

# VETERANS LEGACY PROGRAM CURRICULAR MATERIALS

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# Veterans Legacy Project

Building Background

# Your Veteran will have served in one of the following conflicts:

- - Second Seminole War
- - Civil War
- - Spanish-American War
- - Philippine-American War
- - World War I
- - World War II
- - Korean War
- - Vietnam War

# Second Seminole War

- 1835-1842
- When the US Government tried to force the Seminole Tribe to give up their land in Florida and move west of the Mississippi River.

# Civil War

- 1861-1865
- When the southern states succeeded (left the United States) to form their own country because they wanted states to be able to decide if they could have slavery or not.

# Spanish-American War

- 1898
- Conflict between the United States and Spain that ended Spanish colonies in America and resulted in the US gaining territories in the western Pacific and Latin America.

# Philippine-American War

- 1899-1902
- One of the territories that the US gained from the Treaty that ended the Spanish-American War, was the Philippines. Rather than become a territory of the US, there were many Filipino Nationalists who wanted to become independent instead.
- This resulted in a long and bloody conflict.

# World War I

- 1914-1918
- The war pitted the Central Powers—mainly Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey—against the Allies—mainly France, Great Britain, Russia, Italy, Japan, and the United States.
- The majority of the fighting was in Europe



# World War II

- 1939-1945
- Fought between the Axis Powers (Germany, Italy & Japan) and the Allies (France, Great Britain & the United States)
- Most fighting was in Europe, although the attack on the Pearl Harbor in the US is what ultimately forced the US to officially join the war

# Korean War

- 1950-1953
- Conflict between North Korea, ( a dictatorship) and South Korea (a democracy) in which the US aided the South Koreans

# Vietnam War

- 1954-1975
- Conflict between communist North Vietnam, and democratic South Vietnam, aided by the United States