

## Agent Orange Exposure

Financial compensation for Veterans exposed to the Agent Orange herbicide while serving in the military

### Agent Orange Service Areas

A single documented day in any of these service locations during the time periods outlined.

- Republic of Vietnam or inland waterways 1/9/1962-5/7/1975
- Thailand US or Royal Thai Base, ship called at a coastal base only, not waterways 1/9/1962- 6/30/1976
- Laos 12/1/1965 – 9/30/1969
- Cambodia at Mimot or Krek, Kampong Cham Providence 4/16/1969 -4/30/1969
- Guam or American Samoa, or territorial waters 1/9/1962 – 7/31/1980
- Johnson Atoll, or a called ship 1/1/1972 – 9/30/1977
- Korean DMZ 4/1/1968 - 8/31/1971
- Aboard C-123 aircraft
- Blue Water Navy 12 nautical miles of the 1962 – 1975 Vietnam shoreline

### Agent Orange Presumptive Conditions

No medical nexus or in service diagnosis needed. Service in a qualifying area plus a medical diagnosis will result in a grant of service connection.

- AL Amyloidosis
- Chronic B-cell Leukemias
- Chloracne (10% within 1 year)
- Diabetes Mellitus Type 2
- Hodgkin's Disease
- Ischemic Heart Disease

- Multiple Myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (blue water also)
- Parkinson's Disease
- Peripheral Neuropathy (10% within 1 year)
- Porphyria Cutanea Tarda (10% within 1year)
- Prostate Cancer
- Respiratory Cancers (lung, larynx, trachea, bronchus)
- Soft Tissue Sarcomas (not osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma)
- Bladder Cancer
- Hypothyroidism
- Parkinsonism's, plus, similar
- Hypertension
- MGUS – Monoclonal Gammopathy or Undetermined Significance

### DIC for Surviving Spouses of AO exposed veterans

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) for survivors of service members who have died as a result of a presumptive disability condition.

**Spouse:** (married minimum of 1 year prior to death)

- Married to the veteran at the time of passing
- NOT remarried until after the age of 57

**Child:**

- Not included on the spouse's DIC award as a dependent AND
- Unmarried AND
- Under the age of 18 OR between the ages of 18 and 23 and attending school
- OR permanently incapable of self-support due to a disability incurred before age 18

## Service Connection, Dependency and Indemnity, and Presumptive Conditions



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# Service Connection for Disabilities

## Types of Service Connection

### Direct

- Documented/verifiable in-service event, injury, or illness
- Current, chronic medical diagnosis
- Medical nexus (presumed if claim is filed within 1-year of discharge and the condition is considered chronic, not acute)

### Aggravation

- Previously documented condition
- Medical evidence that the condition has worsened *beyond normal progression* because of military service

### Secondary

- Due to a service-connected condition
- Current medical diagnosis
- Medical rationale linking the condition and cause to an existing service-connected condition

### Presumptive

- Documented/verifiable in-service event, toxic exposure, or service location
- Current, chronic medical diagnosis
- VA Law is the Nexus

# Toxic Exposures/Burn Pits

Financial compensation for Veterans exposed to Burn Pits or other Toxins while serving in the military

## Service Areas on or after August 2, 1990

- Iraq
- Kuwait
- Saudi Arabia
- Neutral zone between Iraq and Saudi Arabia
- Bahrain
- Qatar
- The United Arab Emirates
- Oman
- Somalia
- Gulf of Aden
- Gulf of Oman
- Persian Gulf
- Arabian Sea
- Red Sea

## Service Areas on or after September 11, 2001

- Yemen.
- Lebanon.
- Afghanistan.
- Israel
- Egypt.
- Turkey
- Syria.
- Jordan.
- Djibouti.
- Uzbekistan.

## Gulf War Presumptive Conditions

- Asthma (diagnosed after service)
- Chronic Bronchitis
- COPD
- Emphysema
- Granulomatous Disease
- Interstitial Lung Disease
- Pleuritis
- Pulmonary Fibrosis
- Sarcoidosis
- Chronic Rhinitis
- Chronic Sinusitis
- Head Cancers
- Neck Cancers
- Respiratory Cancers
- Gastrointestinal Cancers
- Reproductive Cancers
- Lymphoma/Lymphomatic Cancers
- Kidney Cancer
- Brain Cancer
- Melanoma
- Pancreatic Cancer
- Glioblastoma

## NEW Radiation Presumptive Locations

Illnesses must be "radiogenic diseases" which are typically all forms of cancer and some blood diseases

- Enewetak Atoll 1/1/1977 – 12/31/1980
- Palomares Spine 1/17/1966 – 3/31/1967
- Thule AFB Greenland 1/21/1968 – 9/25/1968
- Malmstrom AFB at nuclear missile sites