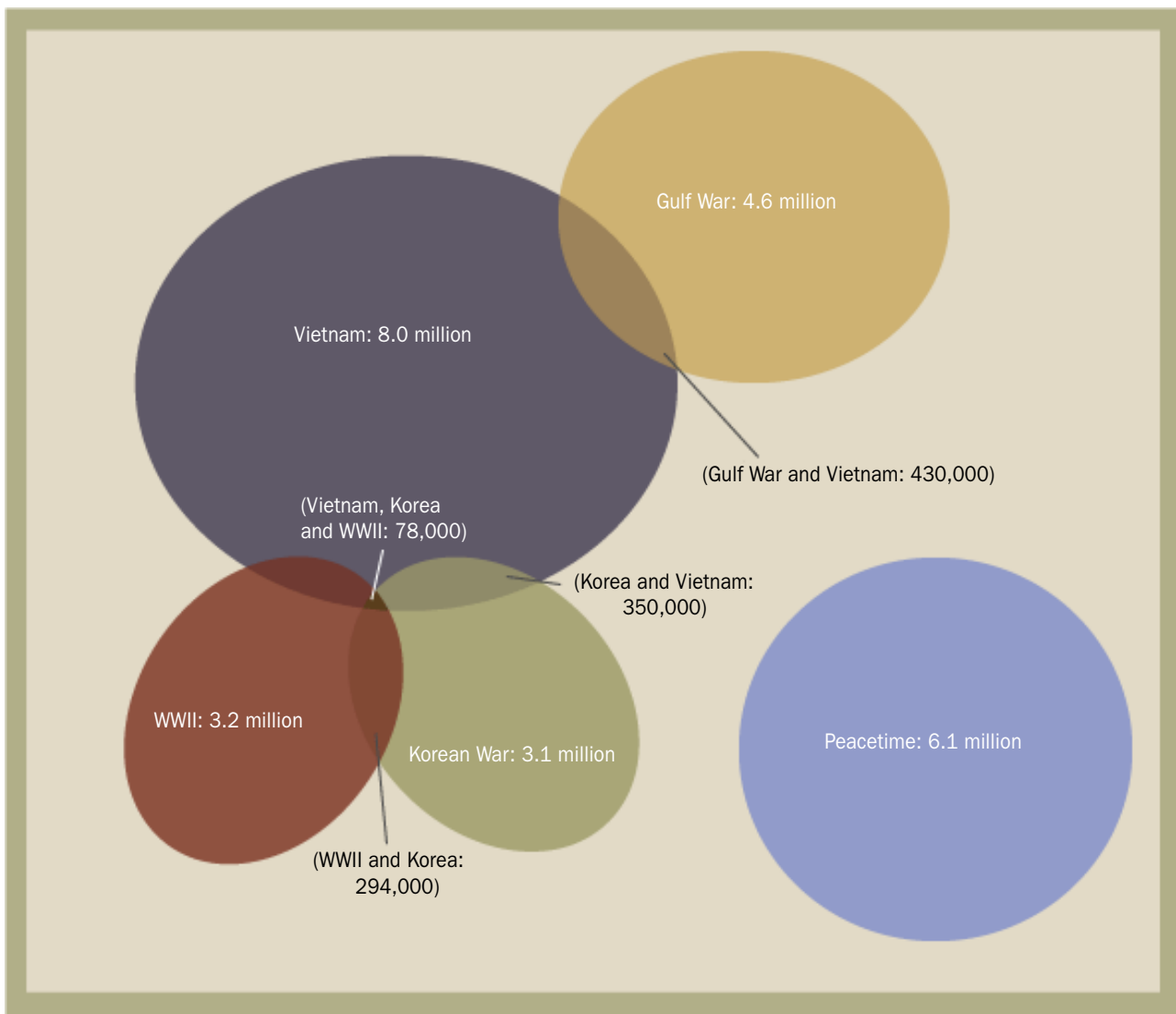


The Generations of Veterans

Today, there are some 225 million adult Americans. Nearly 25 million—about 11 percent—are veterans of military service. They vary widely in age, but most are elderly. Indeed, 38 percent of US veterans are at least 65 years of age. This age bulge reflects the eras in which most veterans

principally served. They were: Vietnam War era (1964-75), 32 percent; Gulf War era (1990-2008), 18.4 percent; World War II era (1941-45), 12.8 percent; Korean War era (1950-53), 12.4 percent. The remaining 24.4 percent served in the intervals between these war eras.

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