



VETERANS affected by Agent Orange induced Spina Bifida

Are you a veteran of the Vietnam or Korean War affected by Agent Orange? Has there been a case of spina bifida in your immediate family? Veterans National Homecare may be able to help you.



What is Agent Orange?

Agent Orange was a highly-toxic tactical herbicide and defoliant chemical used by the U.S. Military in warfare from 1961 to 1971, named for the orange band around its storage barrel. Several decades later, concerns about the health effects from these chemicals, including dioxin, a byproduct of Agent Orange production, continue.



What is Spina Bifida?

Spina Bifida is a life-threatening birth defect that occurs when the spine and spinal cord fails to develop or close properly while in the womb. A person born with spina bifida may need surgeries and extensive medical care because of the potential for paralysis. Symptoms may include nerve damage, paralysis, bowel or bladder issues, and even fluid buildup in the brain.



HOW ARE THEY RELATED?

The military sprayed millions of gallons of Agent Orange and other tactical herbicides on trees and vegetation during the Vietnam War. There is a direct linkage between Agent Orange and the biological children of Vietnam and Korean War veterans born with spina bifida as a result of their parent's herbicide exposure during service.



HOW CAN WE HELP?

Veterans National Homecare is a Pensacola-based non-profit organization working to promote national awareness about the direct linkage between Agent Orange and spina bifida. The organization's mission is to ensure that the biological children of all Vietnam and Korean War veterans born with spina bifida are made aware of the expanded benefits they may be entitled to, and to help each navigate through the eligibility and application process within the Department of Veterans Affairs.