

LADIES & GENTLEMEN OF AMVETS: GET OFF YOUR BACKSIDES AND HELP! SOMEBODY ELSE 'AINT GONNA' DO IT'

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- Note that this document has October 2007 comments imbedded in the original article. Exposure to the micro fine dust created by Depleted Uranium (DU) projectiles and armor is a long term DEATH SENTENCE!

This message is being sent to Bill O'Reilly, Rush Limbaugh, Roger Hedgecock and my entire mailing list of AMVETS State Service Officers in the sincere hope that their staffs will carefully investigate the problem and act upon it. Our own Marines and Navy discontinued the use of DU Projectiles in October of 2003 when they found it was killing their own. – Unfortunately, the Air Force and Army continue the use of DU because it's an incredibly effective projectile.

The continued use of DU munitions at the current annual tonnage is creating a world wide health problem of immense proportions. Type the words "Depleted Uranium & Radiated Vets" into the "Google" search engine for cage rattling pages of reports on DU. – Even easier, simply type www.llrc.org into your browser and click on the "Uranium/WDU" link.

Note: - (October 2007) - This used to be simply the "Depleted Uranium" link but the DOD has changed it's name again to "Uranium Derived Munitions" in yet another attempt to minimize the public's recognition of this carcinogenic material in ammunition and armor plating so the people at LLRC simply did the obvious and changed the name of their link to get a step or two ahead of our DOD.

AMVETS members have passed two resolutions at the National Conventions in 2004 and 2005 requiring AMVETS active support in aiding the Veterans and Widows of our Atomic Test era and the current troops of our Gulf Wars era in their pursuit of justice and long term medical care.

I have been able to provide CONGRESSMAN BOB FILNER, recipient of the AMVETS SILVER HELMET AWARD, with the information and text necessary to persuade him to write two bills in support of these two AMVETS resolutions.

They are: **HR 4183** - Working Title - "Recognition of Forgotten Atomic Veterans and their Surviving Spouses Act of 2005" - and **HR 4184** - Working Title - "You Were There, You Get Care Act of 2005" introduced November 1, 2005. They need hundreds of Cosponsors and we desperately need a National Program to obtain these Cosponsors for Congressman Filner's bills!!! – This hard working gentleman from Chula Vista, CA is truly a "Veteran's Friend" and deserves National recognition for his efforts on behalf of all Veterans.

Note: - These bills are now upgraded and on the floor of the 110th Congress. Bill numbers, HR3794 and HR3795. Congressman Filner is now head of the committee and they will come to the floor for vote but to ensure passage, it is mandatory that we create RECA Committees nation wide and work to obtain Congressional cosponsors for him. - - Somebody else 'ain't gonna do it' so get off your backside and help!

I have sent 4 E-Mails to the AMVETS National Executive Director (NED), James B. King. He has not answered any of them. He has refused to even discuss with anyone why he has stopped creation of a program at the National level to deal with these two resolutions in support of the very Veterans AMVETS is chartered to loyally support.

Because of this dogmatic refusal of our NED to abide by the will of our members, shown by their passage of these two resolutions, I am exercising my right of free speech to bypass him and speak directly to you all.

Hundreds of world renowned scientists have been telling us of the hazards of DU for years yet our Military Industrial Complex and our Veteran's Administration continue to hide behind so called "Studies" and "Reports" conducted by their favored few scientists to deny or ignore the existence of the known long term health problems induced by breathing, eating food or drinking water processed or handled in DU contaminated environments.

**These reports are used to create the shield of "Plausible Deniability".
Another technique is called "Diffusion of authority",
It's just another rouse where no specific individual can clearly be identified as the source of a
directive to commit an illegal or immoral act.**

**These DU Contaminated environments are spreading daily as the wind,
rains and traffic spread DU's deadly dust over entire nations.**

It is obvious to those of us involved in the pursuit of proper medical care for our Veterans following their exposure to Depleted Uranium (DU) during and following their service in the Nations involved in the Gulf Wars that the majority of our leading officials in and out of the Government have consistently lied to us about the medical problems our Vets are experiencing.

**THEY CALL THE DEBILITATING ILLNESSES CAUSED BY DU
THE "GULF WARS SYNDROME"– BULL!– IT IS DU POISONING!**

Syndrome is a term coined to cover a condition for which no currently "Acceptable" treatment exists.

DU poisoning is not currently recognized as a "Problem" because of the incredible costs in both financial and moral world wide liability created by acknowledgement of this hazard.

As it stands today, the Nuclear Industry loves the DU munitions program because they can "sell" DU to our military at a profit. DU is a hazardous material requiring costly indefinite long term storage by the industry that creates it. The sale of this stuff is quite a good deal for the Nuclear Industry, I'd say. - -

An off subject comment: - There have been snide remarks made about my profiting from my work in the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) Program. – This is absolutely untrue. – In 1992, after my bone cancer scare, I found out how badly the VA was treating the Atomic Veterans. I became furious and researched the problem for several years. I found a way around the VA, and settled my claim for cash years ago through the Department of Justice (DOJ).

Note – October 2007 update on the above paragraph.

Since I settled my claim through the DOJ, I have spent much more than the RECA award promoting this RECA Program. In October 2004, President Bush signed into law a provision allowing people like me who had gone around the VA and settled with the DOJ to go back to the VA after the value of their monthly cash DIC equaled the \$57,000 & say, "OK, you guys, pay me my DIC now". – A further observation, - I had nothing to do with the October 2004 law passage. – I do benefit from it as a 100% Disabled Vet.

The DoJ gave me the option of a VA disability pension or \$75,000 cash. I wouldn't trust the VA to administer a disability pension and since then, I've been spending that cash attending various conventions nation wide, (11 last year) teaching others how to handle their claims and promoting this RECA Program. My work hasn't cost the AMVETS one cent!

In closing, Friends in the NAAV and NARS organization have told me that I should "Watch my Back". I thank them but say, "In 1990, I was told I had a two year life expectancy when I started the surgeries for my cancers. I beat it then and have no fear of death now."

An old friend once told me that when I die, I've been too ornery for St Peter to let me through the Golden Gates and the Devil doesn't want me because he's afraid I'd take over. – This means I'll spend eternity in Purgatory so to those of you out there that wish me ill, keep this thought in mind, - when you get to Purgatory, I'll be there and I'll have seniority on your sorry ass!

Hope you had a Merry Christmas and Have a Happy New Year.

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"The high-minded man must care more for the truth than for what people think." --Aristotle