

In-Country Vietnam Veterans

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Thursday 7:00 pm
March 10, 2022 In-Country Executive Board Meeting - All Welcome
On Skype and/or Location TBD
- Tuesday 11:00 am
March 29, 2022 National Vietnam War Veterans Day
Anniversary of March 29, 1973 when the U.S. Military Assistance Command (MACV) was disestablished and the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam. Honoring Vietnam Veterans - Vietnam Veterans Memorial - Phoenix
- Thursday 7:00 pm
April 14, 2022 In-Country Executive Board Meeting - All Welcome
On Skype and/or Location TBD
- Saturday 8-11:00 am
April 16, 2022 Arizona Vietnam Veterans Memorial Clean-Up Day
Volunteer detail to prepare/maintain memorial for VRD
- Sunday 9:30 am
April 24, 2022 Vietnam Remembrance Day (VRD)
Anniversary of April 30, 1975 when the combat war in Vietnam ended with the invasion of Saigon. Honoring U.S. & South Vietnamese Veterans - Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Thursday 7:00 pm
May 12, 2022 In-Country Executive Board Meeting - All Welcome
Location TBD
- Monday
May 30, 2022 Memorial Day -National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona
23029 N. Cave Creek Rd. - Phoenix
- Thursday 7:00 pm
September 8, 2022 In-Country Executive Board Meeting - All Welcome
Location TBD
- Thursday 7:00 pm
October 13, 2022 In-Country Executive Board Meeting - All Welcome
Location TBD
- Thursday
November 10, 2022 United States Marine Corps 247th birthday
- Friday
November 11, 2022 Veterans Day

Agent Orange Update

Agent Orange exposure and VA disability compensation

Agent Orange was a tactical herbicide the US military used to clear leaves and vegetation for military operations during the Vietnam War. It is estimated that millions of US and Vietnamese Veterans and Vietnamese civilians may have been exposed to Agent Orange from 1961 to 1971 resulting in major health problems and an increase in the rate of birth defects of their children. Nearly 12,000 square miles of forest were defoliated including in Laos and Cambodia because forests near the border with Vietnam were used by the Viet Cong. Over 21 million gallons of Agent Orange mixture containing traces of dioxin were sprayed leading directly to the contamination of farm soil and to the destruction of forests and many domestic and wild animals, birds, fish and insects.

Requirements for Agent Orange presumptive diseases. When sound medical and scientific evidence shows that an illness is caused by Agent Orange exposure, it's added to VA's list of presumptive diseases. If you've been diagnosed with one of these illnesses, you don't need to prove that it started during—or got worse because of—your military service.

Cancers and other illnesses caused by Agent Orange exposure

Added 2021: Bladder cancer Chronic B-cell leukemia Hodgkin's disease Multiple myeloma

Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma Prostate cancer Respiratory cancers (including lung cancer)

Some soft tissue sarcomas AL amyloidosis Chloracne (or other types of acneiform disease like it)

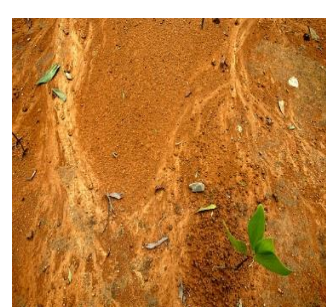
Diabetes mellitus type 2 Added 2021: Hypothyroidism Ischemic heart disease

Added 2021: Parkinsonism Parkinson's disease Peripheral neuropathy, early onset

Porphyria cutanea tarda

What's an Agent Orange Registry exam, and how do I request one?

This is a free health exam for Vietnam Veterans who meet the service requirements for presumption of contact. Even if you don't have a known illness, the exam could alert you to illnesses that may be related to contact with herbicides. By being part of this registry, you're also helping your fellow Veterans by giving information so VA can better understand and serve those affected by Agent Orange-related illnesses. The exam isn't a VA claim exam (also known as a C&P exam). And you don't need to have this exam to get other VA benefits. To get disability benefits, you'll need to file a claim.



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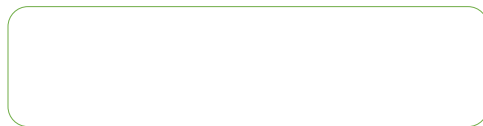
Membership-- George Notarpole
US Air Force

Commander Emeritus – Oscar Urrea
US Army

Mission:

To perpetuate the positive image of the Vietnam theatre veteran through community and public service, educating/informing the public on issues relating to the military history of the Vietnam War, advocating for veterans' benefits eligibility, recognizing and honoring the Vietnam veteran's service and sacrifice, and providing comradery for Vietnam veterans and their supporters.

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