



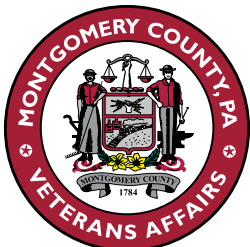
## FIFTY YEARS LATER

Long after they left Vietnam, Vietnam veterans continue to face health problems due to Agent Orange exposure. If you are a Vietnam veteran or the family member of a Vietnam veteran, we encourage you to contact the Montgomery County Veterans Affairs Office with questions about your, or your loved one's, exposure.

## WHY USE A VSO?

Veteran service officers (VSOs) are individuals who are trained to prepare claims by the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs. Typically, claims submitted on behalf of a veteran by a VSO process faster and are less likely to be denied due to an administrative error on the applicant's part.

Our Montgomery County VSOs make the process as easy as possible for the veteran. Your VSO will supply you with a checklist of needed supporting documents and complete your VA forms during a face-to-face meeting at the Montgomery County Veterans Affairs Office.



### Montgomery County Veterans Affairs Office

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## BACKGROUND

Agent Orange was a chemical herbicide used to kill foliage in Vietnam and on the Korean de-militarized zone (DMZ) during the 1960s and 1970s. Any veteran who served within the borders of the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War is considered by VA to have been exposed to Agent Orange. Additionally, veterans who served on the Korean DMZ between April 1, 1968 and August 31, 1971 are presumed to have been exposed.

## HEALTH CONDITIONS LINKED TO AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE

- ★ AL Amyloidosis
- ★ Chronic B-Cell Leukemia
- ★ Chloracne  
(or similar acne-form diseases)
- ★ **Diabetes (type II)**
- ★ Hodgkin's Disease
- ★ **Ischemic Heart Disease**  
(aka Coronary Artery Disease)
- ★ Multiple Myeloma
- ★ Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- ★ **Parkinson's Disease**
- ★ Peripheral Neuropathy  
(early onset)
- ★ Porphyria Cutanea Tarda
- ★ **Prostate Cancer**
- ★ **Respiratory Cancers**  
(lung, larynx, trachea, and bronchus)
- ★ Soft Tissue Sarcomas  
(other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma)

## FILING FOR VA BENEFITS

Montgomery County is certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (PADMVA) to file and represent claims for VA benefits to the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs.

Like all accredited Veteran Service Organizations, there is no charge for these services. Our staff of knowledgeable VSOs can be contacted by calling:

**610-278-3285**

## PRIORITY VA HEALTHCARE

Veterans who have not been diagnosed with health conditions linked to Agent Orange exposure are still eligible for healthcare through the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs. These veterans do not need to supply income information for enrollment and can receive copay free screenings for Agent Orange linked health conditions at a VA medical facility.

If you are interested in enrolling in VA Healthcare, the Montgomery County Veterans Affairs Office can assist you with enrollment and transportation if necessary by calling the number above.

