



United States Military Branch

Structure Then Versus Now

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