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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR RECA CHAIRMEN.

Our IRAQ and Kuwait campaign Vets are walking medical time bombs. They are coming home now by the tens of thousands. They will die early deaths from various cancers and circulatory problems, creating another generation of Widows and Orphans just as happened to our Atomic Widows and Orphans.

They must be encouraged to join in an effort with AMVETS to insist that our government fund and implement independent CIVILIAN medical studies into the diseases created by the Veteran's exposure to Depleted Uranium.

The number of returning Vets with medical problems is obviously becoming a problem that can't continue to be ignored by our government.

In June of 2003, the San Diego Union published an article disclosing an abnormal number of birth defects in children born to Kuwait campaign Vets. - The British have been telling us for years that genetic damage to people exposed to the residue of DU used in combat causes birth defects in their children. These defects go down many generations yet our government's studies to date have been self serving and only directed at finding depleted uranium in the urine of our Vets of the Kuwait campaign. - No effort has been made to conduct studies into the diseases and medical problems that have developed in our service men & women.

To date, there are 290,000 claims pending for medical problems among the returning troops and over 169,000 men who have been awarded disability compensation for their illnesses connected to their participation in the Kuwait campaign.

There have been no, none, nada, zip studies published about the number of these claims that relate to exposure to DU nor the likely hood of long range medical problems among those who have yet to develop illnesses from their exposure.!!

We know from our illness histories of our Atomic Vets that there are 21 different forms of cancer recognized by Congress in the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act of 1990. This act awarded \$75,000 or DIC to the widows. Unfortunately, no one bothered to tell the Widows about it!!

These 21 forms of cancer resulted from our Service men and women being exposed to radiation and plutonium ingestion.

A DU projectile burns upon impact with a target and loses 40 to 70% of it's weight. This burn off is a dusty cloud of radiogenic particles .01 to .05 microns in diameter that contain U236, U237, U238, Strontium 90, Plutonium, and Americium. These particles are ingested by simply breathing, eating food or drinking water contaminated by them. They then remain in the body for decades, if not life, causing cancers when the immune system finally gives up after decades of attempting to combat the effect of the radiation from DU particulate.

This disease process is nearly identical to that experienced by our Atomic veterans and clearly indicates that our current Gulf War Vets must receive coverage for the diseases already afforded to our Atomic Veterans. -

We simply can't wait another 40 years for Congress to recognize this need!!