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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

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