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VA Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry reaches major milestone

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs’ (VA) today announced the [Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry](#) now exceeds 200,000 registrants.

The registry, which began in June 2014, allows Veterans and service members to self-report their exposures and health concerns in an online questionnaire that can be used to initiate discussions of health concerns with a provider.

“Concerns about the long-term effects of exposure to burn pits remain a priority,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “By joining the registry, Veterans, service members and the department will further understand the impact of deployment-related exposures on health.”

The Department of Defense encouraged registry participation in a letter to more than 700,000 active-duty, Guard, and Reserve members, which ultimately helped push participation beyond the 200,000 mark.

In addition to completing a questionnaire, registry participation involves an in-person exam by a provider. However, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, most VA facilities are deferring exams to protect registry participants, medical staff and other patients.

Learn more about this [registry](#), including eligibility.

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