

# **AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE VIETNAM, THAILAND, GUAM, AND CAMBODIA VETERANS**

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Together WE can connect veterans with their benefits by sharing this information.

**Veteran Crisis Line Dial 988**

**To Make an appointment call 920-388-7198**

Website: <https://www.kewauneeeco.org/departments/veterans-service>

If you are outside of Kewaunee County call the CVSO Association of WI at 844-WIS-CVSO (947-2876)

Or

[www.wicvso.org](http://www.wicvso.org)

AGENT ORANGE REGISTRY: <https://tinyurl.com/yxcb3jva>

VA assumes that certain diseases can be related to a Veteran's qualifying military service. We call these "presumptive diseases". VA has recognized certain cancers and other health problems as presumptive diseases associated with exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides during military service. Veterans and their survivors may be eligible for benefits for these diseases.

- **AL Amyloidosis**  
A rare disease caused when an abnormal protein, amyloid enters tissues or organs.
- **Chronic B-Cell Leukemias**  
A type of cancer which affects white blood cells.
- **Chloracne** (or similar acneform disease)  
A skin condition that occurs soon after exposure to chemicals and looks like common forms of acne seen in teenagers. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10 percent disabling within one year of exposure to herbicides.
- **Diabetes mellitus Type 2**  
A disease characterized by high blood sugar levels resulting from the body's inability to respond properly to the hormone insulin.
- **Hodgkin's Disease**  
A malignant lymphoma (cancer) characterized by progressive enlargement of the lymph nodes, liver, and spleen, and by progressive anemia
- **Ischemic Heart Disease**  
A disease characterized by a reduced supply of blood to the heart, that leads to chest pain
- **Multiple Myeloma**  
A cancer of plasma cells, a type of white blood cell in bone marrow
- **Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma**  
A group of cancers that affect the lymph glands and other lymphatic tissue
- **Parkinson's Disease**  
A progressive disorder of the nervous system that affects muscle movement
- **Peripheral Neuropathy, Early-Onset**  
A nervous system condition that causes numbness, tingling, and motor weakness. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10 percent disabling within one year of herbicide exposure.
- **Porphyria Cutanea Tarda**  
A disorder characterized by liver dysfunction and by thinning and blistering of the skin in sun-exposed areas. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10 percent disabling within one year of exposure to herbicides.

- **Prostate Cancer**  
Cancer of the prostate; one of the most common cancers among men
- **Respiratory Cancers** (includes lung cancer)  
Cancers of the lung, larynx, trachea, and bronchus
- **Soft Tissue Sarcoma** (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma)  
A group of different types of cancers in body tissues such as muscle, fat, blood and lymph vessels, and connective tissues.

### **NEW CONDITIONS ADDED**

- Bladder Cancer
- Hypothyroidism
- Parkinsonism type symptoms
- Hypertension- high blood pressure
- Monoclonal Gammopathy of Undetermined Significance (MGUS)

#### **This must be true:**

- You have an illness from the list above that you believe is caused by Agent Orange

#### **And at least one of these must also be true. You:**

- Came into contact with Agent Orange while serving in the military, or
- Served in or near the DMZ for any length of time between September 1, 1967, and August 31, 1971, or
- served in the Republic of Vietnam for any length of time between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975. This may include serving aboard a vessel on the inland waterways, or on a vessel operating not more than 12 nautical miles seaward from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia (as detailed in Public Law 116-23, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019).
- **NEW** - Any U.S. or Royal Thai Bases in Thailand 1/9/62 – 6/30/76, Laos 12/1/65 – 9/30/69, Cambodia at Mimot, Krek, Kamont Cham Province 4/16/69 – 4/30/69, Guam and American Samoa and territorial waters 1/9/62 – 7/30/80. Johnston Atoll or ship harbored at Johnston Atoll 1/1/72 – 9/30/77.
- Thailand - Air Force veterans on Royal Thai Air Force bases at U-Tapao, Ubon, Nakhon Phanom, Udorn, Takhli, Korat, and Don Muang, near the air base perimeter – 2/28/1961 and 5/7/1975. U.S. Army Veterans on these bases or on some small installations performing perimeter security or Military Police duties – 2/28/1961 and 5/7/1975.

#### **Diseases related to Agent Orange**

We believe that contact with Agent Orange, an herbicide used to clear trees and plants during the Vietnam War, likely causes several illnesses. We refer to these as Agent Orange presumptive diseases. Find out if you can get disability compensation or benefits if you had contact with Agent Orange while serving in the military and now have one or more of the illnesses listed.

**NOTE: If you have an illness you believe is caused by contact with Agent Orange or secondary to those illnesses and it is not listed above you can still file a claim for disability compensation.**