

## PACT ACT INFO



Please use the QR code to learn more about “qualifying service” and benefits of the PACT Act:

[PACTActInfo.org](https://PACTActInfo.org)

## What do I do if I qualify or don't know if I qualify for PACT Act benefits?

The VFW has developed a quick and easy questionnaire to help you determine your potential eligibility and streamline your referral to a VFW accredited service officer near you.

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# THE PACT ACT

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## What is the PACT Act?

The VFW led the effort to pass this monumental legislation which requires VA to provide medical treatment, conduct research and provide benefits on a presumptive basis for veterans suffering from ailments as a result of exposure to toxic substances while serving in the military. The PACT Act is the most comprehensive toxic exposure legislation to date.

## Who does the PACT Act affect?

The PACT Act expands health care and benefits for veterans exposed to:

- Burn pits, oil fires and other airborne particulate matter while serving in Southwest Asia and several surrounding countries during the Gulf War and Post-9/11 eras.
- Agent Orange and other herbicides in the Republic of Vietnam, Korea, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Guam and America Samoa during the Vietnam War era.
- Radiation while participating in specific nuclear testing or cleanup operations.
- Contaminated water at Camp Lejeune.

## What is “presumptive” service connection?

VA will assign benefits based on the presumption that specific diseases and medical conditions were caused by the veteran’s exposure to toxic substances if they have qualifying service (when and where they served).

Among the many newly-added presumptive diagnoses are:

- Hypertension
- Asthma
- Respiratory Cancer
- COPD
- Melanoma
- Pulmonary Fibrosis
- Head cancer of any type



A U.S. Marine at forward operating base Zeebrugge in Helmand province, Afghanistan, burns trash in March 2013. Photo by Sgt. Anthony L. Ortiz

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