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Birth Defects in Children of Vietnam and Korea Veterans

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.
- Birth defects in children of women Veterans is associated with their military service in Vietnam, but are not related to herbicide exposure.

The affected child must have been conceived after the Veteran entered Vietnam or the Korean demilitarized zone during the qualifying service period.

VA benefits

Children with spina bifida or covered birth defects who are biological children of Veterans with qualifying service may be eligible for compensation, health care and vocational training.

Learn more about [benefits for Veterans' children with birth defects](#).

See more at: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/birth-defects/index.asp#sthash.x6wvsmV9.dpuf>