

# VET DATA

Here are some interesting statistics on the veteran population of the United States as of September, 2000:

⚓ As of Sept. 30, 2000, there were an estimated 25 million veterans in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, about 94% males with a median age of 58.

⚓ Broken down by conflict:

World War I	estimated at under 3,400
World War II	5.5 million
Korean Conflict	4 million
Vietnam era	8.3 million
Gulf War era	3 million

⚓ Male veterans make up the majority of all civilian males at older ages, 65 to 85, reflecting the high proportion of all men who served in World War II.

⚓ A relatively high proportion of men of the early baby boom generation, now in their 50s, are veterans, reflecting the relatively large number of men serving during the Vietnam era.

⚓ At ages 30-49, a smaller proportion of men are veterans as a result of a smaller, all-volunteer military.

⚓ Dramatic changes are projected for the "oldest old" veterans, age 85 or over. Their number is projected to increase more than eight-fold, from 154,000 in 1990 to 1.3 million in 2010.

⚓ By 2020, however, the number of veterans "85 and over" is projected to decline to 1.2 million, reflecting high mortality among the World War II cohort, who will make up most of this age group in 2010, and the smaller size of later cohorts who will move into this age group by 2020.

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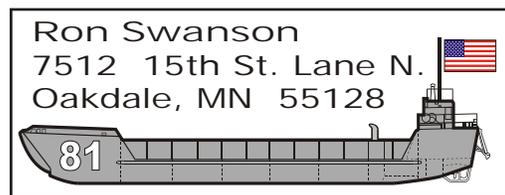
Jennifer Williams, 21, models the new caps to be presented to the LCT vets at the 2002 reunion in New Orleans.

Jennifer, from Couch, MO survived a serious auto accident. She has since completed High School and is now pursuing a college degree. Her ambition is to join the teaching profession. Jennifer is a cousin of the late Bertha Farmer. We wish her the best of luck !

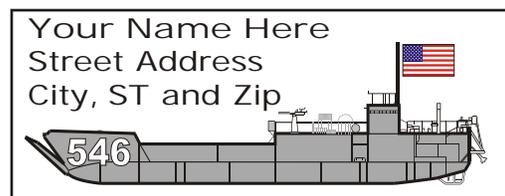
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