



# PACT ACT & VIETNAM, COLD WAR ERA VETERANS



The **PACT Act**, signed into law August 10, 2022, expands health care and benefits for Vietnam era Veterans.



## PACT Act Health Care Eligibility

Veterans who served in these countries during specific time periods are eligible to enroll in VA health care **effective August 10, 2022**.

### Republic of Vietnam

January 9, 1962 - May 7, 1975

### Thailand

Any U.S. or Royal Thai base  
January 9, 1962 - June 30, 1976

### Guam or American Samoa

(or in their territorial waters)  
January 9, 1962 - July 31, 1980

### Laos

December 1, 1965 -  
September 30, 1969

### Cambodia

at Mimot or Krek,  
Kampong Cham Province  
April 16, 1969 - April 30, 1969

### Johnston Atoll

(or on a ship that called there)  
January 1, 1972 - September 30, 1977



The law expands health care and benefits for Veterans who participated in certain nuclear response or cleanup activities:

### Enewetak Atoll

January 1, 1977 -  
December 31, 1980

### Palomares, Spain

January 17, 1966 -  
March 31, 1967

### Thule, Greenland

January 21, 1968 -  
September 25, 1968



## Toxic Exposure Screenings

As a general matter, there are several types of possible exposures or hazards Veterans may have experienced during their military service, including:

- Air Pollutants
- Chemicals
- Radiation
- Warfare Agents
- Occupational Hazards

**ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022:** VA will begin incorporating toxic exposure screenings. Every Veteran enrolled for VA health care will receive an initial toxic exposure screening and a follow-up screening at least every five years. Eligible Veterans who have not enrolled will have an opportunity to enroll and receive the screening.



## PACT Act Benefits

The PACT Acts adds two new Agent Orange presumptive conditions:

- Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)
- High blood pressure (hypertension)

**Family members or dependents of a deceased Veteran may** qualify for various VA benefits due to the additional disabilities defined in the PACT Act if they meet eligibility requirements. More information for survivors is available online at [VA.gov/PACT](https://www.va.gov/PACT).

## 4 EASY WAYS TO APPLY FOR VA HEALTH CARE



Apply online at [VA.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction](https://www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction)



Call the toll-free hotline 877-222-8387 Mon – Fri, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. ET



Mail a completed, signed Application for Health Benefits [VA Form 10-10EZ](https://www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction)



Bring a completed, signed [VA Form 10-10EZ](https://www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction) to the nearest VA Medical Center or clinic.

## 4 EASY WAYS TO GET STARTED WITH CLAIMS



Learn more at [VA.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/](https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim/)



Visit a VBA Regional Office [VA.gov/benefits/offices.asp](https://www.va.gov/benefits/offices.asp)



Call the Benefits hotline (for specific questions) at 1-800-827-1000



Work with an accredited VSO [VA.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp](https://www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp)



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