

VETERANS VOICE

AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE AND LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE

Agent Orange was manufactured for the U.S. Department of Defense to be used in the Vietnam War and in Korea between April 1, 1968 and August 31, 1971 on the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). It was used as a defoliant to kill any living vegetation so the enemy could not hide. Agent Orange was given its name from the color of the orange-striped barrels in which it was shipped, and was by far the most widely used of the so-called "Rainbow Herbicides." The 2,4,5-T used to produce Agent Orange was contaminated with 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzodioxin (TCDD), an extremely toxic dioxin compound. Agent Orange was a very toxic and carcinogenic herbicide.

Because of this exposure, many veterans have suffered and are suffering today from ailments caused by Agent Orange. VA assumes that certain diseases can be related to a Veteran's qualifying military service. We call these "presumptive diseases." VA has recognized certain cancers and other health problems as presumptive diseases associated with exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides during military service.

If you served on the soil of Vietnam, and/or inland waters during the war, or the Korea DMZ between April 1, 1968 and August 31, 1971, and are afflicted with the ailments listed below, you can apply for service-connected compensation.

Veterans may be eligible for benefits for the following diseases because medical studies have shown that veterans exposed to Agent Orange have a higher occurrence rate for these ailments compared to the general population.

Also, if a veteran has passed away from one of these ailments, the surviving spouse can apply for a benefit called Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). There is no time limit to apply for this benefit.

- **AL Amyloidosis:** A rare disease caused when an abnormal protein, amyloid, enters tissues or organs
- **Chronic B-cell Leukemia's:** A type of cancer which affects white blood cells
- **Chloracne (or similar acne form disease):** A skin condition that occurs soon after exposure to chemicals and looks like common forms of acne seen in teenagers. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10 percent disabling within one year of exposure to herbicides.
- **Diabetes Mellitus Type 2:** A disease characterized by high blood sugar levels resulting from the body's inability to respond properly to the hormone insulin
- **Hodgkin's Disease:** A malignant lymphoma (cancer) characterized by progressive enlargement of the lymph nodes, liver, and spleen, and by progressive anemia
- **Ischemic Heart Disease:** A disease characterized by a reduced supply of blood to the heart, that leads to chest pain
- **Multiple Myeloma:** A cancer of plasma cells, a type of white blood cell in bone marrow
- **Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma:** A group of cancers that affect the lymph glands and other lymphatic tissue
- **Parkinson's Disease:** A progressive disorder of the nervous system that affects muscle movement
- **Peripheral Neuropathy, Early-Onset:** A nervous system condition that causes numbness, tingling, and motor weakness. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10 percent disabling within one year of herbicide exposure.
- **Porphyria Cutanea Tarda:** A disorder characterized by liver dysfunction and by thinning and blistering of the skin in sun-exposed areas. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10 percent disabling within one year of exposure to herbicides.
- **Prostate Cancer:** Cancer of the prostate; one of the most common cancers among men
- **Respiratory Cancers (includes lung cancer):** Cancers of the lung, larynx, trachea, and bronchus
- **Soft Tissue Sarcomas (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma):** A group of different types of cancers in body tissues such as muscle, fat, blood and lymph vessels, and connective tissues

CHILDREN WITH BIRTH DEFECTS

VA has recognized that certain birth defects among Veterans' children are associated with Veterans' qualifying service in Vietnam or Korea.

Spina bifida (except spina bifida occulta), a defect in the developing fetus that results in incomplete closing of the spine, is associated with Veterans' exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides during qualifying service in Vietnam or Korea. The affected child must have been conceived after the Veteran entered Vietnam or the Korean demilitarized zone during the qualifying service period.

Birth Defects in Children of Women Vietnam Veterans

VA presumes that certain birth defects in biological children of women Vietnam Veterans were caused by military service when the birth mother served in Vietnam between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975. Eligible children may receive VA benefits.

Birth defects are abnormalities present at birth that result in mental or physical disabilities.

VA recognizes a wide range of birth defects as associated with women Veterans' service in Vietnam. These diseases are not tied to herbicides, including Agent Orange, or dioxin exposure, but rather to the birth mother's service in Vietnam.

Covered birth defects include, but are not limited to, the following conditions: Achondroplasia, Cleft lip and cleft palate, Congenital heart disease, Congenital talipes equinovarus (clubfoot), Esophageal and intestinal atresia, Hallerman-Streiff syndrome, Hip dysplasia, Hirschsprung's disease (congenital megacolon), Hydrocephalus due to aqueductal stenosis, Hypospadias, Imperforate anus, Neural tube defects, Poland syndrome, Pyloric stenosis, Syndactyly (fused digits), Tracheoesophageal fistula, Undescended testicle, and Williams syndrome.

Conditions due to family disorders, birth-related injuries, or fetal or neonatal infirmities with well-established causes are not covered. If any of the birth defects listed above are determined to be a family disorder in a particular family, they are not covered birth defects.

Veterans with Lou Gehrig's Disease

VA presumes Lou Gehrig's Disease (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or ALS) diagnosed in ALL Veterans, any branch, any service period, who had 90 days or more continuous active military service is related to their service and they should apply for service-connected compensation.

BUGLERS NEEDED

The Algoma Honor Guard is looking for Buglers interested in playing Taps at military funerals and other Veteran functions. There is an incentive, \$25.00 for each event, \$30.00 for each bugler (two maximum) on Veterans Day, and \$50.00 each bugler (two maximum) on Memorial Day. The money is applied toward tuition for their continuing education after High School.

Please direct any questions to Marvin Dequaine, Commander, Algoma Honor Guard, at 920-487-2248 or 920-255-0612.

KEWAUNEE CVSO AND MOBILE VET CENTER COMING TO ALGOMA NIGHT OUT

On July 22, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Kewaunee County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) and Mobile Vet Center will be at the Algoma Night Out event. Come out and see what VA benefits are available to those who served in the military and what the Mobile Vet Center is all about. For more information, contact the Kewaunee County Veterans Service Officer at 388-7198.



Ed Sticka a WWII veteran, participated in the Badger Honor Flight experience on May 17, 2014 seeing the WWII memorial and meeting Bob & Elizabeth Dole were highlights. Tommy Thompson was one of many that wrote him a mail call letter. Ed is surrounded by his family and friends after his return. If you are a WWII, Korean, or Vietnam veteran and have not taken an Honor Flight, contact the Kewaunee County Veterans Service Office at 388-7198 for an application or go on-line at www.oldgloryhonorflight.org

KEWAUNEE COUNTY PARADE SCHEDULE FOR 2014

The parade and event schedule for 2014 is listed below. The uniform for each parade will be full uniform with tie, jacket and cap. If the weather is hot, we will usually shed the jacket and tie. Bring everything to each parade so that you will not be out of uniform. If you do not have a uniform, wear your military uniform or white shirt and black or dark blue pants. If you served in the military, you are welcome to march, membership in a service organization is not necessary, but encouraged. If you cannot march, vehicles are provided to ride along. Plan on being at each event at least 1/2 hour before the parade starts. Come out and support your comrades.

July 6 th	Sunday	Ellisville Gator Fest	12:00 Noon
July 11 th	Friday	Francis Creek, Tractor Pull	6:00 PM
July 13 th	Sunday	Kewaunee Trout Fest	12:00 Noon
July 20 th	Sunday	Luxemburg Fair Parade	11:00 AM
August 9 th	Saturday	Algoma Shanty Days	12:00 Noon
August 17 th	Sunday	Casco Lions	11:00 AM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 25	American Legion Auxiliary Bi-County Meeting Installation of new Officers. Carlton Town Hall Guest speaker, Nellie DeBaker. 7:00 p.m. 845-5033
July 1	Kewaunee American Legion Post 29 (1st Tue) 7:30 p.m. 388-0217
July 3	Kewaunee VFW Post 3392 (1st Thur) 7:30 p.m. 388-0217
July 9	Robinson American Legion Post 538 (2nd Wed) 8:00 p.m. 776-1136
July 14	Casco American Legion Post 319 (2nd Mon) 6:30 p.m. 255-3344
July 14	Veterans Benefit Golf Outing 339-9724
July 15	Kewaunee County AMVETS Post 42 (3rd Tue) 6:30 p.m. 487-2248
July 17	Algoma American Legion Post 236 (3rd Thur) 7:00 p.m. 487-9929
July 21	Luxemburg American Legion Post 262 and American Legion Auxiliary (3rd Mon) 7:00 p.m. 365-6155
July 17-20	American Legion State Convention, Radisson Hotel, Appleton, WI
July 20, 25-27	American Legion Burger and Hot Dog Fry hosted during the Kewaunee Salmon Tournament at the Kewaunee Marina Pavilion
July 22	Algoma Night Out, Kewaunee CVSO and Mobile Vet Center 6-8 p.m. 388-7198

Paradise Estates LLC would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Veterans and their spouses and to offer assistance in receiving your full benefits you deserve for any assisted living needs you or your spouse have earned.

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