

# 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.

We are not mailing "Dues Due Date Reminders." 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. For those paying quarterly "Life Pay": Your Dues Due Date will show Life-P, Your Quarterly Payment is now Due. If you feel there is a discrepancy with your date please contact the NAAV Office. We will no longer mail newsletters to Members whose "Dues Due Date exceeds One Year Past Due."

Newsletter 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.

If your newsletter is returned with No Forwarding Address we will not attempt a re-send.

SPECIAL: The Membership Database is maintained at the National Office in Los Lunas, NM. Merchandise Sales, Certificates, etc. Are handled in Houston, TX. In order to alleviate confusion of Membership Dues Dates, Please send your Monies for same to the Los Lunas, NM Address & Monies for Merchandise, etc. To Houston Address. We realize this may be inconvenient But These are handled through two separate Banking Accounts & Systems in two different geographic areas. Thank you for these considerations. Dick

Known Only To God - The Unknown Soldier buried in Arlington National Cemetery and the Atomic Veterans have one thing in common. The name of the unknown Soldier is Known only to God. The Dose of Radiation the Atomic Veterans received and Dose necessary to cause Radiation Related Disease or Illness is Known only to God. From C.A. "Jack" Nelson, Nevada State Commander

#### **COMMANDER's Corner:**

We thank all members who have assisted with their endurance during the membership problems. Most have been satisfied, and we are now "getting on with it.".

We sent ALL State Commanders/Area Commanders/Test Consultants packages entitled "Information & Assistance" by regular mail. Other than a couple returned from "Bad Addresses"; we assume the balance were delivered by the US Postal service. We have heard from a Few that they had received same & were glad to receive them, the "Others" ???

As of June 30th, 2001, the NAAV Membership is at approximately shy 2,200. We will be mailing Current State Membership lists to State Commanders in the near future. As we do not know the general geographic outlines for Area Commanders we leave this distribution up to the State Commanders. If we can assist, please advise.

At the recent Director Meeting, it was decided that State & Area Commanders in possession of Current Lists should make the contact with each member. The idea is to have these Commanders become more involved. We are receiving many, many requests for assistance & other information. In order to create more local activity we will be forwarding these inquiries to State & Area Commanders & Test Consultants to contact the inquirers & assist them as possible. If you need our assistance please contact the Office. By so doing, more memberships should prevail. We are also asking the State & Area Commanders & Test Consultants to contact other Organizations (Veteran & Other) in their areas and get on their Programs and Spell out the Atomic Veteran & Survivor Plight & Problems & ask for their support. Also, contact ALL NSO's of Service Organizations (National, State, County, Municipal) offering them assistance in regards to claims they are handling for atomic Veterans & Their/Suvivors. If you need info we can supply "a bunch." Where VA Medical Centers exist, contact their Radiation Coordinator [the NAAV Office has a listing of these persons, ask for same by Med. Center] and offer assistance & information. Attempt to find a veteran who desires to become a VA Medical Center Atomic Veteran Representative, preferably one who "has run the gauntlet" to be placed on their IRR. Push LRR Registration. Our interpretation is that to be classified as Priority 6, the veteran MUST be on the IRR. Enrollment at a VA Med. Center is NOT MANDATORY to Request being placed on the Center's IRR. Our VA Medical Center "Atomic Veteran Representative Program" is gaining numbers. Our Goal is to have one at each major center. if you have been trough the IRR [Ionizing Radiation Register] process you already have an "IN" with that center. So, why not volunteer?? Those on board already will tell you the benefits, We would appreciate Ongoing Reports concerning happenings, problems, etc. from your activities. We recognize that some of you may have limited ability to get around, but do the best you are able. We NEED PUBLICITY. We hear from many veterans monthly saying "they just found out about N.A.A.V." Find Atomic Veterans & give them a Membership Application Form along with a Veterans Medical History & Data

#### 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.

#### **Car Trouble:**

Wife: "There's trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor."

Husband: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous."

Wife: "I tell you, the car has water in the carburetor."

Husband: "You don't even knw what a carburetor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?"

Wife: "In the pool."

# **Question?**

If marriage were illegal, would only outlaws have in-laws?

# Attend YOUR NAAV 2001 ANNUAL CONVENTION

"become involved in Your Association's Democratic Process"

**WHEN:** October 14 & 15, 2001

WHERE: Best Western Mardi Gras Inn Resrv: 800-634-6501

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**Room Rate:** Oct. 14, 15, 16 \$50.00 per day plus 9% Tax \*\* Guaranteed Rate to Sep. 13, 2001

[be sure to mention National Association of Atomic Veterans Conference when calling for room reservation, in order to reserve this rate]

When calling for Airline Reservations be sure to mention for "Senior Fare(s)." Most major airlines host "Special 'Ol Foggy' Programs, ask about these (some have travel time restrictions)

#### **Event Schedule:**

Oct. 14 Registration & Social Get Together 5 PM to 9 PM

Oct. 15 8 AM to 9 AM Registration

9 to 11:45 AM General Meeting

12 AM to 2 PM Lunch Buffet with Speaker 3 PM to 5 PM General Meeting (continued)

General Meeting will host potential Constitution & By Laws Changes & Votes by Attending Members on same. [Copies of C & B will be available in Registration Packet.]

Potentials: Change Annual Meeting date to coincide with July 16 "Remembrance Day."

Others as presented.

General: Bring your suggestions, ideas, even complaints, to this meeting for consideration.

You will find the Board of Directors to be "considerate" & "open minded." This is "YOUR" Association. You are invited to participate in It's functions.

**Convention/Pre-Registration to September 30, 2001:** \$40.00 per person (includes Noon Buffet), Send Monies to: N.A.A.V., P.O. Box 1691, Los Lunas, NM 87031. Convention Packets will be made up.

**Convention On-Site Registration:** \$45.00 per person (includes Noon Buffet)

Form, both available from the NAA.V. Office by mail or e-mail.

We have sent out information on pending congressional legislation and asked that each of you, your family, your neighbors, your service organizations. Write Your Representatives, Your Senators, Your President, and ask for their support of these Bills. Some of you respond with copies of your letters, some respond with copies received in return. In Congress & Washington, DC it is a continuous

"Numbers Game", Write! Write! if you do not write it is the same as "Not Voting, No Right to Gripe." Leaving it up to "John yo do it" doesn't get results. I write many letters, but those become just a few. Let Washington hear from the Membership Numbers.

I want to thank all who send items of interest, poems, your own problems, etc. These are not junked but utilized to further the "Atomic Veterans' Cause" as inclusions become a part of that issue. Special thanks go to those who are

# N.A.A.V. Financial Statement 11/14/00 to 6/30/01

Beginning Balance:	General Acct Life Acct	\$ 3,679.66 \$ 25,724.31	\$31,403.97
Deposits:	General Acct Life Acct	\$10,147.48 \$ 936.03 Sub Total	\$11,083.51 \$42,487.48
Expenditures:	General Acct Life Acct	\$11,371.53 \$ 4,472.42	\$15,843.95
Ending Balance:	General Acct Life Acct	\$ 4,455.61 \$22,187.92	\$26,643.53
Expenditures Detail: Old Debits/Bills Hdqtrs Transfer Costs Operating Expenses Newsletter Total	General Acct \$ 3,200.42 2,170.93 3,464.16 2,536.02 \$11,371.53	\$4,472.42 \$4,472.42	Total \$ 3,200.42 2,170.93 3,464.16 7,008.44 \$15,843.95

From: "R J Ritter" <rjritter@tideair.com>
To: "Conant, Richard" <rucon@juno.com>

The following current finance report will apply, as of today....6/30/01

Total deposits (sales, donations, dues, sponsors) -- \$5,976.97

This also includes the original \$ 1,000 deposit.

Total expenses (merchandise, post supplies & fees) - \$4,487.85

This includes bank fees, returned check fees and costs of sending items that were previously paid for, but not received by some of our members, including a \$51.00 state commander's cap.....

Current balance on hand ----- \$ 1,489.12

#### Comments:

I would like you to address the Sponsor Program, as it is an excellent exposure vehicle to let others know of our existance... If we can get two sponsors from each state commander, we would have an additional \$5,000 of needed revenue, that would enable us to gain more public exposure and perhaps gain additional membership from the vast number of civilian workers who were in any way in close proximity to atomic particle radiation..... this could also include X-ray technicians, pipe line X-ray technicians, etc....

#### R J Ritter, Houston

continually searching web sites, downloading info & e-mailing same. These downloads are placing N.A.A.V. into a "more informed" Association and some are containing info which assists claims processing with more available data.

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#### **NAAV Remembrance Day Activities:**

A Directors Meeting was held on July 15th with 6 Directors & 2 Area Commanders present. Many subjects were discussed. Some are scheduled for presentation during the

Annual Conference General Meeting.

On July 16th a General Meeting was conducted with Questions & Answers. One suggestion was to consider changing the Annual Conference from October to coincide with July 16th remembrance Day. Requires a change in Constitution & vote of members attending. To be discussed during October Conference. During the afternoon a Tour of the National Atomic Museum was enjoyed.

On July 17 the group went to Los Alamos for a visit to the Lab's museum. Mr. Rhodes, Curator, gave an enlightening and educational audio & visual presentation covering the



# DO YOU LOVE TALL SHIPS?

MASTER MODEL SHIP BUILDER. CLAUDE R. BURPEE SR., NAAV DIRECTOR, OF TN., HAS DONATED A SHIP MODEL. A BALTIMORE CLIPPER CLASS, CALLED "THE ALBATROSS." THE MODEL IS VALUED AT \$4000. THIS IS A SCALE MODEL, HAND CONSTRUCTED OF MANY, MANY HOURS.

IN ORDER TO RAISE FUNDS FOR N.A.A.V. VETERANS PROJECTS, WE

ARE OFFERING IT AS FIRST PRIZE FOR DONATIONS TO N.A.A.V. AT \$5 per ticket [donation], 3 tickets for \$10,-6 tickets for \$20. [Ed. Drawing to be held at N.A.A.V. Annual Convention in 2002.]

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO OWN ONE OF THESE MUSEUM QUALITY MODELS, AND ALSO HELP YOUR N.A.A.V ORGANIZATION.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE N.A.A.V. OFFICE BY WRITTEN REQUEST. SEND FOR "X" MANY TICKETS, THROUGH HOUSTON MERCHANDISE SALES OFFICE AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE OCTOBER CONFERENCE.

Lab's activities from the Manhattan Project beginning to current. Of particular notice was the attitude of Mr. Rhodes as he gave remarks NOT generally given by governmental entities during his presentation & Question/Answer period. If in the area, the museum is worth going to.

Event attendance was approximately 30 persons, some being spouses.

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#### **DEATHS-May They Rest In Peace!**

Donald Townsend (MN)

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#### DID YOU KNOW?

From Pat Broudy: March 3, 1995 I received a letter from Kenneth L. Hagemann, Major General, USAF, Director of the Defense Nuclear Agency in response to my request for copies of dose reconstruction contracts, (copy of letter enclosed), which I received. Those contracts were all awarded to SAIC with the exception of one for ARACOR. Gen. Hagemann also enclosed two documents (copies enclosed); one listing the contract number," Period of Performance and Contract Value totaling \$13,598,939" and the other "Total Funding for the Nuclear Test Personnel Review Program (1978 -1994)." The latter consisted of two columns, i.e., "Fiscal Year and Funding (\$M)\*\* (Then year dollars). The total was \$96.500,000. Of course there has been much more expense since that time. I understand that current contracts, perhaps representative of the years that followed (1994), represent about \$5 million per year or about \$30 million more. To spend close to a billion dollars to award fewer than 50 claims" under P.L. 98542" seems a little absurd. Most of the claims awarded were adjudicated under P.L. 100-321 which does not require dose reconstructions, and is presumptive.

[Ed: This info should be cause for many letters to US Senators & Representatives - Why Is This Amount of Spending Allowed to Continue For These Small Numbers?"]

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#### What Is An Atomic Vet"

D.L. Neblock

He was a member of the crew of The Enola Gay

He served during the occupation of Hiroshima

And Nagasake, He Participated in Atomic Tests

From 1945's "Trinity" through the "Eniwetok-

Cleanup" in 1979.

He has seen the "Hydrogens" awesome power,

He has seen "Atomic" devestation "And Has Absorbed Their Radiation"

"He's been witness and seen in tests --

What He Hopes is Never Known
By The Rest!!!!
HISTORY TO SOME -----LIKE
YESTERDAY TO US

This is my tribute to those who have passed away since their Participation to those of us who know the possible effects of Low level ionization radiation. To those of N.A.A.V. (National Association of Atomic Veterans) who are able to see the reality Of "Atomic Veterans Rememberance Day" - to the men and Families of this elite group to the founders of N.A.A.V. -And to all those with problems that may be associated with Some of the 235 announced Atomic and Hydrogen Tests. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### **ENIWETOK** [unknown writer]

Somewhere in the Central Pacific Where the sun is like a curse. And each long day is followed by Another slightly worse, Where powdered coral lies thicker Like shifting desert sand, And a soldier dream and wishes For a fairer cooler land. Somewhere in the Central Pacific, Where the water is always blue; Where the sky is always sunny Give the devil his due. Where the palm trees sway gently And the grass is always green,

So level you can see for miles, But a woman is never seen.

Somewhere in the Central Pacific, Where the mail is always late. Where a Christmas card in April Is considered up to date, Where the finance flies to Hawaii And comes back slightly bent. But you never miss the money Cause you'd never get it spent.

Somewhere in the Central Pacific, Where the moonlight is as bright as day.

While above a million stars glitter Like diamonds in the milky way. Where the trade winds blow gently Cooling the tropical night. But it isn't very romantic For there's not a woman in sight.

Somewhere in the Central Pacific, Is a garrison large and strong. Where duty is too demanding And the tour is too damn long. Where they are testing certain weapons,

That and when, you must not tell. Just keep hoping for a small mistake That will blow this island to \_\_\_\_! Sincerely, Sara D. Nobles, Atomic Vet widow

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From: lbogle@davmail.org
Subject: LEGISLATIVE
ALERT ON THREAT TO
CONCURRENT RECEIPT
LEGISLATION

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Joseph A. Violante, National Legislative Director

SUBJ: LEGISLATIVE ALERT ON THREAT TO CONCURRENT RECEIPT LEGISLATION

DATE: July 25, 2001

Based on serious concerns about the effects of proposed language for new concurrent receipt legislation, which would replace H.R. 303 and S. 170, the DAV has indicated that it will not support this new bill as proposed. Both H.R. 303 and S. 170 would remove the offset between disability compensation and military longevity retired pay. Both bills have well over half of the members of their respective chambers as cosponsors. In the U.S. House of Representatives, H.R. 303 has 358 cosponsors, and in the U.S. Senate, S. 170 has 70 cosponsors. Despite cosponsorship by a solid majority in both the House and the Senate, neither bill has been passed. Now, we have been presented with a proposed provision that would take the place of H.R. 303 and S. 170. The DAV objects to this substitute bill because, even if passed, it will mean that there will be no further action to authorize concurrent receipt this year, and it may very well stall all future meaningful action to get legislation to authorize concurrent receipt.

Under this new bill's provisions, Congress would authorize concurrent receipt, but the law would not become effective unless Congress enacts other legislation next year to take \$40 billion from some other Government program to pay for its cost, which we consider highly unlikely to

happen. No member of Congress may be willing to step forward and introduce legislation to take \$40 billion from some other popular Government program.

This new bill clearly does not give any promise or assurance that anyone in Congress will take any further action to actually authorize concurrent receipt in the future. It does, however, give members of Congress a way to escape the pressure being put on them to act on H.R. 303 and S. 170. It gives those legislators who have put tax breaks, pork barrel spending, and other less meritorious causes ahead of disabled veterans a way to make it appear they support concurrent receipt legislation. They can point to their vote for this bill as evidence of their support for concurrent receipt, knowing that this bill does not by itself provide any authorization for concurrent receipt.

The DAV opposes this bill because, not only is it not helpful to our efforts to get concurrent receipt legislation enacted, we strongly believe it will be detrimental. We have a strong belief that, if we agreed to this bill, we would not be taking our members a step closer to getting concurrent receipt legislation, but rather we would be taking them a giant step backward. Next year, without any legislation to press

for, our motivated members will have no place to direct their grassroots influence as voters and as constituents. The veterans' and military organizations will have no place to apply meaningful leverage. With this new bill, it will be easy for Congress to excuse its inaction by any number of reasons, such as less favorable revenue projections in the budget, etc. If, as we fear, no member of Congress is willing to take the bold and probably controversial action to introduce offsetting legislation to take \$40 billion from some other program, we will have no place to direct and concentrate our lobbying. We will have no way to effectively move Congress forward when all 535 members are equally and collectively guilty of inaction but individually immune to criticism for the inaction of the whole. Members of Congress will be individually secure and safe in their inaction, and virtually beyond any effective pressure from us. We will have no effective leverage, and we will have aided and abetted those who put us in that severely compromised and disadvantaged position.

We arrived at our position only after careful assessment. We asked ourselves why members of Congress may be willing to readily support this bill when a majority has repeatedly failed to pass real concurrent receipt legislation. We asked ourselves

what will make them more able or willing to pass real legislation for concurrent receipt next year than they are this year, especially if budget projections were to look less favorable.

The DAV urges all its members to contact their members of Congress and tell them that they must act on H.R. 303 and S. 170, not this substitute.

# JOSEPH A. VIOLANTE

National Legislative Director

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We are seeking active State/Area Commanders, Test Consultants & Med. Center Reps. to fill vacancies. "Sign up Now, ALL Atomic Veterans, Their Survivors *Need* your active participation."

**States with Vacancies:** Iowa; Montana; Nebraska; North Carolina; Virginia and Wyoming.

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From: PATBNAAV@aol.com

Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2001 Subject: RECA/VA rules

There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding the receipt of RECA benefits (if and when they are released) and the receipt of VA/DIC benefits. I may have contributed to this misunderstanding, and if I have I'm truly sorry. The straight scoop is as follows (from the Department of Justice).

#### **VETERANS**

If you are a veteran who participated onsite in atmospheric nuclear tests, acceptance of a RECA payment will mean that YOU WILL LOSE VETERANS DISABILITY COMPENSATION for the illness arising from your radiation exposure during the nuclear tests you participated in. ACCEPTING THE RECA PAYMENT WILL NOT AFFECT THE DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO YOUR SURVIVORS AFTER YOUR DEATH. IF YOU ACCEPT A RECA PAYMENT, YOUR SPOUSE AND/OR CHILDREN ARE STILL ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC) BENEFITS.

#### WIDOWS AND CHILDREN

If you are a widow or child of a veteran who participated onsite in atmospheric nuclear tests, acceptance of a RECA payment means that YOU WILL LOSE DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC) BENEFITS for the illness contracted by the veteran after radiation exposure during the onsite tests he/she participated in. You WILL NOT lose any other VA survivors benefits you are entitled to, including DIC benefits for other illnesses or injuries (those NOT attributed to radiation exposure during nuclear tests) the veteran suffered as a result of his/her military service. If you wish to retain your eligibility to receive VA dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) payments for the illness attributed to radiation exposure, YOU SHOULD REJECT THE RECA PAYMENT.

**NOTE:** Veterans exposed in Nagasaki and Hiroshima are not covered under RECA but if they have one of the presumptions under P.L. 100-321 or P.L. 102-578, they ARE covered under those laws.

#### PRESUMPTIONS UNDER P.L. 100-321 RECA, P.L. 101-510

Leukemia (except chronic lymphocytic)

Leukemia (except chronic lympho-)

Thyroid Thyroid
Breast Female breast
Pharynx Pharynx
Esophagus Esophagus
Stomach Stomach
Small intestine Small Intestine
Pancreas Pancreas

Multiple Myeloma Multiple Myeloma

Non-Hodgkins lymphomas Non-Hodgkins lymphomas

Bile duct
Gall bladder
Primary liver

Bile duct
Gall bladder
Liver

# PRESUMPTIONS UNDER 102-578 P.L. 106-245 & 106-398 (RECA)

Salivary gland Salivary Gland Urinary tract (ureters,urethra,bladder Urinary bladder

& kidney)

Bronchiolo-alveolar Brain

Bone Lung Colon Ovary

Pat Broudy

<sup>&</sup>quot;Knowledge is what is left over after you've forgotten your education."

#### Welcome to our on-line store

The purchase of N.A.AV. items contributes to our efforts to represent the needs of military veterans and civilians, who while in the course of carrying out their duties, in the best interest of protecting the national security of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA, participated in the manufacture, detonation, disassembly or destruction of nuclear, thermo-nuclear and hydrogen warheads, and who are experiencing deleterious health effects precipitated by their exposure to harmful ionizing radiation, and are currently in need of assistance in secunng health benefits from the Veteran's Administration or other health provider institutions.

<u>I. D. No.</u>	Description and pricing information
<u>N-1</u>	Auto decal - 4" atomic cloud with "Atomic Veteran"
<u></u>	Price each: \$4.00 plus \$1.00 post fee total - \$5.00
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	Price each: \$7.00 plus \$1.00 post fee total - \$7.00
N-4	Auto side window sticker - clear with white NAAV lettering
	Price each: \$5.00 plus \$1.00 post fee total - \$6.00
N-5	Auto windshield sticker - clear - "Atomic Soldier"
	Pnce each: \$5.00 plus \$1.00 post fee total - \$6.00
N-6	Auto license plate - atomic cloud - " Atomic Veteran"
	Price each: \$12.00 plus \$ 1.50 post feetotal - \$13.50
N-7	Shoulder patch - 3.5" - atomic soldier - NAAV letters
	Price each: \$9.00 plus \$1.00 post fee total - \$10.00
N-8	Shoulder patch - 3.5" - atomic cloud - NAAV letters
	Price each: \$9.00 plus \$1.00 post fee total - \$10.00
N-9	Small (2.5") cloud patch sew on patch - for hats - etc.
37.10	Price each: \$5.00 plus \$1.00 post fee total - \$6.00
N-10	Baseball cap - blue - atomic soldier - atomic veteran
NT 11	Price each: \$16.00 plus \$2.00 post fee total - \$18.00
N-11	Baseball cap - blue - atomic cloud - atomic veteran
NIIOG	Price each: \$16.00 plus \$2.00 post fee total - \$1 8.00
N-I 2S	Coffee mug - atomic soldier - NAAV letters Price each: \$8.00 plus \$3.00 post fee total - \$11.00
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N-I2C N-I 3S	Coffee mug - atomic cloud logo Not available at this time Lapel pin - atomic soldier
N-1 33	Price each: \$9.00 plus \$1.00 post fee total - \$10.00
N-I 3C	Lapel pin - atomic cloud - NAAV letters
N-1 3C	Price each: \$9.00 plus \$1.00 post fee total - \$10.00
N-14	Atomic Veteran Certificate -4 color - for framing
11-14	Price each: \$15.00 - post fee includedtotal - \$15.00
	***Please furnish the following information when ordering:
	Branch of service $I$ unit - ship - wing - etc. / test name $I$ test date $I$ test location
N-I 5	Atomic Veteran Sponsor Certificate -4 color - for framing
	This is a donation only "item, with a minimum contribution of \$100.00
	A certificate will be forwarded with a tribute to the donor, on behalf of N.A.A.V.
N-I6	NAAV Officers Golf shirt - blue - pocket with atomic cloud
	Logo and officer's title in gold lettering.
	Price each: \$35.00 plus \$3.00 post fee total - \$38.00
	Note: These shirts are not in inventory and will be special ordered as requested
N-I7	NAAV T-shirt - with 2.5" atomic cloud logo
	Price each: \$17.00 plus \$2.00 post fee total - \$19.00
N-I 8	NAAV T-shirt - with atomic soldier logo
	Price each: \$17.00 plus \$2.00 post fee total -\$19.00
N-I9	NMV T-shirt - with official guinea pig logo
	Price each: \$17.00 plus \$.200 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
N O1	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
N-22	NAAV "green "heavy duty jacket with large soldier logo
	Special price each: \$30.00 plus \$5.00 post feetotal - \$35.00 Note: Only available in sizes 1
- XL - XXL a	at this time
1.	Make a list of each item I. D. number
2.	Show the quantity and price of each item I. D. selected
3.	Add the prices and post fees to obtain the total order value
4.	Add any contributions you may wish to donate to NAAV
5.	If ordering an Atomic Veteran's Certificate, be sure to include the required information for design purposes
6.	If ordering an Atomic Veteran Sponsor's Certificate, please indicate
7.	If you are including your annual dues, add \$20.00
8.	Forward your personal check, company check or money order to:
	N.A.A.V. Stores - 11214 Sageland - Houston, Tx. 77089
	Please allow three to four weeks for order to arrive.
	If you have any questions, please e-mail (or post )your request to NAAV Stores

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# Questions? - Email to OrderEntry@naav.com

#### YOUR OBLIGATIONS TO YOUR

**SURVIVORS:** Based upon the numbers of communications we receive from Survivors of Atomic Veterans, who do not have any paperwork, or other information, and seek our assistance as "to how & where to apply for information" in order to pursue Claims, we offer the following suggestions:

"DO IT NOW"!!! \*Gather up as many of your Military Records Papers, including DD-214(s), as possible and place them in Folder (or more as necessary); Write up your test participant history, IN DETAIL, and place this in the Folder, and advise your Family of IT's Location; Discuss ALL of this information with your Family [Secrecy for many of us was a "hammer held over the head.] Then, Secretary of Defense Perry, issued a statement "allowing veterans to discuss their involvement's for Claims Purposes." This statement had express limits. However, there are many sources where anyone can find out how "to construct a

bomb". Dick - NAAV National Commander

#### [Ed: In part] By JANELLE CARTER -

The Associated Press-Report released July 31st. WASHINGTON-The CarterFord commission's proposal to boost election turnout by moving Veterans Day to coincide with Election Day is sparking criticism from veterans groups and some members of Congress.

"Election Day is Election Day. Veterans Day is Veterans Day," said Rep. Chris Smith, a New Jersey Republican who chairs the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. "To use a holiday that is focused on honoring and revering the sacrifices of our veterans as voting day would dilute it and would undermine the very reason why it was established." "I would weigh in very vigorously against it," Smith said.

The commission led by former Presidents Carter and Ford outlined its recommendations to improve elections in 

# Don't let this happen. Write your Congressional Delegations NOW!

"Recognize how you are blessed and you won't be depressed."

"Pain and suffering are inevitable ... Misery is optional."

"The way out of unpleasantness is never as simple as the way in."

# National Association of Atomic Veterans Membership Application

1. Name		Spouse	Date
2. Address		City	Date State Zip Date of Birth
3. TP	FAX	E-mail	Date of Birth
4. Branch(s)	of Service		
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12. Name, add	lress and telephone num	per of person who filled out thi	s form if different from above
13. I give NA.	AV permission to publis	h any of the above information	:
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