Blue Water Navy Tool Fact Sheet

The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019 takes effect January 1, 2020. The law states that Veterans who served offshore of the Republic of Vietnam between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, are presumed to have been exposed to herbicides such as Agent Orange and may be entitled to service connection for conditions related to that exposure.
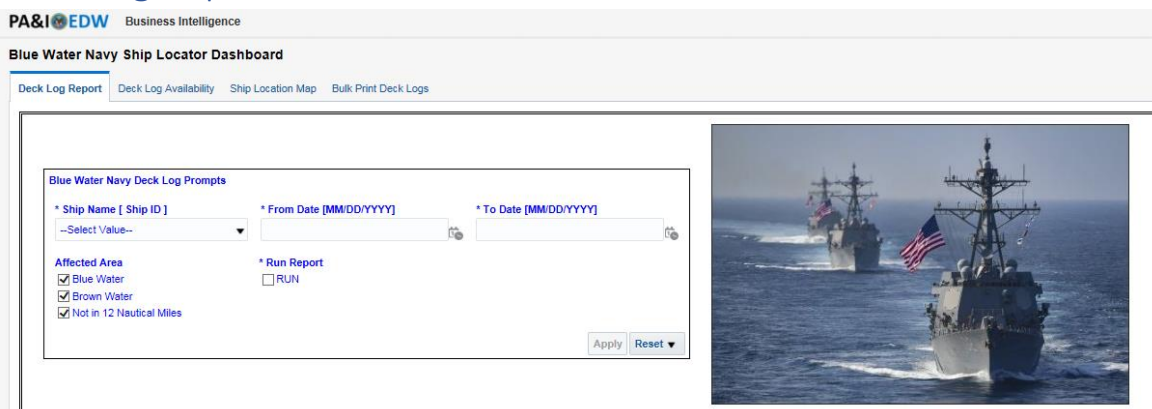
To be eligible for presumption of service connection based on herbicide exposure, the Veteran must have served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam not more than 12-nautical miles seaward of a line commencing on the southwestern demarcation of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia and intersecting at the following points.

VBA partnered with National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to scan deck logs for more than 1,800 vessels potentially in the waters covered by the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019. This information is uploaded into the Blue Water Navy Ship Uploader Dashboard produced by Performance Analysis and Integrity and is a tool used for determining vessel location.

In order to access the tool, users must have access to OBIEE. To gain access to OBIEE please submit a request through the PAI Customer Portal.

Log into OBIEE and navigate to the Blue Water Navy Ship Locator Dashboard. The Dashboard has four tabs which run across the top. There is additional information on each tab below.

Deck Log Report Tab

The first tab is the Deck Log Report Tab.

The User must fill in all parameters with an asterisk before proceeding with hitting the apply button – to include Ship Name, From Date, To Date, and Run Report.

The User may also select Blue Water, Brown Water, or the Not in 12 Nautical Miles under the "Affected Area" selection. You can select multiple values.

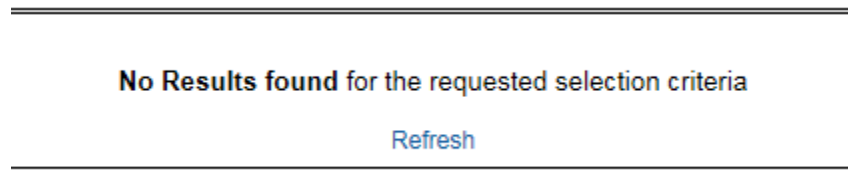Once you've made your selections, select the option to "Run Report"

Click 'Apply' to execute the report.

Once the report is executed review the results below the parameter box:

Blue Water Navy Deck Log Report -- [Latitude and Longitude measures highlighted in blue indicate locations that are within 12 nautical miles offshore of Vietnam]

LOG DATE	DECK LOG IMAGE	SHIP ID	SHIP NAME	08:00 LAT.	08:00 LONG.	12:00 LAT.	12:00 LONG.	20:00 LAT.	20:00 LONG.
1/14/1968	YES	LSD-33	ALAMO	17:0 N	107:27 E	16:54 N	107:33 E	17:4 N	107:35 E
1/15/1968	YES	LSD-33	ALAMO	16:57 N	107:45 E	16:50 N	107:31 E	17:9 N	107:45 E
1/16/1968		LSD-33	ALAMO	16:53 N	107:32 E	16:44 N	107:49 E	16:54 N	107:29 E
1/17/1968		LSD-33	ALAMO	16:53 N	107:32 E	16:44 N	107:49 E	17:5 N	107:29 E
1/18/1968		LSD-33	ALAMO	16:57 N	107:28 E	16:54 N	107:30 E	16:57 N	107:31 E
1/19/1968		LSD-33	ALAMO	16:58 N	107:28 E	16:55 N	107:31 E	17:15 N	107:38 E
1/20/1968		LSD-33	ALAMO	17:4 N	107:30 E	17:39 N	107:33 E	16:54 N	107:30 E
1/21/1968		LSD-33	ALAMO	16:52 N	107:31 E	16:45 N	107:44 E	16:55 N	107:35 E
1/22/1968		LSD-33	ALAMO	17:0 N	107:38 E	17:3 N	107:38 E	16:51 N	107:58 E
1/23/1968		LSD-33	ALAMO	16:57 N	107:31 E	16:54 N	107:29 E	16:59 N	107:29 E
1/24/1968		LSD-33	ALAMO	16:59 N	107:35 E	16:59 N	107:35 E	16:53 N	107:20 E
1/25/1968		LSD-33	ALAMO	16:57 N	107:20 E	16:57 N	107:28 E	16:57 N	107:20 E
1/26/1968		LSD-33	ALAMO	16:56 N	107:20 E	16:56 N	107:20 E	ANCHORED	ANCHORED
1/27/1968		LSD-33	ALAMO	ANCHORED	ANCHORED	ANCHORED	ANCHORED	ANCHORED	ANCHORED
1/28/1968		LSD-33	ALAMO	16:56 N	107:20 E	16:56 N	107:20 E	17:10 N	107:31 E
1/29/1968		LSD-33	ALAMO	16:57 N	107:26 E	16:53 N	107:32 E	16:58 N	107:28 E

If your selection did not return any results, then you will see a message indicating that "No Results found for the requested selection criteria."

No Results found for the requested selection criteria

Refresh

If your selection did return results, then under the column entitled "Deck Log Image" the user will see a blue hyperlinked Yes if they are able to view deck log images for the desired date. If they are unable to view deck log images for that date, then that area will be left blank.

DECK LOG IMAGE
YES
YES

The deck log image will open under a separate tab entitled the "Deck Log Image" which is located on the far right of the Dashboard.
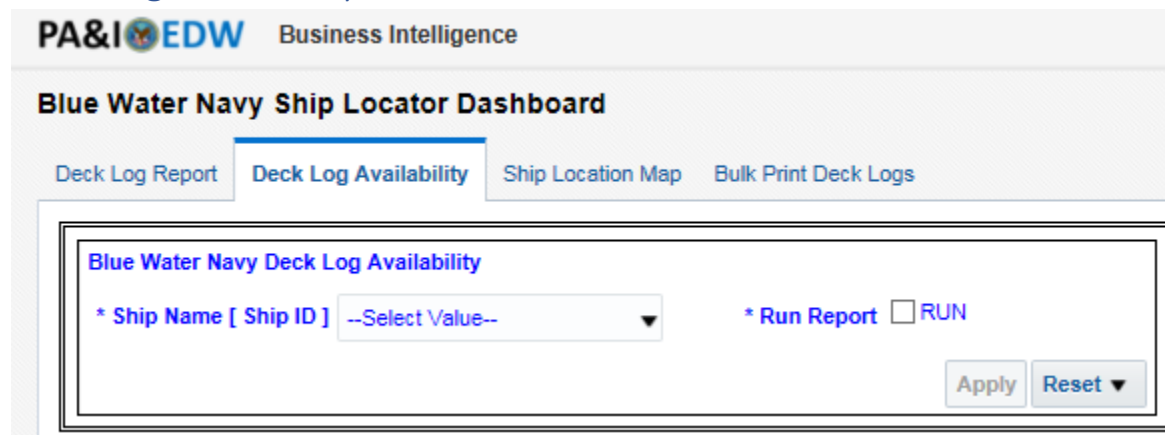

Notice there are three options at the top of the screen. You have the options to Print the image or export the results to a PDF, Excel or PowerPoint format.

Print - Export - Return

To **return** to the first tab of the Blue Water Navy Ship Locator Dashboard, select 'Return.'

Deck Log Availability Tab

The second tab in the Dashboard, will allow you search a ship name and see if there are any deck logs available by a specific date.

The user must fill in all parameters with an asterisk before proceeding with hitting the apply button – Ship Name and Run Report.

Select a Ship Name from the Ship Name parameter

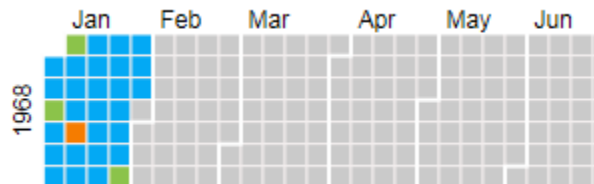Once you've made that selection, select the option to 'Run Report.'

Click 'Apply' to execute the report.

After the report generates it will be displayed below. There is a color legend at the top which shows that Green means the Deck Log is available, Blue means it is blue water, brown means it is brown water, and gray means there are no deck logs available.

Ship Location Map Tab

This tab allows you to see a map of the ship selected during the date range and whether it is within or outside the 12 nautical miles.
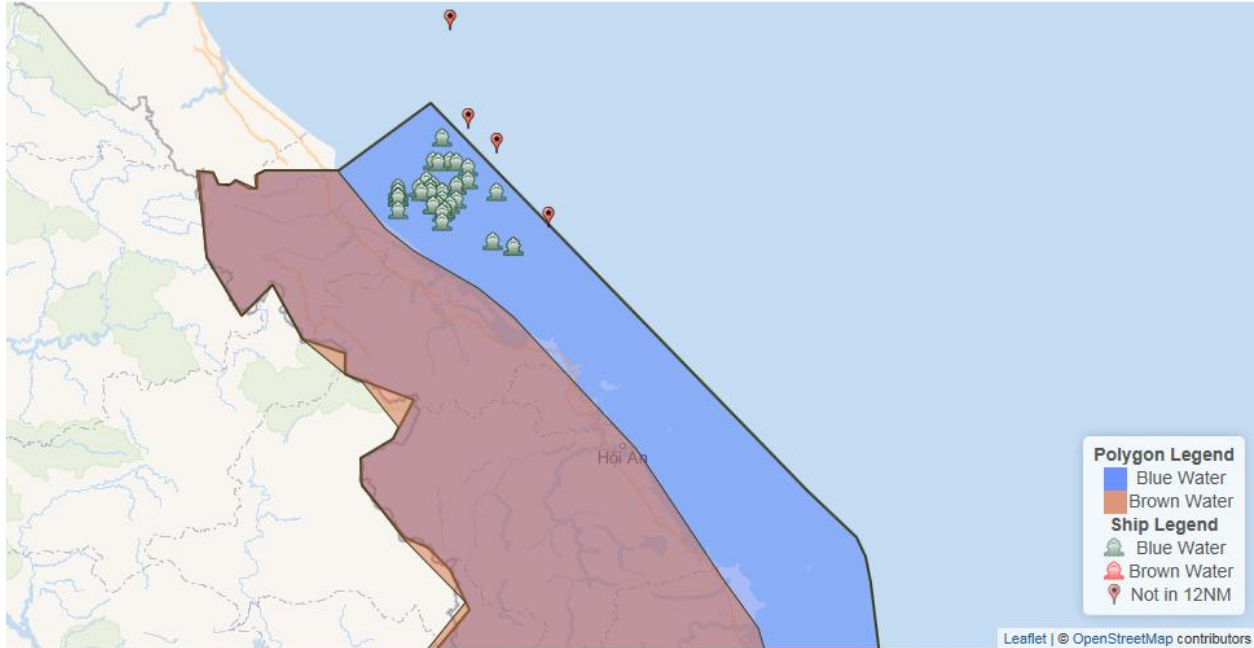
The User must fill in all parameters with an asterisk before proceeding with hitting the apply button – to include Ship Name, From Date, To Date, and Run Report.

Once the report is generated it will display below the parameter box. You should see all associated records based on your selections or a message indicating "No Results found for the requested selection criteria."

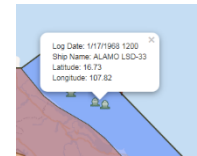
If your search does return results, you will also see a color legend in the bottom right hand corner of your map.

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Red indicates Brown Water and blue indicates Blue Water. The Pin Symbol indicates that it is not within the 12 nautical miles.

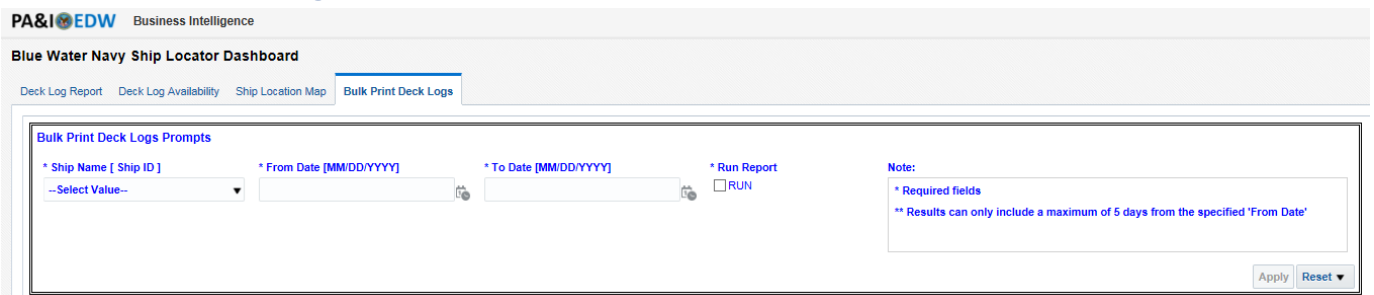You can click on any of the ship indicators to see more information.

You can Zoom In or Out using the navigation buttons to the left of the map. You can also drag the view by holding the mouse down and moving left or right, up or down.

To print the image select the 'Print' option at the bottom of the page. You can also use the Snipping tool to take a screenshot of the view.

Bulk Print Deck Logs

The last tab on the Dashboard allows you to print days of deck logs at a time.

The User must fill in all parameters with an asterisk before proceeding with hitting the apply button – to include Ship Name, From Date, To Date, and Run Report.

Please note that results will only display the maximum of 5 days' worth of data from the selected "From Date."
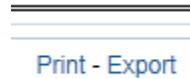
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Bulk Print Deck Logs Prompts

* Ship Name [Ship ID]	* From Date [MM/DD/YYYY]	* To Date [MM/DD/YYYY]	* Run Report
ALAMO [LSD-33] ▼	01/13/1968	01/31/1968	☑ RUN

Once the report is executed review the ship deck log information below the parameter box.

At the top of the page, select Print or Export if needed.

Print - Export

Questions

If you have any questions regarding the tool, please direct them to the PAI Customer Portal.