

If you have been diagnosed (now or in the past) with one of the disabilities listed in this brochure; or, if you are the survivor of a Veteran whose death may have been related to one of these disabilities; you may be entitled to monthly VA compensation, health care and other benefits.

Our staff of experienced, certified and fully accredited County Veteran Service Officers (CVSOs) can help. Our CVSOs will assist by helping you determine what benefits you may be entitled to receive, completing all necessary forms, and acting as your advocate throughout the claims process.

As a Government Agency of Lake County, all of our services are

PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE!



LAKE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Veterans Serving Veterans

Providing assistance to the men and women who have honorably served their Country.



A LAKE COUNTY AGENCY

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

DIRECTIONS TO THE OFFICE:

Rt.2 to Painesville/Fairport Hbr, Richmond St. exit.
South on Richmond St. to Rt. 20, turn left (east) to St. Clair St., turn right. We are located on the corner of St. Clair and Main Streets in the Lake County Admin. Building, 2nd floor

APPOINTMENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

www.lakecountyohio.gov/veteran-services/

Email: veterans@lakecountyohio.gov



Lake County Ohio Veterans Service Office

UNDERSTANDING VA BENEFITS FOR EXPOSURE TO AGENT ORANGE



AGENT ORANGE-RELATED ILLNESSES

Remember: Agent Orange is just a name, NOT an illness!

Current list of Disabilities Presumptively Linked to Herbicide Exposure

Chronic B-cell Leukemia: A type of cancer that affects your white blood cells (cells in your body's immune system that help to fight off illnesses and infections).

Hodgkin's Disease: A type of cancer that causes your lymph nodes, liver, and spleen to get bigger and your red blood cells to decrease (called anemia).

Multiple Myeloma: A type of cancer that affects your plasma cells (white blood cells made in your bone marrow that help to fight infection).

Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma: A group of cancers that affect the lymph glands and other lymphatic tissue (a part of your immune system that helps to fight infection and illness).

Soft Tissue Sarcomas (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma): Different types of cancers in body tissues such as muscle, fat, blood and lymph vessels, and connective tissues.

AL Amyloidosis: A rare illness that happens when an abnormal protein (called amyloid) builds up in your body's tissues, nerves, or organs (like your heart, kidneys, or liver) and causes damage over time.

Chloracne (or similar acneform disease like it): A skin condition that happens soon after contact with chemicals and looks like acne often seen in teenagers. Per VA regulations, it must be at least 10% disabling within 1 year of contact with herbicides.

Hypothyroidism (underactive thyroid): A condition in which your thyroid gland doesn't produce enough of certain crucial hormones.

Hypertension: High blood pressure.

Diabetes Mellitus Type 2: An illness that happens when your body is unable to properly use insulin (a hormone that turns blood glucose, or sugar, into energy), leading to high blood sugar levels.

Ischemic Heart Disease/Coronary Artery Disease: A type of heart disease that occurs when your heart doesn't get enough blood (and the oxygen the blood carries). It often causes chest pain or discomfort.

Parkinson's Disease and Parkinson's Disease-like symptoms: An illness of the nervous system (the network of nerves and fibers that send messages between your brain and spinal cord and other areas of your body) that affects your muscles and movement—and gets worse over time.

Peripheral Neuropathy, Early Onset: An illness of the nervous system that causes numbness, tingling, and weakness. Per VA regulations, it must be at least 10% disabling within 1 year of contact with herbicides.

Porphyria Cutanea Tarda: A rare illness that can make your liver stop working the way it should and can cause your skin to thin and blister when you're out in the sun. Per VA rating regulations, it must be at least 10% disabling within 1 year of contact with herbicides.

Prostate Cancer and Bladder Cancers

Cancers (including lung cancer): Cancers of the organs involved in breathing (including the lungs, larynx, trachea, and bronchus).

Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS): A condition in which an abnormal protein — known as monoclonal protein or M protein — is in your blood.

Veterans may have had contact with Agent Orange or other herbicides in any of these ways:

If they served between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975:

- In Vietnam, boots-on-the-ground
- On U.S. Ships in the rivers of Vietnam (Brown Water Navy) ** OR ** offshore of Vietnam, (BLUE WATER NAVY) etc.
- On Thailand Military Bases
- On C-123 Airplanes
- Laos, Cambodia, Guam or America Samoa, Johnston Atoll During Certain Periods

If they served between April 1, 1968 and August 31, 1971 in the Korea DMZ.

In Testing/Storage Areas Outside of Vietnam.

Any other ACTUAL contact w/Agent Orange.

Please use our Veteran Service Officers to file your claim if you were exposed.

Please do not file your claim online
- we are trained professionals here to help -
and at no cost to you!

If you have an illness you or your doctor believe was caused by exposure to Agent Orange, and it isn't listed here, you can still apply for benefits. You'll need to show you have a disability and include a doctor's opinion stating your illness was caused by exposure to Agent Orange.