Orthopaedic aspects of war wounds in South Vietnam.


The Vietnam War (Vietnamese: Chiến tranh Việt Nam), also known as the Second Indochina War, and in Vietnam as the Resistance War Against America (Vietnamese: Kháng chiến chống Mỹ) or simply the American War, was a conflict that occurred in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia from 1 November 1955 to the fall of Saigon on 30 April 1975, with U.S. involvement ending in 1973. It was the second of the Indochina Wars and was officially fought between North Vietnam and the government of South Vietnam. While many aspects about the Vietnam War are debatable, the facts and figures of the war have a voice of their own and are indisputable. Here are some of the commonly accepted facts about the Vietnam War:

- 58,148 Americans were killed and 304,000 wounded out of 2.59 million who served.
- The average infantryman in the South Pacific during World War II saw about 40 days of combat in four years. The average infantryman in Vietnam saw about 240 days of combat in one year, thanks to the mobility of the helicopter.
- The Indonesians expelled the Soviets in 1966.
- During the Vietnam War the national debt increased by $146 billion (1967-1973). Adjusted for inflation, the debt in 1992 dollars was $500 billion. 6,598 were officers, average age 28.43.