



Registration of Viet Nam Veterans

Week Ending 11 April 2008

Current Registrations

To date there have been 4918 registrations received.

- Veteran registrations 1285
- Deceased veterans 121
- Spouse/partner registrations 1019 (including 42 deceased spouses/partners)
- Child registrations 1379 (including 31 deceased children)
- Grandchild registrations 1114 (including 8 deceased grandchildren)

To date 65 ex-gratia payments have been made

Payments have been made to 36 veterans

- 9 Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia (CLL)
- 1 Hodgkins Disease
- 6 Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma
- 4 Soft-tissue Sarcoma
- 16 Chloracne

Payments have been made to seven Surviving Spouse/Partners

- 3 Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma
- 2 Soft-tissue Sarcoma
- 1 Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia (CLL)
- 1 Hodgkins Disease

Payments have been made to 18 children

- 2 Acute Myeloid Leukaemia
- 7 Cleft Palate
- 6 Spina Bifida
- 3 Cleft Palate/Cleft Lip

Payments have been made to the families of four deceased children.

Trends in the Registrations

This data comes from the veteran registrations we have received. The information is self reported. The statistics collection lags behind registrations and is worked off a basis of 1238 veterans

Veterans

- 76% are NZ European
- 20% are NZ Maori
- 4% are other ethnic groups or do not want to answer
- 89% of the registrations served in the Army
- 48% took part in other deployments either before or after Viet Nam
- 75% are in receipt of a War Disablement Pension
- 8% suffer from prostate cancer
- 16% suffer from type 2 diabetes
- 38% suffer from PTSD
- 12% have or have had alcohol related problems
- 12% have or have had relationship problems
- 14% have or have had issues with anti social behaviour
- 9% have or have had anger management problems
- 8% have or have had issues with unemployment
- 15% suffer from sleep disorders

Deceased Veterans

This data comes from the deceased veterans registrations that have been received. The information has been reported by a family member.

- 64% were NZ European
- 32% were NZ Maori
- 4% are other ethnic groups or do not want to answer
- 52% died of a form of cancer
- 21% died of a heart attack
- 12% died of a respiratory condition
- 21% suffered from PTSD
- 15% had alcohol related problems
- 5% had relationship problems
- 12% had issues with anti social behaviour
- 12% had anger management problems

The total veteran cohort (living and deceased)

- 75% are NZ European
- 21% are NZ Maori
- 4% are other ethnic groups or do not want to answer
- 90% of the registrations served in the Army
- 46% took part in other deployments either before or after Viet Nam
- 70% are in receipt of a War Disablement Pension