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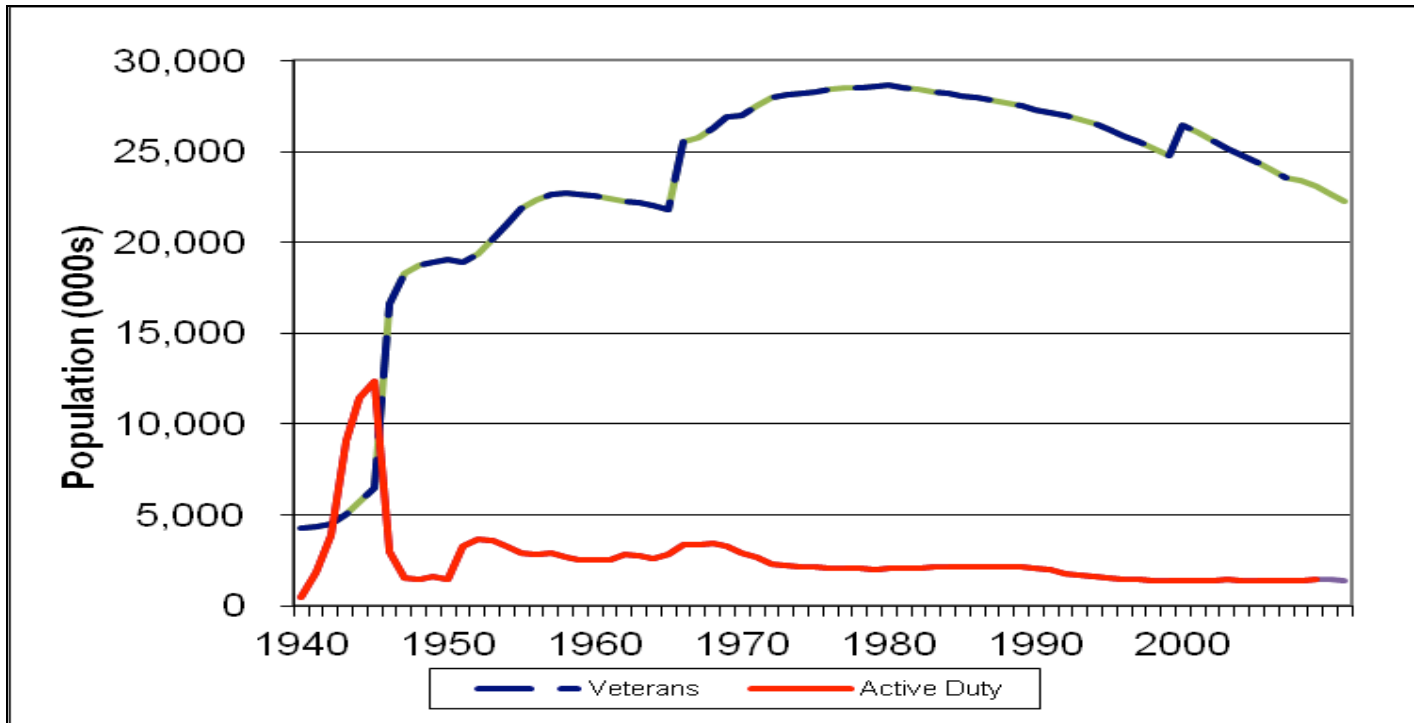


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Figure 1. Active Duty and Veteran Populations, 1940–2012



US Department of Defense, Personnel, Publications, Selected Manpower Statistics, Annual, <http://siadapp.dior.whs.mil/personnel/Pubs.htm>.

Note: The increase in the veteran population is an artifact of the decennial census in 2000, which identified more veterans than had been projected from the 1990 census. Some experts believe that increased life expectancy was the reason for this difference