Alaska Native Veteran Program of 2019
John D. Dingell, Jr., Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act of 2019

SEPTEMBER 2020 UPDATE | The BLM mailed 1,975 eligibility notices between July and September, with about 270 records still pending eligibility determination by the VA. Final rules are being developed based on comments received in August. This means the application period could begin as early as December, 60 days after final regulations are published. Virtual public meetings were held in July, and a recording is available to view. BIA still suspects it has outdated mailing addresses for many of those eligible and is asking for your help ensuring potentially eligible veterans and their heirs know about the program. Get the latest updates, a map of available lands for selection, and answers to frequently asked questions about the program: at [www.blm.gov/alaska/2019AKNativeVetsLand](http://www.blm.gov/alaska/2019AKNativeVetsLand). More information on back.

Are You an Alaska Native Vietnam-era Vet?

You may be entitled to a Native allotment selection, if you:

- are an Alaska Native Vietnam veteran who served between 1964 and 1971
- and have not received a Native allotment
- or are an heir to someone who meets the above criteria


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Contact the BLM Native Allotment Section with questions at (907) 271-5998 or CGrimes@blm.gov.

**Update your information with**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**
Enrollment Verification: (907) 271-4506
Realty: (800) 645-8465

*BIA Realty Tribal Service Providers:*

**Department of Veterans Affairs**
[www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits)
(800) 827-1000

**Your Local Tribal Organization**

**Your Personal Representative**
Appoint a personal representative for eligible individuals who are deceased or their heirs:
[courts.alaska.gov/shc/probate/probate.htm](http://courts.alaska.gov/shc/probate/probate.htm)

Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) may be able to provide assistance with coordinating personal representatives. You can find them online at [www.alsc-law.org/](http://www.alsc-law.org/).

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**Program Status**

March 12, 2019 | Dingell Act passes

VA & DoD provide BIA list of Vietnam Veterans

March 6, 2020
BLM identifies lands initially available

BLA reviews 10 mil Vietnam vets' to determine AK Native status

BLM reviews BIA list of vets to determine prior allotment status

July 2020
Eligibility Notification Begins

**Rules Published**
Application Period Opens 60 Days Later

**Application Period Opens**
Applications mailed & available online

**Applications Submitted & Land Titles Issued**

End of application period (5 years after rules published)