



C-123 AIRCRAFT AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE CLAIMS

AIR FORCE SPECIALITY CODES AND UNITS

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) published an important new regulation that expands benefits eligibility for a select group of Air Force Veterans and Air Force Reserve personnel. VA has determined that a select group of Air Force Servicemembers, to include Reservists and active duty personnel, who had regular and repeated exposure to contaminated Operation Ranch Hand (ORH) C-123s, used to spray Agent Orange in Vietnam, as flight, maintenance, or medical crew members, were exposed to Agent Orange. This decision is based upon the results of an Institute of Medicine (IOM) study on the health effects.

The following is a list of the affected units, Air Force Specialty Codes and dates of service for affected crew members. This list is as of June 19, 2015.

Reserve Units

Pittsburgh International Airport, Pennsylvania, USAF Reserve Station

Dates: 1972-1982

758th Airlift Squadron (AS)

911th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron (AES)

911th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (AMS)

Westover AFB, Massachusetts (Westover Air Reserve Base) and Hanscom Field AFB, Massachusetts

Dates: 1972-1982

731st Tactical Airlift Squadron (TAS)

74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron (AES)

901st Organizational Maintenance Squadron (OMS)

Disabilities determined by VA to be related to your military service can lead to monthly non-taxable compensation, enrollment in the VA health care system, a 10-point hiring preference for federal employment and other important benefits. Ask your VA representative or Veterans Service Organization representative about Disability Compensation, Pension, Health Care, Caregiver Program, Career Services, Educational Assistance, Home Loan Guaranty, Insurance and/or Dependents and Survivors' Benefits.



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Lockbourne/Rickenbacker AFB, Ohio (USAF Reserves, Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base)

Dates: 1969-1986

355th Tactical Airlift Squadron (TAS)

356th Tactical Airlift Squadron (TAS)

4413th Combat Crew Tactical Wing (CCTW) [Ferry Flights]

Active Duty Units, US:

Hurlburt Auxiliary Field, Eglin AFB, Florida

Dates: 1970-1973

1st Special Operations Wing (SOW)

4410th Combat Crew Tactical Wing (CCTW) [Ferry Flights]

Langley AFB, Virginia

Dates: [1962-1963], 1970-1973

4500th Air Base Wing (ABW) [Aerial Spray Flights]

Luke AFB, Arizona

Dates: 1970-1973

56th Air Base Wing (ABW)



Active Duty Unit, Overseas:

Tainan Air Field, Taiwan

Dates: 1969-1970

309th Special Operations Squadron (SOS)

310th Special Operations Squadron (SOS)

Howard AFB, Panama

Dates: 1970-1973

24th Special Operations Wing (SOW)

Osan Air Base, South Korea

Dates: 1970-1973

51st Air Base Wing (ABW)

Clark AFB, Philippines

Dates: 1969-1970

405th Fighter Wing (FW)



US Air Force Specialty Codes (AFSCs) 1969-1986

This is a listing of AFSCs that potentially identify former USAF Reservists and active duty personnel with regular and repeated contact as flight, medical, or ground maintenance personnel associated with post-Vietnam Operation Ranch Hand C-123 aircraft. Code numbers during the operational time frame generally consisted of four digits (with additional number/letter suffix) and many were officially changed during the time frame of operations. As a result, VA will accept any relevant evidence showing the required regular and repeated contact.

Officer AFSCs

Pilot/Copilot, Transport and Tactical Airlift:

1043 – 1055

Flight Nurse:

9761 – 9766

Enlisted AFSCs

Flight Engineer/Aircraft Loadmaster:

1130 – 1149

Aircrew Life Support Specialist:

1220 – 1229

Aircraft Maintenance Specialist/ Flight Technicians:

4313 – 4359

