Navy and Coast Guard Ships Associated with Service in Vietnam and Exposure to Herbicide Agents

Background

This ships list is intended to provide VA regional offices with a resource for determining whether a particular US Navy or Coast Guard Veteran of the Vietnam era is eligible for the presumption of Agent Orange herbicide exposure based on operations of the Veteran’s ship.

According to 38 CFR § 3.307(a)(6)(iii), eligibility for the presumption of Agent Orange exposure requires that a Veteran’s military service involved “duty or visitation in the Republic of Vietnam” between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975. This includes service within the country of Vietnam itself or aboard a ship that operated on the inland waterways of Vietnam. However, this does not include service aboard a large ocean-going ship that operated only on the offshore waters of Vietnam, unless evidence shows that a Veteran went ashore. Inland waterways include the rivers, canals, estuaries, delta areas, and enclosed bays of Vietnam. They do not include open deep-water harbors such as those at Da Nang, Nha Trang, Cam Ranh, or Vung Tau. These are considered to be part of the offshore waters of Vietnam because of their deep-water anchorage capabilities and open access to the South China Sea.

Ship Categories

The list contains five categories of ships that operated on the waters of Vietnam. A Ship is placed on this list when documentary evidence shows that it fits into a particular category. The required evidence can come from an official ship history, deck logs, cruise books, Captain’s letters, or similar documents. A specific ship may be listed in more than one category, based on its activities. Evidence requirements for the presumption of Agent Orange exposure may vary depending on what dates the Veteran was aboard and what ship activity occurred on those dates. Ship categories include:

I. Ships operating primarily or exclusively on Vietnam’s inland waterways
This category includes smaller naval vessels involved with patrolling and interdicting enemy activity on the inland waterways of Vietnam. It also includes ships supplying and supporting those operations. Examples of such vessels include swift boats, river patrol boats, and LSTs [landing ship, tank]. The inland waterways are often referred to as “brown waters” because of their muddy color and the naval vessels operating on them are referred to as the Brown Water Navy and/or the Mobile Riverine Force. All Veterans who served aboard these vessels are eligible for the presumption of Agent Orange exposure because their primary service was on the inland waterways of Vietnam.

II. Ships operating temporarily on Vietnam’s inland waterways
This category includes large ocean-going ships that operated primarily on Vietnam’s offshore waters for gunfire support of ground operations and interdiction of enemy
vessels travelling along coastal waters. It also includes ships supplying and supporting these operations. Examples of such vessels include destroyers, cruisers, and cargo ships. The deep offshore waters are often referred to as “blue waters” and naval vessels operating on them are referred to as the Blue Water Navy. Ships in this category entered Vietnam’s inland waterways temporarily as part of their gunfire, interdiction, or support missions. All Veterans who served aboard these vessels at the time of entry into Vietnam’s inland waterways are eligible for the presumption of Agent Orange exposure.

III. Ships that docked to shore or pier in Vietnam
This category includes large ocean-going ships of the Blue Water Navy that entered an open water harbor and docked to a pier or otherwise docked to the shore of Vietnam. As a result of this docking, it is assumed that crewmembers had the opportunity to go ashore for a work detail or for liberty leave. Therefore, any Veteran aboard the ship at the time of docking will be eligible for the presumption of exposure if that Veteran provides a lay statement of personally going ashore.

IV. Ships operating on Vietnam’s close coastal waters for extended periods with evidence that crew members went ashore
This category includes large ocean-going ships of the Blue Water Navy that conducted a variety of missions along the close coastal waters of Vietnam for extended periods of time. Documentary evidence has been obtained for all ships in this category showing that some crewmembers actually went ashore. Examples of such vessels include hospital ships, harbor repair ships, mine sweepers, and seaplane tenders. Also included are combat ships, such as destroyers, when evidence shows that crewmembers went ashore. Because shore activity of some crewmembers has been documented, any Veteran aboard the ship at the time of documented shore activity will be eligible for the presumption of exposure if that Veteran provides a lay statement of personally going ashore.

V. Ships operating on Vietnam’s close coastal waters for extended periods with evidence that smaller craft from the ship regularly delivered supplies or troops ashore
This category includes large ocean-going ships of the Blue Water Navy that conducted supply missions to Vietnam or transported troops into and out of the country through use of smaller landing craft housed within the mother ship. Examples of such vessels include attack cargo ships, amphibious attack transports, and landing ship docks. The smaller landing vessels within these ships required a crew of from 3 to 14, depending on size, as they ferried supplies or troops to and from shore. Although official documents show that some crewmembers went ashore with the landing craft, they do not generally provide the names of these crewmembers. Additionally, many of these ships are listed for extended time frames because they routinely travelled back and forth between the US and Vietnam, and between Vietnam and other Asian Pacific ports, as they delivered supplies and troops to Vietnam. Therefore, military records should be checked to ensure that the Veteran was aboard when the ship was in Vietnamese waters (as shown by a PIES O34 request). Any Veteran aboard the mother ship during the time frame of offshore Vietnam landing craft activity will be eligible for the presumption of exposure if that Veteran provides a lay statement of personally going ashore with the landing craft.
Locating Ships on the List

In addition to its name, all US Navy and Coast Guard vessels are assigned letters and numbers, usually painted on the forward hull of the ship, that identify the ship type and the numerical order in which it was built. Ships on this list are arranged by these letter-number designations. Vessels within each category are arranged alphabetically by the ship type letter designations and then numerically by hull numbers within that ship type. As an example, for the USS Ingersoll (DD-652), “DD” represents the “destroyer” ship type and the number shows that this is the 652nd destroyer built for sea service. A computer search for specific ship names or letter-number designations can be done with the “Find” function located in the drop down menu of the toolbar “Edit” function.

This list is evolving and is not complete. Therefore, the presumption of Agent Orange exposure should not be denied solely because the Veteran’s ship is not on this list. All development procedures described in Training Letter 10-06 should be followed in cases involving ship activity, including sending a request to the Army and Joint Services Records Research Center for review of deck logs. When regional office personnel obtain evidence showing that a ship fits into any of these categories, the evidence should be forwarded to the Compensation Service Agent Orange Mailbox so that the ship can be added to the list [VAVBAWAS/CO/211/AGENTORANGE].

SHIPS LIST

I. Ships operating primarily or exclusively on Vietnam’s inland waterways

All vessels referred to in military records as part of the “Mobile Riverine Force”

All vessels with the designation APG [Patrol Craft Tender]

All vessels with the designation LCM [Landing Craft, Mechanized]

All vessels with the designation LCU [Landing Craft, Utility]

All vessels with the designation LCVP [Landing Craft, Vehicle, Personnel]

All vessels with the designation LST [Landing Ship, Tank]

All vessels with the designation PBR [Patrol Boat, River]

All vessels with the designation PCF [Patrol Craft, Fast or Swift Boat]
All vessels with the designation **YFU [Harbor Utility Craft]**

All U.S. Coast Guard Cutters with hull designation **WPB [Patrol Boat]**, **WHEC [High Endurance Cutter]**, **WLB [Buoy Tender]**, and **WAK [Cargo Vessel]** during their Vietnam tours

All vessels of Inshore Fire Support [IFS] Division 93, including:
- **USS Carronade (IFS 1)**
- **USS Clarion River (LSMR 409) [Landing Ship, Medium, Rocket]**
- **USS Francis River (LSMR 525)**
- **USS White River (LSMR 536)**

All vessels with hull designation **PG [Patrol Gunboat]**, including:
- **USS Asheville (PG-84)**
- **USS Gallop (PG-85)**
- **USS Antelope (PG-86)**
- **USS Ready (PG-87)**
- **USS Crockett (PG-88)**
- **USS Marathon (PG-89)**
- **USS Canon (PG-90)**
- **USS Mark (AKL-12) [Light Cargo Ship]**
- **USS Brule (AKL-28)**
- **USS Cohoes (AN-78) [Net laying ship]**
- **USS Patapsco (AOG-1) [Gasoline Tanker]**
- **USS Elkhorn (AOG-7)**
- **USS Genesee (AOG-8)**
- **USS Kishwaukee (AOG-9)**
- **USS Tombigbee (AOG-11)**
- **USS Noxubee (AOG-56)**
- **USS Montrose (APA-212) [Attack Transport]**
- **USS Okanogan (APA-220)**
- **USS Bexar (APA-237)**
- **USS Benewah (APB-35) [Self-Propelled Barracks Ship]**
- **USS Colleton (APB-36)**
- **USS Mercer (APB-39)**
- **USS Nueces (APB-40)**
- **Barracks Barge (APL-26) [Sleeping Quarters]**
- **Barracks Barge (APL-30)**
- **USS Tutuila (ARG-4) [Repair Ship]**
USS Satyr (ARL-23) [Repair Ship]
USS Sphinx (ARL-24)
USS Askari (ARL-30)
USS Indra (ARL-37)
USS Krishna (ARL-38)

USS Belle Grove (LSD-2) [Landing Ship Dock]
USS Comstock (LSD-19)
USS Tortuga (LSD-26)

Floating Base Platform (YRBM-17) [Repair, Berthing, and Messing Barge]
Floating Base Platform (YRBM-18)
Floating Base Platform (YRBM-20)
Floating Base Platform (YRBM-21)
USN Harbor Tug 84 (YTB-84)
USN Harbor Tug 85 (YTB-85)
USN Winnemucca (YTB-785)

II. Ships operating temporarily on Vietnam’s inland waterways

USS Card (ACV-11) [Escort Aircraft Carrier] mined, sunk, and salvaged in Saigon River Harbor during May 1964

USS Core (ACV-13) travelled on Saigon River to delivered aircraft to Saigon during June 1965

USS Wrangell (AE-12) [Auxiliary Explosive, Ammunition Ship] entered Mekong River Delta to supply ammunition for US Coast Guard vessel on November 21, 1968

USS Pictor (AF-54) [Auxiliary Stores Ship] entered Cua Viet River while delivering supplies to Dong Ha during September 1967 (see other category)

USS Vega (AF-59) conducted resupply operations on inland Mekong River Delta area September 13, 1966 (see other category)

USS Mars (AFS-1) [Combat Stores Ship] operated on Mekong River July 8, 1966

USS Niagara Falls (AFS-3) unloaded supplies on Saigon River and Cam Ranh Bay, April 22-25, 1968

USS Estes (AGC-12) [Amphibious Force Flagship] entered inland Qui Nhon Bay during June 1965 and anchored in Mekong River during January 1967 (see other category)
USS Maury (AGS-16) [Mapping Survey Ship] conducted surveys of Mekong River Delta and other coastal areas and rivers from November 1965 through 1969

USS Tanner (AGS-15) conducted surveys of Mekong River Delta and other coastal areas and rivers from October 1966 through 1968

USS Serrano (AGS-24) conducted mapping surveys of Mekong River Delta and other coastal and river areas from 1966 through 1969

USS Merrick (AKA-97) [Attack Cargo Ship] participated in Operation Jackstay amphibious landings while on inland Saigon River Delta during March 1966 (see other category)

USS Seminole (AKA/LKA-104) [Attack/Amphibious Cargo Ship] docked in Saigon during July 1962; operated on Saigon River channel on March 4, 1967; and entered Cua Viet River on May 26, 1967 (see other category)

USS Union (AKA/LKA-106) anchored in Hue River while conducting operations during April 1965 (see other category)

USS St. Louis (AKA/LKA-116) operated on inland Ganh Rai Bay during March 9, 1971 (see other category)

USS Pollux (AKS-4) [General Stores Ship] delivered supplies while in Ganh Rai Bay on June 14, August 16, and October 31, 1967, and January 5, March 14, April 5, May 29, June 18, August 5, and October 10, 1968

USS Ponchatoula (AO-148) [Oiler] operated on Mekong River Delta during July 1971

USS George Clymer (APA-27) [Amphibious Attack Transport] navigated Saigon River to Saigon Port during January 1963 (see other category)

USS Calvert (APA-32) entered inland waters of Qui Nhon Bay during October 1965 (see other category)

USS Cavalier (APA-37) entered inland waters of Qui Nhon Bay on February 2, 1968 (see other category)

USS Magoffin (APA-199) entered inland waters of Qui Nhon Bay to offload troops during October 23-24, 1965 (see other category)

USS Talladega (APA-208) operated on Saigon River during October 1967

USS Navarro (APA-215) transported Thai “Queen’s Cobras” troops from Thailand to Saigon via Saigon River during September 1967 (see other category)
USS Paul Revere (APA-248) assisted with salvage of the USS Card (ACV-11) in Saigon Harbor on Saigon River during May 1964 and transported Korean troops through inland waterway of Qui Nhon Bay during October-November 1965

USS Weiss (APD/LPR-135) [High Speed Transport/Small Amphibious Transport] conducted inland waterway troop-landing operations with Marine and SEAL units at various locations in the Mekong River Delta, Rung Sat Special Zone, and Saigon River and routinely surveyed river mouths and canal entrances for amphibious landings from November 1965 through February 1969

**USS Markab (AR-23) [Repair Ship] conducted repair operations on inland Ganh Rai Bay during November 1967**

USS Current (ARS-22) [Salvage Ship] conducted salvage operations on Saigon River during July 1964 and April 1967 and inland waterway of Qui Nhon Bay during May 1967 and August 1971

**USS Grasp (ARS-24) conducted salvaging operations on Song Cua Dia River and other inland waters from February through April 1969**

**USS Safeguard (ARS-25) operated on Ganh Rai Bay and Mekong River Delta during December 8, 1965**

**USS Bolster (ARS-38) crew operated on land to extract USS Clark County (LST-601) from beach after grounding at Duc Pho from November 18 to December 1, 1967**

**USS Reclaimer (ARS-42) operated in Saigon Harbor to salvage USS Card (ACV-11) from sinking in Saigon River during May 1964 and in Rung Sat Special Zone of Mekong River Delta salvaging ships during early 1966**

**USS Tillamook (ATA-192) [Auxiliary Ocean Tug] operated on Long Tau branch of Saigon River during January 1966**

**USS Mahopac (ATA-196) moored in Saigon during October 6-9, 1965, and operated on Mekong River from October 30-November 3, 1966**

**USS Tawakoni (ATF-114) [Fleet Ocean Tug] operated in Saigon Harbor to salvage USS Card (ACV-11) from sinking in Saigon River during May 1964**

**USS Currituck (AV-7) [Sea Plane Tender] travelled up Saigon River to Saigon during early 1964 and operated in Mekong River Delta during June 1965 (see other category)**

**USS Newport News (CA-148) [Heavy Cruiser] operated on Mekong River Delta in vicinity of Vinh Binh Province during December 1968**
USS Canberra (CAG-2) [Guided Missile Cruiser] operated on Saigon River from March 31 through April 1, 1966, and on Mekong Delta Ham Luong River during January 15, 1967

USS Oklahoma City (CLG-5) [Light Guided Missile Cruiser] docked in Saigon during 21-24 July 1964

USS Providence (CLG-6) operated on Saigon River 3 days during January 1964 and on Cua Viet River during August 1972

USS Nicholas (DD-449) [Destroyer] operated on Ganh Rai Bay during April 1965, Mekong River Delta during January 1967, and Ganh Rai Bay and Mekong River Delta during August 1968

USS O’Bannon (DD-450) operated on Saigon River during May 22-24, 1966

USS Conway (DD-507) operated on Saigon River during early August 1966

**USS Cony (DD-508)** operated on Ganh Rai Bay during November 6-7, 1967

USS Prichett (DD-561) operated on Mekong River Delta and Saigon River during August 1969

USS Sproston (DD-577) operated on Mekong River Delta and Ganh Rai Bay during January 1966

USS Ingersoll (DD-652) operated on Saigon River October 24-25, 1965

USS Black (DD-666) operated on Saigon River July 13-19, 1966

USS Picking (DD-685) operated on Saigon River during November 16, 1965

USS Ault (DD-689) operated on Mekong River Delta and Soirap River during May 26, 1967

USS Ingraham (DD-694) operated 10 miles up Saigon River on November 12, 1965

USS Charles S. Sperry (DD-697) operated on Saigon River during December 1965 (see other category)

USS Hugh Purvis (DD-709) operated on the inland waters of Qui Nhon Bay during January 1969

USS Wiltsie (DD-716) operated on Saigon River during July 1966
USS Hamner (DD-718) operated on Song Lon Tao and Long Song Tao Rivers, August 15-September 1, 1966

USS Walke (DD-723) operated on Mekong River Delta at Vung Ganh Rei September 2, 1969

USS De Haven (DD-727) operated on Saigon River during early March 1967

USS Mansfield (DD-728) operated on Saigon River August 8-19, 1967 and December 21-24, 1969

USS Lyman K. Swenson (DD-729) traveled up Saigon River for a four-day visit to Saigon during May 1964

USS Southerland (DD-743) operated on Song Nga Bay and Saigon River during July 1966

USS Taussig (DD-746) operated on Soirap River in Mekong River Delta during June 15-26, 1966

USS Lofberg (DD-759) operated on Song Nha Be River during February 18-21 and April 14-15, 1969 and on Song Cua Dai River during April 10-12, 1969

USS Strong (DD-758) operated in Mekong River Delta and Rung Sat Special Zone during April 1968

USS John W. Thomason (DD-760) operated on Nga Be River during 1969

USS Buck (DD-761) operated on Mekong River Delta and Saigon River during October 1966

USS Lloyd Thomas (DD-764) operated on Ganh Rai Bay and Saigon River area during December 28, 1970

USS Lowry (DD-770) operated on Mekong River Delta during October 1968 (see other category)

USS Douglas H. Fox (DD-779) operated on Ganh Rai Bay and Rung Sat Special Zone during March 16-20, 1969

USS Rowan (DD-782) operated on Song Tra Khuc River and inland waterway Qui Nhon Bay from April through July 1965

USS Gurke (DD-783) operated on Ganh Rai Bay, Saigon River, and Mekong River during October 1966 and May 1969
USS McKean (DD-784) operated on Mekong and Saigon River Deltas during March 14-15, 1967

USS Shelton (DD-790) operated on Saigon River during January 16, 1966


USS Higbee (DD-806) operated on Vung Ganh Rai area of Mekong River Delta during March 1-12, 1969

USS Benner (DD-807) operated on inland Ganh Rai Bay and Rung Sat Special Zone during June 26-July 1, 1968

**USS Dennis J Buckley (DD-808) operated on Mekong River Delta, Saigon River, and Ganh Rai Bay from December 19, 1966 to January 16, 1967 and on Mekong River Delta area during June 1971 (see other category)**

USS Holder (DD-819) operated on Vung Ganh Rai and Saigon River during August 5, 1966

USS Samuel B. Roberts (DD-823) operated on Mekong River Delta and Saigon River during December 1965

USS Basilone (DD-824) operated on Saigon River, May 24-25, 1966

**USS Agerholm (DD-826) operated on inland Song Nga and Ganh Rai Bays during March-April 1969**

USS Myles C. Fox (DD-829) entered inland Qui Nhon Bay during February 1967

USS Hanson (DD-832) anchored in Saigon River on September 13, 1966

USS Herbert J Thomas (DD-833) operated in Mekong River Delta during December 1966

USS George K. Mackenzie (DD-836) operated in inland Ganh Rai Bay area North of Vung Tau during February 1969

USS Fiske (DD-842) operated on Mekong River, June 16-21, 1966
USS Warrington (DD-843) operated on Mekong River Delta Rung Sat Special Zone, North of Vung Ganh Rai Bay during March 1967

USS Ozbourn (DD-846) conducted fire support missions on Saigon River October-November 1965 and August-October 1966

USS Richard E. Kraus (DD-849) operated on inland coastal inlet north of Da Nang during June 2-5, 1966, protecting Marines holding a bridge

USS Rupertus (DD-851) operated on Saigon River during May 1969

USS Leonard F. Mason (DD-852) operated on Vung Ganh Rai Bay and channels during August 1969

USS Norris (DD-859) conducted operations on inland Song Nga Bay during November-December 1966

USS Vogelgesang (DD-862) provided gunfire support while in Thu Bong River during October 18-29, 1966 (see other category)

USS Harold J. Ellison (DD-864) operated on Saigon River between late 1965 and mid 1966

USS Brownson (DD-868) operated on Song Nha Be and Ganh Rai Bay areas of Mekong River Delta during February 1967

USS Fechteler (DD-870) operated in Mekong River Delta area on September 27, 1965 (see other category)

USS Damato (DD-871) operated on Saigon River during December 12-13, 1967

USS Forrest Royal (DD-872) operated in Ganh Rai Bay and Saigon River during June 1967

USS Duncan (DD-874) operated on Long Tau River and Rung Sat Special Zone during January 1969 and inland Qui Nhon Bay during March 1969 (see other category)

USS Henry W. Tucker (DD-875) operated on inland Qui Nhon Bay during 1965 and August 1968 and Mekong River Delta area during March 1966 and May 1969 (see other category)

USS Perkins (DD-877) operated on inland Ganh Rai Bay during October 1967 and on Saigon River during June 1969
USS Leary (DD-879) operated on Baie de Ganh Rai of the Mekong River Delta on October 9, 1967

USS Dyess (DD-880) operated on Saigon River and Rung Sat Special Zone from June 19–July 1, 1966


USS Floyd B. Parks (DD-884) operated on Saigon River and Ganh Rai Bay during February and March 1968

USS Orleck (DD-886) operated on Mekong River Delta during July 1969

USS Barry (DD-933) operated on Saigon River during December 1965

USS Du Pont (DD-941) operated on Mekong River Delta during October 1968

USS Mullinnix (DD-944) operated on Vung Ganh Rai and Saigon River during August 5-6, 1966

USS Morton (DD-948) operated on Vung Ganh Rai and Saigon River during April 1966 and February 1969 (see other category)

USS Richard S Edwards (DD-950) operated on Mekong River Delta in Province of Kien Hoa during February 28 and March 1, 1969

USS Turner Joy (DD-951) entered Cua Viet River channel on December 24, 1969

USS Towers (DDG-9) operated on Saigon River and Rung Sat Special Zone during July 1966

USS Joseph Strauss (DDG-16) operated on Mekong River Delta March 4, 1966 and Ganh Rai Bay during November 7 and December 7, 1968

**USS Waddell (DDG-24) operated on Saigon River during March 1966 and Cua Viet River during March 1967**

USS Duncan (DDR-874) [Radar Picket Destroyer] operated on Saigon River during September and October 1965

USS Lowe (DE-325) anchored in Saigon Harbor during April 1966

USS Davidson (DE-1045) [Destroyer Escort] operated on Vung Ganh Rai and Rung Sat Special Zone of Mekong River Delta from September 16 to October 5, 1967 (see other category)
USS Finch (DER-328) [Destroyer Escort Radar] entered inland Qui Nhon Bay/Harbor on January 20, 1966 and December 1967 (when crewmembers painted a Vietnamese orphanage)

USS Kretchmer (DER-329) entered inland Qui Nhon Bay/Harbor during September and November 1965, June and August 1966, and April 1967

USS Vance (DER-387) entered inland Qui Nhon Bay/Harbor on January 20, 1966


USS Robison (DLG-12) provided naval gunfire support for Operation Jackstay in Rung Sat Special Zone and Saigon River during April 1966

USS Carter Hall (LSD-3) [Landing Ship Dock] delivered supplies up Saigon River to Nha Be during March-May 1967 and June 1968 (see other category)

USS Gunston Hall (LSD-5) delivered equipment to Saigon via Saigon River during March 1968

USS Oak Hill (LSD-7) conducted salvage operations for damaged swift boat on Ganh Hao River during July 1967 (see other category)

USS Cabildo (LSD-16) delivered equipment to Nha Be via the Long Tau River during June 1968

USS Catamount (LSD-17) operated on Nha Be and Long Tau Rivers during April 1969 (see other category)

USS Colonial (LSD-18) travelled on Saigon River to Nha Be on June 22 and September 25-30, 1969

USS Fort Marion (LSD-22) navigated Saigon River to dock in Saigon during February 1966 (see other category)

USS Whetstone (LSD-27) anchored as long term “boat haven” for repairs of smaller vessels on inland Qui Nhon Bay during June-July 1965 (see other category)

USS Thomaston (LSD-28) conducted dredge lift on Saigon River during November 1964

USS Point Defiance (LSD-31) entered inland Qui Nhon Bay to deliver troops during July 1965; operated on Saigon River during March 1967; and conducted several operations on Saigon River to Saigon Port during October and November 1968 (see other category)
USS Alamo (LSD-33) entered inland Qui Nhon Bay with Marines during July 1965 (see other category)

USS Anchorage (LSD-36) transported troops and supplies into inland waterway of Qui Nhon Bay Harbor during June 1970 and January 1972 (see other category)

**USS Gannet (MSC-290) [Minesweeper-Coastal] operated on rivers of Mekong Delta at Vinh Long and Binh Thuy during May 1967**

USS Conflict (MSO-426) [Minesweeper-Ocean] operated on Saigon River April 1, 1966 and Song Huong River (Perfume River) May 14, 1966 (see other category)

**USS Enhance (MSO-437) entered inland waterway of Qui Nhon Bay repeatedly during October through November 1968 and January through February 1969**

USS Esteem (MSO-438) crewmembers painted a Vietnamese orphanage while docked at inland waterway Qui Nhon Bay/ Harbor during December 1967 and again during March 1969

USS Fortify (MSO-446) travelled up the Saigon River to Saigon September 19-22, 1964

USS Illusive (MSO-448) conducted training with Vietnamese Navy on Saigon River from January through March 1962

USS Inflict (MSO-456) travelled up the Saigon River to Saigon September 19-22, 1964

USS Loyalty (MSO-457) travelled up the Saigon River to Saigon September 19-22, 1964 (see other category)

**USS Conquest (MSO-488) operated on Saigon River during 1962 and entered inland waterway of Qui Nhon Bay on January 29 and February 7-9, 1969**

USS Pledge (MSO-492) entered inland waterway of Qui Nhon Bay on May 8, 15, and 21, 1971 (see other category)

USS Breckinridge (T-AP-176) [Military Transport] entered inland waterway of Qui Nhon Bay Harbor on September 16-17, 1965

USS Geiger (T-AP-197) entered inland waterway of Qui Nhon Bay Harbor on November 23-26, 1965
III. Ships that docked to shore or pier in Vietnam

USS Samuel Gompers (AD-37) [Destroyer Tender] multiple dockings to piers at Da Nang during April 1972

USS Graffias (AF-29) [Auxiliary Stores Ship] docked to pier at Da Nang for resupply on February 20 and November 25, 1967, and conducted other in-port docking replenishments at An Thoi and Vung Tau during 1967

USS Pictor (AF-54) docked to pier at Da Nang during 1969 (see other category)

USS Aludra (AF-55), conducted in-port docking replenishments at Cam Ranh Bay, Vung Tau, An Thoi, and Da Nang during March-April 1969


USS Vega (AF-59) docked to on-load supplies at An Thoi, Vung Tau, Cam Ranh Bay, and Da Nang during June 1969; and docked to delivered supplies to Da Nang, Cam Ranh Bay, Con Son, An Thoi, and Hon Choi during November-December 1970 (see other category)

USS Castor (AKS-1) [General Stores Ship] docked to pier at Da Nang on October 7, 1966

USS Grapple (ARS-7) [Salvage Ship] conducted numerous repair and salvaging operations while moored to beach or piers at Da Nang, Chu Lai, Cam Ranh Bay, and Tan My during January 1967; November 1970 through April 1971; and August 1972 through January 1973

USS Kula Gulf (CVE-108) [Small Aircraft Carrier: used as helicopter and troop transport] docked at Cam Ranh Bay November 13-16, 1965

USS Braine (DD-630) docked to pier at Da Nang on November 27, 1966

USS Charles S. Sperry (DD-697) docked at Da Nang during January 1966 (see other category)

USS Epperson (DD-719) docked to Da Nang Pier on October 4, 1970 (see other category)
USS James C. Owens (DD-776) docked at Cam Ranh Bay on April 30, 1968

USS Richard B Anderson (DD-786) docked to pier at Da Nang on August 29, 1972

USS Dennis J Buckley (DD-808) docked to pier in Da Nang Harbor to deliver drone on December 15, 1969 (see other category)

USS Ozbourn (DD-846) docked briefly to piers in Da Nang Harbor on February 21, April 1, and April 11, 1971

USS Henry W. Tucker (DD-875) docked to pier in Da Nang Harbor on September 12, 1971 (see other category)

USS Bigelow (DD-942) docked to pier at Da Nang for one hour on April 19, 1967

USS Morton (DD-948) docked to pier at Da Nang on February 7-10, 1973 (see other category)


USS Lang (DE-1060) docked to pier #4 in Da Nang Harbor for 38 minutes on January 5, 1972, and sent whaleboat to and from shore with “briefing personnel” on January 8, 1973

USS Newell (DER-322) [Destroyer Escort Radar] docked at port of Nha Trang during December 22-24, 1965

USS Durham (LKA-114) [Amphibious Cargo Ship] docked to piers at Da Nang during March 20-21, July 20-21, August 18-19, and September 7, 1970

USS Ogden (LPD-5) [Amphibious Transport Dock] made numerous dockings at Da Nang to transport troops and supplies, with crew members going ashore, from February 1966 to March 1973

USS Duluth (LPD-6) docked to pier at Da Nang during December 1968 and March, April, and October 1971

USS Dubuque (LPD-8) docked at Da Nang on March 15, 1970

USS Denver (LPD-9) docked to pier at Da Nang to load troops and vehicles on March 24 and June 1, 1971

USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2) [Landing Platform, Helicopter] docked to pier at Da Nang on October 6, 1969 (see other category)
USS Okinawa (LPH-3) docked to pier at Cam Ranh Bay to offload aircraft during May 1971

USS Boxer (LPH-4) docked to pier at Cam Ranh Bay on September 9, 1965

USS New Orleans (LPH-11) docked to pier at Da Nang on March 12, 1970

USS Hermitage (LSD-34) [Landing Ship Dock] docked to Da Nang pier June 2-3, 1967 (see other category)

USS Warbler (MSC-206) [Minesweeper-Coastal] docked to pier at Cam Ranh Bay July 22-25, 1964 and June 18 and July 6, 1970

USS Whippoorwill (MSC-207) docked to pier at Cam Ranh Bay during July 22-25, 1964

USS Conflict (MSO-426) [Minesweeper-Ocean] docked to piers at Cam Ranh Bay on September 30, October 7, 27, 28, and 31, 1971 (see other category)

**USS Excel (MSO-439)** docked to pier at Cam Ranh Bay July 31, 1967

**USS Firm (MSO-444)** docked to pier at Da Nang November 26-30, 1969


USS Loyalty (MSO-457) docked to pier at Cam Ranh Bay on April 9 and 25, 1971 (see other category)

USS Lucid (MSO-458) docked to pier at Da Nang for off loading and on loading equipment during May 1967

USS Prime (MSO-466) docked to pier at Da Nang on February 16, 1967

**USS Gallant (MSO-489)** docked to pier at Da Nang during November 5-6, 1969

USS Pledge (MSO-492) docked to pier at Cam Ranh Bay intermittently during July 1967 and May-June 1971 (see other category)
IV. Ships operating on Vietnam’s close coastal waters for extended periods with evidence that crew members went ashore

USS Isle Royale (AD-29) [Destroyer Tender-Repair Ship] salvaged the beached USS Mahnomen County (LST-912) at Chu Lai during January 1967 with crewmembers going ashore for stripping operations

**USS Mount McKinley (AGC-7) [Amphibious Force Flagship]** Command ship for 7th Fleet Amphibious Force operated out of Da Nang during 1969 with evidence that crew members went ashore

USS Eldorado (AGC-11) sent crewmembers ashore for beach party at Cam Ranh Bay during July 1970

USS Estes (AGC-12) sent crewmembers ashore for beach picnic at Vung Tau during April 1968 (see other category)

USS Oxford (AGTR-1) [Technical Research Ship] conducted numerous month-long deployments along the Vietnam coast collecting data, with evidence that crewmembers went ashore, between 1965 and 1969

USS Jamestown (AGTR-3) conducted numerous month-long deployments along the Vietnam coast collecting data, with photographic evidence that crewmembers went ashore, between January 1966 and September 1969

USS Repose (AH-16) [Hospital Ship] operated continuously on close coastal waters from 1966-1970, with evidence that crewmembers went ashore on liberty leave

USS Sanctuary (AH-17) operated continuously on close coastal waters from 1967-1971, with evidence that crewmembers went ashore on liberty leave

USS Tolovana (AO-64) [Fleet Oiler] sent crew ashore for beach party at Phu Quoc during May 1971

**USS Calvert (APA-32) [Amphibious Attack Transport]** served as Da Nang Harbor station ship, with crewmembers going ashore, from November 1965 through January 1966 (see other category)

USS Cavalier (APA-37) served as Da Nang Harbor station ship, with crewmembers going ashore, from June-July 1966 (see other category)

**USS Cook (APD-130) [High Speed Transport]** conducted tactical beach surveys with crew members ashore along Vietnam coast during June and July 1966
USS Ajax (AR-6) [Repair Ship] anchored in Vung Tau area for repair duties with evidence of shore-based repairs during June 1968, September to October 1969, April to May 1970, and August to November 1971

USS Hector (AR-7) anchored in Vung Tau Harbor repairing other vessels from July 20 to August 16, 1970, with deck logs stating that crewmembers went ashore on liberty leave.


USS Delta (AR-9) anchored in Vung Tau Harbor repairing other vessels during July 1969 with deck logs showing that crewmembers went ashore on liberty leave.

USNS Corpus Christi Bay (T-ARVH-1) [Helicopter Repair Ship] anchored in Cam Ranh Bay from 1966 to 1969 with US Army crew of helicopter repair technicians who went ashore regularly and assisted a Vietnamese orphanage.

USS Ute (ATF-76) [Fleet Ocean Tug] conducted numerous salvaging operations on beached vessels from April 1966 through April 1971 with crewmembers going ashore and all attended beach party at Cam Ranh Bay on April 12, 1969.

USS Currituck (AV-7) [Sea Plane Tender] anchored at Cam Ranh Bay for month long periods during 1966 and 1967 to repair and tend to Navy sea planes, with evidence that crewmembers went ashore on liberty leave (see other category).

USS Pine Island (AV-12) anchored at Da Nang during August 1964, and Cam Ranh Bay for month long periods during 1965 and 1966, to repair and tend to Navy sea planes, with evidence that crewmembers went ashore on liberty leave.

USS Salisbury Sound (AV-13) anchored at Da Nang during February 1965, Con Son Island during May 1965, and Cam Ranh Bay for month long periods during 1966, to repair and tend to Navy sea planes, with evidence that crewmembers went ashore.

USS Saint Paul (CA-73) [Cruiser] while anchored in Da Nang Harbor, small boats sent ashore on May 9, 1969, and May 25, July 17, and September 17, 1970.

USS Chicago (CG-11) [Guided Missile Cruiser] while anchored in Da Nang Harbor on May 22, 1969, deck logs show a utility boat went ashore for one hour with 8 crewmembers aboard.

USS Long Beach (CGN-9) [Guided Missile Cruiser, Nuclear] while anchored in Da Nang Harbor, deck logs show that utility boats went ashore with passengers on May 5, 1968 and the Captains Gig went ashore on September 4, 1969.
USS Porterfield (DD-682) [Destroyer] while operating in close coastal waters on March 19, 1966, two officers and a seaman went ashore in a junk and, on April 8, 1966, a small boat went ashore from Da Nang Harbor with Vietnamese officers

USS Wiltsie (DD-716) while operating in close coastal waters during September 1970, two officers and five sailors were sent ashore by helicopter for one night

USS Epperson (DD-719) while anchored off Phan Thiet on November 16, 1969, crewmembers went ashore for liberty leave (see other category)

USS O’Brien (DD-725) sent motorized whaleboat ashore while anchored in Da Nang Harbor on December 16, 1969

USS Blue (DD-744) anchored in Da Nang Harbor on April 21, 1968, with crewmembers going ashore for picnic

USS Lowry (DD-770) sent motorized whaleboat ashore at Phan Thiet on June 5, 1968 (see other category)

USS Stormes (DD-780) sent motorized whaleboat ashore to assist 2nd ARVN and 2nd US Advisory Group on September 17, 1966

USS Eversole (DD-789) sent motorized whaleboat ashore to Chu Lai from offshore anchorage to transfer two crewmembers on July 25, 1972

USS Power (DD-839) sent Commanding Officer and others ashore in whaleboat for briefing while anchored in Da Nang Harbor on November 13, 1968

USS Bausell (DD-845) sent small boat ashore for briefing while in Da Nang Harbor on November 27, 1968

USS Vogelgesang (DD-862) anchored in Da Nang Harbor and sent 30 crewmembers ashore on August 15, 1966 (see other category)

USS Steinaker (DD-863) anchored off Phan Thiet July 25- August 3, 1968 with crewmembers going ashore to visit Junk Base

USS John R. Craig (DD-885) anchored off Nha Trang during summer 1968 with crewmembers going ashore for beach party

USS Fechteler (DD-870) sent crew ashore for beach party on September 25, 1965, and while conducting night patrols of Da Nang Harbor, crewmembers went ashore for daytime liberty leave during October 1965 (see other category)

USS Duncan (DD-874) sent small boat ashore for briefing while anchored in Da Nang Harbor on December 14, 1968 (see other category)
**USS Henry W. Tucker (DD-875)** sent whaleboat ashore at Da Nang for briefing on January 23, 1969 and medical team ashore while off Quang Ngai on 27 February, 1969 (see other category)

**USS Rogers (DD-876)** sent whaleboats ashore while anchored in Da Nang Harbor July 29-August 3, 1971

**USS Hull (DD-945)** sent small boats ashore while anchored off Nha Trang on February 17, 1968

**USS Morton (DD-948)** sent small boat ashore at Hue on November 13, 1972 (see other category)

**USS Davidson (DE-1045) [Destroyer Escort]** sent motorized whaleboat ashore while anchored off coast of Tan My on September 20, 1972 (see other category)

**USS Gray (DE-1054)** sent motorized whaleboat ashore from Da Nang Harbor for mail pickup on October 7, 1972

**USS Ouellet (DE-1077)** sent motorized whaleboat ashore from Da Nang Harbor on July 29, 1972

**USS Koiner (DER-331) [Destroyer Escort, Radar]** crew had liberty leave at Vung Tau and survey parties were sent ashore at various locations while on Operation Market Time radar patrol during 1967

**USS Forester (DER-334)** crew had liberty leave at Nha Trang on June 28 and July 10, 1965, with whale boat ashore for medical assistance on August 20, 1965

**USS Hissem (DER-400)** moored to port side of USS Tuluita (ARG-4) for repairs in Vung Tau area from January 11-23, 1967, with evidence that crewmembers went ashore for liberty leave and sent motorized whaleboat ashore for briefing at An Thoi on February 3, 1967

**USS Mahan (DLG-11) [Guided Missile Frigate]** sent a “group of personnel” ashore at Da Nang for a short tour of Monkey Mountain on October 6, 1968 (see other category)

**USS Dahlgren (DLG-12)** sent motorized whaleboat and Captain’s gig ashore while anchored in Da Nang Harbor on June 4, 1967

**USS William V. Pratt (DLG-13)** sent whaleboat ashore from Da Nang Harbor for mission briefing on August 8, 1967

**USS Worden (DLG-18)** sent whaleboat ashore for briefing while in Da Nang Harbor on November 27, 1968
USS Richmond K. Turner (DLG-20) sent whaleboat ashore from Da Nang Harbor for mission briefing on December 4, 1966

USS England (DLG-22) sent whaleboat ashore from Da Nang Harbor for mission briefings on March 9, 1967 and July 30, 1968

USS Belknap (DLG-26) while in Da Nang Harbor on December 1, 1969, received crew members back to ship from temporary duty ashore

USS Jouett (DLG-29) ) sent whaleboat ashore from Da Nang Harbor for mission briefings on February 15, April 15, and June 1, 1968

USS Biddle (DLG-34) sent whaleboat ashore from Da Nang Harbor for briefings on March 5 and June 2, 1968 and delivered North Vietnamese fisherman ashore at Da Nang on July 30, 1969

USS Cleveland (LPD-7) [Amphibious Transport Dock] sent Naval Academy Midshipmen on training mission ashore at Da Nang on 9-10 July, 1970 (see other category)

USS Tripoli (LPH-10) [Landing Platform Helicopter] sent crew members ashore for beach party at Da Nang on July 29, 1967

USS Carter Hall (LSD-3) [Landing Ship Dock] served four-month duty as “boat repair ship” in Da Nang Harbor during 1965, with evidence of crew members going ashore (see other category)

USS Oak Hill (LSD-7) served as station and repair ship in Da Nang Harbor with evidence of crewmembers going ashore from January through March 1966 (see other category)

USS Whetstone (LSD-27) anchored as long term “boat haven” in Da Nang Harbor for repairs of smaller vessels, with evidence of crewmembers going ashore, during April-May 1965 (see other category)

USS Alamo (LSD-33) while anchored in Da Nang Harbor, sent crewmembers ashore for R&R beach parties during March-April 1969 (see other category)

USS Epping Forest (MCS-7) [Mine Countermeasure Support Ship] conducted “goodwill” tours at Cam Ranh Bay and Nha Trang with crewmembers going ashore and Vietnamese coming aboard during September-October 1964, and mine sweep of Cua Viet River using smaller vessels from main ship during May 1968
V. Ships operating on Vietnam’s close coastal waters for extended periods with evidence that smaller craft from the ship regularly delivered supplies or troops ashore

**USS Mars (AFS-1) [Combat Stores Ship]** conducted numerous on shore supply replenishments at Da Nang, Cam Ranh Bay, Vung Tau, and An Thoi from May 1965 to November 1972 with evidence of crewmembers going ashore.

**USS Niagara Falls (AFS-3)** conducted on shore supply replenishments with helicopters and small boats at Da Nang, Cam Ranh Bay, Vung Tau, and An Thoi from April 1968 to March 1973.

**USS White Plains (AFS-4)** conducted on shore supply replenishments with helicopters and small boats at Da Nang, Cam Ranh Bay, Vung Tau, and An Thoi from January 1969 to March 1973.

**USS Estes (AGC-12) [Amphibious Force Flagship]** conducted troop and supply beach landings at Chu Lai and Da Nang during March-October 1965 (see other category).

**USS Winston (AKA-94) [Attack Cargo Ship]** conducted troop and supply beach landings during July 1965; April-August 1966; September-October 1967; and November 1968-May 1969.

**USS Mathews (AKA-96)** on-loaded supplies at Da Nang and delivered them up the Cua Viet River to Dong Ha with “mike boats” from August through December 1967.

**USS Merrick (AKA-97)** conducted troop and cargo beach landing with small boats at Hue, Chu Lai, and Da Nang from July 1965 through November 1968 (see other category).

**USS Seminole (AKA/LKA-104) [Attack/Amphibious Cargo Ship]** conducted troop landings with small boats at Da Nang, Hoi An, and Quang Tri from March through August 1967, September 1968 through February 1969, and during January 1970 (see other category).

**USS Skagit (AKA/LKA-105)** conducted troop and cargo beach “mike boat” landings at Da Nang, Chu Lai, and Quang Ngai from November 1965 to November 1967.

**USS Union (AKA/LKA-106)** conducted numerous troop and cargo “mike boat” beach landings at Da Nang, Cam Ranh Bay, and Chu Lai from March 1965 to November 1969 (see other category).

**USS Washburn (AKA/LKA-108)** conducted numerous small boat beach landings at Da Nang, Thon My Thuy, Hue on Perfume River, and Dong Ha on Cua Viet River from 1965 to 1969.
USS Tulare (AKA/LKA-112) conducted troop and cargo “mike boat” beach landings at Da Nang, Chu Lai, Cam Ranh Bay, and Vung Tau from 1966 to 1972

USS St. Louis (AKA/LKA-116) conducted troop and cargo landings with small boats at Da Nang, Vung Tau, and Quang Nam Province during August-October 1970; January-March 1971; and April-November 1972 (see other category)

USS General R M Blatchford (AP-153) [Transport Ship] landed elements of 1st Infantry Division at Vung Tau by small boats during October 1965

USS George Clymer (APA-27) [Amphibious Attack Transport] conducted troop and supply “mike boat” beach landings during July 1965, and March-July 1966, at Da Nang and Chu Lai (see other category)

USS Bayfield (APA-33) conducted troop on loading and “mike boat” landings at Da Nang, Chu Lai, Baie de My Han, and Cua Viet River from July through October 1965 and February through May 1967

USS Cavalier (APA-37) conducted troop landings with mike boats at Chu Lai and Da Nang during March-August 1966 and January-May 1968 (see other category)

USS Henrico (APA-45) conducted numerous troop landings at Da Nang, Chu Lai, and Hue from March through May 1965 and from August 1966 through March 1967

USS Lenawee (APA-195) conducted troop and supply landings at Da Nang and Chu Lai from April 1965 to December 1966

**USS Magoffin (APA-199)** conducted troop and supply landings at Da Nang and other Vietnam locations from October 1965 through February 1966 and May through November, 1967 (see other category)

USS Navarro (APA-215) conducted troop on and off loading operations from May 1965 to February 1968 at Da Nang, Chu Lai, and Quang Ngai Province (see other category)

USS Paul Revere (APA-248) conducted small boat troop landings at Quang Ngai Province and elsewhere from August 1965 through April 1966 and August through November 1967 (see other category)

USS Vancouver (LPD-2) [Amphibious Transport Dock] while anchored offshore, conducted numerous amphibious troop beach landings with smaller “mike boats” in the areas of Da Nang, Cam Ranh Bay, Cua Viet River, and Mekong River Delta from August 1966 through 1971

USS Cleveland (LPD-7) while anchored offshore, sent “mike boats” up Cua Viet River and Hue River from November 1967 through 1968 and up Saigon River during September 1969 (see other category)
USS Juneau (LPD-10) picked up troops and equipment with smaller vessels and transported them out of Vietnam from August 1970 to March 1971 and June to November 1972

USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2) [Landing Platform, Helicopter] operated as troop transport with helicopters and smaller vessels transporting troops on and off shore for amphibious assaults from May 1965 to August 1972 (see other category)

USS Valley Forge (LPH-8) operated as troop transport with helicopters and smaller vessels transporting troops on and off shore from September 1964 to September 1969

USS Carter Hall (LSD-3) [Landing Ship Dock] while anchored offshore, conducted troop-landing operations with “mike boats” at Da Nang, Dong Ha, and other locations from July 1965 through November 1968 (see other category)

USS Gunston Hall (LSD-5) conducted numerous troop, supply, and equipment landings at Da Nang, Chu Lai, etc. during 1966 and from March 1968 to February 1970

**USS Oak Hill (LSD-7)** conducted numerous troop and supply landings with evidence of crew members going ashore at Da Nang, Chu Lai, Vung Tau, and Hue, from October 1965-April 1966, March-August 1967, and September 1968-February 1969 (see other category)

USS Cabildo (LSD-16) conducted numerous troop, supply, and equipment landings at Da Nang, Cam Ranh Bay, and Vung Tau from July 1965 to November 1968

**USS Catamount (LSD-17)** conducted numerous troop, supply, and equipment landings at Da Nang, Vung Tau, and Cua Viet River area on piers and with small boats from December 1965 to May 1969 (see other category)

**USS Fort Marion (LSD-22)** conducted numerous supply landings at Da Nang, Cam Ranh Bay, and Mekong Delta area, with crew members going ashore, from October 1965-June 1966, September-December 1967, and December 1968-May 1969 (see other category)

USS Whetstone (LSD-27) conducted numerous troop and supply landings with smaller mike boats at Da Nang, Hue, Phu Bai, and Dong Ha from March 1965 to September 1969 (see other category)

**USS Thomaston (LSD-28)** conducted numerous troop and supply landings with small boats at Da Nang, Cam Ranh Bay, Song Co Chien River area, and Cua Viet River area from 1965 to 1972 [Note: no AO exposure for 1975 operations]

**USS Point Defiance (LSD-31)** conducted numerous troop and supply landings with small boats at Da Nang, Van Tuong, and Kien Hoa from May 1965 through October 1972
USS Alamo (LSD-33) conducted numerous troop, supply, and equipment landings with smaller boats at Da Nang, Vung Tau, Song Bo De, An Thoi, and Tan My between August 1964 and October 1972 (see other category)

USS Hermitage (LSD-34) conducted troop landings in Da Nang area from June through October 1967 (see other category)


USS Anchorage (LSD-36) transported troops and supplies to and from shore with smaller craft at Da Nang, Cam Ranh Bay, Vung Tau, and An Thoi from February 1970 through July 1972 (see other category)