

Disability Benefits

The VA administers two disability programs. Both pay monthly benefits to disabled veterans.

- **Disability Compensation:** The VA can pay you compensation if you are at least 10% disabled as a result of your military service.
- **Disability Pension:** The VA can pay you a pension if you are a war-time veteran with limited income, and you are no longer able to work or are age 65 or older.
- **Time Limits:** There is no deadline for applying for disability benefits.

If you have any questions about VA Health Care, compensation or pension benefits please contact the St Joseph County Veteran Services, 612 East Main, Centreville, MI 49032.

Monday-Thursday by appointment

269-467-5557

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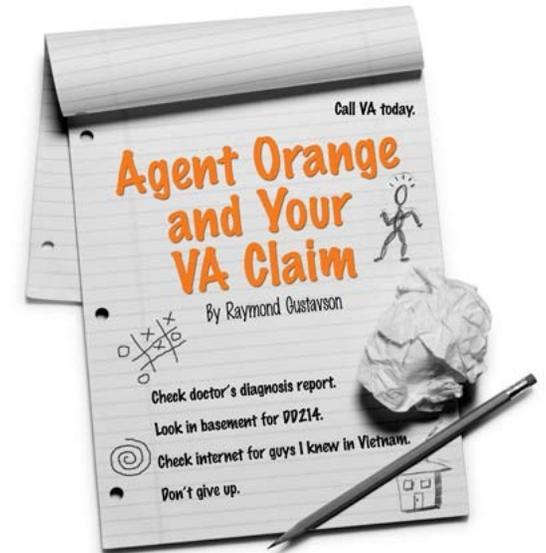
Life Insurance

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Attention

Vietnam Veterans



**In Country and The Waters
Off Shore**

**Army - Marines - Navy
Personnel**

**Agent Orange Exposure
What is It?**

What You Should Do!!

WHAT IS “PRESUMPTIVE” SERVICE CONNECTION?

VA presumes that specific disabilities diagnosed in certain veterans were caused by their military service. VA does this because of the unique circumstances of their military service. If one of these conditions is diagnosed in veterans in one of these groups, VA presumes that the circumstances of his/her service caused the condition and disability compensation can be awarded to the veteran.

EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE!

Veterans who served in-country Vietnam between January 9, 1962 to May 7, 1975 (including those who visited Vietnam even briefly) and who have a [disease that VA recognizes as associated with Agent Orange exposure](#) are presumed to have been exposed to Agent Orange. This includes Veterans who served aboard smaller river patrol and swift boats that operated on the inland waterways of Vietnam (also known as "Brown Water Veterans"). Vietnam Veterans with these specific diseases do not have to show that their diseases are related to their military service to get disability compensation.

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR VA SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY IF YOU HAVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LISTED CONDITIONS.

PRESUMPTIVE CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO AGENT ORANGE!

- Chloracne or other acne form diseases similar to Chloracne
- *Porphyria Cutanea Tarda*
- *Soft-tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, kaposi's sarcoma or mesothelioma)*
- *Hodgkin's Disease*
- *Multiple Myeloma*
- *Respiratory Cancers (Lung - Bronchus - Larynx - Trachea)*
- *Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma*
- *Prostate Cancer*
- *Acute and Subacute Peripheral Neuropathy**
- *Type II Diabetes (Secondary Issue also need to be included in this claim)*
- *Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia*
- *B cell leukemia's -hairy cell leukemia*
- *Parkinson's disease*
- *Ischemic heart disease*

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HAVE ONE OF THESE LISTED CONDITIONS

Please contact the St. Joseph County Veterans' Services to set up an appointment to get your Service-Connected Claim started. I will help you complete all of the proper paper work required.

WHAT WILL I NEED?

Copy of your DD-214 (discharge)

Copy of Marriage License & Divorce Papers if you have been married more than once.

Social Security Numbers for your Spouse and Dependents

Private Medical Records (Doctors' Name, Address, Phone Numbers)

This process will take about an hour to complete.