

# THE PERIODIC TABLE OF THE PRESIDENTS™

## Generals & Presidents

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### Introduction:

Many of our presidents served in the military. Although not a presidential requirement, military experience – especially distinguished service – has been key to election day success.

The presidency demands inspiring leadership and decisive action. It's no surprise that of the 26 presidents who served in the military, twelve were generals. Presidents have been lauded and derided for their actions on the battlefield. Some even became national heroes at war's end. But, which presidents have achieved the rank of general?

### Questions:

1. How many of our presidents have served in the military?
2. Who is the "Hero of New Orleans"?
3. Which presidents served as generals in the Civil War?
4. Which president became a national hero from his service in WWII?
5. In what four conflicts did President Taylor fight?
6. Which president was promoted to "General of the Armies of the United States" by President Ford?
7. Which Civil War general was elected president with no prior political experience?
8. Who appointed Andrew Johnson as military governor of Tennessee?
9. Distinguished military service can be key to election day success. Why might that be?
10. What other career experience, besides the military, would be helpful for a president? Why?