

Resources

If you want to file a VA claim for compensation and/or health care benefits, contact an accredited veterans service officer for further information:

www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/

Did you serve in the U.S. military?

The NAACP working with the Veterans Health Council's network of professional organizations is invested in the health of America's veterans. For more information, and a list of VHC participants and how to reach them, please visit the VHC website:

www.veteranshealth.org

Note: In some cases, Dependency & Indemnity Compensation, education benefits, and CHAMPVA medical care may be available for the surviving spouses and children of certain veterans.

CAUTION: Your military service may have put your health at risk



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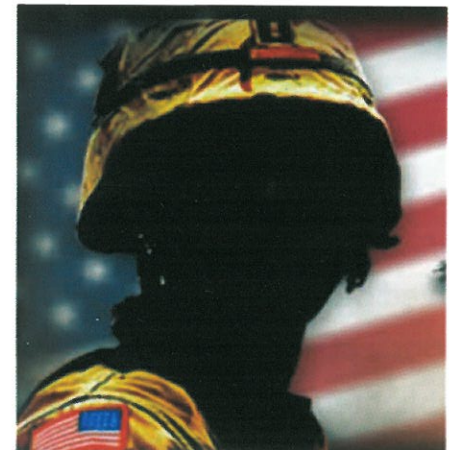
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What the NAACP wants your health care provider to know



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The Department of Veterans Affairs has determined that certain illnesses have been associated with military service. Please check the list of illnesses and health concerns that have been identified with service during the wars listed in this brochure. If you served during one or more of these periods of war and have any of the highlighted diseases, you may be eligible for compensation, benefits and health care.

When Did You Serve?

Some injuries are common to all wars. Examples include:

- Amputations
- Traumatic mental health disorders, such as TBI, PTSD (including military sexual trauma)
- Substance abuse
- Vision and hearing loss

However, some injuries are unique to the time you served. Refer to the list for some health problems that may have resulted from specific times of service.

The VA can make monthly monetary payments or service-connected disability compensation for these and other illnesses directly related to your military service.



Vietnam War

(Feb 28, 1961-May 7, 1975)

- Exposure to Agent Orange (dioxin) and other toxic chemicals
- Birth defects in children born to male or female veterans
- Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Type II Diabetes, Ischemic Heart Disease and Parkinson's Disease

Persian Gulf War

(August 2, 1990—Date TBD, includes operations Desert Storm & Desert Shield)

- Gulf War Illness
- Leishmaniasis
- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
- Exposure to chemical smoke, chemical and biological agent and depleted uranium
- Immunizations

Global War on Terror

(September 11, 2001—Date TBD; includes operations Iraqi Freedom & Enduring Freedom)

- Drug resistant *Acinetobacter*
- Leishmaniasis
- Traumatic amputation
- Exposure to depleted uranium