

# PACT ACT

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

**Veteran Crisis Line: Dial 9-8-8**

**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/ycsb3jva>

BURN PIT REGISTRY: <https://veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry/#page/home>

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 Burn Pit toxic exposure during military service. Veterans and their survivors may be eligible for benefits for these diseases.

## Gulf War era and post 9/11 Veteran eligibility

### **Presumptive conditions related to burn pit and other toxic exposures:**

#### **CANCERS:**

- Brain cancer
- Glioblastoma
- Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type
- Head cancer of any type
- Lymphoma of any type
- Lymphatic cancer of any type
- Neck cancer
- Pancreatic cancer
- Reproductive cancer of any type
- Kidney cancer
- Melanoma

#### **Illnesses:**

- Asthma that was diagnosed after service
- Chronic rhinitis
- Chronic sinusitis
- Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis
- Emphysema
- Granulomatous disease
- Interstitial lung disease (ILD)
- Pleuritis
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Sarcoidosis
- Chronic bronchitis
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

If a veteran served in any of these locations and time periods, VA had determined they had exposures to burn pits or other toxins.

**On or after 09/11/2001:**

Afghanistan	Syria
Djibouti	Uzbekistan
Egypt	Yemen
Jordan	The airspace above any of these locations
Lebanon	

**On or after 08/02/1990:**

Bahrain	Saudi Arabia
Iraq	Somalia
Kuwait	The United Arab Emirates (UAE)
Oman	The airspace above any of these locations
Qatar	

## **Vietnam Veterans affected by the PACT ACT**

### **NEW CONDITIONS ADDED**

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

**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.

### **What if VA denied a Veteran's or Survivors claim?**

Veterans and survivors can submit a new application for VA compensation or dependency and indemnity compensation (VA DIC). If the VA denied a veteran or surviving spouse's claim in the past and they think they may be eligible now, they need to contact our office because they may be able to have their claim reevaluated.