

United States Military Casualties in Southeast Asia: 1957–1979

The Vietnam Veteran Memorial



Vietnam Casualties: “We honor you.”

Vietnam Veterans: “Thank you and welcome home.”

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~David C. Wilson~**





To all those valiant soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen of the United States Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice, who all shared a dedication to the defense of freedom, we honor you for your service. Additionally, to our men and women in uniform, past, present, and future, God bless you and thank you for your service.

To my Vietnam Veterans—WELCOME HOME!





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I. Introduction

The intent of the paper is to show data on casualties that were compiled many years ago by the department of defense on the Vietnam war using charts to display these data which will enable the reader to view the magnitude of the casualties at a glance by browsing charts.

This paper depicts graphical analysis of military casualties in Southeast Asian from 1957 to about 1979. There was an addition count of 66 casualties associated with these statistics from 1980–1995. The total number of deaths by casualty used for computation in his paper is 58,178. There is variation in count floating around; nevertheless, those counts are not significantly different from the total used in this paper for all computations.

Definitions of terms:

USA—United States Army

USN—United States Navy

USAF—United States Air Force

USMC—United States Marine Corps

USCG—United States Coast Guard





II. Number and Percentage Breakdown of Total Military Casualties by Status and Casualty Type

TOTAL DEATHS BY STATUS: Number and Percentage

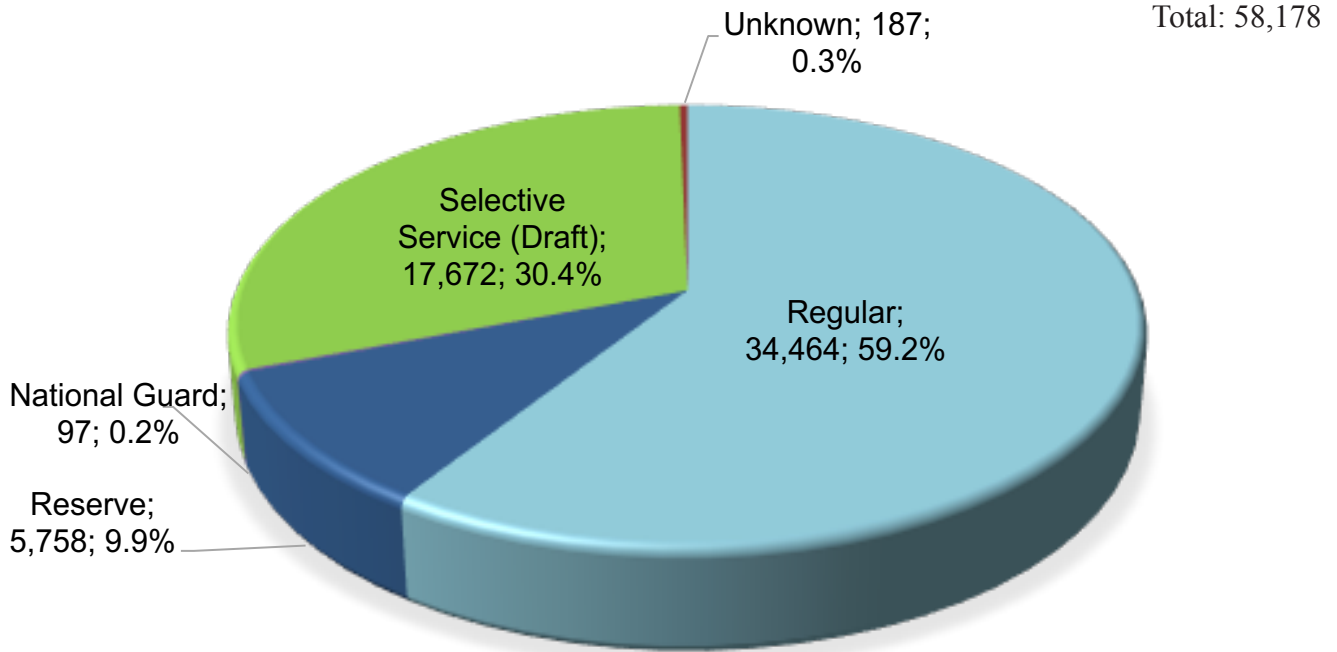


Figure 1. Status

TOTAL DEATHS BY CASUALTY TYPE: Number and Percentage

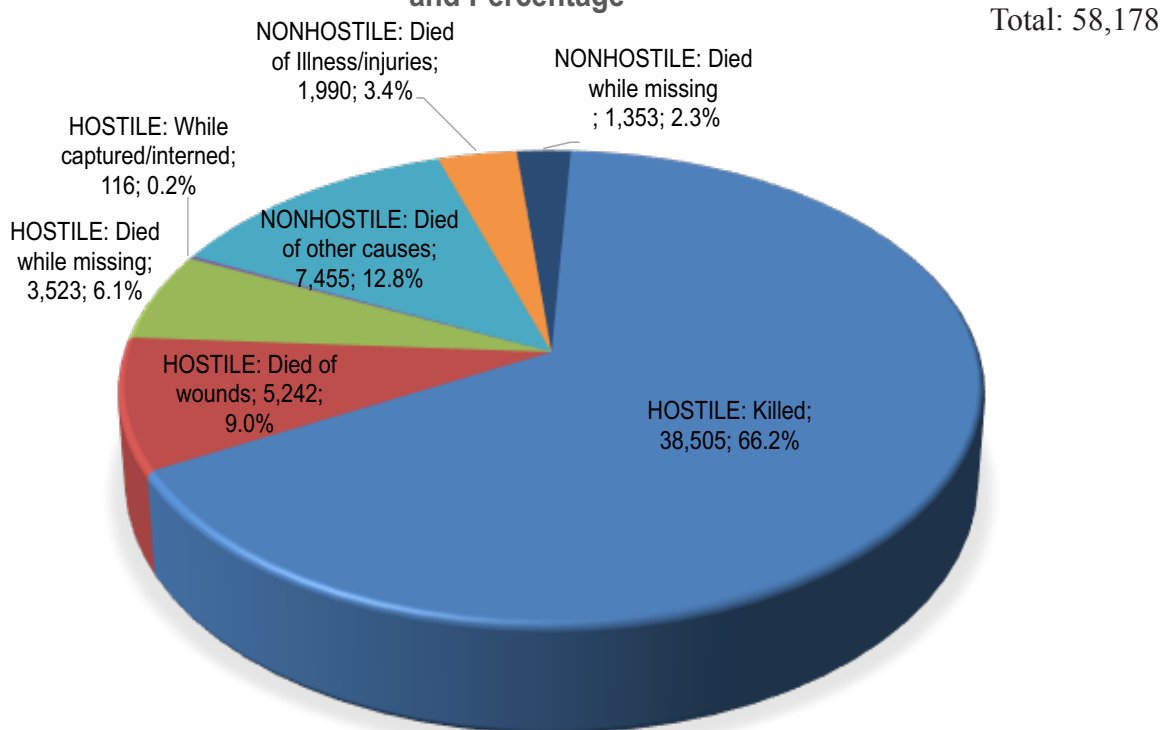


Figure 2. Casualty Type

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III. Number and Percentage Breakdown of Total Military Casualties by Casualty Type and Service Branch

TOTAL DEATHS BY SERVICE: Number and Percentage

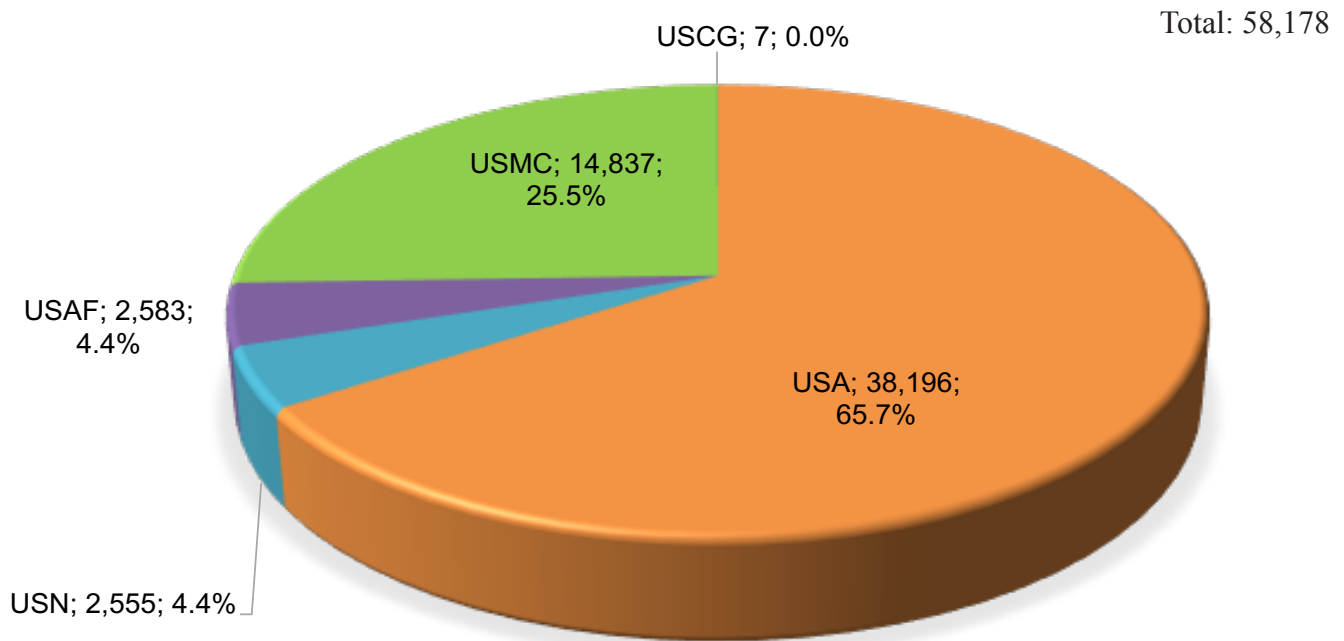


Figure 3. Service Branch

USA DEATHS BY CASUALTY TYPE: Number and Percentage

Army Total: 38,201

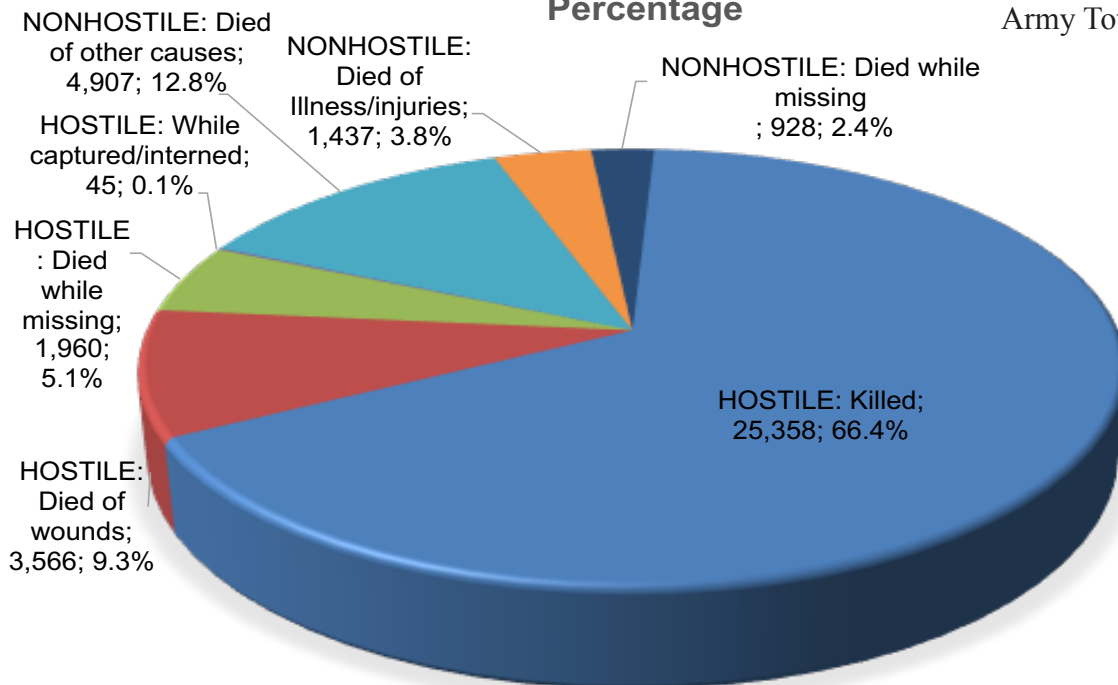


Figure 4. Army Casualty Type

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III. Number and Percentage Breakdown of Total Military Casualties by Casualty Type and Service Branch, cont.

USN DEATHS BY CASUALTY TYPE: Number and Percentage

Navy Total: 2,555

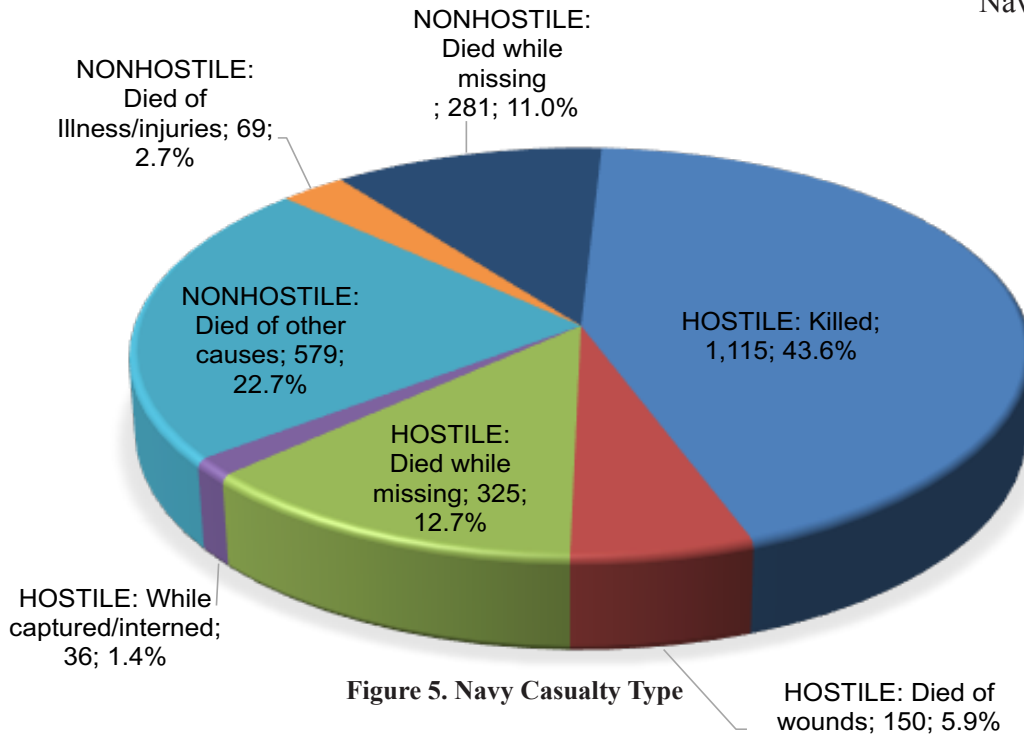


Figure 5. Navy Casualty Type

USAF DEATHS BY CASUALTY TYPE: Number and Percentage

Air Force Total: 2,583

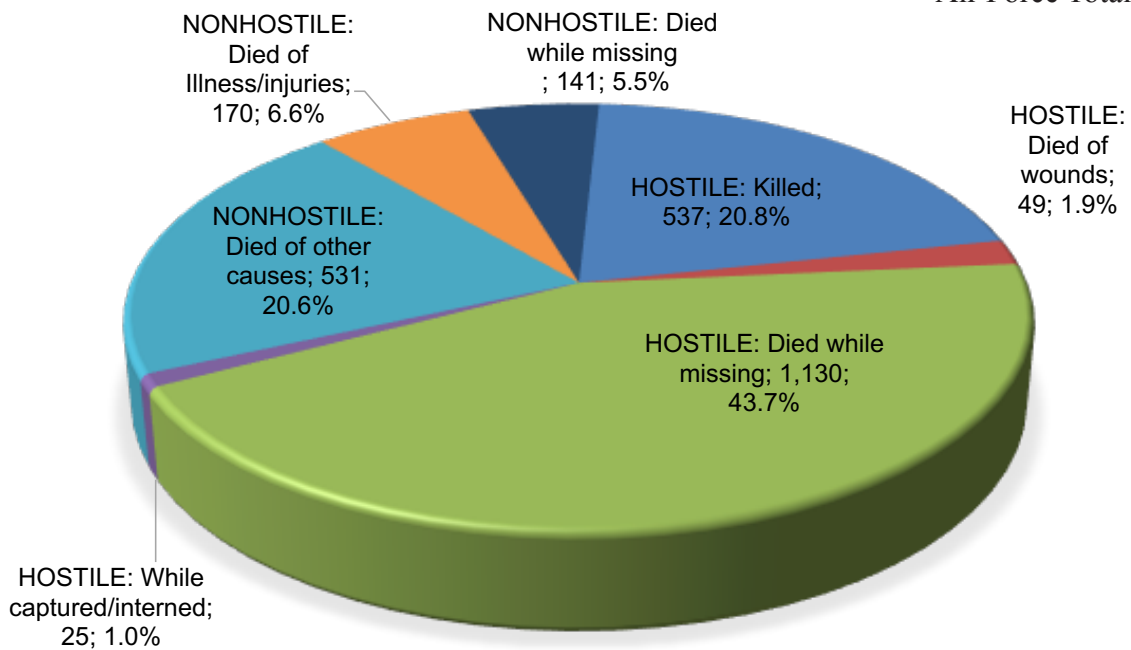


Figure 6. Air Force Casualty Type

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III. Number and Percentage Breakdown of Total Military Casualties by Casualty Type and Service Branch, cont.

USMC DEATHS BY CASUALTY TYPE: Number and Percentage

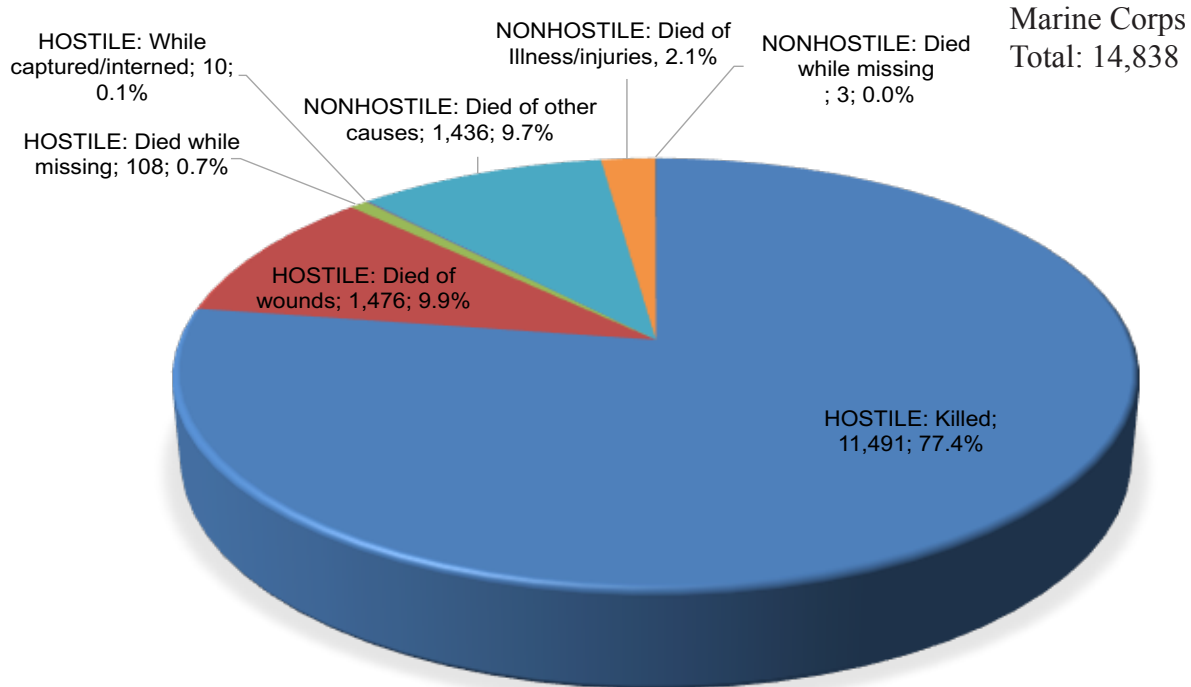


Figure 6. Marine Corps Casualty Type

USCG DEATHS BY CASUALTY TYPE: Number and Percentage

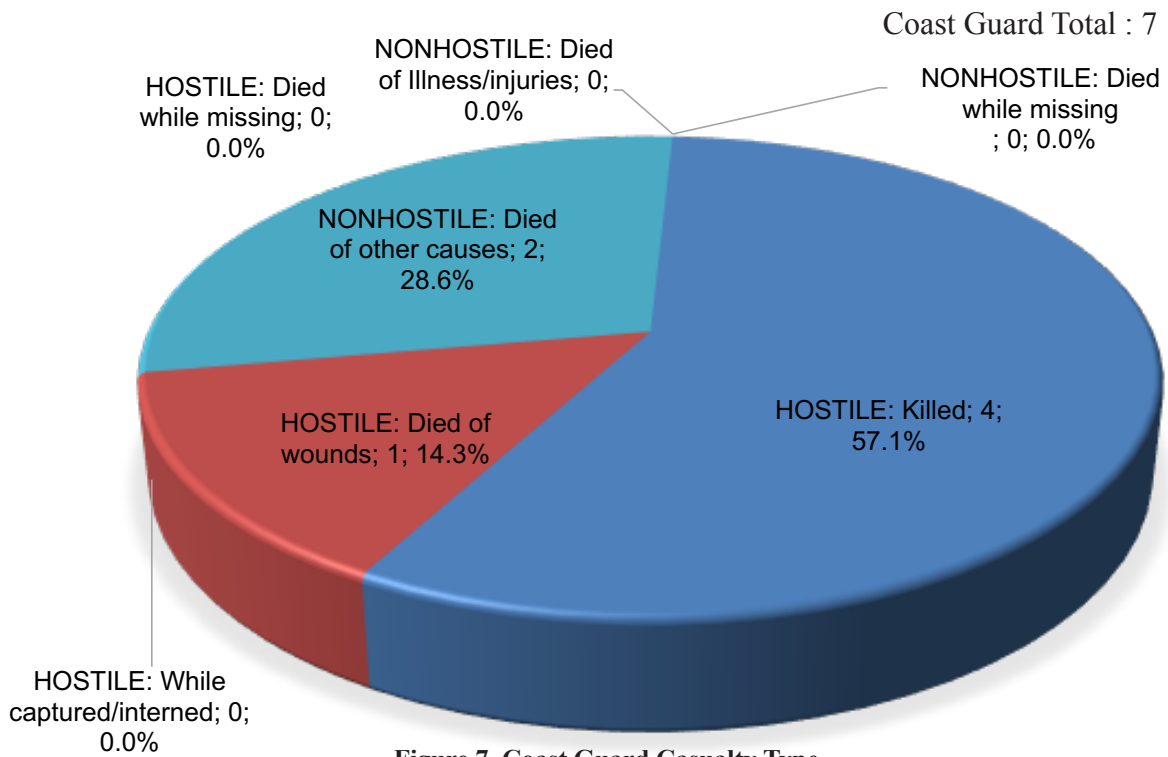


Figure 7. Coast Guard Casualty Type

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IV. Number and Percentage Breakdown of Total Military Casualties by Rank Categories and Service Branch

TOTAL DEATHS OF OFFICERS BY SERVICE: Number and Percentage

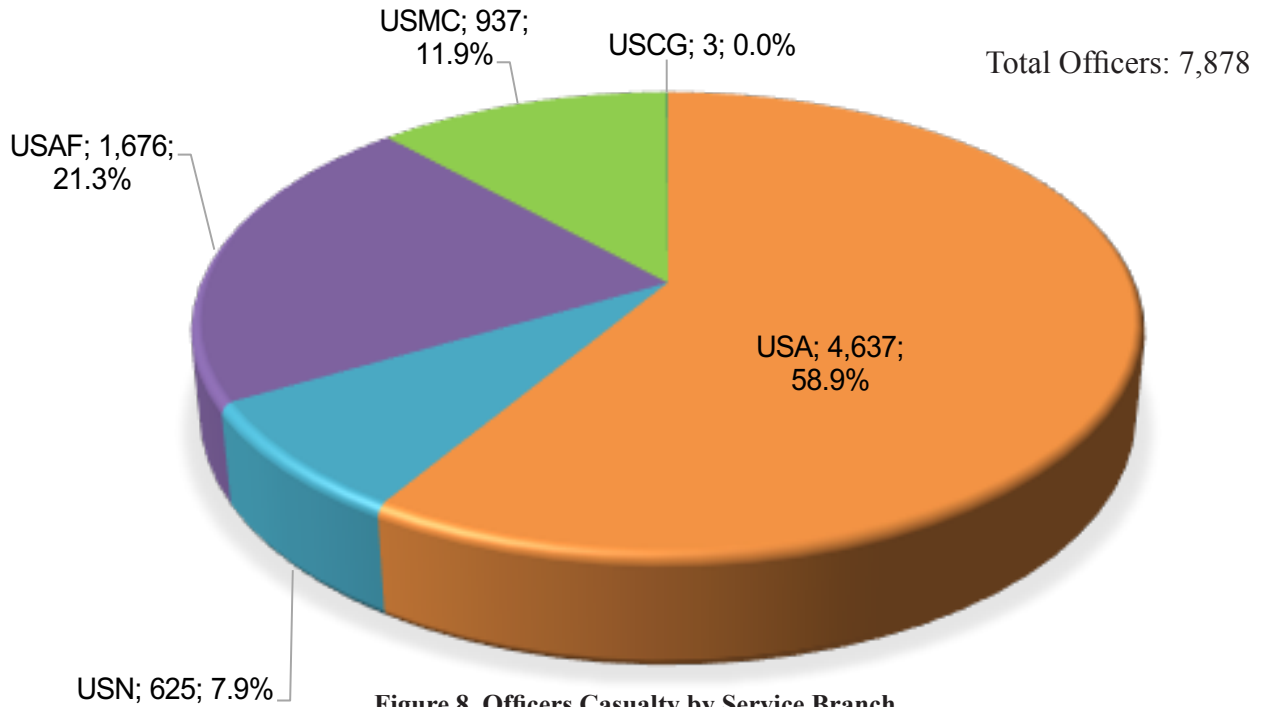


Figure 8. Officers Casualty by Service Branch

TOTAL ENLISTED DEATHS BY SERVICE: Number and Percentage

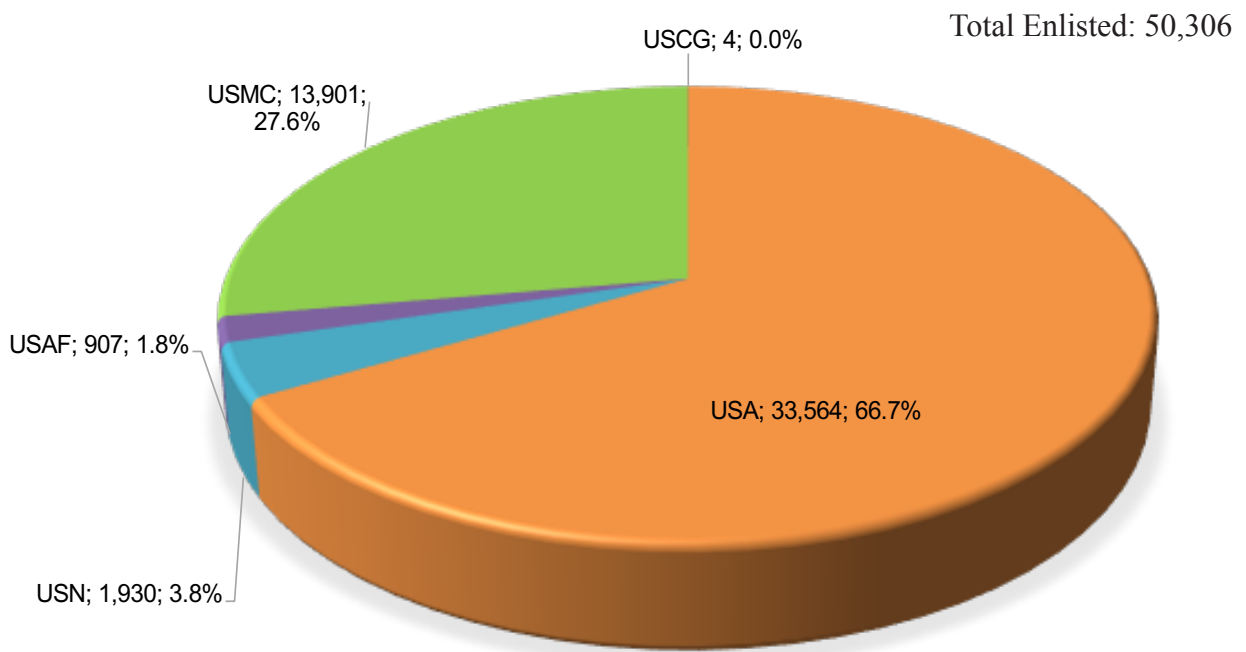


Figure 9. Enlisted Casualty by Service Branch

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IV. Number and Percentage Breakdown of Total Military Casualties by Rank Categories and Service Branch, cont.

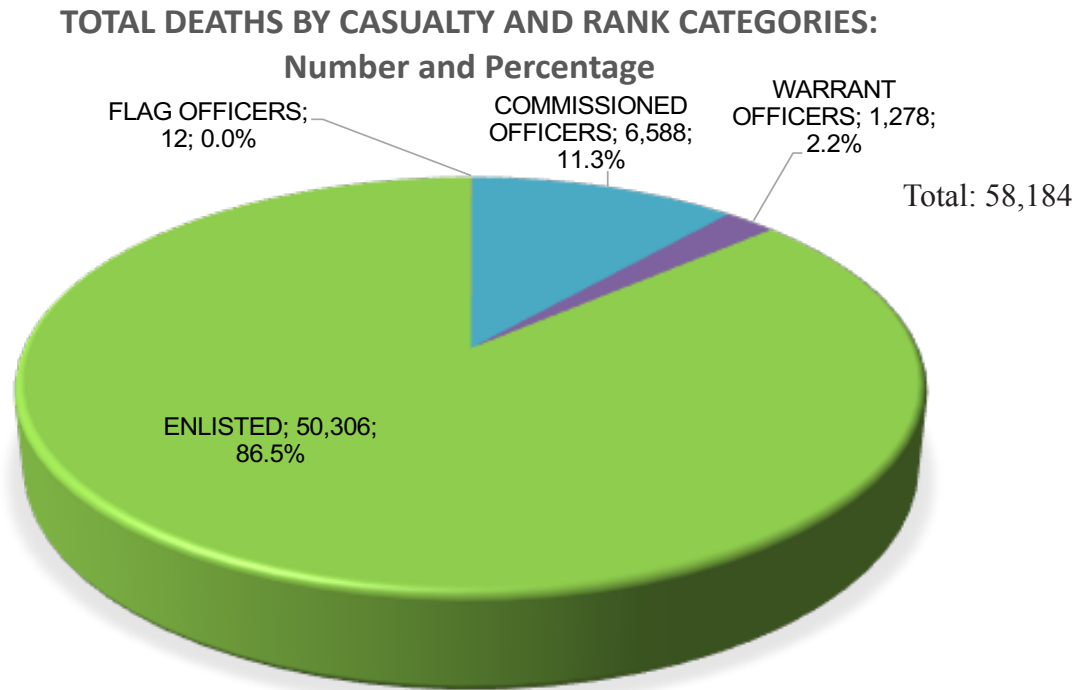


Figure 10. Total Deaths by Hierarchy

V. Breakdown of Total Military Casualties by Rank

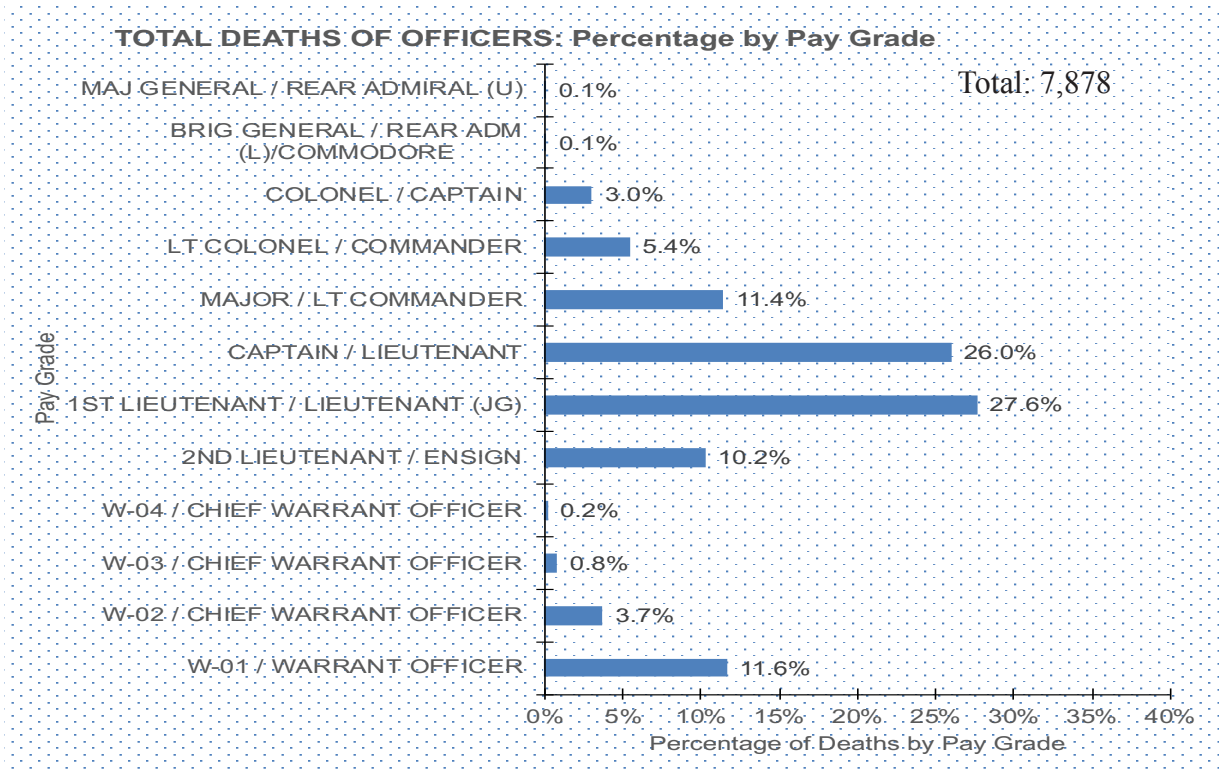


Figure 11. Breakdown of Deaths of Officers

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V. Breakdown of Total Military Casualties by Rank, cont.

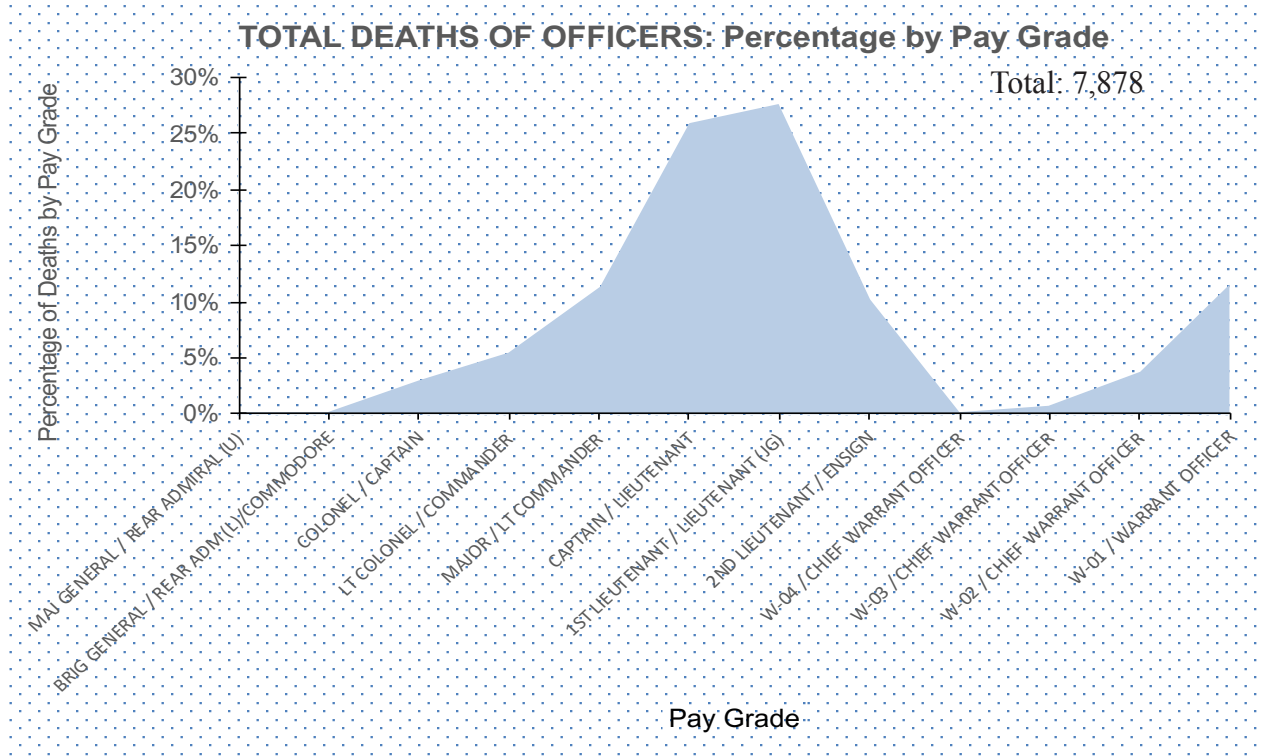


Figure 12. Breakdown of Deaths of Officers

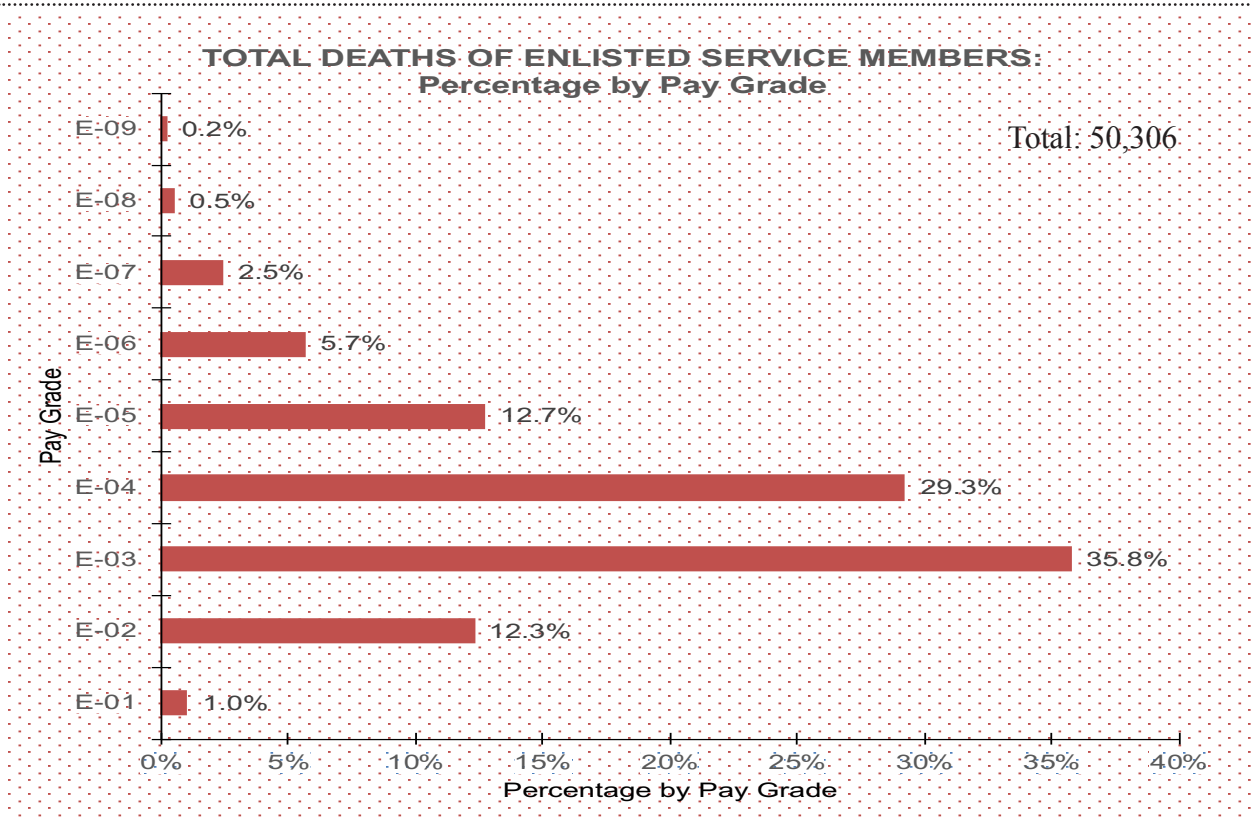


Figure 13. Breakdown of Deaths of the Enlisted

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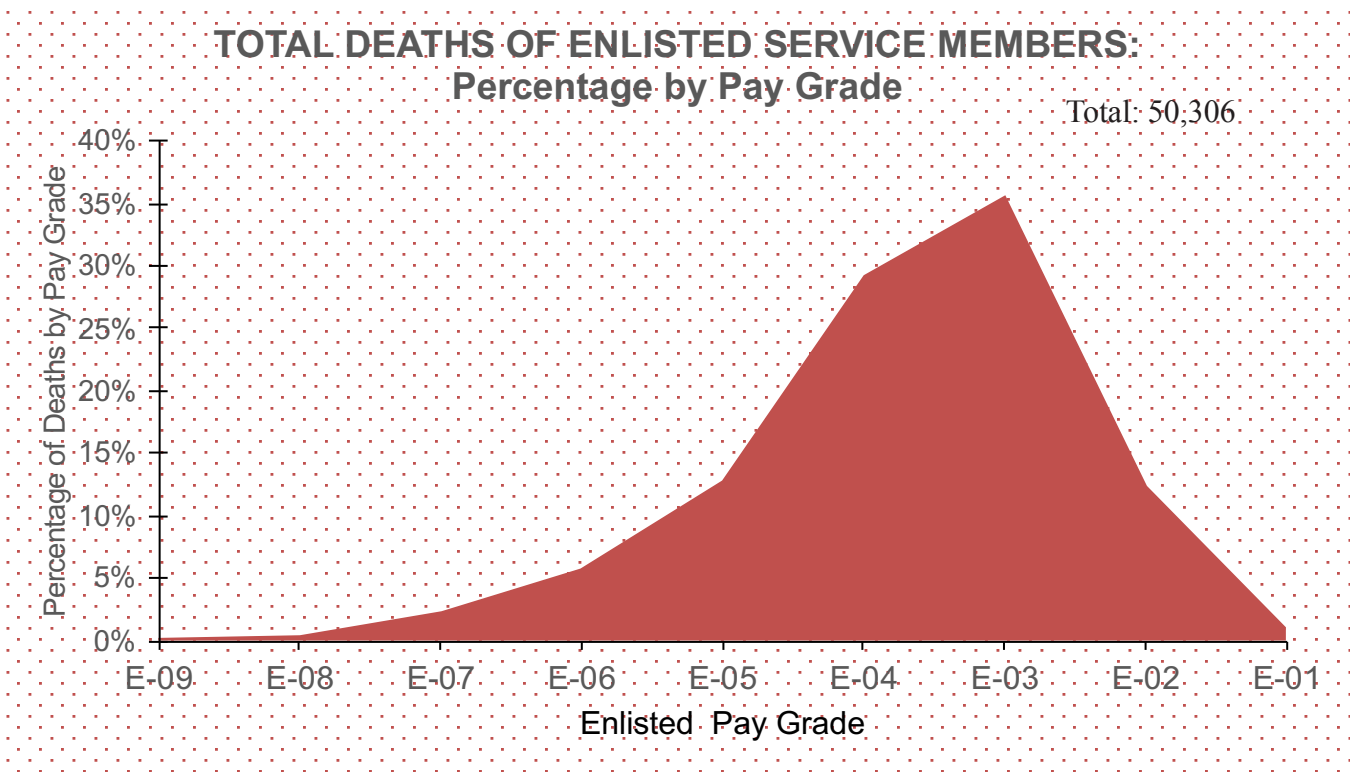


Figure 14. Breakdown of Deaths of the Enlisted

VI. Breakdown of Total Military Casualties by Race/Ethnicity

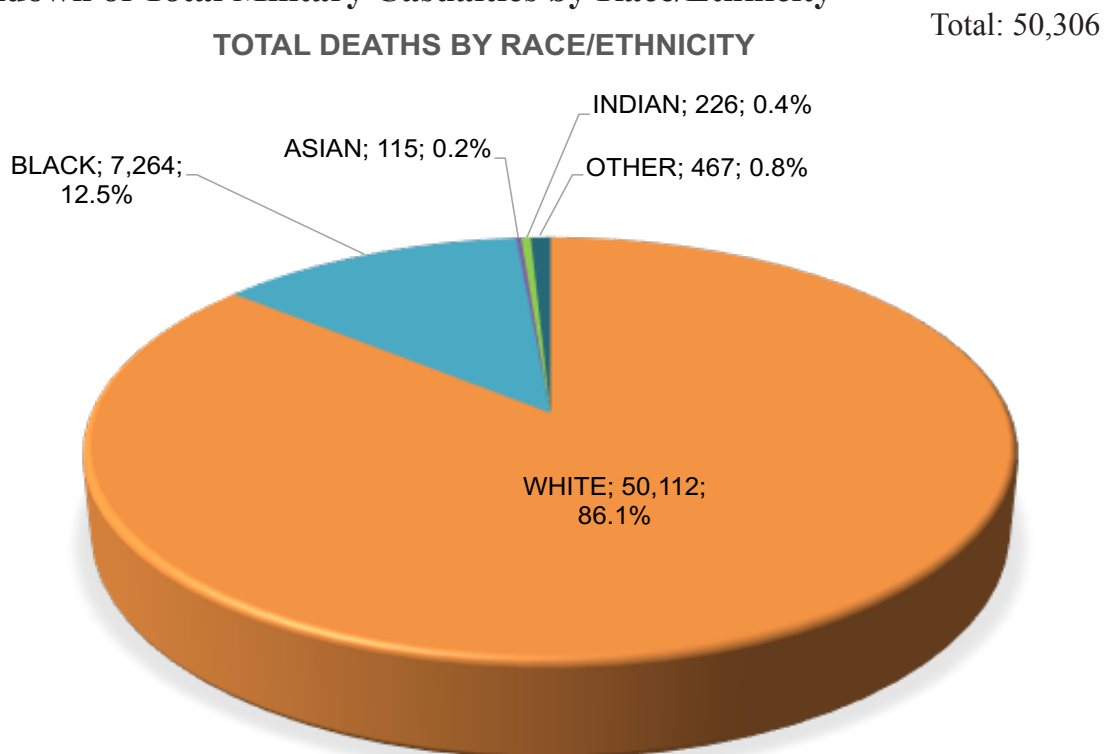


Figure 15. Breakdown of Deaths by Race/Ethnicity

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VI. Breakdown of Total Military Casualties by Race/Ethnicity, cont.

TOTAL DEATHS OF OFFICERS BY RACE/ETHNICITY

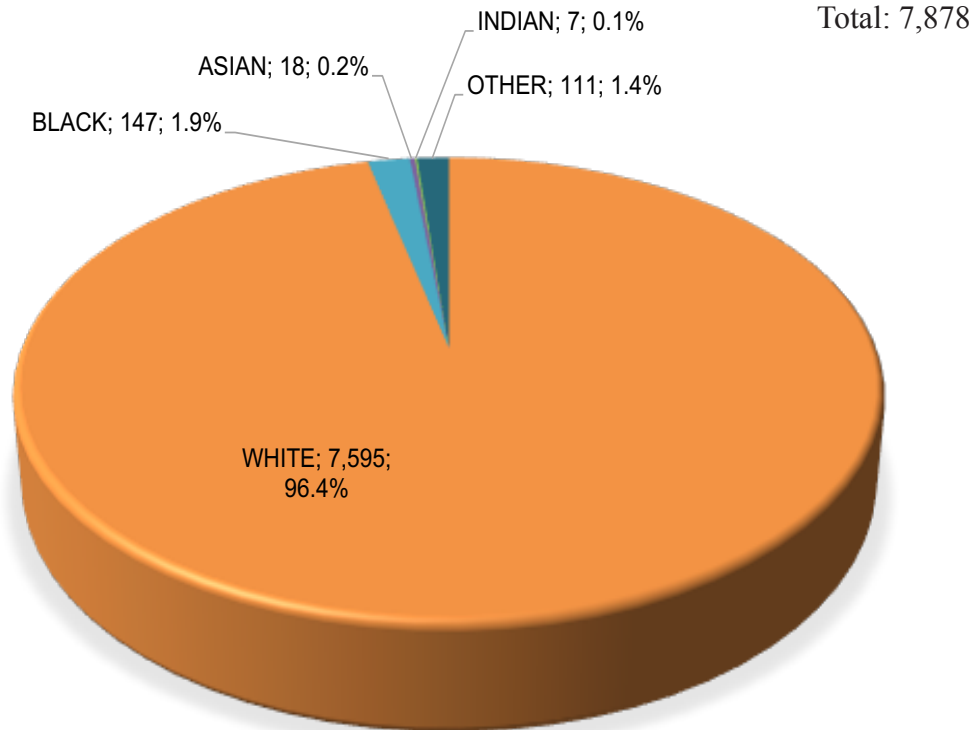


Figure 16. Breakdown of Deaths of Officers by Race/Ethnicity

TOTAL DEATHS OF ENLISTED SERVICE MEMBERS BY RACE/ETHNICITY

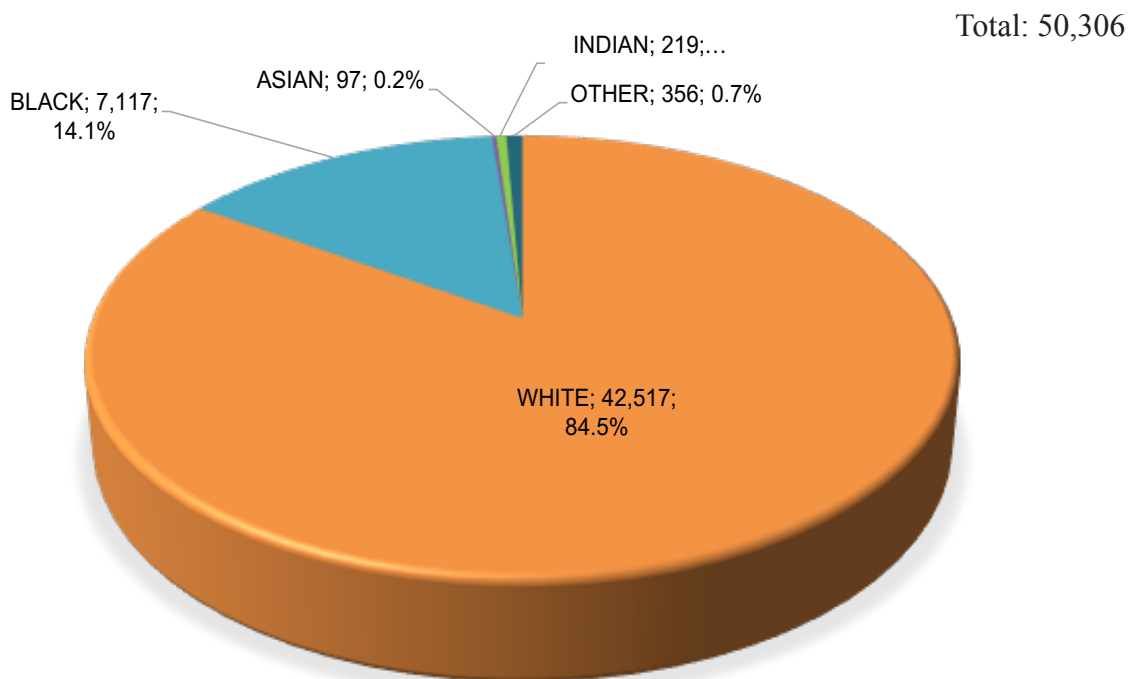


Figure 17. Breakdown of Deaths of the Enlisted by Race/Ethnicity

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VII. Breakdown of Total Military Casualties by State

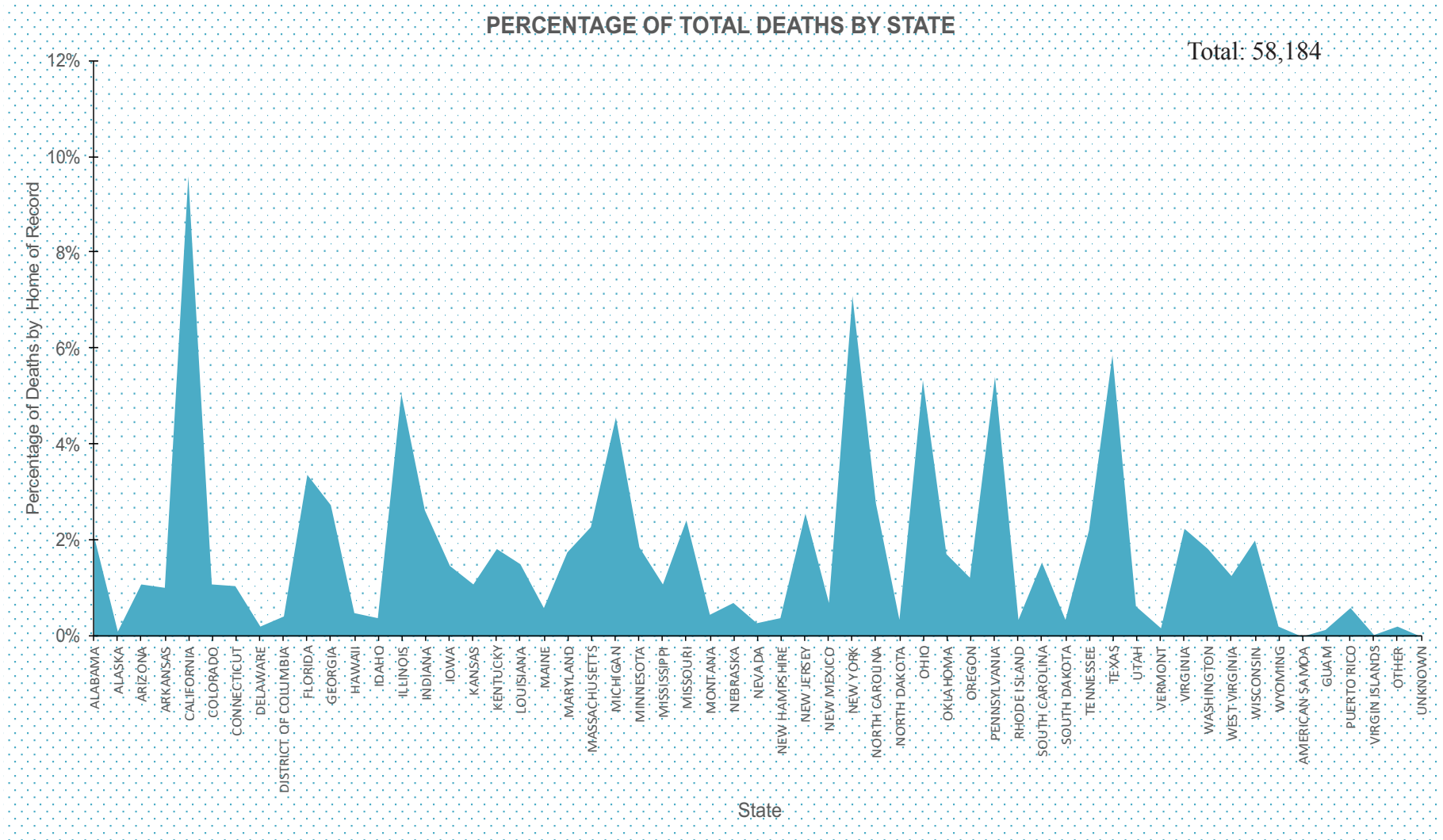


Figure 18. Breakdown of Deaths by State

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VIII. Breakdown of Total Military Casualties by Year

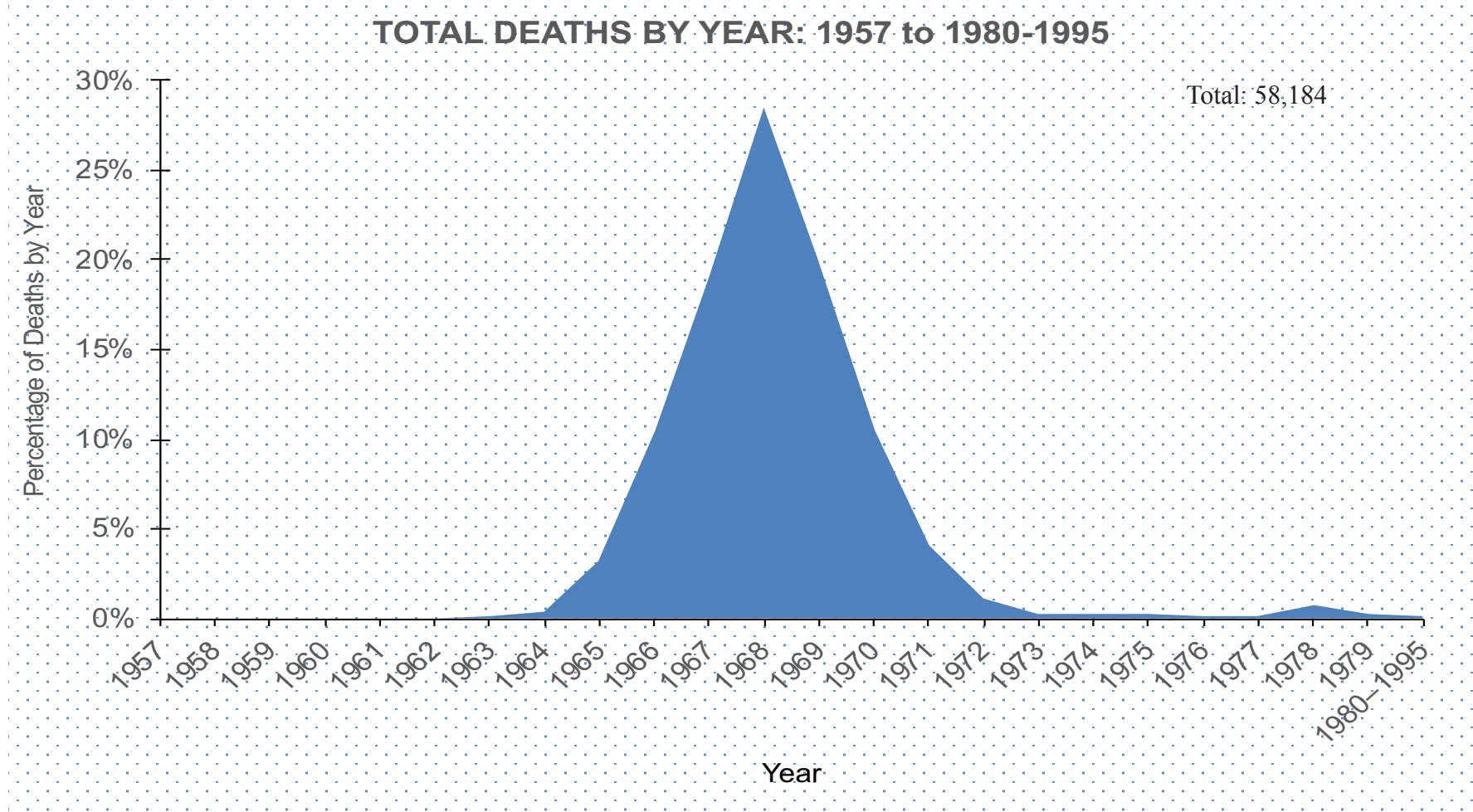


Figure 19. Breakdown of Deaths by Year

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