

Dixie/Yankee Station Ships / Blue Water Veterans Agent Orange

The following conditions are presumptive to those who the Department of Veterans Affairs has conceded Agent Orange exposure and herbicide exposure to. This presumptive conditions list used to include only those who served boots on the ground or within the inland waterways of Vietnam, **but now includes Blue Water veterans who served in the US Navy ships that were in open waters within the 12-mile radius of the coastline of Vietnam:**

Chronic B-cell Leukemia / Hodgkin's Disease / Multiple Myeloma / Prostate Cancer Respiratory Cancers / Soft Tissue Sarcomas / Diabetes Mellitus Type 2 Ischemic Heart Disease / Parkinson's Disease / Early Onset Peripheral Neuropathy* (CIDP) / Porphyria Cutanea Tarda / Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma / AL Amyloidosis / Chloracne

The USS Constellation CVA-64 dates that are eligible for Blue Water Veterans Disability.

The USS Constellation CVA-64 on August 9, in 1964. June 15, June 17, in 1966. April 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 25 in 1972. Also, June 1, June 2, June 2, June 9, and April 25, in 1972.

This information was obtained from "SHIP LIST FOR AGENT ORANGE" at the following web site: <https://www.hillandponton.com/blue-water-navy-vietnam-map/>

You will need a certified "Veterans Service Officer" to review veteran's applications for Blue Water Veterans benefits. Check with your local state of county Veterans Office. I used the Suffolk Veterans Service Agency in Suffolk County New York.

If you served on Connie during any of the dates listed, apply for Disability payments to the VA.

I was diagnosed with Lung Cancer, stage 1 (Respiratory Cancer) and am awaiting a determination of my case that could award me 100% disability payments of \$3,279.22 a month. (Veteran with spouse \$3,279.22) Do not wait to apply if you are a "Blue Water Sailor".

The following is from the VA web site: *If you need help filing a claim or appeal, you may want to work with an accredited attorney, a claims agent, or a Veterans Service Officer (VSO). We trust these professionals because they're trained and certified in the VA claims and appeals processes and can help you with VA-related needs. To have a VSO help you, fill out an Appointment of Veterans Service Organization as Claimant's Representative (VA Form 21-22).*