

# HISTORY OF JEWS IN THE AMERICAN MILITARY



Two brothers Circa 1860:  
One a Union Naval officer.  
The other in orthodox Jewish attire.

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# Why should there be interest in Jews serving in the US military?

## Antisemitism, Blatant Discrimination, and Infuriating Statements Said Against Jews Serving in the US Military

Mark Twain, 1898:

- Jews do not do their part in terms of fighting in America's armed forces. Later retracted with an apology.

Uriah P. Levy

U.S. Army WW I manual: "foreign born, and especially Jews, are more apt to malingering than the native-born".

Al Levy – WW II, 1943

Tzipi Hotovely, 2017, Dep Israeli Foreign Minister:

- American Jews have a poor commitment to service in the U.S. military

Today: 1.09% of US Armed Forces are Jewish; Jews make up 2% of population

# Jews have participated in every American War

- French and Indian War (1754-1763)
- American Revolution (1775-1783)
- American Indian Wars (1776-1924) ... Apache War last
- Quasi-War (1798-1800)
- First Barbary War (1801-1805)
- War of 1812 (1812-1815)
- Second Barbary War (1815)
- Texas Revolution (1835-1836)
- Aroostook War (1838-1839)
- Mexican-American War (1846-1848)
- Second Opium War (1856-1859)
- Utah War (1857-1858)
- Reform War (1858-1866) – Mexico
- Pig War (1859) – San Juan Islands, Wash Territory
- American Civil War (1861-1865)
- Formosa Expedition (1867) – Taiwan
- U.S. Expedition to Korea (1871)
- Las Cuevas War (1875) – Texas/Mexico
- Egyptian Expedition (1882) – US Navy protection for American consulate
- Second Samoan Civil War (1898-1899)
- Spanish American War (1898-1913) – Cuba, Puerto Rico, Philippines, Guam
- Boxer Rebellion (1899-1901) - China
- Mexican Border War ( 1910-1919) – Mex Rev
- Little Race War (1912) – Cuba
- Banana Wars (1898-1934)
- World War I (1917-1918)
- Russian Civil War (1918-1920) – Russia, Iran
- World War II (1941-1945)
- Korean War (1950-1953)
- Lebanon Crisis (1958)
- Bay of Pigs Invasion (1961)
- Vietnam War (1955-1975)
- Dominican Civil War (1965-1966)
- Multinational Force Beirut (1982-1984)
- US Invasion of Grenada (1983)
- Bombing of Libya (1986)
- Tanker War (1987-1988) – Persian Gulf
- US Invasion of Panama (1989-1990)
- Gulf War (1990-1991)
- US Intervention in Somali Civil War (1992-1995)
- Bosnian War/Croatian War (1992-1995)
- Kosovo War (1998-1999)
- War in Afghanistan (2001-2021)
- US Intervention in Yemen (2002-present)
- Iraq War (2003-2011, 2014-2021)
- US Intervention in Somali Civil War (2007-present)
- US Intervention in Syria (2014-present)