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VFW Post 8555 Spotlight



VA Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry

VA established the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry (AHOBPR) in 2014 to help put data to work for Veterans through research about potential health effects of airborne hazard exposures.

By joining the registry, you can provide information to help us better understand whether long-term health conditions may be related to these exposures. Even if you have not experienced any symptoms or illnesses you believe are related to exposures during military service, your participation in the registry could help VA provide better care to all Veterans.

To check your eligibility for the registry and complete the online questionnaire, visit the [secure registry portal](https://veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry/#page/home) [https://veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry/#page/home]

Participation in the registry is voluntary and cannot negatively impact your [access to VA health care](#) or your [claim for compensation and benefits](#).

- You may save and submit your responses to the registry questionnaire and notes from optional medical assessment to support your VA claim if you choose.
- Completing the questionnaire can also help you proactively identify health concerns, discuss them with your health care provider, and get follow-up care.
- You can participate even if you do not recall any exposure to airborne hazards during your military service.

New eligibility guidelines: If you served in in Syria or Uzbekistan since September 11, 2001, or Egypt since August 1990, you are now eligible to participate in the registry.

Registry Eligibility

Click to expand the map of countries and bodies of water currently included in the VA Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry.

You are eligible to participate in the registry if you were deployed to the Southwest Asia theater of operations or Egypt any time after August 2, 1990 or Afghanistan, Djibouti, Syria, or Uzbekistan on or after September 11, 2001.

- **Regions and countries include:** Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Djibouti, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, waters of the Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea, Red Sea, Syria, Uzbekistan, and Egypt.
- **Operations and campaigns include:** Desert Shield and Desert Storm (ODS/S), Iraqi Freedom (OIF), Enduring Freedom (OEF), and New Dawn (OND).

You do not have to have been exposed to specific airborne hazards or have related health concerns to participate in the registry.

While these hazards may have been present in other locations or during other time periods, participation in the registry is currently limited to support specific research and public health studies. Even if you are not eligible for the registry, we encourage all Veterans who are concerned that their military service has impacted their health to talk to their health care provider, [apply for VA health care](#), and [file a claim](#) for compensation and benefits. You do not have to participate in the registry to receive compensation and benefits or health care from VA.

To learn more about other types of military exposures, visit the [military exposures homepage](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/index.asp) [https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/index.asp]

July 2022

August 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4 VPR— Independence Day	5	6 Food Distribution (0745)	7	8	9
10	11 VFW Meeting	12	13	14	15	16
17	123rd VFW National Convention 16-21 July / Kansas City, MO			21	22	23
24	25	26	27 VPR—Signing of Korean Armistice	28	29	30
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31	1	2	3 Food Distribution (0745)	4 Coast Guard Birthday	5	6 Veterans/Military Breakfast 0845
7	8 VFW Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 VPR—End of Operation Iraqi Freedom	1	2	3