

Call to Action

Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018

ROA attended a press conference with Senator Tester (MT), Senator Gillibrand (NY), and Senator Daines (MT) on H.R. 299. They explained the bipartisan supported bill to extend disability and medical benefits to Navy Vietnam Veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange in ships off the coast of Vietnam has been stalled. Two Senators have put a hold on the bill preventing it from going to the floor for vote. ROA has released the following call to action to their members.



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Please ask your members to call Senator Enzi ([202-224-3424](tel:202-224-3424)) and Senator Lee ([202-224-5444](tel:202-224-5444)) and ask them to release their hold on House bill H.R. 299 so it can go to the floor for vote. The rest of the Senate is ready to support the *Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018*. Our Vietnam Veterans are dying every day from their exposure to Agent Orange -- they deserve VA's support for their service connected illnesses.

Senator Enzi knows that the estimated cost is considered unusually high compared to DoD estimates; unfortunately, the cost assumptions by the Congressional Budget Office have not been shared.

Senator Lee knows that there is more than enough science and medical studies supporting Agent Orange exposure to the Blue Water Navy veterans; one more study will not change the outcome.

These holds are preventing the bill from going to the President before Christmas. Vietnam Veterans were exposed to Agent Orange over 50 years ago, they should not have to wait any longer for the care they deserve!