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We had intended a different issue for this time but circumstances occurred and this page was changed as the heading of the Knox Knews.

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Navy Ships In Vietnam

The VA Compensation and Pension (C&P) Service has initiated a program to collect data on Vietnam naval operations for the purpose of providing information to assist with development in disability claims based on herbicide exposure from Navy veterans,

To date, VA has received verification from various sources showing that number of offshore “blue water” naval vessels conducted operations on the inland “brown water” rivers and Delta of Vietnam. VA has also identified certain ships and dates of inland waterway service.

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. The ships include:

All vessels of Inshore Fire Support (IFS) Division 93 during their entire Vietnam tour.

***USS Carronade (IFS 1)
USS Clarion River (LSMR 409)
USS Francis RIVER (LSMR 525)
USS White River (LSMR 536)***

All vessels with the designation LST 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 during their entire tour.

All vessels with the designation PCF during their entire tour (Also called Swift Boats, operating for enemy interdiction on close coastal waters).

All vessels with the designation PBR during their entire tour (Also called River Patrol Boats as part of the Mobile Riverine Forces operating on