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Statistics are valid as of 12/16/2009

Potential Veterans Affected by the Agent Orange Act of 2009

Total Vietnam Era Veterans receiving DVA compensation – 2008 1,015,410¹

Not all of these Vietnam War Veterans are receiving compensation from the effects of Agent Orange

Vietnam Era Veterans receiving compensation from Agent Orange	7,520 ²
Percentage of Vietnam War Veterans receiving compensation for AO exposure	7.6% ³
Percentage of Vietnam War Veterans receiving 10% disability (\$123.00 per month)	27.0% ⁴
Percentage of Vietnam War Veterans receiving 100% disability (\$2,673.00 per month)	8.0% ⁴

DVA has reported that based on DOD records at the end of the War.

Total Veterans deployed to Southeast Asia	ALL RECEIVED VSM / AFEM⁵	3,403,100 ⁶
Total “in-country” Vietnam War Veterans	(boots on the ground)	2,594,000 ⁷
Total “off-shore” Vietnam War Veterans	(Blue Water Navy)	514,300 ⁸
Total “T.L.C.” Vietnam War Veterans	(Thailand, Laos, Cambodia)	294,800 ⁹

Current estimate of “In-Country” Vietnam War Veterans still living	(less than) 850,000 ¹⁰
Current estimate of Vietnam Veteran that died between 2000 and 2007	490,135 ¹¹

The projected estimates of the “off-shore” and “TLC” Vietnam War Veterans still living was calculated at the same percentage ratio as the “in-country” Veterans. (32.8%)

Potential number of “off-shore” Vietnam War Veterans still living	168,525
Potential number of “T.L.C.” Vietnam War Veterans still living	96,600

Potential number of Vietnam Era Veterans still alive that may be eligible to file Agent Orange Claims once The Agent Orange Equity of 2009 (HR2254 / S1939) is enacted, and only if diagnosed with a presumptive disease. Not all will have been or will be diagnosed with a presumptive disease and not all eligible Veterans will file a claim.

265,125

¹ DVA’s Publication “America’s Wars – 2008”

² Agent Orange: Statistical Update, March 2000, VA Office of Public Affairs

³ “Agent Orange: Statistical Update,” March 2000, VA Office of Public Affairs, Media Relations Office (80-F)

⁴ Presentation to the Veterans Disability Compensation Commission, September 14, 2006 By Adm. Dunne

⁵ Vietnam Service Medal or Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal-Vietnam–Must have served in the Vietnam War Combat Zone.

⁶ Department of Defense estimate

⁷ *Pentagram*, June 4, 1993

⁸ VFW Magazine, January 2003

⁹ DOD number of total deployed to Southeast Asia, minus “in-country” and “off-shore”

¹⁰ Vietnam Veterans of America Association

¹¹ Chicago Tribune based on Statistics supplied by DVA