

Center for Prostate Disease Research  
Walter Reed Army Medical Center

## **AGENT ORANGE, VIETNAM VETERANS and PROSTATE CANCER**

WHAT: Vietnam veterans diagnosed with prostate cancer may qualify for service-connected disability compensation. Veterans who served in Korea in 1968 or 1969 may also qualify.

WHY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has determined that a positive association exists between exposure to herbicides and the development of prostate cancer (and 10 other diseases). It is presumed that veterans have been exposed to Agent Orange if they were in country between January 9, 1962 and May 5, 1975. A veteran qualifies for compensation no matter when the prostate cancer occurs.

HOW: Submit a disability compensation application immediately after being diagnosed with prostate cancer! Veterans submitting the application before treatment may get a 100% disability rating for approximately 6 months. Veterans submitting the application after treatment may not qualify because the cancer is presumed cured. (However, after treatment, veterans may qualify for a reduced disability rating if treatment resulted in side effects. If recurrence occurs, a veteran may be eligible for 100% disability rating).

HOW MUCH: 100% disability for following categories (see Compensation Rate Table at [www.vba.va.gov](http://www.vba.va.gov) for more information)

- Veteran with spouse and child: \$2626/month
- Veteran with spouse only: \$2528/month
- Veteran alone: \$2393/month

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Go to the VA website at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov). Click on "Compensations".  
Submit the application (VA Form 21-526) online.

OR

2. Submit a hard copy application (available at CPDR or VA website).  
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Send copy of DD Form 214, official document verifying presence in Vietnam, and copy of biopsy report. Send "certified mail with return receipt requested".

WHERE TO MAIL APPLICATION: (for DC, MD, VA)

\* Addresses for other states listed in Veterans Affairs Federal Benefits booklet ([www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov))

Washington DC

Veterans Administration D.C. Regional Office  
1722 I Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20421

Virginia

Veterans Administration Virginia Regional Office  
210 Franklin Road, S.W.  
Roanoke, VA 24011

Maryland

Veterans Administration Maryland Regional Office  
31 Hopkins Plaza Federal Building  
Baltimore, MD 21201

FOR INFORMATION:

- Contact Ray Walsh
  - Vietnam veteran, prostate cancer survivor and Red Cross volunteer at Center for Prostate Disease Research
  - 703-425-1474 or email at [raywalsh34@erols.com](mailto:raywalsh34@erols.com)
- WRAMC Veterans Affairs Field Office
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 5Z20A (Southeast Quadrant)
  - Appointments preferred. Call 202-782-3645.
  - Mon, Tues, Fri: 0730-1130. Wed: Closed. Thur: 0730-1600
- Website [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov). (Veterans Affairs)
  - Agent Orange Web Page at [www.va.gov/agentorange](http://www.va.gov/agentorange) for “Agent Orange Review” (newsletters), “Agent Orange Briefs” (Fact Sheets), and “Agent Orange General Information Brochure”. For information on “Agent Orange and Vietnam Veterans” go to [www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/benefits/herbicide](http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/benefits/herbicide)
- Toll-free help lines
  - Dept of VA Telephone Assistance Service: 1-800-827-1000
  - Veterans Special Issue Help Line: 1-800-749-8387
- State Veterans Affairs Departments
  - Washington DC
    - DC Department of Veteran Affairs
    - Washington, DC 20002
    - 202-724-5454
  - Virginia
    - Virginia Department of Veteran Services
    - 900 E. Main Street
    - Richmond, VA 23219
    - 804-786-0286
    - Web: [www.dvs.virginia.gov](http://www.dvs.virginia.gov)
  - Maryland

Maryland Department of Veteran Affairs  
16 Francis Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
410-260-3888 or 1-866-793-1577 (toll free)  
Web: [www.mdva.state.md/us](http://www.mdva.state.md/us)

- Veterans Service Organizations
  - American Legion: 1-800-433-3318
  - Armed Forces Services Corporation: 1-888-237-2872
  - Disabled American Veterans: 1-877-426-2838
  - Paralyzed Veterans of America: 1-800-424-8200
  - Veterans of Foreign Wars: 1-800-VFW-1988
  - Vietnam Veterans of America: 1-800-882-1316

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