

Veterans Service Organization Partners,

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is going to announce it will readjudicate claims for Veterans who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

This review is part of the Veterans Benefits Administration's implementation of the November 5, 2020, U.S. District Court of the Northern District of California decision to readjudicate previously denied claims as applied in *Nehmer vs. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*.

Veterans who were previously denied service connection for an herbicide related presumptive condition due to lack of in-country Vietnam service will automatically have their claims readjudicated.

Readjudication means VA will review the evidence of record and provide replacement decisions in the cases of Veterans who were previously denied service connection for one or more herbicide related conditions on the basis that military service was not performed on the landmass of the Republic of Vietnam or on its inland waterways. This review will also apply to eligible survivors of deceased Vietnam era Veterans.

Veterans who have a condition caused by herbicide exposure during military service can file a claim for VA disability compensation at this [website](#).

VA is dedicated to ensuring that all Veterans receive the benefits they have earned and ensures it has the resources in place to meet the needs of the Veteran community. Thank you for your continued support of VA and our joint partnerships.

Thank you,

Under Secretary for Benefits  
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