

About the Registry

VA established the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry (AHOBPR) in 2014 to help put data to work for Veterans through research about potential health effects of airborne hazard exposures.

By joining the registry, you can provide valuable information to help us better understand whether long-term health conditions may be related to these exposures. Even if you have not experienced any symptoms or illnesses, your participation in the registry could help VA provide better care to all Veterans.



Command Sgt. Maj. Stephen J. Klunk (left) and members of Task Force Joshua, 108th Field Artillery, 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, display an American flag that was flown over the Base Defense Operations Center, Camp Taji, Iraq, north of Baghdad, May 9, 2009. *Photo by Edward Shank- wikicommons.*

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PHOTO FRONT INSET:
Senior Airman Frances Gavalis, 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron equipment manager, tosses unserviceable uniform items into a burn pit, March 10, 2008. *Photo by Julianne Showalter - wikicommons.*



Registry Help Desk

Call: 1-877-470-5947

Hours: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm EST

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Registry Eligibility

You are eligible to participate in the registry if you were deployed to the Southwest Asia theater of operations any time after August 2, 1990 or Afghanistan or Djibouti on or after September 11, 2001.

- Regions and countries include: Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Djibouti, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, waters of the Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea, and Red Sea.
- Operations and campaigns include: Desert Shield and Desert Storm (ODS/S), Iraqi Freedom (OIF), Enduring Freedom (OEF), and New Dawn (OND).

You do not have to have been exposed to specific airborne hazards or have related health concerns to participate in the registry.



Burn Pits in 1st Marine Division Support Area in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War, 1991. Photo by Leonard J. DeFrancisci - wikicommons.

What does the registry involve?

The registry includes an online questionnaire and an optional health evaluation. It includes a health questionnaire and a health evaluation. The questionnaire asks for information about your deployments, health history, lifestyle, and other factors. The optional evaluation is performed by a military health provider and is used to support further research.

How do I get started?

- Use your Premium DS Logon Level 2* account to log in, check your eligibility, and complete the online questionnaire.
 - If you already have a VA eBenefits or MyHealthVet premium account, you can use the same credentials for the registry.
- Save or print your questionnaire responses for your records. You can also come back to access your responses at any time.
- Contact your local environmental health coordinator to schedule your optional medical evaluation at your convenience.
 - If you are active-duty service member, visit the military health website for information about scheduling your registry exam.

Map of Southwest Asia with countries highlighted in which burn pits were a common practice



Please Note:

If you were deployed before 9/11, were a part of special forces, or were re-deployed within three months, you may get a notification in the registry portal that you do not have an eligible deployment. This is due to technical constraints and does not necessarily mean you are not eligible. To continue completing the questionnaire please click the blue banner that says, "Request Eligibility Review" and follow the additional steps.