

# The Link Between Blood Cancers and Military Service



Did you know there could be a connection?

In the process of completing their mission, U.S. military personnel may encounter hazardous exposures. Some exposures can cause immediate effects while others take years to manifest. The Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) is proud to partner with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) to provide information and resources to veterans and their families.



To learn more about the connection between military service and blood cancers, or how the VA can help, <u>click here</u> or scan the QR code to listen to one family's story.

# Military Exposures Potentially Associated with Blood Cancers

Agent Orange Camp Lejeune Water Contamination Radiation Exposure/Nuclear Weapons



## Conditions Potentially Associated to Exposures

Leukemia, Lymphoma, Multiple Myeloma, Myelodysplastic Syndromes, Monoclonal Gammopathy of Undetermined Significance (MGUS)

# The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services. Thanks to research funding and focused attention on improving treatments, blood cancer patients have experienced better outcomes and less toxic treatments. We offer compassionate support to all blood cancer patients and their families.

# **Contact Us for Patient Support**

800.955.4572 www.LLS.org

# **Information and Support**

- Peer to peer support
- Local support groups
- Online chats and patient support community
- Financial assistance
- Local and national education events
- Booklets, webcasts, videos, podcasts, and other resources



To find upcoming LLS events in your region or to connect with community outreach staff, visit <a href="https://www.lls.org/chapterfind">www.lls.org/chapterfind</a>

# Personalized, One-on-One Support

Speak one-on-one with an Information Specialist who can assist you through cancer treatment; financial and social challenges; and give accurate, up-to-date disease, treatment, and support information.

Our Information Specialists are highly trained oncology social workers and nurses.



# **The Nevada Department of Veterans Services**

The Nevada Department of Veterans Services' overall vision is that all Nevada veterans and their families understand, and can connect to benefits and services they have earned.

VISIT US: <a href="https://veterans.nv.gov/">https://veterans.nv.gov/</a>

# **Exposures with a Potential Association to Blood Cancer**

Agent Orange Defoliant used in Vietnam. High rate of cancer.

Camp Lejeune Chemical contaminants in groundwater from 1957-1987. Radiation/Nuclear
WWII; Korea; radium exposed sub-mariners;
Gulf War\*; Bosnia\*; Afghanistan\*
\*Limited to personnel exposed to depleted uranium

#### **Exposure Ed App for iPhone and Android**

This comprehensive app helps veterans and healthcare professionals identify possible military-related exposures during time in service.



# NDVS Veterans Advocacy and Support Team (VAST)

VA accredited Veteran Services Officers (VSO) assist veterans and families with connecting to benefits and submitting claims for FREE.

Reno (775) 321-4880 Las Vegas (702) 224-6025 Elko

(775) 777-1000



For other locations, or to submit an online form, click here or scan the QR code

### **VA Medical Centers**

VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System Toll-free (888) 838-6256

VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System Toll-free (888) 633-7554

VA Salt Lake City Healthcare System Serving Eastern NV Toll-free (800) 613-4012, press 0

For information on benefits and services available in Nevada, scan the QR Code.



As a veteran, it is important to be aware of your military exposure history. Veterans with certain military exposures who also receive a blood cancer diagnosis may be entitled to VA benefits as a result.



I am grateful for the support I received from veterans organizations and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society while I was navigating my treatment.

- Nick Yovino, Veteran, Lymphoma Survivor, LLS Board Member



#### **STAND UP FOR BILL:**

An Education Event for Nevada's Blood Cancer Veterans, Families, & Providers

<u>Click here</u> to watch the webinar from 9.22.21 with information on blood cancers, VA benefits, resources and more.

