

## Agent Orange (AO) Demonstration Claim

Veteran: Roger Martinez	Claim number: 6Y03XX00
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NOTE: Explain to the students that we use the VBMS Demo Candidate Martinez for all demonstration claims. In this case, he is a Veteran of the Navy and served from 08/01/1970 to 07/31/1980 and was born on 07/31/1952. We will focus on the processing steps for proper herbicide exposure development. Please focus on herbicide exposure development and not historical inaccuracies. This claim is about proper selections based on receiving a claim for a disability based on AO exposure.

The Veteran submitted a VA Form 21-526EZ (SEP 2019 version) on January 4, 2021 for prostate cancer due to herbicide exposure. In his statement he indicates that he was exposed to Agent Orange while off the coast of Vietnam. A CAPRI Enterprise search reveals a diagnosis and treatment for prostate cancer from September 17, 2019 to present at VAMC Baltimore.

This is an original claim and there are no other documents in the file.

### **FOR INSTRUCTORS ONLY:**

- Update the period of service in VBMS to reflect that the Veteran served during the Vietnam Era, this can be done as part of your prep work. Be prepared for questions from students who note the service in their Martinez claim is 1980 to 1990.
- Classification: Cancer-Genitourinary from Medical EPSS or Index of DBQs
- Please remind the trainees that a Corporate Flash, *Agent Orange – Vietnam* would be applied to the claim in the live environment.
- Special Issues: *Blue Water Agent Orange* and *Fully Developed Claim*. Instructors: please mention to the trainees that if this was a live Veteran's claim they would not apply the *Local Mentor Review* or it can't be moved by NWQ to centralized processing.
- PIES O50 will be needed to obtain STRs and the complete personnel file to determine if the Veteran's ship was within the territorial waters of the Republic of Vietnam. At this point we have medical evidence of prostate cancer, but Vietnam service must be established for Navy Veterans at one of the Centralized processing locations. An exam is not necessary as we have a diagnosis of active prostate cancer. Because the PIES O50 is an actionable tracked item it will not automatically close on receipt of the records. The exam review is complete however the Secondary Action Required tracked item is required (M21-1 IV.i.1.A.1.e Step 3). The VSR must still enter a detailed note for Exam Review.
- Add the VBMS note "Exam review completed. No exam necessary. Awaiting PIES O50 to verify RVN service at centralized processing. CAPRI enterprise search completed and records showing active prostate cancer have been uploaded."
  - o Add PIES O50 tracked item
  - o Add Secondary Action Required tracked item

- Claim will be moved by NWQ to one of the eight centralized processing locations.