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Statistics are valid as of 12/16/2009

## Potential Veterans Affected by the Agent Orange Act of 2009

Total Vietnam Era Veterans receiving DVA compensation – 2008 1,015,410<sup>1</sup>

**Not all of these Vietnam War Veterans are receiving compensation from the effects of Agent Orange**

Vietnam Era Veterans receiving compensation from Agent Orange	7,520 <sup>2</sup>
Percentage of <b>Vietnam War Veterans</b> receiving compensation for AO exposure	7.6% <sup>3</sup>
Percentage of <b>Vietnam War Veterans</b> receiving 10% disability (\$123.00 per month)	27.0% <sup>4</sup>
Percentage of <b>Vietnam War Veterans</b> receiving 100% disability (\$2,673.00 per month)	8.0% <sup>4</sup>

**DVA has reported that based on DOD records at the end of the War.**

Total Veterans deployed to Southeast Asia	<b>ALL RECEIVED VSM / AFEM<sup>5</sup></b>	3,403,100 <sup>6</sup>
Total “in-country” <b>Vietnam War Veterans</b>	(boots on the ground)	2,594,000 <sup>7</sup>
Total “off-shore” <b>Vietnam War Veterans</b>	(Blue Water Navy)	514,300 <sup>8</sup>
Total “T.L.C.” <b>Vietnam War Veterans</b>	(Thailand, Laos, Cambodia)	294,800 <sup>9</sup>

Current estimate of “In-Country” <b>Vietnam War Veterans</b> still living	(less than)	850,000 <sup>10</sup>
Current estimate of Vietnam Veteran that died between 2000 and 2007		490,135 <sup>11</sup>

**The projected estimates of the “off-shore” and “TLC” Vietnam War Veterans still living was calculated at the same percentage ratio as the “in-country” Veterans. (32.8%)**

Potential number of “off-shore” <b>Vietnam War Veterans</b> still living	168,525
Potential number of “T.L.C.” <b>Vietnam War Veterans</b> still living	96,600

**Potential number of Vietnam Era Veterans still alive that may be eligible to file Agent Orange Claims once The Agent Orange Equity of 2009 (HR2254 / S1939) is enacted, and only if diagnosed with a presumptive disease. Not all will have been or will be diagnosed with a presumptive disease and not all eligible Veterans will file a claim.**

**265,125**

<sup>1</sup> DVA’s Publication “America’s Wars – 2008”

<sup>2</sup> Agent Orange: Statistical Update, March 2000, VA Office of Public Affairs

<sup>3</sup> “Agent Orange: Statistical Update,” March 2000, VA Office of Public Affairs, Media Relations Office (80-F)

<sup>4</sup> Presentation to the Veterans Disability Compensation Commission, September 14, 2006 By Adm. Dunne

<sup>5</sup> Vietnam Service Medal or Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal-Vietnam–Must have served in the Vietnam War Combat Zone.

<sup>6</sup> Department of Defense estimate

<sup>7</sup> *Pentagram*, June 4, 1993

<sup>8</sup> VFW Magazine, January 2003

<sup>9</sup> DOD number of total deployed to Southeast Asia, minus “in-country” and “off-shore”

<sup>10</sup> Vietnam Veterans of America Association

<sup>11</sup> Chicago Tribune based on Statistics supplied by DVA