

one year following separation from service, a grant of service connection will be effective, either the date of receipt of claim, or the date entitlement arose, whichever is the later.

Your claim for service connection for diabetes mellitus, type II with erectile dysfunction was received October 18, 2010; therefore, service connection is established effective the date your claim was received.

2. Service connection for ischemic heart disease (IHD) associated with herbicide exposure.

Service connection may be granted for specific diseases or conditions which are presumed to have been caused by service if manifested to a compensable degree following military discharge. Although not shown in service, service connection for ischemic heart disease (IHD) has been granted on the basis of presumption.

According to law, if a veteran was exposed to an herbicide agent during active military, naval, or air service, the following diseases shall be service-connected though there is no record of such disease during service: Chloracne or other acneform disease consistent with chloracne, Type 2 diabetes (also known as Type II diabetes mellitus or adult-onset diabetes), Hodgkin's disease, Chronic lymphocytic leukemia, Multiple myeloma, Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy, Porphyria cutanea tarda, Prostate cancer, Respiratory cancers (cancer of the lung, bronchus, larynx, or trachea), Soft-tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, Chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma), Al amyloidosis, Parkinson's disease, ischemic heart disease, and B-cell leukemia's such as hairy cell leukemia.

A veteran who, during active military, naval, or air service, with service in the Republic of Vietnam during the period beginning on January 9, 1962 and ending on May 7, 1975, shall be presumed to have been exposed during such service to an herbicide agent. Service in the Republic of Vietnam includes service in the waters offshore and service in other locations if the conditions of service involved duty or visitation in the Republic of Vietnam. Your service in the Republic of Vietnam has been corroborated based upon your service on the USS Newport News as well as evidence you submitted.

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Private medical records from Dr. Vager show probable coronary artery disease (CAD) as early as June 30, 2003. Subsequent records as recent as September 8, 2008 also note probable CAD without providing a clinical diagnosis. Echocardiogram dated 2010 provided an ejection fraction of 75 percent without evidence of ischemic heart disease.

Your claim for service connection for IHD was received October 18, 2010 with the evidence of record not providing a definitive diagnosis until VA examination dated March 7, 2011; therefore, service connection is established effective the date your claim was received.