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The DVA put out their Compensation and Pension Bulletin for January 2010 and it has the following information that may affect some of you:

Policy (211)

[Information on Vietnam Naval Operations](#)

Compensation and Pension (C&P) Service has initiated a program to collect data on Vietnam naval operations for the purpose of providing regional offices with information to assist with development in *Haas* related disability claims based on herbicide exposure from Navy Veterans. To date, we have received verification from various sources showing that a number of offshore “blue water” naval vessels conducted operations on the inland “brown water” rivers and delta areas of Vietnam. We have also identified certain vessel types that operated primarily or exclusively on the inland waterways. The ships and dates of inland waterway service are listed below. If a Veteran’s service aboard one of these ships can be confirmed through military records during the time frames specified, then exposure to herbicide agents can be presumed without further development.

All vessels of Inshore Fire Support [IFS] Division 93 during their entire Vietnam tour

USS Carronade (IFS 1)

USS Clarion River (LSMR 409) [Landing Ship, Medium, Rocket]

USS Francis River (LSMR 525)

USS White River (LSMR 536)

All vessels with the designation LST [Landing Ship, Tank] during their entire tour [WWII ships converted to transport supplies on rivers and serve as barracks for brown water Mobile Riverine Forces]

All vessels with the designation LCVP [Landing Craft, Vehicle, Personnel] during their entire tour

All vessels with the designation PCF [Patrol Craft, Fast] during their entire tour [Also called Swift Boats, operating for enemy interdiction on close coastal waters]

All vessels with the designation PBR [Patrol Boat, River] during their entire tour [Also called River Patrol Boats as part of the Mobile Riverine Forces operating on inland waterways and featured in the Vietnam film “Apocalypse Now”]

USS Ingersoll (DD-652) [Destroyer] [Operated on Saigon River, October 24-25, 1965]

USS Mansfield (DD-728) [Destroyer] [Operated on Saigon River August 8-19, 1967 and December 21-24, 1968]

USS Richard E. Kraus (DD-849) [Destroyer] [Operated on coastal inlet north of Da Nang, June 2-5, 1966, protecting Marines holding a bridge]

USS Basilone (DD-824) [Destroyer] [Operated on Saigon River, May 24-25, 1966]

USS Hamner (DD-718) [Destroyer] [Operated on Song Lon Tao and Long Song Tao Rivers, August 15-September 1, 1966]

USS Conway (DD-507) [Destroyer] [Operated on Saigon River, early August 1966]
USS Fiske (DD-842) [Destroyer] [Operated on Mekong River, June 16-21, 1966]

USS Black (DD-666) [Destroyer] [Operated on Saigon River, July 13-19, 1966]

USS Providence (CLG-6) [Cruiser, Light, Guided Missile] [Operated on Saigon River 3 days during January 1964]

USS Mahan (DLG-11) [Guided Missile Frigate] [Operated on Saigon River October 24-28, 1964]

USS Okanogan (APA-220) [Attack Transport] [Operated on Saigon River July 22-23, 29-30, 1968 and August 5-6, 1968]

USS Niagara Falls (AFS-3) [Combat Stores Ship] [Unloaded supplies on Saigon River and Cam Rahn Bay, April 22-25, 1968]

If you served on any of these ships during the periods specified contact your Regional Office and direct their attention to there own Compensation & Pension Bulletin for January of 2010. If you are using a Veterans Service Officer as a representative, have him drive both of you to the Regional Office and take a printout of this notice.

There is no reason for the DVA to hold the claims of anyone who served on the above listed vessels during the indicated time frames.

I will note, three of the Destroyers are from DesRon 12, home ported in Newport, RI, and made the trip around the world in 1966 to provide combat support to forces fighting the NVA and the VC in Vietnam. USS Basilone, USS Richard E. Kraus, and USS Fiske are the three. We have members who served on Basilone and Fiske.



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Additional Information on Vietnam Naval Operations

The January 2010 Compensation and Pension (C&P) Service Bulletin provided a list of naval vessels operating in the waters of Vietnam. This list was intended to provide regional offices (ROs) with information to assist with development of herbicide exposure related disability claims from Navy Veterans. The list included vessels that operated primarily or exclusively on the inland "brown water" waterways of Vietnam as well as large "blue water" vessels that operated temporarily on the inland waterways or docked to the shore. The vessels listed below are now added to the original list. If evidence places a Veteran on one of these vessels at the time of inland waterway operations, the Veteran is eligible for the presumption of herbicide exposure. In the case of a ship with confirmed docking to the shore, the Veteran must also provide a statement that he went ashore to be eligible for the presumption.

Vessels that operated primarily or exclusively on the inland waterways

All U.S. Coast Guard Cutters with hull designation WPB [patrol boat] and WHEC [high endurance cutters]	USS Colleton (APB-36)
USS Asheville (PG-84) [patrol gunboat]	USS Mercer (APB-39)
USS Gallop (PG-85)	USS Nueces (APB-40)
USS Antelope (PG-86)	USS Benewah (APB-35)

USS Ready (PG-87)	USS Tutuila (ARG-4) [repair ship]
USS Crockett (PG-88)	USS Satyr (ARL-23) [repair ship]
USS Marathon (PG-89)	USS Sphinx (ARL-24)
USS Canon (PG-90)	USS Askari (ARL-30)
USS Patapsco (AOG-1) [gasoline tanker]	USS Indra (ARL-37)
USS Elkhorn (AOG-7)	USS Krishna (ARL-38)
USS Genesee (AOG-8)	Barracks Barge (APL-26) [sleeping quarters]
USS Kishwaukee (AOG-9)	Barracks Barge (APL-30)
USS Tombigbee (AOG-11)	USS Belle Grove (LSD-2) [landing ship dock]
USS Noxubee (AOG-56)	USS Comstock (LSD-19)
USS Mark (AKL-12) [light cargo ship]	USS Tortuga (LSD-26)
USS Brule (AKL-28)	Winnemucca (YTB-785) [harbor tug]
USS Montrose (APA-212) [attack transport]	Floating Base Platform (YRBM-17) [repair, berthing, and messing barge]
USS Okanogan (APA-210)	Floating Base Platform (YRBM-18)
USS Bexar (APA-237)	Floating Base Platform (YRBM-20)
USS Benewah (APB-35) [self-propelled barracks ship]	

Vessels that operated temporarily on Vietnam's inland waterways or docked to the shore

USS Card (ACV-11) [escort carrier] mined, sunk, and salvaged in Saigon River Harbor during May 1964
USS Maury (AGS-16) [mapping survey ship] conducted surveys of Mekong Delta and other coastal areas and rivers beginning November 1965 through 1969
USS Henrico (APA-45) [amphibious attack transport] operated on Hue River during March 1965 and conducted numerous troop landing through March 1967
USS Montrose (APA-212) operated on Song Hue River during December 1965, operated on Long Tau River during March 1967, and operated on Cua Viet River and at Dong Ha during May 1967
USS Talladega (APA-208) operated on Saigon River during October 1967
USS Bolster (ARS-38) [salvage ship] crew operated on land to extract USS Clark County (LST-601) from beach after grounding at Duc Pho from November 18 to December 1, 1967
USS Canberra (CAG-2) [guided missile cruiser] operated on Saigon River from March 31 through April 1, 1966, on Cua Viet River during December 15, 1966, and on Mekong Delta Ham Luong River during January 15, 1967
USS Sproston (DD-577) [destroyer] operated on Mekong Delta and Ganh Rai Bay during January 1966
USS Picking (DD-685) operated on Saigon River during November 16, 1965

<u>USS Epperson (DD-719)</u> docked to Da Nang Pier on October 4, 1970
<u>USS Southerland (DD-743)</u> operated on Song Nga Bay and Saigon River during July 1966
<u>USS John W. Thomason (DD-760)</u> operated on Nga Be River during 1969
<u>USS Buck (DD-761)</u> operated on Mekong River Delta and Saigon River during October 1966
<u>USS Preston (DD-795)</u> operated on Mekong River Delta, Ganh Rai Bay, and Saigon River during September 28 – 29 and December 27 – 29, 1965
<u>USS Warrington (DD-843)</u> operated on Mekong River Delta Rung Sat Special Zone, North of Vung Gahn Rai Bay during March 1967
<u>USS Dyess (DD-880)</u> operated on Saigon River and Rung Sat Special Zone from June 19–July 1, 1966
<u>USS Perkins (DD-877)</u> operated on Saigon River during June 1969
<u>USS Orleck (DD-886)</u> operated on Mekong River Delta during July 1969
<u>USS Joseph Strauss (DDG-16)</u> [guided missile destroyer] operated on Mekong River Delta and Ganh Rai Bay during November 7 and December 7, 1968
<u>USS Waddell (DDG-24)</u> operated on Cua Viet River during March 1967
<u>USS Newell (DER-322)</u> [radar destroyer escort] docked at port of Nha Trang during December 22-24, 1965
<u>USS Duluth (LPD-6)</u> [amphibious transport dock] docked to pier at Da Nang during March and October 1971
<u>USS Cleveland (LPD-7)</u> operated on Cua Viet River and at Dong Ha, as well as Hue River, from November 1967 through 1968 and Saigon River during September 1969
<u>USS Dubuque (LPD-8)</u> docked at Da Nang on March 15, 1970
<u>USS Boxer (LPH-4)</u> [amphibious assault ship] docked to pier at Cam Rahn Bay on September 9, 1965
<u>USS Carter Hall (LSD-3)</u> [landing ship dock] operated on Cua Viet River and at Dong Ha during December 1967

List of Types of Ships and Individual Ships Identified in Vietnam Inland Waterways

Note in some cases, the items listed under documents include additional dates and locations.

Ship	Type of Ship	Dates	Inland Location	Document	Listed in C&P Bulletin
	Coast Guard WHEC [high endurance cutters]	During entire Vietnam tour for this type of ship	Inland Waterways		June 2010
	Coast Guard WPB [patrol boat]	During entire Vietnam tour for this type of ship	Inland Waterways		June 2010
	IFS-93 [Inshore Fire Support]	During entire Vietnam tour for this type of ship	Inland Waterways		January 2010
	LCVP [landing craft, vehicle, personnel]	During entire Vietnam tour for this type of ship	Inland Waterways		January 2010
	LST [landing ship, tank]	During entire Vietnam tour for this type of ship	Inland Waterways		January 2010
	PBR [patrol boat, river]	During entire Vietnam tour for this type of ship	Inland Waterways		January 2010
	PCF [patrol craft, fast]	During entire Vietnam tour for this type of ship	Inland Waterways		January 2010
Barracks Barge	APL – 26 [sleeping quarters]	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways	 By Sea Air and Land.pdf	June 2010
USS Antelope	PG-86	During entire Vietnam	Inland		June 2010

Ship	Type of Ship	Dates	Inland Location	Document	Listed in C&P Bulletin
		tour	Waterways		
USS Asheville	PG-84 [patrol gunboat]	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways		June 2010
USS Askari	ARL – 30 [Landing Craft Repair Ship]	Entire tour: 1967-71	Mekong Delta, Vung Tau, Nha Be, Soi Rap River, Song Vam Co, Song Vam Co dong, & Song Vam Co Tay rivers, upper Mekong river, Dong Tarn, Bin Thuy	http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/a12/askari.htm	June 2010
USS Basilone		5/24-25/1966	Saigon river		January 2010
USS Belle Grove	LSD – 2 [landing ship dock]	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways		June 2010
USS Benewah	APB -35	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways		June 2010
USS Bexar	APA - 35	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways		June 2010
USS Black	DD - 666	7/13-19/1966	Saigon River		January 2010
USS Bolster	ARS – 38 [salvage ship]	November 18 – December 1, 1967	Duc Pho extraction of USS Clark County		June 2010

Ship	Type of Ship	Dates	Inland Location	Document	Listed in C&P Bulletin
USS Boxer	LPH - 4	September 9, 1965	Docked to pier at Cam Rahn Bay		June 2010
USS Brule	AKL - 28	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways		June 2010
USS Buck	DD761	October 1966 November 1966 prior to November 5, 1966 (See pdf.)	III & IV corps areas around the Saigon River Delta	 BUCK 1966.pdf	June 2010
USS Canberra	CAG-2	3/31/66 to 4/1/66 December 15, 1966 January 15, 1967 4/19/66 (See pdf.)	Saigon River Cua Viet River Mekong Delta Ham Luong River Mui Vung Tau, Saigon river, yong ganh rai, Banc Da Can Gio Cape Batangan, Da Nang, Mui	 Deck Logs Canberra 66-67.pdf *Deck logs mention USS Eldorado (AGC-11), USS Princeton (LPH-5), USS Robison (DDG-12), USS Guadalupe (AO-32) Same Deck log document as above	June 2010

Ship	Type of Ship	Dates	Inland Location	Document	Listed in C&P Bulletin
		12/23/66 (See pdf) 3/1/67 (See pdf)	Ka Ga Vietnam coastal waters Cap Falaise	*mentions USS Topeka (CLG-6), USS J.W. Thomason (DD-760), USS Carronade (IFS-4), USS Whetstone (LSD-25) Same deck log document as above Same deck log document as above * mentions USS Benner (DD-807), USS Strauss	
USS Canon	PG - 90	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways		June 2010
USS Card	ACV-11 [escort carrier]	May 1964	Moored in Saigon, mined sunk and salvaged	http://www.navsource.org/archives/03/011.htm	June 2010
USS Carronade	IFS-93	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways		January 2010
USS Carter Hall	LSD - 3	December [1966] 1967 June C&P Bulletin lists 1966, but pdf. shows 1967	Cua Viet River and at Dong Ha	 USS Carter Hall.pdf	June 2010
USS Clarion River	LSM R - 409 [Landing Ship, Medium Rocket]	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways		January 2010

Ship	Type of Ship	Dates	Inland Location	Document	Listed in C&P Bulletin
USS Cleveland	LPD - 7	November 1967 through 1968 September 1969 January 3, 1970 (See pdf.)	Cua Viet River, Dong Ha, Hue River Saigon River Amphibious support	 USS Cleveland - The War That Would Not I	June 2010
USS Colleton	APB-36 [Mobile Barracks Ship]	During entire Vietnam tour	Mobile Riverine Force Afloat Base – Barracks in Dong Tam	SCBW p. 328 See APL 26 “By Sea Air and Land.pdf”	June 2010
USS Comstock	LSD – 19	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
USS Conway		8/3/1966 Early August, 1966	13 miles up-river from Vung Tau toward Saigon		January 2010
USS Crockett	PG - 88	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
USS Dubuque	LPD - 8	March 15, 1970	Docked at Da Nang		June 2010
USS Dyess	DD - 880	June 19 -July 1, 1966	Lower Rung Sat area, Mekong Delta, Saigon River, Rung Sat Special Zone	1966 cruise book http://writerbillusn.com/dutystationsusn.aspx	June 2010
USS Elkhorn	AOG-7	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland Waterways	http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa4442/is_20	June 2010

Ship	Type of Ship	Dates	Inland Location	Document	Listed in C&P Bulletin
				Cruise Book p. 12  Henrico660001.pdf	
USS Indra	ARL - 37	1967-1968	Mobile Riverine Force Afloat Base – Barracks in Dong Tam	See APL 26 “By Sea Air and Land.pdf”	June 2010
USS Ingersoll		10/24-25/1965	Saigon River	M21-MR, Part IV, Subpart ii, Chapter 2, Section C	January 2010
USS John W. Thompson	DD - 760	1969	Nga Be River		June 2010
USS Kishwaukee	AOG-9	During entire Vietnam tour	Ben Hai River south to Sa Hyuhn	http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa4442/is_200502/ai_n16063305/?tag=content;col1	June 2010
USS Krishna	ARL - 30	During entire Vietnam tour	Inland waterways		June 2010
USS Mahan	DLG-11	10/24-28/64	Saigon River		January 2010
USS Mansfield	DD-728	11/25/65 – 12/24/65 8/8-19/67 12/21 – 24, 1968	Saigon River	http://web.meganet.net/kman/nfv3.htm	January 2010

Ship	Type of Ship	Dates	Inland Location	Document	Listed in C&P Bulletin
		12/21/69		Captain's History in claims file to C& P	
USS Marathon	PG - 89	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
USS Mark	AKL-12 [light cargo ship]	During entire Vietnam tou	Inland waterways		June 2010
USS Maury	AGS – 16 [mapping survey ship]	November 1965 - 1969	Surveys of Mekong Delta and rivers		June 2010
USS Mercer	APB - 39 [Mobile Barracks Ship]	During entire Vietnam tour	Mekong Delta	SCBW p. 328	June 2010
USS Montrose	APA – 212 [attack transport]	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
USS Newell	DER – 322 [radar destroyer escort]	December 22 – 24, 1965	Nha Trang		June 2010
USS Niagara Falls	AFS-3 [Combat Stores Ship]	4/22-25/1968	Saigon River & Unloaded supplies at Cam Rahn Bay		January 2010
USS Noxubee (AOG-56)	AOG-56	During entire Vietnam tour	Ben Hai River south to Sa Hyuhn	http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa4442/is_200502/ai_n16063305/?tag=content;col1	June 2010
USS Nueces (Mobile Barracks Ship: APB 40)	APB - 40	During entire Vietnam tour		SCBW p. 328 See APL 26 "By Sea Air and Land.pdf"	June 2010

Ship	Type of Ship	Dates	Inland Location	Document	Listed in C&P Bulletin
USS Okanogan	APA-220 [Attack Transport]	During entire Vietnam tour	Saigon River Inland waterways		June 2010
USS Orleck	DD - 886	July 1969	Mekong River Delta		June 2010
USS Patapsco	AOG – 1 [gasoline tanker]	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
USS Perkins	DD - 877	June 1969	Vung Tau – Saigon River	Cruise Book	June 2010
USS Picking	DD685	11/16/65	Saigon River		June 3010
USS Providence		3 days during January 1964	Saigon River		January 2010
USS Ready	PG - 87	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
USS Richard E. Kraus		6/2-5/1966	Coastal inlet north of Da Nang		January 2010
USS Saint Francis River	LSMR 525	During entire Vietnam tour			January 2010
USS Satyr	ARL - 23 [repair ship]	During entire Vietnam tour	Mobile Riverine Force Afloat Base – Barracks in Dong Tam	See APL 26 “By Sea Air and Land.pdf”	June 2010
USS Southerland	DD - 743	July 1966	Saigon River, Special Rung Sat Zone	Deck Logs	June 2010
USS Sphinx	ARL - 24	During entire Vietnam tour	Mekong Delta	SCBW p. 329	June 2010

Ship	Type of Ship	Dates	Inland Location	Document	Listed in C&P Bulletin
USS Sproston	DD - 577	January 1966	Mekong Delta and Ganh Rai Bay		June 2010
USS Talladega	APA-208	October 1967	Saigon River	History.navy.mil	June 2010
USS Tombigbee	AOG-11	During entire Vietnam tour	Ben Hai River south to Sa Hyuhn	http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa4442/is_200502/ai_n16063305/?tag=content;col1	June 2010
USS Tortuga	LSD -26	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
USS Tutuila	ARG – 4 [repair ship]	During entire Vietnam tour	Nha Be, Saigon River		June 2010
USS Waddell	DDG - 24	March 1967	Cua Viet River		June 2010
USS White River	LSMR 536	During entire Vietnam tour			January 2010
USS Winnemucca	YTB – 785 [harbor tug]	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
YRBM - 18	Floating Base Platform	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
YRBM - 20	Floating Base Platform	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010
YRBM-17	[repair, berthing and messing barge]	During entire Vietnam tour			June 2010

Ship	Type of Ship	Dates	Inland Location	Document	Listed in C&P Bulletin
USS Joseph Strauss DDG-16		Early Oct 1965	Danang Harbor	 Strauss History 1965.zip http://www.ussjosephstraus.org/store/Deck_logs/Order%20form.htm	
		2/14/67	Song Ca River	 February 14 -1967-Joseph Strauss	
		2/16/67	CuaNhuong River	 February 16 -1967-Joseph Strauss	
		4/30/67	Danang Harbor	 April 30 -1967-Joseph Strauss	
		11/7/68	Mekong River Delta and Ganh Rai Bay, Vung Tau Harbor	 November 7, 1968-Joseph Strauss	June 2010
		12/7/68	Vung Tau Harbor Mekong Delta	  December 7, 1968-Joseph Strauss. December 7, 1968(2)-Joseph Strau	June 2010
		12/29/68	Da Nang Harbor	 December 29, 1968-Joseph Strauss.	

Ship	Type of Ship	Dates	Inland Location	Document	Listed in C&P Bulletin
				Total time at anchor in inland waters: 11 hours 21 minutes.	
USS Lofberg (DD759)		12/27/68 – 1/21/69; 2/4-22/69; 3/6-22/69; 4/2-17/69	Inland Waterways		
		4/10/69, 4/12/69	Song Cua Dai River Entrance, I Corps Area	 uss lofberg dd759.pdf	

List of Planes Identified in Vietnam Inland

Ship	Dates	Inland Location	RO	Document	Sent to C&P	Listed by C&P
Patrol Squadron 4 (Skinny Dragons)	03-04/65	Patrolled south china sea, based at Tan Son Nhut Air Base outside of Saigon		 VP-4 hist.pdf  VP-4 1966 chr.pdf  VP-4 avhist 09640365.pdf  VP-4 avhist 10650366.pdf http://www.vp4.navy.mil/history/history_of_the_skinny_dragons.htm	7/9/10	

Reference Key (PDF's)

Small Combatants Brown Water = SCBW



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List of Ships with Evidence or Suggestion of Service in Vietnam Inland Waterways

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For any ships not on these lists on these dates, deck logs may be needed to confirm location.

Ship	Type of Ship	Dates	Inland Location	Document
A-112-4	(Assault Support Patrol Boat: 50AB6721)	sank in Feb. 1968	Can Tho River	SCBW p. 355
A-112-8	(Assault Support Patrol Boat: 50AB6737)	attacked in March 1968 (no other specific dates)	Can Tho River	SCBW p. 352
A-91-1	(Assault Support Patrol Boat: 50AB676)	sank in March 1968	Can Tho River	SCBW p. 352
A-92-7	(Assault Support Patrol Boat: 50AB6731)	sank in March 1968	Sam Giang River	SCBW p. 355
USNS Geiger	Troop Transport	9/19/65	Quin Nhon	http://www.raydon.com/48ahc/html/48hi_story.htm
		10/8-9/65	Quin Nhon – Cam Ranh Bay	
		11/23/ -26/65	Rotated ROK troops from Vung Tau to Incheon & Back	http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/g2/geiger.htm

Ship	Type of Ship	Dates	Inland Location	Document
		11/30/65 – 12/13/65 1967	Shuttled troops between San Francisco & Vietnam Qui Nhon; Cam Ranh Bay	
USNS Rose		Arrived 01/02/67	Vung Tau	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for this date.
USNS Rose		Arrived 01/02/67	Vung Tau	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for this date.
USNS Upshur, USNS Gordon	USNS transport & support ships	Various		http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/vetscor/815585/posts;
USNS Upshur, USNS Gordon, other USNS transport & support ships				http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/vetscor/815585/posts;
USS Alamo (LSD 33)		03-09/72	Amphibious operations	See USS Cleveland doc “USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End”
USS Anchorage (LSD 36)		03-09/72	Amphibious operations	See USS Cleveland doc “USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End”
USS Blue Ridge		03-09/72	Amphibious operations	See USS Cleveland doc “USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End”
USS Braine (DD630)		11/25-27/66	Da Nang (Special Ops)	 01 Letter 711.jpg 25 November.jpg 26 November.jpg 27 November-2.jpg

Ship	Type of Ship	Dates	Inland Location	Document
				 27 November (2).jpg
USS Cohoes (AN 78)		1967-1968	Mobile Riverine Force Afloat Base – Barracks in Dong Tam	See APL 26 “By Sea Air and Land.pdf”
USS Davidson DE-1045		9/16/67, 9/22/67, 9/24/67, 10/3-5/67,	Saigon River, Vung Ganh Rat, Can Gio Run Saigon River, Vung Tau, Canh Rai Bay Ganh Rai Bay Rung Sat Special Zone Area	 USS Davidson.pdf
USS DeHaven DD727 & DesRon9 ships *note – Rung Sat Special Zone		June 1965 June – October 1965 06/66 – 09/68	Da Nang Harbor Mekong Delta, Nha Trang, Dong Ha, and other inshore areas NGSF, Saigon river, Phu Quoc Island off the Cambodian Border to Hai Phong harbor	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for this date.
USS Denver (LPD 9)		03-09/72	Amphibious operations	See USS Cleveland doc “USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End”

Ship	Type of Ship	Dates	Inland Location	Document
USS Duluth (LPD 6)		8/12/68 03-09/72	Subic Bay to Da Nang Amphibious operations	 DEC 8 1968 (2).jpg See USS Cleveland doc "USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End"
USS Falgout	(DER324) Radar Pickett Ship	6/9/65	Mekong River to Mekong Delta	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for this date.
USS Falgout (DER324) Radar Pickett Ship		6/9/65	Mekong River to Mekong Delta	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for this date.
USS Grasp ARS24		02-04/69 6/15/73 – 7/11/73	Salvage support in Da Nang, Song Cua Dia river, Cua Viet, Mui Da Nang Chau Me Haiphong Harbor	http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/g7/grasp-i.htm
USS Henry B. Wilson (DDG-7)		Fall of Saigon, May, 1975	Saigon River	USS Henry B. Wilson (DDG-7)
USS Higbee (DD-806)		3/1/69 3/12/69 4/29-30/69	Steamed from Subic Bay to Vung Tau, entered Ganh Rai Vung Ganh Rai Da Nang Harbor	 USS Higbee.pdf

Ship	Type of Ship	Dates	Inland Location	Document
USS Ingraham DD-694		11/12/65	Steamed 10 miles up Saigon River	http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/i2/ingraham-iii.htm
USS Iwo Jima LPH 2		01-03/70	Amphibious Group Support	See USS Cleveland doc "USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End"
USS Joseph Strauss	DDG-16	Early Oct 1965	Da Nang Harbor	 Strauss History 1965.zip http://www.ussjosephstrauss.org/store/Deck_logs/Order%20form.htm
		2/14/67	Song Ca River	 February 14 -1967-Joseph Strauss  November 7, 1968-Joseph Strauss.
		2/16/67	Cua Nhuong River	 February 16 -1967-Joseph Strauss  April 30 -1967-Joseph Strauss
		4/30/67	Da Nang Harbor	
		11/7/68	Vung Tau Harbor	<p>Anchorage number E-2, time 0741 local. Water depth 40 feet. Underway at time 1018 local. Total time at anchor in inland waters: 2 hours 37 minutes.</p>
		12/7/68	Vung Tau Harbor	 December 7, 1968-Joseph Strauss  December 7, 1968(2)-Joseph Strauss
				Anchorage number E-2, time 1230 local. Vung

Ship	Type of Ship	Dates	Inland Location	Document
		12/28- 29/68	Da Nang Harbor	<p>Tau light bears 076, Ganh Rai Point bears 012, Channel Light bears 339. Water depth 65 feet. Underway at time 1952 local. Total time at anchor in inland waters: 7 hours 22 minutes.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <small>December 28, 1968-Joseph Strauss.</small> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <small>December 29, 1968-Joseph Strauss.</small> </div> </div> <p>time 1818 local. Latitude 16 degrees 8 minutes north, 108 degrees 10 minutes east, water depth 39 feet, sand and mud bottom. Purpose: Harassment and Interdiction gunfire mission. Underway the following morning (29 December 1968) at time 0637 local. Total time at anchor in inland waters: 12 hours 19 minutes.</p> <p>time 1752 local. Latitude 16 degrees 7 minutes 40 seconds north, 108 degrees 10 minutes east, water depth 43 feet, mud bottom. Purpose: Harassment and Interdiction gunfire mission. Underway the following morning (30 December 1968) at time 0513 local. Total time at anchor in inland waters: 11 hours 21 minutes.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <small>December 29, 1968-Joseph Strauss.</small> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <small>December 28, 1968-Joseph Strauss.</small> </div> </div>
USS Juneau (LPD 10)		Early 09/72	Supposed surface assault near Quang Tri	

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			City Citadel	
USS Leary		10/8-12/67	Vung Tau Harbor, Baie De Ganh Rai Channel	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for these dates.
USS Lofberg (DD759)		12/27/68 – 1/21/69; 2/4-22/69; 3/6-22/69; 4/2-17/69 4/10/69, 4/12/69	Inland Waterways Song Cua Dai River Entrance, I Corps Area	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for these dates.  uss lofberg dd759.pdf
USS Lyman K Swenson DD729		10/3-18/65 5-8/67 11/15/68 – 1/1/69 3/9/70	Gunfire support missions with army spotters ashore Search & rescue duties northern Tonkin Gulf Gulf of Tonkin; Yankee Station; search & rescue Gulf of Tonkin	http://dd729.com/indexb.html http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/l33/lyman_k_swenson.htm
USS Mahopac (ATA-196)		11/3/66 10/30/66	Song Tien Gang Branch of Mekong River; Song Cua Tien river	 mahopac.pdf

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USS Mars	AFS - 1	3/12-16/71 3/22-29/71	Da Nang, Cam Ranh Bay, Vung Tau, An Thoi Cam Ranh Bay; Vung Tau; An Thoi	 1971 Mars Beach Party.pdf Mentions names of servicemembers  Mars Seven Plus One Cruise Book Info1.pdf
USS Mobile LKA 115		10/31/67 11/2/71	Da Nang Cam Ranh	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for these dates.
USS Mt. Vernon (LSD 39)		03-09/72	Amphibious operations	See USS Cleveland doc "USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End"
USS Newman Perry (DD-883)		11/23-28/66	Mouth of the Mekong River Coastal waters off Vietnam, Mekong River mouth, Ham Thang	 Perry Mekong River 25nov66 00-04.pdf  27nov66 00-04.pdf  Perry DD 883 26nov66 12016.pdf  26nov66 00-04.pdf  24nov66 00-04.pdf  Perry Mekong River Delta 24nov66 12-16.  newman perry 2 of 2.pdf  newman perry 1 of 2.pdf  28nov66 00-04.pdf
USS Newman Perry (DD-883)		11/23-28/66	Coastal waters off Vietnam, Mekong River mouth, Ham Thang Mouth of the Mekong River Mekong Delta	 26nov66 00-04.pdf  27nov66 00-04.pdf  28nov66 00-04.pdf  Perry Mekong River 25nov66 00-04.pdf  Perry DD 883 26nov66 12016.pdf  newman perry 1 of 2.pdf

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			Ham Thang, mouth of Mekong river, 3 miles from shore	 24nov66 00-04.pdf  newman perry 2 of 2.pdf  Perry Mekong River Delta 24nov66 12-16.
USS Newport News		4/19-22/69	Cua Viet River	 IMAGE1.JPG  IMAGE2.JPG  IMAGE3.JPG  IMAGE4.JPG
USS Okinawa		8/12/68 03-09/72	Subic Bay to Da Nang Amphibious operations	See "Dec 8 1868 (2).jpg" listed under USS Duluth See USS Cleveland doc "USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End"
USS Pictor		9/15-25/67 9/19/67 9/23/67	Inland Waterways Dong Ha Anthoi	 pictor deck logs.pdf  dongha.jpg
USS Pine Island	AV-12	10/10/65- 11/4/65, 11/29/65- 12/12/65, 1/15/66- 2/14/66, 4/2- 11/66	Cam Ranh Bay	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for these dates.
USS Pintado		12/72 – 02/73	Patrolled inland rivers	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask

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			of Haiphong and Hainan	VA to obtain deck logs for these dates
USS Platte (AO-24)		9/22/67	Saigon River, Vung Tau, Canh Rai Bay	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for this date.
USS Point Defiance (LSD 31)		03-09/72	Amphibious operations	See USS Cleveland doc "USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End"
USS Preston DD795		9/28/65 9/29/65	Bay of Gahn Rai Saigon River	 C:\Documents and Settings\km44667\De Deck Logs
USS Radford DD 446		11/30/67 – 12/9/67	Mouth of the Saigon River	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for these dates.
USS Rainier (AE-5)		9/16/67	Saigon River, Vung Ganh Rat, Can Gio Run	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for this date.
USS Repose	AH-16	2/14/66 – 3/14/70	Chu Lai; I corps tactical zone; Dong Ha; Da Nang	http://ussrepose.org/history.htm http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/r4/repose.htm
USS Rupertus		10/24-25/1965	Inland Waterways	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for these dates.
USS Sanctuary	AH-17	04/10/67 – 4/23/71	Chu Lai; I corps tactical zone; Dong Ha; Da Nang	http://ussrepose.org/history.htm http://www.seastory.us/sanctuary/history.html
USS Sherman WHEC 720		Nov 1970	Mekong river delta, area 9,	 Sherman10001.pdf

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USS St. Louis (LKA 116)		03-09/72	Amphibious operations	See USS Cleveland doc "USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End"
USS The Point Garrett	APB - 35 [Mobile Barracks Ship]	Entire tour: 1967 (seized by North Vietnamese in 1975)	Co Chien River	SCBW p. 322
USS Tripoli (LPH 10)		03-09/72	Amphibious operations	See USS Cleveland doc "USS Cleveland – The War That Would Not End"
USS Tulare (AKA112)		67-68	Unloaded on beaches; upriver operations; beach party China Beach (Da Nang); up Hue River	 67-68 USS Tulare  67-68 USS Tulare  67-68 USS Tulare  67-68 USS Tulare AKA-112 Front Cover AKA-112 page33.pdf AKA-112 page55.pdf AKA-112 page60.pdf  67-68 USS Tulare  67-68 USS Tulare  67-68 USS Tulare AKA-112 page62.pdf AKA-112 page 32.pdf AKA-112 page 56.pdf  67-68 USS Tulare AKA-112 page 61.pdf
USS Tulare (LKA112)		69	1-30-69 – 9-15-69 (Operation Brave Armada)	 1969 Westpac cruise.pdf  1969 Westpac Cruise page 24.pdf  1969 Westpac Cruise page 25.pdf  1969 Westpac Cruise page 3 cruise dates.pdf  1969 Westpac Cruise page 24.pdf  1969 Westpac Cruise page 25.pdf
USS Valley Forge LPH 8		12/24/1965	Hue River, Song Hue River, Da Nang	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for this date.
USS Walker DD 517		5/20/67 – 6/1/67	Mekong River	Not available. Veterans on this ship should ask VA to obtain deck logs for these dates.

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USS Whetstone	LSD-25	3/27-30/65 3/31/65 – 5/12/65 Sometime between 06/1/65 and 7/31/65 7/31/65 Before 9/6/65	Chu Lai, Hue-Phu Bai area of operations Da Nang (repaired LCM & LCU) Qui Nhon Support Command, repaired Army landing craft Cam Ranh Bay Da Nang	http://www.navsourc.org/archives/10/12/1227.htm
USS Whetstone	LSD -25	1966	Qui Nhon	Cruise Book  party1.jpg  party2.jpg  quinhon.jpg  whetstone.jpg
USS Whetstone	LSD -25	Early December 67 12/21-24/67	Da Nang North of Cua Viet City	http://www.navsourc.org/archives/10/12/1227.htm Operation “Fortress Ridge” as part of ARG Bravo http://www.navsourc.org/archives/10/12/1227.htm

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		1/23-26/68	Cua Viet River	Operation "Badger Catch" as a part of ARG Bravo Also made hazardous runs to Hue and Dong-Ha (was relieved by USS Thomas-ton (LSD-28) 3/16/68) http://www.navsourc.org/archives/10/12/1227.htm
USS Whetstone	LSD -25	1969	Inland waters	Last deployment http://www.navsourc.org/archives/10/12/1227.htm
USS Wilson (DD-847)		3/1/69	Anchored in Ganh Rai	See USS Higbee deck log (p. 3)
USS Wilson (DD-847)		3/1/69	Anchored in Ganh Rai	See USS Higbee deck log (p. 3)
YTB 84		1967-1968	Mobile Riverine Force Afloat Base – Barracks in Dong Tam	See APL 26 "By Sea Air and Land.pdf"
YTB 85		1967-1968	Mobile Riverine Force Afloat Base – Barracks in Dong Tam	See APL 26 "By Sea Air and Land.pdf"

For more information on Brown Water ships, please see:

Friedman, Norman. *U.S. Small Combatants Including PT-Boats, Subchasers, and the Brown-Water Navy: An Illustrated Design History*. Annapolis, MD. Naval Institute Press. 1987.

List of Planes Identified in Vietnam Inland

Ship	Dates	Inland Location	RO	Document	Sent to C&P	Listed by C&P
Patrol Squadron 4 (Skinny Dragons)	03-04/65	Patrolled south china sea, based at Tan Son Nhut Air Base outside of Saigon		 VP-4 hist.pdf  VP-4 1966 chr.pdf  VP-4 avhist 09640365.pdf  VP-4 avhist 10650366.pdf http://www.vp4.navy.mil/history/history_of_the_skinny_dragons.htm	7/9/10	

Navy and Coast Guard Ships Associated with Service in Vietnam and Exposure to Herbicide Agents

This ships list is intended to provide VA regional offices with a resource for determining whether a particular US Navy or Coast Guard Veteran of the Vietnam era is eligible for the presumption of Agent Orange herbicide exposure based on operations of the Veteran's ship.

According to 38 CFR § 3.307(a)(6)(iii), the presumption of herbicide exposure requires that the Veteran's service involved "duty or visitation in the Republic of Vietnam." For those Veterans who served aboard ships operating primarily or temporarily on the inland waterways of Vietnam, their service involved "duty" in Vietnam. In such cases, the evidence must show that the ship was on the inland waterways and the Veteran was aboard at that time. For those Veterans who served aboard ships that docked and the Veteran went ashore, or served aboard ships that did not dock but the Veteran went ashore, their service involved "visitation" in Vietnam. In cases involving docking, the evidence must show that the Veteran was aboard at the time of docking and the Veteran must provide a statement of personally going ashore. In cases where shore docking did not occur, the evidence must show that the ship operated in Vietnam's close coastal waters for extended periods, that members of the crew went ashore, or that smaller vessels from the ship went ashore regularly with supplies or personnel. In these cases, the Veteran must also provide a statement of personally going ashore.

This list includes three categories of ships:

- Ships operating primarily or exclusively on Vietnam's inland waterways
- Ships operating temporarily on Vietnam's inland waterways or docking to the shore
- Ships operating on Vietnam's close coastal waters for extended periods with evidence that crew members went ashore or that smaller vessels from the ship went ashore regularly with supplies or personnel

This list is not complete. Therefore, the presumption of herbicide exposure should not be denied solely because the Veteran's ship is not on this list. Additionally, when regional office personnel obtain evidence showing that a ship fits into any of these categories, the evidence should be forwarded to the Compensation and Pension Service Agent Orange Mailbox [VAVBAWAS/CO/211/AGENTORANGE] so that the ship can be added to the listing.

Ships operating primarily or exclusively on Vietnam's inland waterways

All vessels referred to in military records as part of the "Mobile Riverine Force"

All vessels with the designation LCM [Landing Craft, Mechanized]

All vessels with the designation LCVP [Landing Craft, Vehicle, Personnel]

All vessels with the designation LST [Landing Ship, Tank]

All vessels with the designation PBR [Patrol Boat, River]

All vessels with the designation PCF [Patrol Craft, Fast or Swift Boat]

All U.S. Coast Guard Cutters with hull designation WPB [Patrol Boat], WHEC [High Endurance Cutter], WLB [Buoy Tender], and WAK [Cargo Vessel] during their Vietnam tours

All vessels of Inshore Fire Support [IFS] Division 93, including:

USS Carronade (IFS 1)

USS Clarion River (LSMR 409) [Landing Ship, Medium, Rocket]

USS Francis River (LSMR 525)

USS White River (LSMR 536)

All vessels with hull designation PG [Patrol Gunboat], including:

USS Asheville (PG-84)

USS Gallop (PG-85)

USS Antelope (PG-86)

USS Ready (PG-87)

USS Crockett (PG-88)

USS Marathon (PG-89)

USS Canon (PG-90)

USS Mark (AKL-12) [Light Cargo Ship]

USS Brule (AKL-28)

USS Cohoes (AN-78) [net laying ship]

USS Patapsco (AOG-1) [Gasoline Tanker]

USS Elkhorn (AOG-7)

USS Genesee (AOG-8)

USS Kishwaukee (AOG-9)

USS Tombigbee (AOG-11)

USS Noxubee (AOG-56)

USS Montrose (APA-212) [Attack Transport]

USS Okanogan (APA-220)

USS Bexar (APA-237)

USS Benewah (APB-35) [Self-Propelled Barracks Ship]

USS Colleton (APB-36)

USS Mercer (APB-39)

USS Nueces (APB-40)

Barracks Barge (APL-26) [Sleeping Quarters]

Barracks Barge (APL-30)

USS Tutuila (ARG-4) [Repair Ship]

USS Satyr (ARL-23) [Repair Ship]

USS Sphinx (ARL-24)

USS Askari (ARL-30)

USS Indra (ARL-37)

USS Krishna (ARL-38)

USS Belle Grove (LSD-2) [Landing Ship Dock]

USS Comstock (LSD-19)

USS Tortuga (LSD-26)

Floating Base Platform (YRBM-17) [Repair, Berthing, and Messing Barge]

Floating Base Platform (YRBM-18)

Floating Base Platform (YRBM-20)

USN Harbor Tug 84 (YTB-84)

USN Harbor Tug 85 (YTB-85)

USN Winnemucca (YTB-785)

Ships operating temporarily on Vietnam's inland waterways or docking to shore

USS Card (ACV-11) [Escort Aircraft Carrier] mined, sunk, and salvaged in Saigon River Harbor during May 1964

USS Kula Gulf (CVE-108) [Small Aircraft Carrier: used as helicopter and troop transport] docked at Cam Ranh Bay November 13-16, 1965

USS Pictor (AF-54) [Stores Ship] delivered supplies to Dong Ha on Cua Viet River during September 1967 and docked to the pier at Da Nang during 1969

USS Niagara Falls (AFS-3) [Combat Stores Ship] unloaded supplies on Saigon River and Cam Ranh Bay, April 22-25, 1968

USS Maury (AGS-16) [Mapping Survey Ship] conducted surveys of Mekong River Delta and other coastal areas and rivers from November 1965 through 1969

USS Tanner (AGS-15) conducted surveys of Mekong River Delta and other coastal areas and rivers from October 1966 through 1968

USS Serrano (AGS-24) conducted mapping surveys of Mekong River Delta and other coastal and river areas from 1966 through 1969

USS Merrick (AKA-97) [Attack Cargo Ship] operated on Mekong River Delta and Saigon River during 1966 and docked at Da Nang during September 1968

USS Ponchatoula (AO-148) [Oiler] operated on Mekong River Delta during July 1971

USS Kansas City (AOR-3) [Replenishment Oiler] docked at Da Nang on August 6 and 19, 1971

USS Henrico (APA-45) [Amphibious Attack Transport] operated on Hue River during March 1965 and conducted numerous troop landing through March 1967

USS Montrose (APA-212) operated on Song Hue River during December 1965, operated on Long Tau River during March 1967, and operated on Cua Viet River and at Dong Ha during May 1967

USS Talladega (APA-208) operated on Saigon River during October 1967

USS Grasp (ARS-24) [Salvage Ship] conducted salvaging operations on Song Cua Dia River and other inland waters from February through April 1969

USS Bolster (ARS-38) crew operated on land to extract USS Clark County (LST-601) from beach after grounding at Duc Pho from November 18 to December 1, 1967

USS Reclaimer (ARS-42) operated in Saigon Harbor to salvage USS Card (ACV-11) from sinking in Saigon River during May 1964 and in Rung Sat Special Zone of Mekong River Delta salvaging ships during early 1966

USS Tillamook (ATA-192) [Auxiliary Ocean Tug] operated on Long Tau branch of Saigon River during January 1966

USS Mahopac (ATA-196) operated on Mekong River from October 30-November 3, 1966

USS Tawakoni (ATF-114) [Fleet Ocean Tug] operated in Saigon Harbor to salvage USS Card (ACV-11) from sinking in Saigon River during May 1964

USS Canberra (CAG-2) [Guided Missile Cruiser] operated on Saigon River from March 31 through April 1, 1966, on Cua Viet River during December 15, 1966, and on Mekong Delta Ham Luong River during January 15, 1967

USS Providence (CLG-6) [Light Guided Missile Cruiser] operated on Saigon River 3 days during January 1964 and on Cua Viet River during August 1972

USS Conway (DD-507) [Destroyer] operated on Saigon River during early August 1966

USS Sproston (DD-577) operated on Mekong River Delta and Ganh Rai Bay during January 1966

USS Braine (DD-630) docked to pier at Da Nang on November 27, 1966

USS Ingersoll (DD-652) operated on Saigon River October 24-25, 1965

USS Black (DD-666) operated on Saigon River July 13-19, 1966

USS Picking (DD-685) operated on Saigon River during November 16, 1965

USS Ault (DD-689) operated on Mekong River Delta and Soirap River during May 26, 1967

USS Ingraham (DD-694) operated 10 miles up Saigon River on November 12, 1965

USS Hamner (DD-718) operated on Song Lon Tao and Long Song Tao Rivers, August 15-September 1, 1966

USS Epperson (DD-719) docked to Da Nang Pier on October 4, 1970

USS Walke (DD-723) operated on Mekong River Delta at Vung Ganh Rei September 2, 1969

USS Mansfield (DD-728) operated on Saigon River August 8-19, 1967 and December 21-24, 1968

USS Lyman K. Swenson (DD-729) traveled up Saigon River for a four-day visit to Saigon during May 1964

USS Southerland (DD-743) operated on Song Nga Bay and Saigon River during July 1966

USS Taussig (DD-746) operated on Soirap River in Mekong River Delta during June 15-26, 1966

USS Loftberg (DD-752) operated on Song Nha Be River during February 18-21 and April 14-15, 1969 and on Song Cua Dai River during April 10-12, 1969

USS Strong (DD-758) operated in Mekong River Delta and Rung Sat Special Zone during April 1968

USS John W. Thomason (DD-760) operated on Nga Be River during 1969

USS Buck (DD-761) operated on Mekong River Delta and Saigon River during October 1966

USS Rowan (DD-782) operated on Song Tra Khuc River during June 1965

USS Preston (DD-795) operated on Mekong River Delta, Ganh Rai Bay, and Saigon River during September 28 – 29 and December 27 – 29, 1965

USS Chevalier (DD-805) operated on Saigon River during June 15-21, 1966, and on Vung Ganh Rai area of Mekong River Delta during January 25, 1968

USS Higbee (DD-806) operated on Vung Ganh Rai area of Mekong River Delta during March 1-12, 1969

USS Dennis J Buckley (DD-808) operated on Mekong River Delta, Saigon River, and Ganh Rai Bay from December 19, 1966 to January 16, 1967

USS Holder (DD-819) operated on Vung Ganh Rai and Saigon River during August 5, 1966

USS Basilone (DD-824) operated on Saigon River, May 24-25, 1966

USS Fiske (DD-842) operated on Mekong River, June 16-21, 1966

USS Warrington (DD-843) operated on Mekong River Delta Rung Sat Special Zone, North of Vung Ganh Rai Bay during March 1967

USS Richard E. Kraus (DD-849) operated on coastal inlet north of Da Nang during June 2-5, 1966, protecting Marines holding a bridge

USS Leonard F. Mason (DD-852) operated on Vung Ganh Rai Bay and channels during August 1969

USS Brownson (DD-868) operated on Song Nha Be and Ganh Rai Bay areas of Mekong River Delta during February 1967

USS Damato (DD-871) operated on Saigon River during December 12-13, 1967

USS Perkins (DD-877) operated on Saigon River during June 1969

USS Leary (DD-879) operated on Baie de Ganh Rai of the Mekong River Delta on October 9, 1967

USS Dyess (DD-880) operated on Saigon River and Rung Sat Special Zone from June 19-July 1, 1966

USS Newman K. Kelly (DD-883) operated on Mekong River Delta and Saigon River November 23-28, 1966

USS Orleck (DD-886) operated on Mekong River Delta during July 1969

USS Mullinnix (DD-944) operated on Vung Ganh Rai and Saigon River during August 5-6, 1966

USS Henry B. Wilson (DDG-7) [Guided Missile Destroyer] docked at Da Nang pier on April 2, 1967

USS Joseph Strauss (DDG-16) operated on Mekong River Delta March 4, 1966 and Ganh Rai Bay during November 7 and December 7, 1968

USS Waddell (DDG-24) operated on Cua Viet River during March 1967

USS Davidson (DE-1040) [Destroyer Escort] operated on Vung Ganh Rai and Rung Sat Special Zone of Mekong River Delta from September 16 to October 5, 1967

USS Lang (DE-1060) docked to pier #4 in Da Nang Harbor for 38 minutes on January 5, 1972

USS Newell (DER-322) [Destroyer Escort Radar] docked at port of Nha Trang during December 22-24, 1965

USS Mahan (DLG-11) [Guided Missile Frigate] operated on Saigon River October 24-28, 1964

USS Duluth (LPD-6) [Amphibious Transport Dock] docked to pier at Da Nang during March and October 1971

USS Dubuque (LPD-8) docked at Da Nang on March 15, 1970

USS Boxer (LPH-4) [Amphibious Assault Ship] docked to pier at Cam Ranh Bay on September 9, 1965

USS Catamount (LSD-17) [Landing Ship Dock] operated on Song Nah Be River during April 1969

USS Conflict (MSO-426) [Minesweeper] operated on Saigon River April 1, 1966 and Song Huong River (Perfume River) May 14, 1966

USS Fortify (MSO-446) travelled up the Saigon River to Saigon September 19-22, 1964

USS Inflict (MSO-456) travelled up the Saigon River to Saigon September 19-22, 1964

USS Loyalty (MSO-457) travelled up the Saigon River to Saigon September 19-22, 1964

USS Geiger (T-AP-197) [Military Transport] docked at Qui Nhon November 23-26, 1965

Ships operating on Vietnam's close coastal waters for extended periods with evidence that crew members went ashore or that smaller vessels went ashore regularly with supplies or personnel

USS Mars (AFS-1) [Combat Stores Ship] conducted numerous on shore supply replenishments at Da Nang, Cam Ranh Bay, Vung Tau, and An Thoi from July 1965 to November 1972 with evidence of crewmembers going ashore

USS Estes (AGC-12) [Amphibious Assault Command Ship] Conducted troop and supply beach landings during March and July-August 1965, at Chu Lai, Da Nang, and Qui Nhon

USS Vega (AF-59) [Stores Ship] conducted resupply operations in the Mekong River Delta area on September 13, 1966; on-loaded supplies at An Thoi, Vung Tau, Cam Ranh Bay, and Da Nang during June 1969; and delivered supplies to Da Nang, Cam Ranh Bay, Con Son, An Thoi, and Hon Choi during November-December 1970

USS Repose (AH-16) [Hospital Ship] operated continuously on close coastal waters from 1966-1970, with the likelihood that crewmembers went ashore on liberty leave

USS Sanctuary (AH-17) operated continuously on close coastal waters from 1967-1970, with the likelihood that crewmembers went ashore on liberty leave

USS Mathews (AKA-96) [Attack Cargo Ship] on-loaded supplies at Da Nang and delivered them up the Cua Viet River to Dong Ha with "mike boats" from August through December 1967

USS Skagit (AKA-105) conducted troop and cargo beach "mike boat" landings at Da Nang, Chu Lai, and Quang Ngai from November 1965 to November 1967

USS Union (AKA/LKA-106) [Attack/Amphibious Cargo Ship] anchored in mouth of the Hue River while conducting operations during April 1965 and conducted troop and cargo "mike boat" beach landings at Da Nang and Cam Ranh Bay from 1965 to 1969

USS Tulare (AKA/LKA-112) conducted troop and cargo "mike boat" beach landings at Da Nang, Chu Lai, Cam Ranh Bay, and Vung Tau from 1966 to 1972

USS George Clymer (APA-27) [Amphibious Attack Transport] conducted troop and supply "mike boat" beach landings during July 1965, and March-July 1966, at Da Nang and Chu Lai

USS Bayfield (APA-33) conducted troop on loading and "mike boat" landings at Da Nang, Chu Lai, Baie de My Han, and Cua Viet River from July through October 1965 and February through May 1967

USS Hector (AR-7) [Repair Ship] anchored in Vung Tau Harbor repairing other vessels from July 20 to August 16, 1970, with deck logs stating that crew members went ashore on liberty leave

USS Currituck (AV-7) [Sea Plane Tender] travelled up Saigon River to Saigon during early 1964; operated in Mekong River Delta during June 1965; anchored at Cam Ranh Bay for month long periods during 1966 and 1967 to repair and tend to Navy sea planes, with the likelihood that crewmembers went ashore on liberty leave

USS Pine Island (AV-12) anchored at Da Nang during August 1964, and Cam Ranh Bay for month long periods during 1965 and 1966, to repair and tend to Navy sea planes, with the likelihood that crewmembers went ashore on liberty leave

USS Salisbury Sound (AV-13) travelled up Saigon River to Saigon during June 1964, and anchored at Cam Ranh Bay for month long periods during 1966, to repair and tend to Navy sea planes, with the likelihood that crewmembers went ashore on liberty leave

USS Chicago (CG-11) [Guided Missile Cruiser] while anchored in Da Nang Harbor on May 22, 1969, deck logs show a utility boat went ashore for one hour with 8 crewmembers aboard

USS Wiltsie (DD-716) [Destroyer] while anchored off the coast, two officers and five sailors went ashore by helicopter for one night during September 1970

USS Blue (DD-744) anchored in Da Nang Harbor on April 21, 1968, with crewmembers going ashore for picnic

USS Myles C. Fox (DD-829) anchored off Qui Nhon and Nha Trang with crewmembers going ashore during February 5-20, 1967

USS Cleveland (LPD-7) [Amphibious Transport Dock] operated on Cua Viet River and at Dong Ha, as well as Hue River, with "mike boats" from November 1967 through 1968 and on the Saigon River during September 1969

USS Carter Hall (LSD-3) [Landing Ship Dock] conducted troop-landing operations with "mike boats" at Da Nang, Dong Ha on Cua Viet River, and Nha Be on Saigon River, as well as three-month duty as "boat repair ship" at Da Nang, from July 1965 to August 1968

USS Whetstone (LSD-27) on-loaded and delivered troops to Da Nang, Hue, Phu Bai, Dong Ha with beach landings and "mike boats" and served as long term "boat havens" for repairs of smaller vessels at Da Nang and Qui Nhon during 1965, 1966, 1968, and 1969

USS Epping Forest (MCS-7) [Mine Countermeasure Support Ship] conducted mine sweep of Cua Viet River using smaller vessels from main ship during May 1968



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SENATOR DANIEL K. AKAKA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your memorandum of April 28, 2010, requesting the Navy prepare a list of Navy ships that served off the coast of Vietnam from 1962 to 1975.

Enclosed you will find a list of 713 ships that earned either the Vietnam Service Medal or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for Vietnam service from 1962 onward compiled by the Naval History and Heritage Command. The Navy and Marine Corps Awards Manual (SECNAVINST 1650.1H) defines the area in which a ship must have operated during this time period to be eligible for these awards as follows: "water areas from a point on the east coast of Vietnam at the border of Vietnam with China southeastward to 21N, 108-15E; thence southward to 18N, 108-15E; thence southeastward to 17-30N, 111E; thence southward to 11N, 111E; thence southwestward to 7N, 105E; thence westward to 7N, 103E; thence northward to 9-30N, 103E; thence northeastward to 10-15N, 104-27E; thence northward to a point on the west coast of Vietnam at the border of Vietnam with Cambodia." This geographic area is depicted on the enclosed map. The enclosed list also includes ships that received an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for participation in the evacuation of Cambodia (Operation EAGLE PULL), the evacuation of Vietnam (Operation FREQUENT WIND), and the Mayaguez Operation. As no definition of the term "off the coast of Vietnam" was provided, this represents the most logical estimation of that phrase we are able to define.

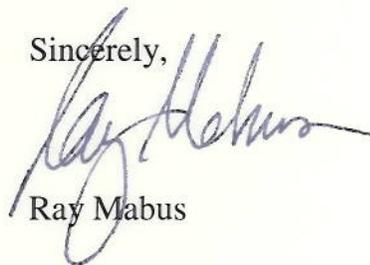
Narrowing the list down to those ships that operated within a closer proximity to the Vietnam mainland requires designating precise latitude and longitude boundaries for the area considered to be off the coast of Vietnam. If those boundaries are established, the deck logs for the ships on the enclosed list might be researched to determine which served within the area defined. The deck logs for Navy ships from 1962 to 1975 are no longer in Navy custody. In accordance with Title 44 requirements, we have transferred those records to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Should the Committee on Veterans Affairs wish to pursue a more in depth study of this matter, it would need to contact that agency.

Also of note in this matter, NARA has built a database of Navy ships that conducted naval gunfire support missions off Vietnam between 1966 and 1973. The Combat Naval Gunfire Support (CONGA) database is accessible online at the NARA website:

<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/fielded-search.jsp?dt=842&cat=WR28&tf=F&bc=,sl>

As always, if I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

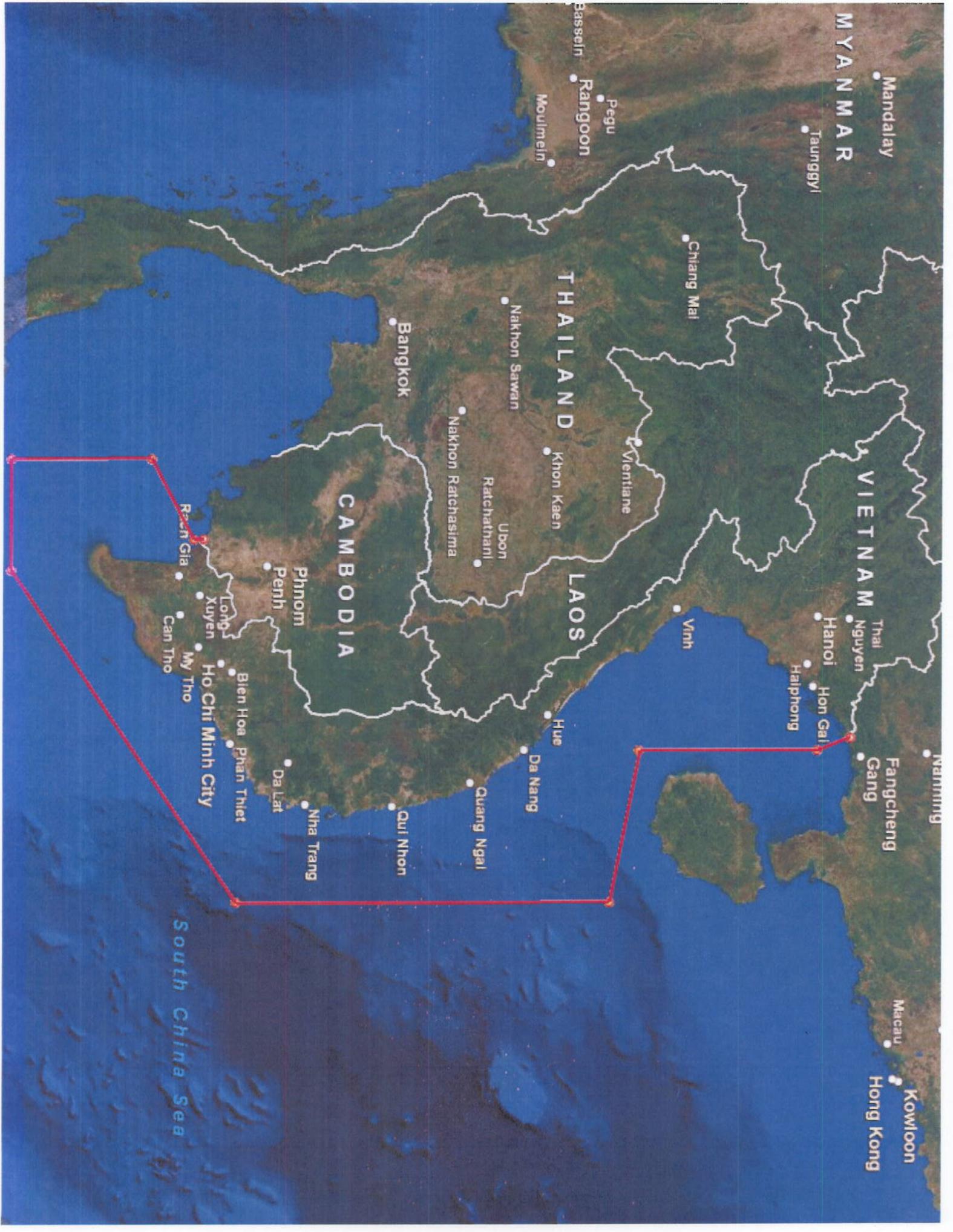
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ray Mabus", written in a cursive style.

Ray Mabus

Enclosure

Copy to:
The Honorable Richard Burr
Ranking Member



ABNAKI	ATF-96
ACME	MSO-508
AGERHOLM	DD-826
AJAX	AR-6
ALAMO	LSD-33
ALBATROSS	MSC-289
ALBERT DAVID	DE-1050
ALDEBARAN	AF-10
ALFRED E. CUNNINGHAM	DD-752
ALLEN M. SUMNER	DD-692
ALUDRA	AF-55
ALVIN C. COCKBELL	DE-366
AMERICA	CVA-66
ANCHORAGE	LSD-36
ALVIN C. COCKBELL	DE-366
ANNAPOLIS	AGMR-1
ANTELOPE	PG-86
APACHE	ATF-67
ARIKARA	ATF-98
ARLINGTON	AGMR-2
ARNOLD J. ISBELL	DD-869
ASHEVILLE	PG-84
ASHTABULA	AO-51
ASKARI	ARL-30
ASPRO	SSN-648
AULT	DD-698
BACHE	DD-470
BADGER	DE-1071
BAINBRIDGE	DLGN-25
BARB	SSN-596
BARBEL	SS-580
BARNEY	DDG-6
BARRY	DDG-933
BASHAW	AGSS-241
BASILONE	DD-824
BAUER	DE-1025
BAUSELL	DD-845
BAYA	AGSS-318
BAYFIELD	APA-33
BEALE	DD-471
BELKNAP	DLG-26
BELLETRIX	AF-62
BELLE GROVE	LSD-2
BENEWAH	APB-35
BENJAMIN STODDERT	DDG-22
BENNER	DD-807
BENNINGTON	CVS-20
BERKELEY	DDG-15
BEXAR	APA-237
BIDDLE	DLG-34
BIGELOW	DDG-942
BLACK	DD-666

BLACKFIN	SS-322
BLAKELY	DE-1072
BLANCO COUNTY	LST-344
BLANDY	DD-943
BLUE	DD-744
BLUE RIDGE	LCC-19
BLUEBACK	SS-581
BLUEGILL	AGSS/SSK-242
BOLSTER	ARS-38
BON HOMME RICHARD	CVA-31
BONEFISH	SS-582
BORDELON	DD-881
BORIE	DD-704
BOSTON	CA-69/CAG-1
BOXER	LPH-4
BOYD	DD-544
BRADLEY	DE-1041
BRAINE	DD-630
BRANNON	DE-446
BREAM	AGSS-243
BRIDGET	DE-1024
BRINKLEY BASS	DD-887
BRISTER	DER-327
BRONSTEIN	DE-1037
BROOKE	DEG-1
BROWNSON	DD-868
BRULE	AKL-28
BRUSH	DD-743
BUCHANAN	DDG-14
BUCK	DD-761
BUGARA	SS-331
BULLOCH COUNTY	LST-509
BUTTE	AE-27
CABILDO	LSD-16
CACAPON	AO-52
CADDO PARRISH	LST-515
CAIMAN	SS-323
CALIENTE	AO-53
CALVERT	APA-32
CAMDEN	AOE-2
CAMP	DER-251
CANBERRA	CAG-2
CANON	PG-90
CAPITAINE	AGSS-336
CARBONERO	SS-337
CAROLINE COUNTY	LST-525
CARPENTER	DD-825
CARRONADE	IFS-1
CARTER HALL	LSD-3
CASTOR	AKS-1
CATAMOUNT	LSD-17
CATFISH	SS-339

CATSKILL	MSC-1
CAVALIER	APA-37
CAYUGA	LST-1186
CHANTICLEER	ASR-7
CHARA	AE-31
CHARLES BERRY	DE-1035
CHARLES E. BRANNON	DE-446
CHARLES H. ROAN	DD-853
CHARLES P. CECIL	DD-835
CHARLES R. WARE	DD-865
CHARLES S. SPERRY	DD-697
CHARLESTON	LKA-113
CHARR	SS-328
CHASE COUNTY	LST-532
CHEMUNG	AO-30
CHESTERFIELD COUNTY	LST-551
CHEVALIER	DD-805
CHICAGO	CG-11
CHIPOLA	AO-63
CHOWONOC	ATF-100
CIMARRON	AO-22
CLARION RIVER	LFR/LSMR-409
CLARKE COUNTY	LST-601
CLAUD JONES	DE-1033
CLEVELAND	LPD-7
COCHRANE	DDG-21
COCHINO COUNTY	LST-603
COCOPA	ATF-101
COGSWELL	DD-651
COHOES	ANL-78
COLAHAN	DD-658
COLLETON	APB-36
COLLETT	DD-730
COLONIAL	LSD-18
COLUMBUS	CG-12
COMSTOCK	LSD-19
CONE	DD-866
CONFLICT	MSO-426
CONQUEST	MSO-488
CONSERVER	ARS-39
CONSTANT	MSO-489
CONSTELLATION	CVA-64
CONWAY	DD-507
CONY	DD-508
COOK	APD-130
COONTZ	DLG-9
CORAL SEA	CVA-43
CORRY	DD-817
COUCAL	ASR-8
COWELL	DD-547
CREE	ATF-84
CROCKETT	PG-88
FECHTELER	DD-870
FINCH	DER-328
FIREDRAKE	AE-14

CURRENT	ARS-22
CURRITUCK	AV-7
CUSK	SS-348
DAHLGREN	DLG-12
DALE	DLG-19
DAMATO	DDE-871
DAVIDSON	DE-1045
DAVIS	DD-937
DECATUR	DDG-31
DEHAVEN	DD-727
DELIVER	ARS-23
DELTA	AR-9
DENNIS J. BUCKLEY	DD-808
DENVER	LPD-9
DESOTO COUNTY	LST-1171
DEWEY	DLG-14
DIACHENCKO	APD-123
DIAMOND HEAD	AE-19
DIODON	SS-340
DIXIE	AD-14
DOUGLAS H. FOX	DD-779
DUBUQUE	LPD-8
DULUTH	LPD-6
DUNCAN	DDR-874
DUPONT	DD-941
DURHAM	LKA-114
DYESS	DDR-880
DYNAMIC	MSO-432
EATON	DD-510
EDMONDS	DE-406
EDSON	DD-946
ELDORADO	AGC-11
ELKHORN	AOG-7
EMBATTLE	MSO-434
ENDURANCE	MSO-435
ENERGY	MSO-436
ENGAGE	MSO-433
ENGLAND	DLG-22
ENHANCE	MSO-437
ENTERPRISE	CVAN-65
EPPERSON	DD-719
EPPING FOREST	LSD-4
ERNEST J. SMALL	DDR-838
ESTEEM	MSO-438
ESTES	AGC-12
EUGENE A. GREENE	DD-711
EVANS	DE-1023
EVERETT F. LARSON	DD-830
EVERSOLE	DD-789
EXCEL	MSO-439
FALGOUT	DER-324
FANNING	DD-1076
GURNARD	SS-662
HADDOCK	SS-621
HALEAKALA	AE-25

FIRM	MSO-444
FISKE	DD-842
FLASHER	SS-249
FLETCHER	DDE-445
FLINT	AE-32
FLORIKAN	ASR-9
FLOYD B. PARKS	DD-884
FLOYD COUNTY	LST-762
FORCE	MSO-445
FORREST ROYAL	DD-872
FORRESTAL	CVA-59
FORSTER	DFR-334
FORT MARION	LSD-22
FORTIFY	MSO-446
FOX	DLG-33
FRANCIS HAMMOND	DE-1067
FRANK E. EVANS	DD-754
FRANK KNOX	DD/DDR-742
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT	CVA-42
FRED T. BERRY	DD-858
FREDERICK	LST-1184
FRESNO	LST-1182
FURSE	DD-882
GALLANT	MSO-489
GALLUP	PG-85
GALVESTON	CLG-3
GANNET	MSC-290
GARRETT COUNTY	LST-786
GENESSEE	AOG-8
GEORGE CLYMER	APA-27
GEORGE K. MACKENZIE	DD-836
GLENNON	DD-840
GOLDSBOROUGH	DDG-20
GRAFFIAS	AF-29
GRAPPLE	ARS-7
GRASP	ARS-24
GRAY	DE-1054
GRAYBACK	SS-574
GREAT SITKIN	AE-17
GREENFISH	SS-351
GREENLET	SS-213
GREGORY	DD-802
GRIDLEY	DLG-21
GUADALUPE	AO-32
GUARDFISH	SS-612
GUDGEON	SS-567
GUIDE	MSO-447
GUNSTON HALL	LSD-5
GURKE	DD-783
ISLE ROYAL	AD-29
IWO JIMA	LPH-2
JAMES C. OWENS	DD-776
JAMES E. KYES	DD-787
JAMESTOWN	AGTR-3
JASON	AR-8

HALSEY	DLG-23
HAMNER	DD-718
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY	LST-819
HANCOCK	CVA-19
HANSON	DD-832
HARDER	SS-568
HARNETT COUNTY	LST-821
HAROLD E. HOLT	DE-1074
HAROLD J. ELLISON	DD-864
HARRY E. HUBBARD	DD-748
HARWOOD	DD-861
HASSAYAMPA	AO-145
HAVERFIELD	DER-393
HAWKINS	DD-873
HECTOR	AR-7
HENDERSON	DD-785
HENRICO	APA-45
HENRY B. WILSON	DDG-7
HENRY COUNTY	LST-824
HENRY W. TUCKER	DD-875
HEPBURN	DE-1055
HERBERT J. THOMAS	DD-833
HERMITAGE	LSD-34
HICKMAN COUNTY	LST-825
HIGBEE	DD-806
HISSEM	DER-400
HITCHITI	ATF-103
HOEL	DDG-13
HOLDER	DD-819
HOLLISTER	DD-788
HOLMES COUNTY	LST-836
HOOPER	DE-1026
HOPEWELL	DD-681
HORNE	DLG-30
HORNET	CVS-12
HUGH PURVIS	DD-709
HULL	DD-945
HUNTERDON COUNTY	LST-838
ILLUSIVE	MSO-448
IMPERVIOUS	MSO-449
IMPLICIT	MSO-445
INCHON	LPH-12
INDEPENDENCE	CVA-62
INDRA	ARL-37
INFLICT	MSO-456
INGERSOLL	DD-652
INGRAHAM	DD-694
INTREPID	CVS-11
IREDELL COUNTY	LST-839
LOCKWOOD	DE-1064
LOFBERG	DD-759
LONG BEACH	CGN-9
LOWE	DER-325
LOWRY	DD-770
LOYALTY	MSO-457

JENKINS	DD/E-447
JENNINGS COUNTY	LST-846
JEROME COUNTY	LST-848
JOHN A. BOLE	DD-755
JOHN KING	DDG-3
JOHN PAUL JONES	DDG-32
JOHN R. CRAIG	DD-885
JOHN R. PERRY	DE-1034
JOHN S. MCCAIN	DDG-36
JOHN W. THOMASON	DD-760
JOHN W. WEEKS	DD-701
JOHNSTON	DD-821
JOSEPH HEWES	DE-1078
JOSEPH STRAUSS	DDG-16
JOSPEHUS DANIELS	DLG-27
JOUETT	DLG-29
JUNEAU	LPD-10
JUPITER	AVS-8
KANSAS CITY	AOR-3
KAWISHIWI	AO-146
KEARSARGE	CVS-33
KEMPER COUNTY	LST-854
KENNEBEC	AO-36
KEPLER	DD-765
KILAUEA	AE-26
KING	DLG-10
KIRK	FF-1087
KISHWAUKEE	AOG-9
KISKA	AE-35
KITTY HAWK	CVA-63
KLONDIKE	AR-22
KNOX	DE-1052
KOINER	DER-331
KRETCHMER	DER-329
KRISHNA	ARL-38
LANG	DE-1060
LAWRENCE	DDG-4
LAWS	DD-558
LEADER	MSO-490
LEARY	DD/R-879
LENAWEE	APA-195
LEONARD F. MASON	DD-852
LEXINGTON	CVA-16
LIPAN	ATF-85
LITCHFIELD COUNTY	LST-901
LLOYD THOMAS	DD-764
MONTICELLO	LSD-35
MONTROSE	APA-212
MOORE	DD-741
MORTON	DD-948
MOUNT BAKER	AE-4
MOUNT HOOD	AE-29
MOUNT KATAMAI	AE-16
MOUNT MCKINLEY	AGC-7
MULLANY	DD-528

LUCID	MSO-458
LUZERNE COUNTY	LST-902
LYNDE MCCORMICK	DDG-8
MADDOX	DD-731
MADERA COUNTY	LST-905
MAGOFFIN	APA-199
MAHAN	DLG-11
MAHNOMEN COUNTY	LST-912
MAHOPAC	ATA-196
MANATEE	AO-58
MANITOWOC	LST-1180
MANLEY	DD-940
MANSFIELD	DD-728
MARATHON	PG-89
MARIAS	AO-57
MARK	AKL-12
MARKAB	AR-23
MARS	AFS-1
MARSH	DE-699
MARVIN SHIELDS	DE-1066
MASSEY	DD-778
MATACO	ATF-86
MATHEWS	AKA-96
MATTAPONI	AO-41
MAUNA KEA	AE-22
MAURY	AGS-16
MAZAMA	AE-9
MCCAFFERY	DD-860
MCDERMUT	DD-677
MCGINTY	DE-365
MCKEAN	DD-784
MCMORRIS	DE-1036
MEDREGAL	SS-480
MEEKER COUNTY	LST-980
MENHADEN	SS-377
MERCER	AFB-39
MEREDITH	DD-890
MERRICK	AKA-97
MEYERKORD	DE-1058
MIDWAY	CVA-41
MILWAUKEE	AOR-2
MISPILLION	AO-105
MOBILE	LKA-115
MOCTOBI	ATF-105
MOLALA	ATF-106
MONMOUTH COUNTY	LST-1032
PAUL	DE-1080
PAUL REVERE	APA-248
PEACOCK	MSC-198
PEORIA	LST-1183
PERCH	SS-313
PERKINS	DD-877
PERMIT	SSN-594
PERRY	DD-844
PERSISTENT	MSO-491

MULLINIX	DD-944
MUNSEE	ATF-107
MYLES C FOX	DD-829
NAVARRO	APA-215
NAVASOTA	AO-106
NECHES	AO-47
NEW	DD-818
NEW JERSEY	BB-62
NEW LONDON COUNTY	LST-1066
NEW ORLEANS	LPH-11
NEWELL	DER-322
NEWMAN K PERRY	DD-883
NEWPORT NEWS	CA-148
NIAGARA FALLS	AFS-3
NICHOLAS	FFG-47
NITRO	AE-23
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NUECES	APB-40
NYE COUNTY	LST-1067
O'BANNON	DD-450
O'BRIEN	DD-725
O'CALLAHAN	DE-1051
O'HARE	DD-889
OAK HILL	LSD-7
OGDEN	LPD-5
OKANOGAN	APA-220
OKINAWA	LPH-3
OKLAHOMA CITY	CLG-5
OPPORTUNE	ARS-41
ORISKANY	CVA-34
ORLECK	DD-856
OUELLET	DE-1077
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY	LST-1073
OXFORD	AGTR-1
OZBOURN	DD-846
PAGE COUNTY	LST-1076
PARICUTIN	AE-18
PARK COUNTY	LST-1077
PARSONS	DD-949/DDG-33
PASSUMPSIC	AO-107
PATAPSCO	AOG-1
RAZORBACK	SS-394
READY	PG-87
REAPER	MSO-467
REASONER	FF-1063
RECLAIMER	ARS-42
REDFISH	SS-395
REEVES	DLG-24
REGULUS	AP-57
REHOBOTH	AGS-50
REMORA	SS-487
RENSHAW	DD-499
RENVILLE	APA-227

PHILIP	DD-498
PHOEBE	MSC-199
PICKAWAY	APA-222
PICKEREL	SS-524
PICKING	DD-685
PICTOR	AF-54
PIEDMONT	AD-17
PINE ISLAND	AV-12
PITKIN COUNTY	LST-1082
PIVOT	MSO-463
PLATTE	AO-24
PLEDGE	MSO-402
PLUCK	MSO-464
PLUNGER	SSN-595
POGY	SSN-647
POINT DEFIANCE	LSD-31
POLK COUNTY	LST-1084
POLLUX	AKS-4
POMFRET	SS-301
PONCHATOULA	AO-148
PORTERFIELD	DD-682
POWER	DD-839
PRAIRIE	AD-15
PREBLE	DLG-15
PRESTON	DD-795
PRICHETT	DD-561
PRIME	MSO-466
PRINCETON	LPH-5
PROCYON	AF-61
PROVIDENCE	CLG-6
PUFFER	SSN-652
PULASKI COUNTY	LST-1088
PYRO	AE-24
QUAPAW	ATF-110
QUEENFISH	SS-393
RACINE	LST-1191
RADFORD	DD-446
RAINIER	AE-5
RAMSEY	DEG-2
RANGER	CVA-61
RASHER	SS-269
RATHBURNE	DE-1057
RATON	AGSS-270
SCULPIN	SSN-590
SEADRAGON	SSN-584
SEAFOX	SS-402
SEDGWICK COUNTY	LST-1123
SEGUNDO	SS-398
SEMINOLE	AKA-104
SERRANO	AGS-24
SHAKORI	ATF-162
SHANGRI-LA	CVA-38
SHARK	SSN-591
SHASTA	AE-6
SHELDRAKE	AGS-19

REPOSE	AH-16
RICH	DD-820
RICHARD B ANDERSON	DD-786
RICHARD E KRAUS	DD-849
RICHARD S EDWARDS	DD-950
RICHMOND K TURNER	DLG-20
ROARK	DE-1053
ROBERT H MCCARD	DD-822
ROBERT K HUNTINGTON	DD-781
ROBERT L WILSON	DD-847
ROBISON	DDG-12
ROCK	AGSS-274
ROGERS	DD-876
RONQUIL	SS-396
ROWAN	DD-782
RUPERTUS	DD-851
SABALO	SS-302
SACRAMENTO	AOE-1
SAFEGUARD	ARS-25
SAILFISH	SS-572
SALISBURY SOUND	AV-13
SALMON	SS-573
SAMPLE	DE-1048
SAMUEL B ROBERTS	DD-823
SAMUEL GOMPERS	AD-37
SAMUEL N MOORE	DD-747
SAN BERNARDINO	LST-1189
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY	LST-1122
SAN JOSE	AFS-7
SANCTUARY	AH-17
SANTA BARBARA	AE-28
SARATOGA	CVA-60
SARGO	SS-583
SARSFIELD	DD-837
SATYR	ARL-23
SAVAGE	DER-386
SAVANNAH	AOR-4
SCAMP	SSN-588
SCHENECTADY	LST-1185
SCHOFIELD	DEG-3
TAWASA	ATF-92
TAYLOR	DD-468
TECUMSEH	SSBN-628
TERRELL COUNTY	LST-1157
THEODORE E CHANDLER	DD-717
THOMASTON	LSD-28
THUBAN	AKA-19
TICONDEROGA	CVA-14
TILLAMOOK	ATA-192
TINGEY	DD-539
TIOGA COUNTY	LST-1158
TIRU	SS-416
TOLOVANA	AO-64
TOM GREEN COUNTY	LST-1159
TOMBIGBEE	AOG-11

SHELTON	DD-790
SHIOUX	ATF-75
SKAGIT	AKA-105
SNOHOMISH COUNTY	LST-1126
SNOOK	SSN-592
SOMERS	DD-947/DDG-34
SOUTHERLAND	DD-743
SPHINX	ARL-24
SPINAX	SS-489
SPROSTON	DD-577
ST CLAIR COUNTY	LST-1096
ST FRANCIS RIVER	LSMR/LFR-525
ST LOUIS	LKA-116
ST PAUL	CA-73
STEINAKER	DD-863
STERETT	DLG-31
STERLET	SS-392
STICKELL	DDR-888
STODDARD	DD-566
STONE COUNTY	LST-1141
STORMES	DD-780
STRIBLING	DD-867
STRONG	DD-758
SUMMIT COUNTY	LST-1146
SUMNER COUNTY	LST-1148
SUMTER	LST-1181
SUNNADIN	ATA-197
SURFBIRD	ADG-383
SURIBACHI	AE-21
SUTTER COUNTY	LST-1150
SWORDFISH	SSN-579
TACOMA	PG-92
TALLADEGA	APA-208
TALUGA	AO-62
TANG	SS-563
TANNER	AGS-15
TAPPAHANNOCK	AO-43
TAUSSIG	DD-746
TAUTOG	SS-639
TAWAKONI	ATF-114
WALLACE L LIND	DD-703
WALLER	DD-466
WALTON	DE-361
WANDANK	ATA-204
WARBLER	MSC-206
WARRINGTON	DD-843
WASHBURN	AKA-108
WASHOE COUNTY	LST-1165
WASHTENAW COUNTY	LST-1166
WEDDERBURN	DD-684
WEISS	APD-135
WELCH	PG-93
WESTCHESTER COUNTY	LST-1167
WEXFORD COUNTY	LST-1168
WHETSTONE	LSD-27

VA Adds Ships to Agent Orange Exposure List

This week the VA has added the below named ships to the already existing list for Navy and Coast Guard ships and vessels that are presumed to have been exposed to Agent Orange. If you served on any of these mentioned ships and you have had a claim denied, you should reapply citing the VA list as the source for your reapplication. NAUS is told the VA is already working on a third list that will have more ships listed. If you have a claim and evidence the ship you served on was in Vietnamese waters and/or actually tied up to a dock there, make sure you include that with your claim.

Vessels that operated primarily or exclusively on the inland waterways

All U.S. Coast Guard Cutters with hull designation *WPB* [patrol boat] and *WHEC* [high endurance cutters]

USS Mark (AKL-12) [light cargo ship]; *USS Brule* (AKL-28)

USS Patapsco (AOG-1) [gasoline tanker]; *USS Elkhorn* (AOG-7)

USS Genesee (AOG-8); *USS Kishwaukee* (AOG-9)

USS Tombigbee (AOG-11); *USS Noxubee* (AOG-56)

USS Okanogan (APA-210) [attack transport]; *USS Montrose* (APA-212)

USS Bexar (APA-237)

USS Benewah (APB-35) [self-propelled barracks ship]; *USS Colleton* (APB-36)

USS Mercer (APB-39); *USS Nueces* (APB-40)

Barracks Barge (APL-26) [sleeping quarters]); Barracks Barge (APL-30)

USS Tutuila (ARG-4) [repair ship]; *USS Satyr* (ARL-23) [repair ship]

USS Sphinx (ARL-24); *USS Askari* (ARL-30); *USS Indra* (ARL-37)

USS Krishna (ARL-38)

USS Belle Grove (LSD-2) [landing ship dock]; *USS Comstock* (LSD-19)

USS Tortuga (LSD-26)

USS Asheville (PG-84) [patrol gunboat]; *USS Gallop* (PG-85)

USS Antelope (PG-86); *USS Ready* (PG-87); *USS Crockett* (PG-88)

USS Marathon (PG-89); *USS Canon* (PG-90)

Floating Base Platform (YRBM-17) [repair, berthing, and messing barge]

Floating Base Platform (YRBM-18); Floating Base Platform (YRBM-20)

Winnemucca (YTB-785) [harbor tug]

Vessels that operated temporarily on Vietnam's inland waterways or docked to the shore:

USS Card (ACV-11) [escort carrier] mined, sunk, and salvaged in Saigon River Harbor during May 1964

USS Maury (AGS-16) [mapping survey ship] conducted surveys of Mekong Delta and other coastal areas and rivers beginning November 1965 through 1969

USS Henrico (APA-45) [amphibious attack transport] operated on Hue River during March 1965 and conducted numerous troop landings through March 1967

USS Montrose (APA-212) operated on Song Hue River during December 1965, operated on Long Tau River during March 1967, and operated on Cua Viet River and at Dong Ha during May 1967

USS Talladega (APA-208) operated on Saigon River during October 1967

USS Bolster (ARS-38) [salvage ship] crew operated on land.

USS Canberra (CAG-2) [guided missile cruiser] operated on Saigon River from March 31 through April 1, 1966, on Cua Viet River during December 15, 1966, and on Mekong Delta Ham Luong River during January 15, 1967

USS Sproston (DD-577) [destroyer] operated on Mekong Delta and Ganh Rai Bay during January 1966

USS Picking (DD-685) operated on Saigon River during November 16, 1965

USS Epperson (DD-719) docked to Da Nang Pier on October 4, 1970

USS Southerland (DD-743) operated on Song Nga Bay and Saigon River during July 1966

USS John W. Thomason (DD-760) operated on Nga Be River during 1969

USS Buck (DD-761) operated on Mekong River Delta and Saigon River during October 1966

USS Preston (DD-795) operated on Mekong River Delta, Ganh Rai Bay, and Saigon River during September 28 - 29 and December 27 - 29, 1965

USS Warrington (DD-843) operated on Mekong River Delta Rung Sat Special Zone, North of Vung Gahn Rai Bay during March 1967

USS Dyess (DD-880) operated on Saigon River and Rung Sat Special Zone from June 19-July 1, 1966

USS Perkins (DD-877) operated on Saigon River during June 1969

USS Orleck (DD-886) operated on Mekong River Delta during July 1969

USS Joseph Strauss (DDG-16) [guided missile destroyer] operated on Mekong River Delta and Ganh Rai Bay during November 7 and December 7, 1968

USS Waddell (DDG-24) operated on Cua Viet River during March 1967

USS Newell (DER-322) [radar destroyer escort] docked at port of Nha Trang during December 22-24, 1965

USS Duluth (LPD-6) [amphibious transport dock] docked to pier at Da Nang during March and October 1971

USS Cleveland (LPD-7) operated on Cua Viet River and at Dong Ha, as well as Hue River, from November 1967 through 1968 and Saigon River during September 1969

USS Dubuque (LPD-8) docked at Da Nang on March 15, 1970

USS Boxer (LPH-4) [amphibious assault ship] docked to pier at Cam Rahn Bay on September 9, 1965

USS Carter Hall (LSD-3) [landing ship dock] operated on Cua Viet River and at Dong Ha during December 1967