



# United States Military Branch Structure

## Then Verses Now

1940s (World War II Era)	Today
<b>U.S. Army</b> - Primary land force; included infantry, armored, and airborne divisions.	<b>U.S. Army</b> - Land operations; includes infantry, armor, aviation, and cyber units.
<b>U.S. Navy</b> - Dominant sea power; operated fleets across the Atlantic and Pacific.	<b>U. S. Navy</b> - Sea dominance includes aircraft carriers, submarines and naval aviation.
<b>U.S. Marine Corps</b> - Amphibious assault force under the Department of the Navy.	<b>U.S. Marine Corps</b> - Rapid response amphibious force; still under the Navy.
<b>U.S. Army Air Forces</b> (USAAF)- Aerial warfare branch under the Army; not yet independent	<b>U.S. AirForce</b> - Independent since 1947; handles air and space operations.
<b>U.S. Coast Guard</b> - Maritime security and rescue. Operated under the Navy during wartime.	<b>U.S. Space Force</b> - Established in 2019; focuses on space-based defense and operations.