



ATOMIC VETERAN'S NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL NOTICE: Change to Annual Membership "Due Date."

Memberships are: Annual - \$20.00, Life - \$200.00 [may be paid in installments of \$25.00, at least Quarterly].

Recent, by a majority of the Board of Directors, was to change the Annual Membership from a Fiscal year Date [NAAV fiscal year starts on July 1] to coincide with the "Sign-up Month of the member. Ex: Signed up in December 2000, Dues "Due Date" is 01/01/02. By incorporating this change, three effects take place: 1. the annual member receives a full year, without complaint; 2. the bookkeeping is spread over time, not just all renewals and new at one time of the year, thereby more evenly balancing the office workload [important for a volunteer staff] and 3. The income is spread over a more uniform time frame for Operating Budget purposes.

Please look at the Mailing Label used on this newsletter to you. At the right of your name is the date you are paid up to. Ex: 07/01/00 is July 1, 2000. If you feel there is a discrepancy with your date please contact the NAAV Office.

Returns are Costly. If you have, or are relocating, or are a "traveler", Please consider notifying the NAAV Office with Address or Forwarding Change. Newsletter returns Cost Approximately Three (3) Times the Original Mailing Cost.

REMEMBRANCE DAY, July 16th:

A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at 1 P.M., July 15th, 2001.

A "Remembrance Day" gathering will take place on July 16, 2001, 9 AM, followed by a general "get acquainted session" & meet your Directors & Other Members. the afternoon a visit to the Atomic Museum will take place. On July 17th a "Day Trip" [by bus, depending on number of participants] to either Los Alamos National Lab or Trinity Site will be scheduled. As visits to these locale's takes much prior time for arrangements & clearance, we need to know your preferences ASAP. Hotel Info on Page 4.

NOTE: A letter has been sent to President Bush by the National Commander requesting him to create an Executive Order permanently Creating Remembrance Day, July 16th, as "Atomic Veterans Remembrance Day." We ask persons in All States to contact their Governor to issue a similar State Executive Order. Also, to contact the Media and persuade them to offer publicity to "Remembrance Day." Without your active participation this Tribute Will Not Progress. We thank those who are already involved in this undertaking.

"Yesterday is history; tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift--that's why we call it the present."



Special "Certificate of Appreciation" & "Honorary Life Membership Card" presentation [newly established program to Honor non-NAAV persons for their valuable assistance - watch for more of these special presentations] by National Commander Conant & Executive Director Howard to Spencer Ralston, [then] Assistant CEO, Albuquerque, New Mexico VA Medical Facility. Mr. Ralston initiated, followed through, and supported the Atomic Veteran Representation Program during his tenure. Through his efforts, Atomic Veterans received similar recognition as NSO's from other Service Organizations on committees locally, Area extensive & VISN 18 encompassing Arizona, New Mexico & West Texas. Howard & Conant have been active as representatives. Through these efforts valuable information has been gathered relative to VA procedures which have been forwarded to many NAAV members, assisting them in their claims efforts. Mr. Ralston took over as CEO of the Tucson, AZ VA Medical Facility the latter part of March, 2001.

Commander's Corner:

I wish to acknowledge the gracious comments received from members regarding this Board's increase in activities. In addition, many thanks to the Board Members for their active pursuit of several Programs and overseeing of same. This transition has not been without several major hindrances, but those are being overcome, thanks to the current Board being on e-mail, which lends to virtually instant communication when required.

Regarding the last Newsletter, we received one complaint - that being that the Volume Number & Issue Number was incorrect. Several members complimented on the note of "2001" saying it was easier to find the years than by the Volume method. Some others liked past newsletters which reflected the time of year such as "Fall." In order to please all please note that ALL of these are now reflected. For the Members: the current structure contains three (3) Monetary Accounts; 1. General Fund; Life Fund; and Merchandise Sales Fund. Each is governed with dual entries of which the Treasurer is involved in each. Each Fund check requires two (2) signatures.

Atomic Veterans Newsletter

The *Atomic Veteran Newsletter* is published quarterly and is the official newsletter of the National Association of Atomic Veterans.

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Letters to the Editor and Articles must be **signed** to be published. Name withheld upon request.

NAAV reserves the right to edit and publish material submitted. Articles on atomic testing, other radiation-risk activities, biological effects of exposure to ionizing radiation, the politics and history of military and civilian exposure, accounts of personal experiences, cartoons, photographs, poems, essays and other material will be considered for publication.

The views and opinions of contributions do not necessarily represent those of the National Association of Atomic Veterans.

Send submissions, address changes, letters, inquiries, reunion information, dues payments, donations, sales orders to: NAAV, P.O. Box 1691, Los Lunas, NM 87031.

It has been brought to our attention recently that there MAY BE a person, or persons, soliciting donations to unauthorized funds [those not listed above]. If you are asked to Donate to any "NAAV" Fund, we advise you to check first with either the NAAV Office or the Treasurer in order to ascertain legitimacy.

Members, and others, will note that several new Programs are underway. Those being: 1. the NAAV Store with it's Merchandise for sale either on the NAAV Web Site or via mail to the Houston, Tx location; 2. An increase in State & Area Commander, and Test Consultants because of the additional information they are being sent [Our thanks for each of you who are new to this venture in your volunteer efforts]; 3. the NEW VA Medical Facility Atomic Veterans Representatives - we thank all of those who have volunteered so far and anticipate more on board soon [Official Credential Letters & Business Cards are issued as they sign up]; 4. the

National Service Officer Program is underway, currently building up an information file & formulating plans. There are several other New Programs on the drawing board anticipated to be announced soon. Any suggested programs [not mentioned above] are considered NEW PROGRAMS and should be submitted to the Board with substantiating documentation of "how the program might be organized" for approval.

Any expenditures for any project or program requires PRIOR submission to the Board for approval & budgetary considerations [please submit any New Programs Suggestions to: Terry Brady - Special Programs Coordinator]. Without prior approval No Funds Will Be Authorized.

A special "thanks" to all who have volunteered to assist. Some are already functioning and we are coming up with places for ALL who are interested.

Also, a Special Thanks to Laimon Godel for his continuous efforts to make the NAAV Web Site one of the best, if not the best. Look in on the NAAV Intranet Feature. Even if you do not have a computer, you should attempt to look in on this Site. Most Public Library's, Schools, Senior Citizen Groups, Others will assist you in this effort.

Last, the Members concerns are Our concerns. Please continue to submit your suggestions, comments, criticisms and these will be addressed by the Board.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Spring is sprung in Los Lunas, New Mexico with lots of clear skies and 70 degree weather. Makes us wish we could get outside and go fishing, but no such luck. We are still too far behind on getting our membership database up to date with correct addresses and corrected dues dates for our annual members. But we are gaining on it every day thanks in part to volunteer help from Dick Conant's wife Phyllis [she hates computers] and my wife Charlotte [who also hates computers, but is working with one every day for us].

Last October, after being elected to office, we received a Macintosh computer ZIP disk with the membership database on it. Since it was MAC and in a Filemaker Pro program, our "PC" computers wouldn't read it. After checking with local and Albuquerque computer experts, none wanted to touch the job, so we had to turn it over to our "in house" computer genius/nut, Commander Dick Conant. He converted it to PC format and bought Filemaker Pro software to get us going. Although the disk showed nearly 1,800 members dues dates to be 7/1/97, we used it to print our first set of mailing labels for our first newsletter. - Boy! — Did we get in trouble! Around 500 newsletters were returned. Cost 60 cents for each returned, and hundreds of letters protesting the wrong dues dates. I would like to thank all the members who did write because it has helped us to correct some of the database. On January 6th we received our last shipment from New Jersey with the old "BIG MAC" computer but it wouldn't

work. Guess it didn't like its treatment being shipped. Once more we checked our local computer businesses to get it fixed, without any success. In late February I disassembled it, cleaned it and cleaned the connectors for memory and video card and now it works. It is slow so we are still using our faster PCs to try to catch up. In March Dick found an updated MAC disk, much newer than the ZIP database that we have been using and have changed a couple thousand records from it. We are still not caught up but are working on it. Please be patient.

FROM THE VICE COIMMANDER:

From: "R.J. Ritter" <rjritter@ghg.net> NAAV Vice Commander & Merchandise Sales Coordinator [Send Orders & Checks to: N.A.A.V., 11214 Sageland, Houston, TX 77089]

Sales & deposits = \$3,793.35 [includes \$1,000.00 opening funds]

Purchases + Expenses = \$2,657.95 [includes 2 bounced checks, \$20.00 each, plus handling fees, postage fees, item purchases (shirts, hats, printing materials, patches) and shipping materials]

Balance on hand = \$1,141.14 [includes \$600.00 from the Atomic Vet Sponsor program]

Expected expenses:

Purchases = \$525.00 [Note: Ordered - 100 lapel pins with atomic cloud logo]

Out of pocket post fees = \$435.00

"All receipts are on file." Note: I will also have to pay the State of Texas an 8.25% sales tax on all sales for this year. This will be due on the first of January, 2002

FROM THE ADJUTANT & MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICITY DIRECTOR:

I have been submitting ads and articles to several veteran's groups. Have more in the works. Am giving out NAAV Membership Application Blanks to Veterans Organizations, VA Medical Facilities, Others. We are in the process of developing Information Handout Brochures. Bill Harper, Director

Report by Terry T. Brady, NAAV Director-at-Large & Special Projects Coordinator, For NAAV Newsletter, April 2001

We are proceeding with two special projects at this time (Mid-March 2001).

The first is seeking a Presidential Proclamation or Executive Order declaring July 16th of each year as a National Day of Remembrance of the Birth of the Atomic Age. July 16th 2001 will be the 56th Anniversary of the Trinity Shot in New Mexico, where the first atomic device was exploded.

We seek this day to remember not only our fallen and sick comrades, but also all families and others directly or indirectly affected by ionizing radiation or other effects of nuclear science.

Robert Campbell of Maine successfully got the U.S. Senate to declare July 16th 2000 as a National Day of

Remembrance. The Resolution, which passed unanimously, was sponsored by Senators Snowe (Maine), Wellstone (Minnesota), and Murkowski (Alaska), (See Senate Resolution 336, published in the Congressional Record, Vol 146, No. 91, July 14, 2000). Now we would like the date to be permanently set, which is within the power of President George W. Bush.

Any and all support will be welcomed.

The second major special project concerns potential membership in the International Association of Atomic Veterans (IAVO). IAVO is still in the "forming stages." This group, which intends to represent all atomic veterans throughout the world, will be seeking Non Governmental Status (NGO) before the United Nations. A Draft Constitution and Rules has been prepared and was forwarded to me by Kenneth Umpherville of the Canadian Atomic Veterans Association - (103 Sunbank Lane, SE, Calgary, Alberta T2X 1X4 Canada).

Any comments or ideas concerning NAAV's membership, or role, in the international group will be appreciated and presented to the NAAV Board of Directors for further discussion.

From: "Eric Robinson" <erobinson@nxs.net> Subject: News up-Date !!

The NAAV, is in the early stages of providing a National Service Office. Offering help to veterans and their dependence with (some) claims and related VA information. As well as, assistance with VA forms and other veterans issues. The NSO office be open soon, and we will give you that information when the date is announced.

Sincerely, NAAV National Service Officer - Eric V. Robinson, NAAV Director, NSO Coordinator - Claude Burpee

NAAV is hosting a Remembrance Day "Get Together" on July 16, 2001 [56th Anniversary of the First Atomic Bomb Test at Trinity Site] at:

The Best Western Airport Hotel, 2400 Yale Blvd., Albuquerque, NM, Direct Tol Free - 877-771-7810.

Room Block for 7/15 thru 7/18 [Call by June 29th]: Single - \$59.00 King 1 or 2 people [extra person charge per night] OR Double - \$59.00 OR - King or Queen/Queen 2 to 4 people, 2 room suites \$79.00 [extra person, \$10.00 per night]. Check in time: 3 PM. Check Out: 12 PM. Rates subject to Applicable Taxes, currently 10.8125% per room. Breakfast served from 6:30 to 10:00 AM. Manager's social hour from 5 to 6:30 PM. Several Restuarants nearby.

Other Hotels in close Proximity:

Comfort Inn-Airport, 2300 Yale SE	505-243-2244	
Holiday Inn Express-Airport, 2331 Centre Ave. SE	505-247-1500	
La Quinta Inn-Airport, 2116 Yale SE	505- 243-5500	800-531-5900
Hampton Inn-Airport, 2231 Yale SE	505-246-2255	
Courtyard by Marriott-Airport, 1920 Yale SE	505-843-6600	
Ramada LTD-Airport, 1801 Yale SE	505-292-0036	

Tentative Schedule:

Monday, July 16,	9:00 AM	- Get Acquainted Gathering
	10:00 AM	- Remembrance Ceremony
	10:30 AM	- NAAV General Meeting
	1:30 PM	- Tour to Atomic Museum

Tuesday, July 17 - Potential Trinity Site OR Los Alamos Laboratory visit [depends upon interest - Please notify the NAAV Office ASAP as setting up of either of these Tours needs much advanced Setup of same].

RADIATION DOSAGE TEST -"PLUTONIUM ASSAY:" THIS IS FOR YOUR INFO AND DISSEMINATION TO ANY CONCERNED PARTY. MY DAUGHTER HAS A PHD IN NUCLEAR PHYSICS AND IS CURRENTLY WORKING AS A DOSIMITRIST. SHE ADVISES ME THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD OF DETERMINING RADIATION DOSAGE IS THROUGH A "PLUTONIUM ASSEY," A 24-HOUR URINE TEST THAT COSTS APPROXIMATELY \$ 300. I HAVE RECENTLY BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH ESOPHAGEAL CANCER AND AM FACING SURGERY IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. I HAVE WRITTEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR CLAIM FORMS TO SUBMIT A CLAIM AS AN "ON-SITE" PARTICIPANT. I WILL KEEP RICHARD ADVISED AND I AM SURE HE WILL PASS ALONG ANY PERTINANT INFORMATION I LEARN. I INTEND TO HAVE MY PHYSICIANS DO THE ASSAY EVEN IF IT IS AT MY OWN EXPENSE. GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU. JERRY ANDERSON

NAAV General Account Financial Statement 1st Quarter 2001:		
Balance a/o Dec. 31, 2000		\$ 5,337.52
Receipts:		
Donations	\$ 570.00	
Annual Dues	3,465.00	
Life Pay (to be trfd to Life Acct) 1,165.00		
Merchandise Sales Rec'd at NAAV	<u>46.00</u>	<u>\$5,246.00</u>
		Total \$10,583.52
Expenses:		
Office Expense:		
D. Howard Reimburse	\$ 189.28	
Telephone & Fax	162.99	
2 File Cabinets	42.58	
Mailing Labels	184.30	
Foreign Check Charges	4.72	
Postage-News letters Returns	643.44	
Copy Paper	27.63	
Software	398.93	
Misc Supplies	82.23	
Gas & Electric	<u>178.89</u>	\$ 1,924.99
Corporate Expenses:		
CT Corp. Sys-Registered Agent Annual	\$ 195.00	
State/Iowa-Compliance Certificates(3)	<u>15.00</u>	\$ 210.00
Office Move & Other:		
Moving Company Charge	\$ 1,653.00	
R. Florentine-Postage Reimburse for shipment	560.66	
R. Florentine-Rent(1st half Dec., 2000)	150.00	
R. Florentine-Reimburse for 4 yrs- Personal Telephone)	<u>3,050.42</u>	\$ 5,414.08
Houston Merchandise Sales Expense:		
Sales Startup Advance	\$ 1,000.00	
ReShip Merchandise to Houston	<u>209.96</u>	\$ 1,209.96
	Total Expenses	\$ 8,759.03
General Account Balance - March 31, 2001		\$ 1,824.49
Life Savings Account 1st Quarter 2001:		
Balance a/o December 25, 2000		\$26,044.68
Receipts:		
Interest Received	\$ 148.91	
Life Membership Receipts	<u>250.00</u>	<u>\$ 398.91</u>
	Total	\$26,443.59
Withdrawals:		
Newsletter Printing Cost	\$ 1,828.00	
News Bulk Postage	1,092.42	
News Folding & Address Labeling	<u>192.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,112.42</u>
Account Balance a/o March 31, 2001		\$23,331.17

October 2001 Annual Conference:
 At the Annual Conference, Oct. 2000, held in College Park, MD the following cities were expressed: Las Vegas NV; Mystic CT; 4 Rivers MA; Oak Ridge TN; Branson MO; Washington DC.
 Please submit your preference, in written form via regular mail or e-mail, to NAAV. P.O. Box 1691, Los Lunas NM 87031 Or rucon@juno.com in order for the Board to select majority location and be setting same up. Also, to place in next newsletter with details on same.

INFORMATION PACKET:
 We have put together a Packet of Information & Assistance "Text Items, Addresses, Web Sites" of some 18 pages [more added as info is submitted]. Several past recipients have told us this information helped them. We thank those who have passed us this info. To receive:
 1. Send written or telephone request to the NAAV Office, P.O. Box 1691, Los Lunas, NM 87031, Tp&Fx: 5050866-5332.
 2. E-mail: commander@naav.com or

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For those who have passed on to their Great Reward, We Salute You! Your pain and suffering has come to an end. May God be with you. Our sincere sympathy's to Your Survivors.

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A larger booklet with above info, plus more, is being mailed to All Directors; State & Area Commanders; Test Consultants; VA Medical Facility Reps; Others. Information from either source is OK to copy for others.

We are accumulating much info concerning RECA & Other Legislation. We are continually in contact with several Research ventures covering many associated and non-associated illnesses and diseases. We are attempting to "make the researchers aware" of the potential problems of atomic veterans and their offspring. The reception in this venture has proved enlightening. Much good should prevail.

We are accumulating info regarding: Depleted Uranium {Gulf, Kosovo, Others}, Plutonium, Others. In as much as time permits we will attempt to assist ALL.

From: lbogle@davmail.org

Subject: IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED ON CONCURRENT RECEIPT

MEMORANDUM TO:

DAV CAN Members

FROM Joseph A. Violante, National Legislative Director

SUBJ: IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED ON CONCURRENT RECEIPT

DATE: April 4, 2001

Senator Tim Hutchinson has introduced an amendment on behalf of himself, Senator Reid, and Senator Warner, to the fiscal year 2002 budget resolution. That amendment would provide for \$3 billion in budgetary [cont'd Page 9] authority in fiscal year 2002, and up to \$40 billion over the next ten years to cover the expense associated with allowing the concurrent receipt of longevity-based military retirement pay and veterans' disability compensation.

Please call your Senators TODAY and visit our web site at www.dav.org to send a prepared e-mail message to your Senators to ask for their support of the Hutchinson/Reid/Warner amendment to provide funding for concurrent receipt. We expect the amendment to be brought to the floor TODAY, April 4, 2001.

You can find your Senators' phone numbers by visiting our web site. Click on "Legislative Action &

You," then "Advocacy in Action." Click on "Elected Officials," then search by your state. Choose each Senator and click "Go." This will bring up an information page on the Senator, which includes his or her contact information.

As always, thank you for your support. JOSEPH A. VIOLANTE, National Legislative Director

THE ORIGINS OF MEMORIAL DAY

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Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead" (Source: Duke University's Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920). While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings.

Memorial Day was first officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress in 1968), though several southern states have an additional, separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee. [Cont'd on Page 11]

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N-19	NMV T-shirt - with official guinea pig logo Price each: \$17.00 plus \$2.00 post fee ----- total - \$19.00 Note: Only available in sizes S - L - XL - XXXL at this time
N-20	NAAV sweat shirt - with atomic soldier logo Price each: \$25.00 plus \$3.00 post fee ----- total - \$28.00 Note: Only available in sizes S - M - XL - XXXL at this time
N-21	NAAV sweat shirt - with official guinea pig logo Price each: \$25.00 plus \$3.00 post fee ----- total - \$28.00

Note: Only available in size XL at this time...

N-21C NAAV sweat shirt - with atomic cloud logo
 Price each: \$25.00 plus \$3.00 post fee ----- total - \$28. 00

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Allow 2 to 4 weeks for delivery

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Additional Donation					
All orders must be prepaid			Total Amount		

Questions ? - Email to OrderEntry@naav.com

Since the late 50's on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing.

To help Americans remember the meaning of the day, the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed in December 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to 'Taps.'"

Taken from April 2001 Issue, Idaho State Veterans Service "Bulletin."

Seeking:

From: Joseph A Fenuccio <petelisa01@msn.com>
 Date: Sun, 25 Mar 2001

Subject: Looking for Old Friends

I was wondering if you could put me in contact with some of my old buddies. I was in the 232nd Signal Company, stationed in Fort Huachuca, Arizona & Camp Desert Rock Nevada. From 1956-1958. Any help would be appreciated.

Thanks, Joe Fenuccio, Worcester, MA

We have no "official word" as to the status of the "proposed additions of cancers" to the "presumptive list." Probably in Committee. As happens, it may not come up for a vote, "tabled" [killed] by "those in charge" regardless of number of co-sponsors. Recently heard of one bill having some 230 co-sponsors that did not make it. [Ed]

For those who can tune in to WGNTV, Chicago, they have aired 2 Atomic Vet "blips" recently on news programs. Larry Potash is the reporter

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