
LTC Philip J. Belmont, Jr., MD, MAJ Andrew J. Schoenfeld, MD, and CPT Gens Goodman, DO. The United States forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom (OIF/OEF) are primarily engaged in counterinsurgency operations within an irregular armed conflict since the American Revolution. Historical aspects of the military medical experience have been.

From William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, TX. Most soldiers wounded in Vietnam were delivered from the battlefield to fixed hospitals with the capacity to provide definitive treatment, eliminating the need for multiple transfers and levels of care (Fig. 4). Patients not expected to return to full duty within 30 days or less were evacuated to hospitals in Japan and the United States [60]. The nature of combat and improvements in evacuation during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts thus allowed for Fig. 2 Norman T. Kirk, the first orthopaedic surgeon to be named US development of fixed hospitals. By the time of the Crimean War, wound management The British orthopaedic surgeon, Robert Jones (1857–1933), applied lessons from his medical family and his Minie´ ball in combat. Vietnam War: Vietnam War (1954–75), conflict that pitted the communist government of North Vietnam and its allies in South Vietnam, the Viet Cong, against South Vietnam and its principal ally, the United States. It was part of a larger regional conflict as well as a manifestation of the Cold War. Not until 1995 did Vietnam release its official estimate of war dead: as many as 2 million civilians on both sides and some 1.1 million North Vietnamese and Viet Cong fighters. The U.S. military has estimated that between 200,000 and 250,000 South Vietnamese soldiers died in the war. In 1982 the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C., inscribed with the names of 57,939 members of U.S. armed forces who had died or were missing as a result of the war.