

Agent Orange: Thailand Military Bases

Vietnam-era Veterans whose service involved duty on or near the perimeters of military bases in Thailand anytime between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975 may have been exposed to herbicides and may qualify for VA benefits.



U-Tapao Air Base, Thailand, 1972

The National Archives

The following Veterans may have been exposed to herbicides:

- **U.S. Air Force Veterans** who served on Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) bases at U-Tapao, Ubon, Nakhon Phanom, Udorn, Takhli, Korat, and Don Muang, near the air base perimeter anytime between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975.
- **U.S. Army Veterans** who provided perimeter security on RTAF bases in Thailand anytime between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975.
- **U.S. Army Veterans** who were stationed on some small Army installations in Thailand anytime between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975. However, the Army Veteran must have been a member of a military police (MP) unit or was assigned an MP military occupational specialty whose duty placed him/her at or near the base perimeter.

To receive benefits for diseases associated with herbicide exposure, these Veterans must show on a factual basis that they were exposed to herbicides during their service as shown by evidence of daily work duties, performance evaluation reports, or other credible evidence.

Report on Defense Tactics in Thailand

A recently declassified Department of Defense (DoD) Report written in 1973 titled, "Project CHECO Southeast Asia Report: Base Defense in Thailand 1968-1972," contains evidence that there was a significant use of herbicides on the fenced-in perimeters of military bases in Thailand to remove foliage that provided cover for enemy forces.

VA determined that herbicides used on the Thailand base perimeters may have been tactical and

procured from Vietnam, or a strong, commercial type resembling tactical herbicides.

education, home loan and health care benefits. Find out if you qualify for survivors' benefits.

Toll-free Helpline

1-800-749-8387

Press 3

Need Help Determining Exposure or Eligibility?

Contact VA for help determining Agent Orange exposure and your eligibility for VA benefits.

By Telephone

- Toll-free Helpline: 1-800-749-8387 Press 3
- Agent Orange Registry Health Exam: Call your local VA Environmental Health Coordinator
- Health Care: 1-877-222-8387
- Compensation and Other Non-Health Care Benefits: 1-800-827-1000
- TDD (for hearing impaired): 1-800-829-4833

In Person

- Health Care and Agent Orange Registry Health Exam: Go to your nearest VA health care facility.
- Compensation Benefits and Other Non-Health Care Benefits: Go to your nearest VA benefits office.

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