

Are you an Alaska Native Vietnam era veteran who served between Aug. 5, 1964 and Dec. 31, 1971 or a descendant of one?

The John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116-9) passed on March 12, 2019. This act provided for Alaska Native Vietnam era veterans who served between **Aug 5, 1964 and Dec 31, 1971** to receive a land allotment.



Update your information with the following agencies:

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Enrollment Verification:
(907) 271-4506
Realty: (907) 271-4104

Veterans Affairs
www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits

**Your Local Tribal
Organization**

Appoint a personal representative for eligible individuals who are deceased:
<http://courts.alaska.gov/shc/probate/probate.htm>

For more information, please visit: www.blm.gov/ak-native-vietnam-vet-land-allotment-2019

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Do I need to apply now?

No. Alaska Native Vietnam era veterans do not need to apply immediately for their allotment. Once BLM has worked through all of the processes, Alaska Native veterans who served during Vietnam era will be notified to apply. [Back to top>](#)

What can I do now?

If you believe that you are eligible under section 1119 of the Dingell Act, we encourage you to update your address with the BIA and VA. You can also double check with each agency whether you are listed in their databases as meeting the definition for Alaska Native or Vietnam-era veteran respectively. [Back to top>](#)

When did the legislation pass?

The legislation passed the House and Senate as section 1119 of S. 47, the Natural Resources Management Act and was **enacted March 12, 2019, as Public Law 116-9**. Section 1119 was originally the Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act before being included into S. 47. [Back to top>](#)

1. Of being a veteran pursuant to 38 U.S.C. § 101 who served in the Armed Forces between August 5, 1964 and December 31, 1971
2. Meet the definition of Native in 43 U.S.C. § 1602
3. You have not received an allotment pursuant to the Alaska Native Allotment Act (Act of May 17, 1906), Section 14(h)(5) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. § 1613(h)(5)), or the 1998 Alaska Native Veteran Allotment Act (Section 41 of ANCSA; 43 U.S.C. § 1629g).

During this time, it is imperative that you ensure your contact information is kept current with BIA. [Back to top>](#)

What land will be available for selection?

The Act makes all vacant, unappropriated, and unreserved BLM-managed public lands available. In general, reserved lands are those designated for a specific use like military bases, National Parks, or National Wildlife Refuge, or specific purposes like the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska. Appropriated lands would include lands selected by the State or by Native corporations for conveyance. The BLM will publish a map in March of 2020 with the lands that are available as of that date.

Additionally, lands selected by the state under the Alaska Statehood Act or a regional or village corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, but not yet conveyed, can be made available by the state or the corporations for selection. [Back to top>](#)

How large can the allotment be?

The allotment must be at least 2.5 acres in size, but no larger than 160 acres of land. [Back to top>](#)

What will be the process for submitting a selection application?

BLM is required to promulgate regulations (develop rules) submitting applications within 18 months of the date of enactment (March 2019). Once those regulations are published in the *Federal Register*, eligible individuals will have five years to submit an application for an allotment of land.

1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63138

You can also visit the National Personnel Records Center in person.

4. Contact your local tribal veteran representatives or national veteran service organizations. Similar to the DMVA, they can be very helpful in navigating the various systems to help you get your paperwork.

ALASKA NATIVE VIETNAM ERA VETERANS LAND ALLOTMENT

John D. Dingell, Jr., Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act of 2019 as enacted in Public Law 116-9, Sec. 1119

Timeline – 3/12/2019 – September 2020

