



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Benefits Administration

C-123 Aircraft Agent Orange Exposure

A group of Air Force and Air Force Reserve personnel were exposed to herbicides through their duties in Vietnam. This exposure occurred to ground, flight or medical crew members on Operation Ranch Hand (ORH) C-123 aircrafts. These aircrafts were used to spray Agent Orange in Vietnam.

Who is eligible?

Any Air Force Veteran or Reservist assigned to one of the affected units who later developed a disability linked to Agent Orange exposure are eligible to file a claim. Few Air Force units had one or more of the contaminated aircrafts between 1969 and 1986. A list of these units and the dates they had the aircraft is available at www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/locations/residue-c123-aircraft/index.asp.

Who to Contact at DOD for Records?

Veterans and next-of-kin of deceased Veterans can use vetrecs.archives.gov to order military records. For all others, use Standard Form 180, found at www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html. This form will tell you how to prepare and submit requests. All requests must be in writing, signed and mailed to:

National Personnel Records Center
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63138

How Can You Apply?

You can apply by:

- Visiting eBenefits at www.ebenefits.va.gov.
- OR
- Submitting VA Form 21-526EZ, "Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits" located at www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-526EZ-ARE.pdf.
- Make sure each C-123-related disability is noted in Section I, Block II of the form.
- If you have any of the following, upload it (if filing online), or attach it to your application:
 - Discharge or separation papers (DD214, or equivalent)
 - USAF Form 2096 (assigned unit at time of action)
 - USAF Form 5 (aircraft flight duties)
 - USAF Form 781 (aircraft maintenance duties)
 - Dependency records (marriage or birth certificates)
 - Medical evidence (doctor or hospital reports)

Mail the application to:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Claims Intake Center
Attention: C123 Claims
PO Box 5088
Janesville, WI 53547-5088

Or, you can fax your application to 608-373-6694.

How Do Eligible Survivors and Dependents Apply?

Eligible survivors and dependents can apply by:

- Submitting VA Form 21-534EZ, "Fully Developed Claim (Survivors Benefits)," located at www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21P-534EZ-ARE.pdf.

Annotate, or explain, your C-123 claim on Section I, Block 16 of VA Form 21-534EZ.

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How Do I Get More Information?

All C-123 claims are processed at the St. Paul Regional Benefits Office. Veterans can call 800-749-8387, or email VSCC123.VAVBASPL@va.gov.