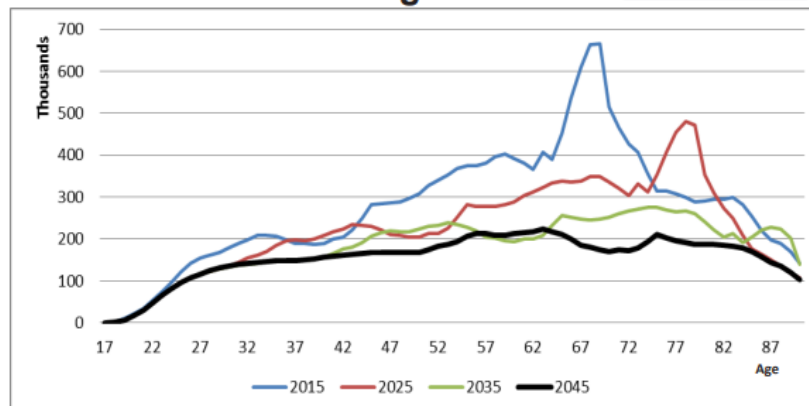
National Center for Veterans
Analysis and Statistics



Texas

Total	1,567,233
Wartime Veterans	1,267,974
Gulf War	756,205
Vietnam Era	469,505
Korean Conflict	71,280
World War II	16,161
Peacetime	299,259
Female	192,894
Male	1,374,339

Veteran Age Trends



Over the next 30 years Veteran age becomes more evenly distributed

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Texas

Veteran Population (as of 9/30/2017)	Texas	National
Number of Veterans	1,584,844	19,998,799
Percent of Adult Population that are Veterans	7.94%	6.60%
Number of Women Veterans	177,507	1,882,848
Percent of Women Veterans	11.20%	9.41%
Number of Military Retirees	212,422	2,156,647
Percent of Veterans that are Military Retirees	13.40%	10.78%
Number of Veterans Age 65 and Over	627,610	9,410,179
Percent of Veterans Age 65 and Over	39.60%	47.05%



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Wilson County

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VFW Post 8555 Spotlight



Veterans Services Office



Ray Herrera

Please call or email for appointment.

830-393-7376

ray.herrera@wilsoncountytexas.gov

2 Library Ln., Ste 105
Floresville, TX 78114

Wilson County Memorial VFW Post 8555

\$10.00 DONATION or 6 for \$50.00
(Need not be present to win)

90 Days to Pickup Prizes

Total prize value approximately 7,500.00

Henry Side Gate Lever Action in 45-70

Donated by Hoelscher's Fine Furniture

Mathews Z2 Compound Bow

Donated by John and Karla Blackstock

Glock 17 9mm with US Flag Cerakote

Donated by Deborah Eckel

Stevens Model 320 12 Gauge

Pump Action Shotgun Donated by James Duke

9th - Cerakote Firearm Refinishing, \$350.00 value by Overlord Custom, Mike Santos

10th - 36" Blackstone Griddle by Fred Silva

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12th - \$200 Gift Certificate to Acme Guns by Acme Guns, Floresville TX

13th - \$100.00 Gift Certificate to Whispering Hills Spa by Whispering Hills Spa

14th - Hunter Variety Gift Pack by Farmers Gin, Poth TX

15th - 250 rds Winchester 20 gauge shotgun shells by BBARC Gun Store, Menard TX

16th - Coocated Carry Purse by Falls City Milling Co., Falls City TX

17th - 1000 rounds 22 caliber by Michael and Natalie Candela

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Drawing 1 PM 24 February 2024

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ANNUAL RAFFLE

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Bergara Bolt Action Rifle in 243

Donated by Ken's Farm Supply, Tully

Benefits Insurance & Smith Gas Co.

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Breaking down the number of veterans in the 118th Congress

By [Leo Shane III](#)



The number of veterans in Congress has declined almost steadily since the mid-1970s, as the military shifted from an end strength of largely drafted individuals to an all-volunteer force.

In 1973, nearly three in every four members of Congress had some type of military service. In 2023, it'll be about one in every six members who have military experience.

Because of their backgrounds, veterans serving in the House and Senate are often seen as critical to discussions of Defense Department operations and Veterans Affairs procedures, and tapped to explain those issues to colleagues who lack direct personal experience on the topics.

Here's a look at the incoming class of veterans:

- The new Congress includes 80 veterans in the House and 17 in the Senate.
- There are seven female veterans in Congress now, the most for any session.
- Congress has 42 Army veterans, the most of any single service.
- Nearly half of the veterans caucus (47) served a deployment in a combat zone.
- The list includes 19 newly elected veterans.
- The political breakdown of the veterans in Congress is 72 Republican veterans, 25 Democratic veterans.
- Of the group, 60 veterans served at least part of their career in the 2000s.

Texas' delegation includes 10 veterans, the most of any state.

House	TX 02	Dan Crenshaw	GOP	Yes	Male	Navy	2000s–2010s	OIF, OEF
House	TX 03	Keith Self	GOP	No	Male	Army	1970s–2000s	None
House	TX 04	Pat Fallon	GOP	Yes	Male	Air Force	1980s–1990s	None
House	TX 06	Jake Ellzey	GOP	Yes	Male	Navy	1990s–2010s	OIF, OEF
House	TX 08	Morgan Luttrell	GOP	No	Male	Navy	2000s–2010s	OIF, OEF
House	TX 11	August Pfluger	GOP	Yes	Male	Air Force	1990s–2010s	OIR
House	TX 13	Ronny Jackson	GOP	Yes	Male	Navy	1990s–2010s	OIF
House	TX 22	Troy Nehls	GOP	Yes	Male	Army	1980s–2000s	OIF, OEF
House	TX 23	Tony Gonzales	GOP	Yes	Male	Navy	1990s–2010s	OIF, OEF
House	TX 36	Brian Babin	GOP	Yes	Male	Air Force	1970s	None
House	TX 38	Wesley Hunt	GOP	No	Male	Army	2000s	OIF

DECEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Food Distribution	7 VPR Pearl Harbor Day	8	9
10	11 VFW Meeting	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31						

JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 VFW Meeting	9	10 Food Distribution	11	12	13
14	15 ML King Day	16	17	18 2024 Mid-Winter Conference Omni Corpus Christi Hotel	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 VPR Signing of the Vietnam Peace Accord
28	29	30	31			