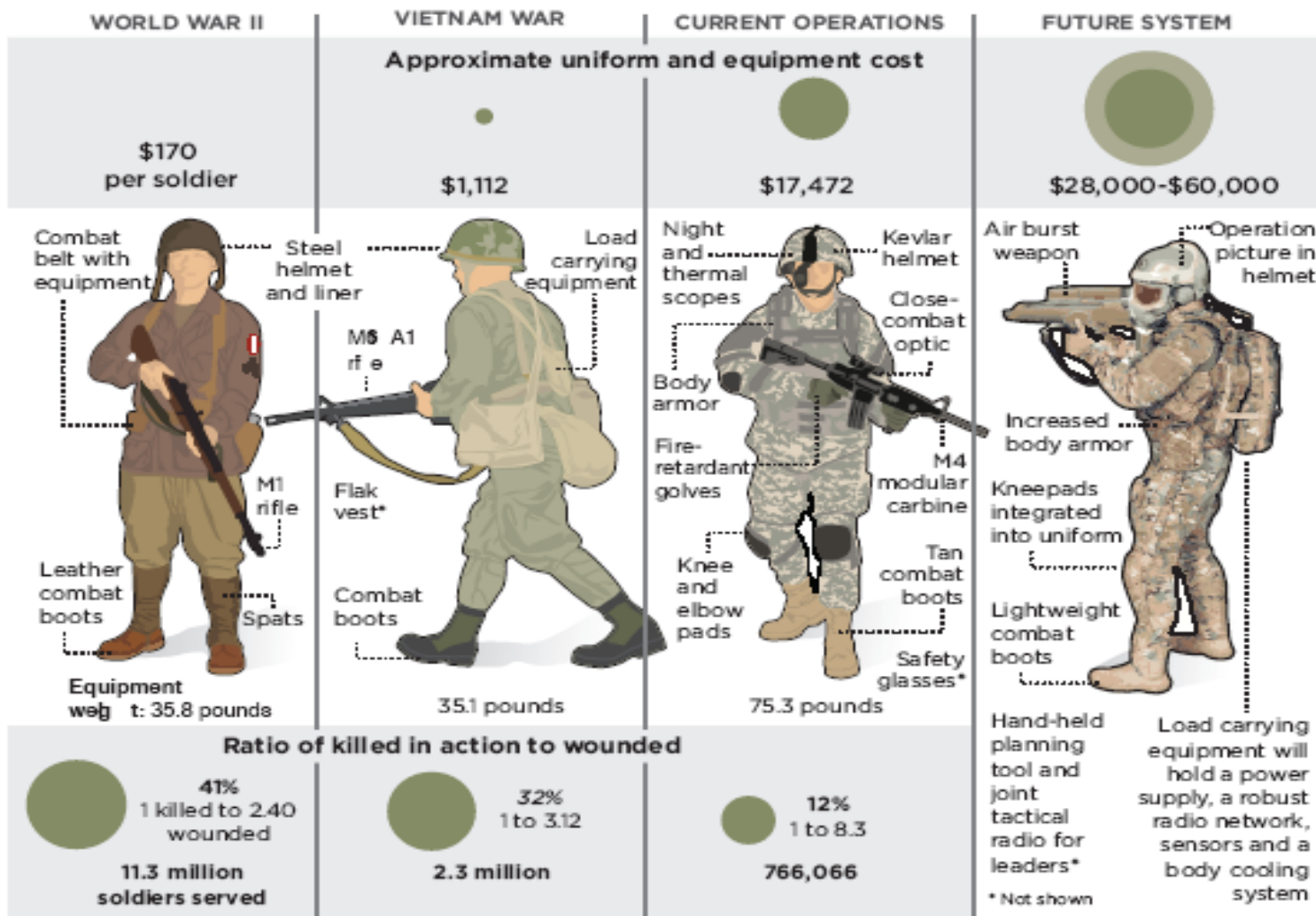


# COSTLY COMBAT PROTECTION

The current cost to outfit a U.S. soldier is about \$17,500, primarily for body armor and other protection. But the ratio of wounded to killed soldiers is far less than in previous wars. Future costs may double.



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