Veteran Presidents: 1789-2009

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Out of 46 Presidents, 26 of them served in the military. Some of them were generals during important wars, and others were part of their state militia. President George Washington will always be the highest-ranking U.S. officer of all time, since a law passed on January 4th, 1976 makes Washington have a higher rank than anyone other member of the Armed Forces, past or present. His posthumous (given after death) title is General of the Armies of the United States.

George Washington, 1775-1783  
General and Commander in Chief, Continental Army

Thomas Jefferson, 1770-1779  
Colonel, Virginia Militia

James Madison, 1775-1781  
Colonel, Virginia Militia

James Monroe, 1775-1778  
Major, Continental Army

Andrew Jackson, 1814-1821  
Major General, U.S. Army

William Henry Harrison, 1812-1814  
Major General, Kentucky Militia

John Tyler, 1812  
Captain, Virginia Militia

James K. Polk, 1821  
Colonel, Tennessee Militia

Zachary Taylor, 1805-1815, 1816-1849  
Major General, U.S. Army

Millard Fillmore, 1861  
Major, Union Continentals (home guard)

Franklin Pierce, 1846-1848  
Brigadier General, New Hampshire Militia

James Buchanan, 1814  
Private, Pennsylvania Militia

Abraham Lincoln, 1832  
Captain, Illinois Militia

Andrew Johnson, 1862-1865  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army (Volunteers)

Ulysses S. Grant, 1866-1869  
General, U.S. Army

Rutherford B. Hayes, 1861-1865  
Major General, U.S. Army (Volunteers)

James A. Garfield, 1861-1863  
Major General, U.S. Army (Volunteers)

Chester A. Arthur, 1858-1863  
Brigadier General, New York Militia

Benjamin Harrison, 1862-1865  
Brevet Brigadier General, U.S. Army (Volunteers)

William McKinley, 1861-1865  
Brevet Major, U.S. Army (Volunteers)

Theodore Roosevelt, 1898  
Colonel, U.S. Army (Volunteers)

Harry S. Truman, 1919-1945  
Colonel, Army Officer Reserve Corps

General of the Army, U.S. Army

John F. Kennedy, 1941-1945  
Lieutenant, U.S. Naval Reserve

Lyndon B. Johnson, 1940-1964  
Commander, U.S. Naval Reserve

Richard M. Nixon, 1942-1966  
Commander, U.S. Naval Reserve

Gerald R. Ford, Jr., 1942-1946  
Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Naval Reserve

Jimmy Carter, 1946-1953  
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy

Ronald Reagan, 1942-1945  
Captain, U.S. Army

George Bush, 1942-1945  
Lieutenant (junior grade), U.S. Navy

George W. Bush, 1968-1973  
First Lieutenant, Texas Air National Guard