

# Blue-Brown Water Claim Ships & Diseases

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## List of Types of Ships and Individual Ships Identified in Vietnam Inland Waterways

Note in some cases, the items listed under documents include additional dates and locations.

Ship	Type of Ship	Dates	Inland Location	Document	Listed in C&P Bulletin
	Coast Guard WHEC [high endurance cutters]	During entire Vietnam tour for this type of ship	Inland Waterways		June 2010
	Coast Guard WPB [patrol boat]	During entire Vietnam tour for this type of ship	Inland Waterways		June 2010
	IFS-93 [Inshore Fire Support]	During entire Vietnam tour for this type of ship	Inland Waterways		January 2010
	LCVP [landing craft, vehicle, personnel]	During entire Vietnam tour for this type of ship	Inland Waterways		January 2010
	LST [landing ship, tank]	During entire Vietnam tour for this type of ship	Inland Waterways		January 2010

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	PBR [patrol boat, river]	During entire Vietnam tour for this type of ship	Inland Waterways		January 2010
	PCF [patrol craft, fast]	During entire Vietnam tour for this type of ship	Inland Waterways		January 2010
Barracks Barge	APL – 26 [sleeping quarters]	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways		June 2010
USS Antelope	PG-86	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways		June 2010
USS Asheville	PG-84 [patrol gunboat]	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways		June 2010
USS Askari	ARL – 30 [Landing Craft Repair Ship]	Entire tour: 1967-71	Mekong Delta, Vung Tau, Nha Be, Soi Rap River, Song Vam Co, Song Vam Co dong, & Song Vam Co Tay rivers, upper Mekong river, Dong Tarn, Bin Thuy	<a href="http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/a12/askari.htm">http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/a12/askari.htm</a>	June 2010
USS Basilone		5/24-25/1966	Saigon river		January 2010
USS Belle Grove	LSD – 2 [landing ship dock]	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways		June 2010
USS Benewah	APB -35	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways		June 2010
USS Bexar	APA - 35	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways		June 2010
USS Black	DD - 666	7/13-19/1966	Saigon River		January 2010

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USS Bolster	ARS - 38 [salvage ship]	November 18 - December 1, 1967	Duc Pho extraction of USS Clark County		June 2010
USS Boxer	LPH - 4	September 9, 1965	Docked to pier at Cam Rahn Bay		June 2010
USS Brule	AKL - 28	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways		June 2010
USS Buck	DD761	October 1966  November 1966 prior to November 5, 1966 (See pdf.)	III & IV corps areas around the Saigon River Delta		June 2010
USS Canberra	CAG-2	3/31/66 to 4/1/66  December 15, 1966  January 15, 1967	Saigon River  Cua Viet River  Mekong Delta Ham Luong River  Mui Vung Tau, Saigon river, yong ganh rai, Banc Da Can Gio	*Deck logs mention USS Eldorado (AGC-11), USS Princeton (LPH-5), USS Robison (DDG-12), USS Guadalupe (AO-32)  Same Deck log document as above *mentions USS Topeka	June 2010

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		4/19/66 (See pdf.)  12/23/66 (See pdf)  3/1/67 (See pdf)	Cape Batangan, Da Nang, Mui Ka Ga  Vietnam coastal waters  Cap Falaise	(CLG-6), USS J.W. Thomason (DD-760), USS Carronade (IFS-4), USS Whetstone (LSD-25)  Same deck log document as above  Same deck log document as above * mentions USS Benner (DD-807), USS Strauss	
USS Canon	PG - 90	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways		June 2010
USS Card	ACV-11 [escort carrier]	May 1964	Moored in Saigon, mined sunk and salvaged	<a href="http://www.navsource.org/archives/03/011.htm">http://www.navsource.org/archives/03/011.htm</a>	June 2010
USS Carronade	IFS-93	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways		January 2010
USS Carter Hall	LSD - 3	December [1966] 1967  June C&P Bulletin lists 1966, but pdf. shows 1967	Cua Viet River and at Dong Ha		June 2010
USS Clarion River	LSM R - 409 [Landing Ship, Medium Rocket]	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways		January 2010
USS Cleveland	LPD - 7	November 1967 through 1968	Cua Viet River, Dong Ha, Hue River		June 2010

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		September 1969  January 3, 1970 (See pdf.)	Saigon River  Amphibious support		
USS Colleton	APB-36 [Mobile Barracks Ship]	During entire Vietnam tour	Mobile Riverine Force Afloat Base – Barracks in Dong Tam	SCBW p. 328  See APL 26 “By Sea Air and Land.pdf”	June 2010
USS Comstock	LSD – 19	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
USS Conway		8/3/1966 Early August, 1966	13 miles up-river from Vung Tau toward Saigon		January 2010
USS Crockett	PG - 88	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
USS Dubuque	LPD - 8	March 15, 1970	Docked at Da Nang		June 2010
USS Dyess	DD - 880	June 19 -July 1, 1966	Lower Rung Sat area, Mekong Delta, Saigon River, Rung Sat Special Zone	1966 cruise book  <a href="http://writerbillusn.com/dutystationsusn.aspx">http://writerbillusn.com/dutystationsusn.aspx</a>	June 2010
USS Elkhorn	AOG-7	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways	<a href="http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa4442/is_200502/ai_n16063305/?tag=content;coll">http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa4442/is_200502/ai_n16063305/?tag=content;coll</a>	June 2010
USS Epperson	DD - 719	October 4, 1970	Docked at Da Nang Pier		June 2010

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USS Fiske	DD - 842	6/16-21/66	Mekong River		January 2010
USS Gallop	PG-85	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
USS Genesee	AOG-8	During entire Vietnam tour	Ben Hai River south to Sa Hyuhn	<a href="http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa4442/is_200502/ai_n16063305/?tag=content;coll">http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa4442/is_200502/ai_n16063305/?tag=content;coll</a>	June 2010
USS Hamner		8/15/66 – 9/1/66	Song Lon Tao and Long Song Tao Rivers		January 2010
USS Henrico	APA-45 [amphibious attack transport]	02-05/65  1966	Danang, Hue, Chu Lai, Hue River  Hue River		June 2010

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USS Indra	ARL - 37	1967-1968	Mobile Riverine Force Afloat Base – Barracks in Dong Tam	See APL 26 “By Sea Air and Land.pdf”	June 2010
USS Ingersoll		10/24-25/1965	Saigon River	M21-MR, Part IV, Subpart ii, Chapter 2, Section C	January 2010
USS John W. Thompson	DD - 760	1969	Nga Be River		June 2010
USS Kishwaukee	AOG-9	During entire Vietnam tour	Ben Hai River south to Sa Hyuhn	<a href="http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa4442/is_200502/ai_n16063305/?tag=content;coll">http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa4442/is_200502/ai_n16063305/?tag=content;coll</a>	June 2010
USS Krishna	ARL - 30	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland waterways		June 2010
USS Mahan	DLG-11	10/24-28/64	Saigon River		January 2010
USS Mansfield	DD-728	11/25/65 – 12/24/65  8/8-19/67  12/21 – 24, 1968  12/21/69	Saigon River	<a href="http://web.meganet.net/kman/nfv3.htm">http://web.meganet.net/kman/nfv3.htm</a>  Captain’s History in claims file to C& P	January 2010
USS Marathon	PG - 89	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010

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USS Mark	AKL-12 [light cargo ship]	During entire Vietnam tou	Inland waterways		June 2010
USS Maury	AGS – 16 [mapping survey ship]	November 1965 - 1969	Surveys of Mekong Delta and rivers		June 2010
USS Mercer	APB - 39 [Mobile Barracks Ship]	During entire Vietnam tour	Mekong Delta	SCBW p. 328	June 2010
USS Montrose	APA – 212 [attack transport]	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
USS Newell	DER – 322 [radar destroyer escort]	December 22 – 24, 1965	Nha Trang		June 2010
USS Niagara Falls	AFS-3 [Combat Stores Ship]	4/22-25/1968	Saigon River & Unloaded supplies at Cam Rahn Bay		January 2010
USS Noxubee (AOG-56)	AOG-56	During entire Vietnam tour	Ben Hai River south to Sa Hyuhn	<a href="http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa4442/is_200502/ai_n16063305/?tag=content;coll">http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa4442/is_200502/ai_n16063305/?tag=content;coll</a>	June 2010
USS Nueces (Mobile Barracks Ship: APB 40)	APB - 40	During entire Vietnam tour		SCBW p. 328 See APL 26 “By Sea Air and Land.pdf”	June 2010
USS Okanogan	APA-220 [Attack Transport]	During entire Vietnam tour	Saigon River Inland waterways		June 2010
USS Orleck	DD - 886	July 1969	Mekong River Delta		June 2010
USS Patapsco	AOG – 1 [gasoline tanker]	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010

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USS Perkins	DD - 877	June 1969	Vung Tau – Saigon River	Cruise Book	June 2010
USS Picking	DD685	11/16/65	Saigon River		June 3010
USS Providence		3 days during January 1964	Saigon River		January 2010
USS Ready	PG - 87	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
USS Richard E. Kraus		6/2-5/1966	Coastal inlet north of Da Nang		January 2010
USS Saint Francis River	LSMR 525	During entire Vietnam tour			January 2010
USS Satyr	ARL - 23 [repair ship]	During entire Vietnam tour	Mobile Riverine Force Afloat Base – Barracks in Dong Tam	See APL 26 “By Sea Air and Land.pdf”	June 2010
USS Southerland	DD - 743	July 1966	Saigon River, Special Rung Sat Zone	Deck Logs	June 2010
USS Sphinx	ARL - 24	During entire Vietnam tour	Mekong Delta	SCBW p. 329	June 2010
USS Sproston	DD - 577	January 1966	Mekong Delta and Ganh Rai Bay		June 2010
USS Talladega	APA-208	October 1967	Saigon River	History.navy.mil	June 2010
USS Tombigbee	AOG-11	During entire Vietnam tour	Ben Hai River south to Sa Hyuhn	<a href="http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa4442/is_200502/ai_n16063305/?tag=cont">http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa4442/is_200502/ai_n16063305/?tag=cont</a>	June 2010

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USS Tortuga	LSD -26	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
USS Tutuila	ARG – 4 [repair ship]	During entire Vietnam tour	Nha Be, Saigon River		June 2010
USS Waddell	DDG - 24	March 1967	Cua Viet River		June 2010
USS White River	LSMR 536	During entire Vietnam tour			January 2010
USS Winnemucca	YTB – 785 [harbor tug]	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
YRBM - 18	Floating Base Platform	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
YRBM - 20	Floating Base Platform	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
YRBM-17	[repair, berthing and messing barge]	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
USS Joseph Strauss DDG-16		Early Oct 1965	Danang Harbor	<a href="http://www.ussjosephstraus.org/store/Deck_logs/Order%20form.htm">http://www.ussjosephstraus.org/store/Deck_logs/Order%20form.htm</a>	
		2/14/67	Song Ca River		
		2/16/67	CuaNhuong River		

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		4/30/67	Danang Harbor		
		11/7/68	Mekong River Delta and Ganh Rai Bay, Vung Tau Harbor		June 2010
		12/7/68	Vung Tau Harbor Mekong Delta		June 2010
		12/29/68	Da Nang Harbor	Total time at anchor in inland waters: 11 hours 21 minutes.	
USS Lofberg (DD759)		12/27/68 – 1/21/69; 2/4-22/69; 3/6-22/69; 4/2-17/69	Inland Waterways		
		4/10/69, 4/12/69	Song Cua Dai River Entrance, I Corps Area		

**List of Planes Identified in Vietnam Inland**

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Patrol Squadron 4 (Skinny Dragons)	03-04/65	Patrolled south china sea, based at Tan Son Nhut Air Base outside of Saigon		<a href="http://www.vp4.navy.mil/history/history_of_the_skinny_dragons.htm">http://www.vp4.navy.mil/history/history_of_the_skinny_dragons.htm</a>	7/9/10	

Reference Key (PDF's)

Small Combatants Brown Water = SCBW

**List of Ships with Evidence or Suggestion of Service in Vietnam Inland Waterways**

**Received by Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs**

**For any ships not on these lists on these dates, deck logs may be needed to confirm location.**

<b>Ship</b>	<b>Type of Ship</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Inland Location</b>	<b>Document</b>
A-112-4	(Assault Support Patrol Boat: 50AB6721)	sank in Feb. 1968	Can Tho River	SCBW p. 355
A-112-8	(Assault Support Patrol Boat: 50AB6737)	attacked in March 1968 (no other specific	Can Tho River	SCBW p. 352

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		dates)		
A-91-1	(Assault Support Patrol Boat: 50AB676)	sank in March 1968	Can Tho River	SCBW p. 352
A-92-7	(Assault Support Patrol Boat: 50AB6731)	sank in March 1968	Sam Giang River	SCBW p. 355
USNS Geiger	Troop Transport	9/19/65  10/8-9/65  11/23/ -26/65  11/30/65 – 12/13/65  1967	Quin Nhon  Quin Nhon – Cam Ranh Bay  Rotated ROK troops from Vung Tau to Inchon & Back  Shuttled troops between San Francisco & Vietnam  Qui Nhon; Cam Ranh Bay	<a href="http://www.raydon.com/48ahc/html/48history.htm">http://www.raydon.com/48ahc/html/48history.htm</a>  <a href="http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/g2/geiger.htm">http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/g2/geiger.htm</a>
USNS Rose		Arrived 01/02/67	Vung Tau	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for this date.
USNS Rose		Arrived 01/02/67	Vung Tau	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for this date.

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USNS Upshur, USNS Gordon	USNS transport & support ships	Various		<a href="http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/vetscor/815585/posts;">http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/vetscor/815585/posts;</a>
USNS Upshur, USNS Gordon, other USNS transport & support ships				<a href="http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/vetscor/815585/posts;">http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/vetscor/815585/posts;</a>
USS Alamo (LSD 33)		03-09/72	Amphibious operations	See USS Cleveland doc “USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End”
USS Anchorage (LSD 36)		03-09/72	Amphibious operations	See USS Cleveland doc “USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End”
USS Blue Ridge		03-09/72	Amphibious operations	See USS Cleveland doc “USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End”
USS Braine (DD630)		11/25-27/66	Da Nang (Special Ops)	
USS Cohoes (AN 78)		1967-1968	Mobile Riverine Force Afloat Base – Barracks in Dong Tam	See APL 26 “By Sea Air and Land.pdf”
USS Davidson DE- 1045		9/16/67, 9/22/67, 9/24/67, 10/3-5/67,	Saigon River, Vung Ganh Rat, Can Gio Run  Saigon River, Vung Tau, Canh Rai Bay  Ganh Rai Bay  Rung Sat Special Zone Area	

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USS DeHaven DD727 & DesRon9 ships  *note – Rung Sat Special Zone		June 1965  June – October 1965  06/66 – 09/68	Da Nang Harbor  Mekong Delta, Nha Trang, Dong Ha, and other inshore areas  NGSF, Saigon river, Phu Quoc Island off the Cambodian Border to Hai Phong harbor	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for this date.
USS Denver (LPD 9)		03-09/72	Amphibious operations	See USS Cleveland doc “USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End”
USS Duluth (LPD 6)		8/12/68  03-09/72	Subic Bay to Da Nang  Amphibious operations	See USS Cleveland doc “USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End”
USS Falgout	(DER324) Radar Pickett Ship	6/9/65	Mekong River to Mekong Delta	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for this date.
USS Falgout (DER324) Radar Pickett Ship		6/9/65	Mekong River to Mekong Delta	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for this date.
USS Grasp ARS24		02-04/69  6/15/73 – 7/11/73	Salvage support in Da Nang, Song Cua Dia river, Cua Viet, Mui Da Nang Chau Me  Haiphong Harbor	<a href="http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/g7/grasp-i.htm">http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/g7/grasp-i.htm</a>

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USS Henry B. Wilson (DDG-7)		Fall of Saigon, May, 1975	Saigon River	USS Henry B. Wilson (DDG-7)
USS Higbee (DD-806)		3/1/69 3/12/69 4/29-30/69	Steamed from Subic Bay to Vung Tau, entered Ganh Rai Vung Ganh Rai Da Nang Harbor	
USS Ingraham DD-694		11/12/65	Steamed 10 miles up Saigon River	<a href="http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/i2/ingraham-iii.htm">http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/i2/ingraham-iii.htm</a>
USS Iwo Jima LPH 2		01-03/70	Amphibious Group Support	See USS Cleveland doc "USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End"
USS Joseph Strauss	DDG-16	Early Oct 1965 2/14/67 2/16/67 4/30/67	Da Nang Harbor Song Ca River Cua Nhuong River Da Nang Harbor	<a href="http://www.ussjosephstrauss.org/store/Deck_logs/Order%20form.htm">http://www.ussjosephstrauss.org/store/Deck_logs/Order%20form.htm</a>  Anchorage number E-2, time 0741 local. Water depth 40 feet. Underway at time 1018 local. Total time at anchor in inland waters: 2 hours 37 minutes.

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		11/7/68	Vung Tau Harbor	Anchorage number E-2, time 1230 local. Vung Tau light bears 076, Ganh Rai Point bears 012, Channel Light bears 339. Water depth 65 feet. Underway at time 1952 local. Total time at anchor in inland waters: 7 hours 22 minutes.
		12/7/68	Vung Tau Harbor	<p>time 1818 local. Latitude 16 degrees 8 minutes north, 108 degrees 10 minutes east, water depth 39 feet, sand and mud bottom. Purpose: Harassment and Interdiction gunfire mission. Underway the following morning (29 December 1968) at time 0637 local. Total time at anchor in inland waters: 12 hours 19 minutes.</p>
		12/28- 29/68	Da Nang Harbor	<p>time 1752 local. Latitude 16 degrees 7 minutes 40 seconds north, 108 degrees 10 minutes east, water depth 43 feet, mud bottom. Purpose: Harassment and Interdiction gunfire mission. Underway the following morning (30 December 1968) at time 0513 local. Total time at anchor in inland waters: 11 hours 21 minutes.</p>

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USS Juneau (LPD 10)		Early 09/72	Supposed surface assault near Quang Tri City Citadel	
USS Leary		10/8-12/67	Vung Tau Harbor, Baie De Ganh Rai Channel	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for these dates.
USS Lofberg (DD759)		12/27/68 – 1/21/69; 2/4-22/69; 3/6-22/69; 4/2-17/69  4/10/69, 4/12/69	Inland Waterways  Song Cua Dai River Entrance, I Corps Area	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for these dates.
USS Lyman K Swenson DD729		10/3-18/65  5-8/67  11/15/68 – 1/1/69  3/9/70	Gunfire support missions with army spotters ashore  Search & rescue duties northern Tonkin Gulf  Gulf of Tonkin; Yankee Station; search & rescue  Gulf of Tonkin	<a href="http://dd729.com/indexb.html">http://dd729.com/indexb.html</a> <a href="http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/l33/lyman_k_swenson.htm">http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/l33/lyman_k_swenson.htm</a>

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USS Mahopac (ATA-196)		11/3/66 10/30/66	Song Tien Gang Branch of Mekong River; Song Cua Tien river	
USS Mars	AFS - 1	3/12-16/71  3/22-29/71	Da Nang, Cam Ranh Bay, Vung Tau, An Thoi  Cam Ranh Bay; Vung Tau; An Thoi	Mentions names of servicemembers
USS Mobile LKA 115		10/31/67  11/2/71	Da Nang  Cam Ranh	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for these dates.
USS Mt. Vernon (LSD 39)		03-09/72	Amphibious operations	See USS Cleveland doc "USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End"
USS Newman Perry (DD-883)		11/23-28/66	Mouth of the Mekong River  Coastal waters off Vietnam, Mekong River mouth, Ham Thang	
USS Newman Perry (DD-883)		11/23-28/66	Coastal waters off Vietnam, Mekong River mouth, Ham Thang  Mouth of the Mekong	

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			River Mekong Delta Ham Thang, mouth of Mekong river, 3 miles from shore	
USS Newport News		4/19-22/69	Cua Viet River	
USS Okinawa		8/12/68  03-09/72	Subic Bay to Da Nang  Amphibious operations	See "Dec 8 1868 (2).jpg" listed under USS Duluth  See USS Cleveland doc "USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End"
USS Pictor		9/15-25/67  9/19/67  9/23/67	Inland Waterways  Dong Ha  Anthoi	
USS Pine Island	AV-12	10/10/65- 11/4/65, 11/29/65- 12/12/65, 1/15/66-2/14/66, 4/2-11/66	Cam Ranh Bay	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for these dates.
USS Pintado		12/72 – 02/73	Patrolled inland rivers of Haiphong and Hainan	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for these dates
USS Platte (AO-24)		9/22/67	Saigon River, Vung Tau, Canh Rai Bay	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for this date.

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USS Point Defiance (LSD 31)		03-09/72	Amphibious operations	See USS Cleveland doc “USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End”
USS Preston DD795		9/28/65 9/29/65	Bay of Gahn Rai Saigon River	Deck Logs
USS Radford DD 446		11/30/67 – 12/9/67	Mouth of the Saigon River	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for these dates.
USS Rainier (AE-5)		9/16/67	Saigon River, Vung Ganh Rat, Can Gio Run	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for this date.
USS Repose	AH-16	2/14/66 – 3/14/70	Chu Lai; I corps tactical zone; Dong Ha; Da Nang	<a href="http://ussrepose.org/history.htm">http://ussrepose.org/history.htm</a> <a href="http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/r4/repose.htm">http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/r4/repose.htm</a>
USS Rupertus		10/24-25/1965	Inland Waterways	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for these dates.
USS Sanctuary	AH-17	04/10/67 – 4/23/71	Chu Lai; I corps tactical zone; Dong Ha; Da Nang	<a href="http://ussrepose.org/history.htm">http://ussrepose.org/history.htm</a> <a href="http://www.seastory.us/sanctuary/history.html">http://www.seastory.us/sanctuary/history.html</a>
USS Sherman WHEC 720		Nov 1970	Mekong river delta, area 9,	
USS St. Louis (LKA 116)		03-09/72	Amphibious operations	See USS Cleveland doc “USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End”
USS The Point Garrett	APB - 35 [Mobile Barracks Ship]	Entire tour: 1967 (seized by North Vietnamese in 1975)	Co Chien River	SCBW p. 322





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USS Tripoli (LPH 10)		03-09/72	Amphibious operations	See USS Cleveland doc “USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End”
USS Tulare (AKA112)		67-68	Unloaded on beaches; upriver operations; beach party China Beach (Da Nang); up Hue River	
USS Tulare (LKA112)		69	1-30-69 – 9-15-69 (Operation Brave Armada)	
USS Valley Forge LPH 8		12/24/1965	Hue River, Song Hue River, Da Nang	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for this date.
USS Walker DD 517		5/20/67 – 6/1/67	Mekong River	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for these dates.
USS Whetstone	LSD-25	3/27-30/65  3/31/65 – 5/12/65  Sometime between 06/1/65 and 7/31/65  7/31/65  Before 9/6/65	Chu Lai, Hue-Phu Bai area of operations  Da Nang (repaired LCM & LCU)  Qui Nhon Support Command, repaired Army landing craft  Cam Ranh Bay  Da Nang	<a href="http://www.navsource.org/archives/10/12/1227.htm">http://www.navsource.org/archives/10/12/1227.htm</a>

Ship	Type of Ship	Dates	Inland Location	Document
USS Whetstone	LSD -25	1966	Qui Nhon	Cruise Book
USS Whetstone	LSD -25	Early December 67  12/21-24/67  1/23-26/68	Da Nang  North of Cua Viet City  Cua Viet River	<a href="http://www.navsourc.org/archives/10/12/1227.htm">http://www.navsourc.org/archives/10/12/1227.htm</a>  Operation "Fortress Ridge" as part of ARG Bravo <a href="http://www.navsourc.org/archives/10/12/1227.htm">http://www.navsourc.org/archives/10/12/1227.htm</a>  Operation "Badger Catch" as a part of ARG Bravo Also made hazardous runs to Hue and Dong-Ha (was relieved by USS Thomas-ton (LSD-28) 3/16/68) <a href="http://www.navsourc.org/archives/10/12/1227.htm">http://www.navsourc.org/archives/10/12/1227.htm</a>
USS Whetstone	LSD -25	1969	Inland waters	Last deployment <a href="http://www.navsourc.org/archives/10/12/1227.htm">http://www.navsourc.org/archives/10/12/1227.htm</a>
USS Wilson (DD-847)		3/1/69	Anchored in Ganh Rai	See USS Higbee deck log (p. 3)
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YTB 84		1967-1968	Mobile Riverine Force Afloat Base – Barracks in Dong Tam	See APL 26 "By Sea Air and Land.pdf"
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For more information on Brown Water ships, please see:

Friedman, Norman. *U.S. Small Combatants Including PT-Boats, Subchasers, and the Brown-Water Navy: An Illustrated Design History*. Annapolis, MD. Naval Institute Press. 1987.

### List of Planes Identified in Vietnam Inland

Ship	Dates	Inland Location	RO	Document	Sent to C&P	Listed by C&P
Patrol Squadron 4 (Skinny Dragons)	03-04/65	Patrolled south china sea, based at Tan Son Nhut Air Base outside of Saigon		 VP-4 hist.pdf  VP-4 1966 chr.pdf  VP-4 avhist 09640365.pdf  VP-4 avhist 10650366.pdf <a href="http://www.vp4.navy.mil/history/history_of_the_skinny_dragons.htm">http://www.vp4.navy.mil/history/history_of_the_skinny_dragons.htm</a>	7/9/10	

## Agent Orange: Diseases Associated with Agent Orange Exposure

VA has recognized certain cancers and other health problems as associated with exposure to Agent Orange and other herbicides during military service or as associated with military service.

[Veterans' Diseases Associated with Agent Orange Exposure](#)  
[Birth Defects in Children of Vietnam Veterans](#)  
[Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis \(ALS\)](#)

### Veterans' Diseases Associated with Agent Orange Exposure

Veterans may be eligible for [disability compensation](#) and [health care benefits](#) for diseases that VA has recognized as associated with [exposure to Agent Orange and other herbicides](#).

Surviving spouses, children and dependent parents of Veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange and died as the result of diseases associated with Agent Orange may be eligible for [survivors' benefits](#).

#### **Acute and Subacute Peripheral Neuropathy**

A nervous system condition that causes numbness, tingling, and motor weakness. Under VA's rating regulations, it must be at least 10% disabling within 1 year of exposure to Agent Orange and resolve within 2 years after the date it began.

#### **AL Amyloidosis**

A rare disease caused when an abnormal protein, amyloid, enters tissues or organs.

#### **Chloracne (or Similar Acneform 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, chloracne (or other acneform disease similar to chloracne) must be at least 10% disabling within 1 year of exposure to Agent Orange.

#### **Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia and Other Chronic B Cell Leukemias**

A type of cancer which affects white blood cells. Currently, only chronic lymphocytic leukemia is recognized as associated with Agent Orange exposure. On August 31, 2010, VA published its final regulation establishing all chronic B-cell leukemias as related to exposure to Agent Orange and other herbicides. After a 60-day Congressional review period, eligible Veterans may receive health care and disability compensation for all chronic B-cell leukemias.

#### **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. On August 31, 2010, VA published the final regulation establishing ischemic heart disease as associated with Agent Orange exposure. After a 60-day Congressional review period, eligible Veterans may receive health care and disability compensation for ischemic heart disease.

#### **Multiple Myeloma**

A disorder which causes an overproduction of certain proteins from white blood cells.

#### **Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma**

A group of cancers that affect the lymph glands and other lymphatic tissue.

#### **Parkinson's Disease**

A motor system condition with symptoms that include a trembling of the hands, imbalance, and loss of facial expression. On August 31, 2010, VA published the final regulation establishing Parkinson's disease as associated with Agent Orange exposure. After a 60-day Congressional review period, eligible Veterans may receive health care and disability compensation for Parkinson's disease.

#### **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% disabling within 1 year of exposure to Agent Orange.

#### [Prostate Cancer](#)

Cancer of the prostate; one of the most common cancers among men.

#### [Respiratory Cancers](#)

Cancers of the lung, larynx, trachea, and bronchus.

#### [Soft Tissue Sarcoma \(other than Osteosarcoma, Chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or Mesothelioma\)](#)

A group of different types of cancers in body tissues such as muscle, fat, blood and lymph vessels, and connective tissues.

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## **Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)**

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Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is **not** associated with Agent Orange exposure. However, VA has recognized ALS diagnosed in Veterans with 90 days or more of continuously active service in the military was caused by their military service. Learn about benefits for ALS, including [VA health care benefits](#) and [disability compensation and other non-health benefits](#).

## **Agent Orange: Birth Defects in Children of Women Vietnam Veterans**

VA presumes that certain birth defects in some biological children of women Vietnam Veterans were caused by military service when the birth mother served in Vietnam during the period beginning February 28, 1961 and ending on May 7, 1975.

Learn about:

[Birth Defects Covered by VA](#)

[Research on Birth Defects and Herbicides Used in Vietnam](#)

[VA Benefits for Children with Covered Birth Defects](#)

[Contact VA about Benefits](#)

## **Birth Defects Covered by VA**

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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
- Hirschprung'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
- 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.

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## Research on Birth Defects and Herbicides Used in Vietnam

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The Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences concluded in its 1996 update to its report on *Veterans and Agent Orange – Health*

*Effects of Herbicides Used in Vietnam* that there is limited/suggestive evidence of an association between exposure to herbicides used in Vietnam and spina bifida in children of Vietnam veterans.

Read [Institute of Medicine Reports on Veterans and Agent Orange](#).\*†

In 2000, Dr. Han Kang of VA's Environmental Epidemiology Service published a [study](#)\* that found that the risk of birth defects was significantly associated with the mother's military service in Vietnam.

As a result of these findings, the VA now funds assistance programs for spina bifida in the children of male or female Vietnam Veterans and for all birth defects without other known causes in the children of female Veterans.

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## VA Benefits for Children with Covered Birth Defects

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Children who meet the following requirements may be eligible for [compensation](#), [health care benefits](#), and vocational training and rehabilitation:

- Are biological children of a woman Vietnam Veteran who served in Vietnam during the period beginning February 28, 1961 and ending on May 7, 1975
- Were conceived after the date on which the Veteran first entered the Republic of Vietnam
- Have a covered birth defect, which resulted in a permanent physical or mental disability

Covered birth defects do **not** include conditions due to family disorders, birth-related injuries, or fetal or neonatal infirmities with well-established causes.

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## Contact VA about Benefits

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### By Telephone

- 1-888-820-1756
- TDD (for hearing impaired): 1-800-829-4833

## **In Person**

Go to your [nearest VA benefits office](#).