

## **DID YOU SERVE ON THE HUGH PURVIS DD709 WHILE IN VIETNAM WATERS?**

The USS Hugh Purvis spent some time in Vietnam waters during the Viet Nam War. While there, she spent some time in the rivers and river delta areas. Because of this, she eventually became classified as a "Brown Water Ship" due to the contamination caused by Agent Orange. While in those waters the Purvis continued to make fresh water and it turns out this was not the best thing to do. The classification did not occur until October of 2011.

What we would to know is did anyone have any problems later on caused by the Agent Orange contamination? If so, did you go through the VA for treatment? Did you have any problems with the VA in obtaining treatment? There is one that we know of and originally he did not get VA help since the ship was not on the list. Once it was, he then received help. Since then he has passed away in 2014 due to the cancers developed from the Agent Orange.

We are looking for a head-count and no name will be used when applying the data. A shipmate dealing with the issue with a VA representative in his area is looking for such information.

A side issue is Mesothelioma. The Hugh Purvis is listed as a ship that contained a fair amount of asbestos. If anyone is suffering with this, and not talking to the VA about it, you should. We would also like to get a head-count for this.

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