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"Nuclear Test Survivors"

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ATOMIC VETERANS HOST SEC. OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ANTHONY PRINCIPI FROM WASHINGTON AT ANNUAL CONVENTION



The National Association of Atomic Veterans was honored to have Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Anthony Principi as its guest speaker at their annual convention in Houston, TX. The Secretary flew down from Washington, landed in a tropical storm, just to speak to the Convention membership. After giving a lengthy and moving talk, he flew back to Washington.

In part of his speech he said "On July 16, 1945, a new light burst upon the face of the earth at 5:30 a.m., Mountain War Time, not far from Alamogordo, New Mexico. At the time, President Truman called the energy of that light '**...a new force too revolutionary to consider in the framework of old ideas,**' which was a way of saying no one really knew what

we were getting into.

"The burden was placed on your shoulders – soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines on duty from 1945 to 1963 – to take on the roll of living test subject in order for scientists and researchers and government policymakers to gain answers to the questions posed by ionizing radiation.

"Little did you know as you patrolled the streets of Hiroshima and Nagasaki that the war that had just ended for millions of US servicemen was still exposing you to danger.

"Little did you know that the tasks of scrubbing down ships – unprotected, bare-chested, and unmasked – in the Bikini atoll after nuclear tests would come back to haunt you and your families years after those ships were nothing more than rusting hulks on the ocean floor.

"And little did you know that the open-air tests you witnessed in the Nevada desert would leave you vulnerable to hidden wounds not from bullets and shrapnel, but from neutrons and gamma rays.

"For eighteen years, you and your colleagues in uniform participated in above-ground nuclear tests without hesitation, aware of some risk, but nonetheless committed, as citizen-soldiers have always been, to advancing freedom's

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From the Commander...

I want to thank all members who were able to make this years convention in Houston, TX despite the bad weather. I feel it was a good convention with our special guests and the hard work from R.J. Ritter, convention chairman and his photo board. The color test photos were very impressive.

I want to congratulate our 3 cash drawing winners. I want to thank the board members who were able to attend. I feel we had positive meetings, working toward our goal of better recognition of NAAV and its membership. The 3 resolutions passed by the membership is a step in this direction.

We missed Past Commander Conant and Dale Howard but health and family come first. Next year we visit San Diego for the first time, a little cooler, in late September. Remember, this is your newsletter. If you have a photo of your test you would like to see, send it in. I will try to print it. It will be returned. Any other suggestions, send them in.

From The Convention Chairman

Many thanks to the Holiday Inn (Houston Hobby Airport) and Freeman Decorating for their assistance in preparations for the N.A.A.V. Convention. I think in the coming year, we should challenge ourselves to gaining a net increase of 500 new members. These new members need not be directly associated with atomic weapon detonations, but could be those military veterans or civilians involved in any fashion with nuclear materials as a part of their past, including nuclear power plant, or using nuclear materials for x-ray purposes, or a host of other nuclear materials related events. There are many out there who will want to be members and/or sponsors of our Association.

MEETINGS

Eastern Oklahoma and 4 State Meetings planned for Fall. Time and date to be announced later.

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Anthony Principi

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cause.

“You were the pioneers of the atomic age, helping to lift the veil surrounding the mysteries of the atom. What you didn’t know was that you were risking a dear price for every lesson that was learned.

“You battled an invisible enemy – ionizing radiation – and that enemy can leave physical and emotional scars just as real as the scars borne by veterans wounded during the Battle of the Bulge, or hit by fire during the battle for Pork Chop Hill, or injured during the Battle of the Coral Sea, or shot down during the air battles over Vietnam.

“Their battles were real, and so were yours.

“Their wounds were real – and so is the damage inflicted by ionizing radiation.

“There can be no doubt that the answers revealed during those tests provided invaluable, lifesaving, data that would protect American military personnel should the worst war possible befall mankind. What we learned from those tests also helped educate and prepare our Nation’s civilian population, and much of the information became valuable data for medical research and advanced many treatment technologies.

“But that knowledge is of little comfort to atomic veterans exposed to ionizing radiation that may have torn silently into tissue and precious organs to begin its insidious campaigns to defeat your bodies. The battle was on...but you barely knew it at the time.

“This morning, almost six decades after Trinity, and 40 years after the end of above-ground testing, atomic veterans are still looking to government for full accountability and for nothing less...and nothing more...than fair treatment for your illnesses.

“I know the road to the answers you seek has been a long and frustrating one not just for you, but for your families as well. Few of us who attended the hearings on Capitol Hill in the 1980s will ever forget the heart-wrenching stories told by atomic veterans bearing terrible scars and painful disabilities.”

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Commander Harper started working on getting Sec. Principi after his visit to Arizona last fall. The Secretary’s top two aids were also present, Jay Vargus, a Medal of Honor recipient and former marine from Vietnam and Allan “Gunner” Kent, former marine from Vietnam and Past Nat’l. Commander of the VFW. Tom Segel, former War Correspondent and marine who also served in Vietnam and dinner speaker was unable to attend because of bad weather.

We were also honored in hearing from Edgar Tucker, Director of the Houston Medical Center who was also Sec. Principi’s escort at the convention, Roy Palmer, Asst. Director of the Veterans Benefits Office in Houston, Jorge Lopez, Director of the Houston National Cemetery. R.J. Ritter, NAAV Sec./Trea., who was convention chairman presented the Secretary with a Certificate of Appreciation for speaking to those in attendance.

Commander Harper read 2 reports from Past Natl Comm. Conant who was unable to attend. Bob Campbell, Vice Comm. who is coordinator with the State and Area Commanders spoke on his program, R.J. Ritter, Sec-Trea. gave a financial report, Patricia Broudy spoke on legislation. 3 resolutions that were approved by the board were also approved by the membership.

“Better medical care of all veterans”, “Discontinue unfair practice to determine radiation dosage of a period of time”, “Create a medal for Atomic Veterans and elevate Atomic Veterans from category 6 to category 1”. Most in attendance thought it was the best convention in many years. The board voted for San Diego as its 2004 convention site to be held in September.

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Charles Wisner
Florida State Commander
Elected National Chaplain



Served in the US Maritime Service 1945-1948; Enlisted in US Navy and was an Aviation Electrician & Flight Crew Member until 1962. Participated in Operation Greenhouse 1951 and left the Service on a Temporary Retired Medical due to being shot down in Korea and being

a POW (Russia).

Attended 4 years of Bible College and 2 years of Seminary and Pastored Churches in Mo, Ill, and Iowa. Was activated and commissioned as a Navy Chaplain and served until 1978. Became a VA Chaplain at the Bay Pines VA Medical Center for 3 years. Have over 45 years experience in Individual Group, Family, and Marriage Counseling and am still active as a Regularly Scheduled Volunteer at VAMC Bay Pines.

It is with tremendous pride and honor that I have been appointed as your National Chaplain. However, only you, the membership, will make me what I am expected to be. State Cmdr's, take note: Please contact me immediately of those who are ill, hospitalized, or have passed away (name, address, tele #, email, etc.). A list will be compiled by Name and State and each year, at Convention, we will call their names as part of our Memorial Service. Any and all members and/or their families, please feel free to contact me, any time, at the below addresses if I can be of any assistance, at all.

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Again, thank you for the privilege and opportunity to serve you!

NAAV Board Approves Funding for State Commanders

The NAAV Board of Directors has approved funding to help State and Area Commanders with some expensive money to help cover the costs of staying in touch with its membership. The sum of \$5.00 per member will be available to help cover the cost of envelopes, stationary and stamps.

As many State Commanders, because of limited funds, are finding it difficult to stay in touch with their members, we feel this will help. For more information on how to apply for these funds contact Dir. Robert Campbell Jr. at hotdoc1@cox.net.

Atomic Medal Update...

We are still working on trying to get an Atomic Medal for our members. This was discussed at our board meeting. Recently I have been in touch with the New Zealand Nuclear Test Veterans who after nearly 50 years got their medal. They never gave up. I plan to use the information I received and the wording when I once again pursue this issue this fall.

NEWSLETTER

The response this past year from members wanting to remain on the regular mailing list was 90%. We will continue to mail your newsletter by Postal Service. Please notify us of any change in address ASAP.

DUES

Thanks to all members who have paid their dues. If your membership is not up to date, please mail to: P.O. Box 11517, Chandler, AZ 85248 as it helps cover the cost of your newsletter. Also think about a lifetime membership. It can be paid in installments.

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New Zealand Nuclear Test Veterans Get Medals

After nearly 50 years the New Zealand Nuclear Test Veterans received their medals. Chairman Sefton of the New Zealand Nuclear Test Veterans and Commander Harper have



been in touch as Comm. Harper has been working on trying to get NAAV members recognition for their exposure with a long deserved medal. Comm. Harper hopes the wording used in New Zealand might help in his efforts. (see below).

New Zealand personnel who witnessed nuclear tests in the 1950s and 1970s will be eligible for a new medal, the Prime Minister Helen Clark and Veterans' Affairs Minister Mark Burton

announced today.

"The Queen has agreed to the institution of the New Zealand Special Service Medal," Helen Clark said.

The medal will recognize service to New Zealand in very difficult, adverse, extreme, or hazardous circumstances. Such service often involves risk (whether physical, environmental, or psychological) similar to operational service, without fitting the criteria of operational service.

It is intended that the medal be initially to New Zealand Service personnel and civilians who formed part of an official New Zealand presence at an atmospheric nuclear test. This includes attendance at British nuclear tests in the Pacific and Australia in 1956-58, American tests in 1957-58, and French testing at Mururoa Atol in 1973. Approximately 1100 people will qualify for the award.

"The award of this medal to nuclear test veterans will help resolve a long-held medallic grievance, by providing them with tangible recognition of their service to New Zealand," Helen Clark said.

The medal will also be available to the fami-
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lies of eligible personnel who are deceased.

The institution of this medal follows the government announcement in June last year of the institution of the New Zealand Operational Service Medal.

Documentary

Dear Bill:

It was terrific meeting you and the board in Houston. Thank you so much for opening your doors and allowing me to film at the convention; it was a remarkable two days. I will keep you informed as the documentary nears completion.

Best,
Jack Youngelson

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The purpose of this letter is to inform you about an improved method of requesting documents from the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC). As you know, the NPRC provides copies of documents from military personnel records to authorized requesters. Our new web-based application will provide better service on these requests by eliminating our mailroom processing time. Also, since the requester will be prompted to supply all information essential for us to process the request, delays that occur when we go back for more information will be eliminated. You may access this application at:

<http://vetrecs.archives.gov>

Please note that there is no requirement to type "www" in front of this web address. This improved on-line request process should be used INSTEAD OF Standard Form 180 for requests from the veteran or the veteran's next of kin.

Please pass this information on to those members of your organization that interface with veterans. Your assistance with this initiative will allow us, and you, to better serve the needs of our veterans. If you publish a newsletter, we would appreciate it if you include this preferred channel for submitting requests in an upcoming issue.

Atomic Vets Help School Children of Guam

The U.S. Territory of Guam, closer to the Philippines, New Zealand and Australia, than the contiguous United States, was hit by three devastating typhoons. Now a group of U.S. military veterans is helping coordinate shipments of school supplies to the children of that ravaged island, where some 35 schools were severely damaged by high winds and rain water.

Initial shipments of computers, donated by the computer firm COMP USA in Hawaii, and five tons of used text and reference books, donated by the Anchorage (Alaska) School District, were shipped to Guam, thanks to Totem Ocean Trailer Express, shipping from Anchorage to Tacoma, Washington, and Matson Lines serving the Pacific region.

Charlie Clark, of Honolulu and Terry T. Brady, of Anchorage, both members of the National Association of Atomic Veterans (NAAV), have coordinated the effort, on behalf of veterans and families exposed to and directly affected by U.S. nuclear weapons tests and deployments. Senator Carmen Fernandez, a leader in the Guam Legislature is handling the task from Guam.

"We are delighted with the positive response from the people of Alaska and Hawaii, both former territories, who understand the situation of being a 'step-child' of the nation," said Clark. "Yet there is much to be done for Guam, a strategic outpost for America," says Clark. Homes, schools, churches were devastated by the storms with winds of 150 miles per hour," adds Clark.

NAAV became involved in the disaster relief effort as an offshoot of supporting the Guamanians in their quest for recognition of the human toll taken of islanders as a result of nuclear weapons testing in the Pacific. The United States, France and Great Britain all tested atomic and thermonuclear weapons in the South Pacific during the decades following World War II. While Guam itself was not a test site - fallout from the tests has demonstrably affected the health of the Guamanians, in the same manner as Downwinders in the United States, Marshall

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Island Natives and others in the Western Pacific. Yet the United States has failed to recognize the claims of the U.S. citizens of Guam in the same way as the mainland Americans affected by the nuclear program.

ALASKA AMCHITKA WORKERS RECEIVE COMPENSATION

In the two years since a federal compensation program began, more than \$19 million has been paid to workers who fell ill or to the families of those who died after working with the atomic bomb programs on Amchitka Island.

Amchitka, a 42-mile-long island near the tip of the Aleutian Chain, was the site of three nuclear tests in the 1960s and '70s, including the largest underground blast ever conducted in the United States. The program attracted workers from around the country much like the trans-Alaska oil pipeline did in the 1970s, paying high wages for hard work in a wet and windy environment.

After the first test, in 1965, radiation seeped out of the surface and into the ground water. A second explosion, in 1969, was even bigger, though radiation was never measured above ground.

The third test, called Cannikan, required drilling a 10-foot-diameter hole more than a mile deep. Miners were lowered daily to cut through the well casing and create a 52-foot-diameter cavity in the rock. Temperatures "in the hole" ran as high as 120 degrees, the humidity was 100 percent and fires occasionally ignited, according to Doug Dasher of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

Over the years, drill operators, miners, cooks and others fell ill or died from a variety of diseases. But not until 2000 were Amchitka employees allowed to participate in an existing federal compensation program for workers at other nuclear sites.

Certain Amchitka workers automatically qualify for a \$150,000 compensation award, plus free medical care. They must have worked on the island between 1965 and 1974 and have developed any of two dozen cancers or lung diseases. The first received checks in early 2002.

Resolutions Approved by NAAV Membership on July 15, 2003 at Their National Convention

NAAV RESOLUTION 001 JULY 2003

Title: Atomic Veterans to Priority 1 for Veterans Admission (VA) Health Care

WHEREAS, many American military veterans, of all branches of the armed services, were, and continue to be, exposed to the radiological emanating from atomic and thermonuclear weapons, in assembly, storage, transport, deployment and testing, beginning with the Trinity Test in New Mexico, July 16, 1945,

WHEREAS, such exposure, resulting from service to the United States, caused by the United States, is known to result in various wounds (to the person and progeny), some immediate and other with long latent periods, including cancers, circulatory, immune system, and many "strongly suspected" but "unproven physical and mental ills",

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States is the sole authority to authorize medal, and can, at its discretion issue an "Atomic Service Medal".

WHEREAS, the U.S. Veterans Administration, rightfully, and honorably, recognizes veterans awarded the Purple Heart medal for wounds received in combat, and places them in Category 1 for VA medical care,

THEREFORE, the National Association of Atomic Veterans, Inc., in Convention, recommends, as a matter of equity, that the U.S. Congress create a medal to be awarded to atomic veterans, and the Veterans Administration elevate personnel exposed to radiation, by the United States, as a result of their service to the United States, from Category 6 to Category 1, as "wounded in the line of duty", with the same privileges afforded Veterans awarded a Purple Heart.

Approved by the Board of Directors of NAAV this 14th day of July, 2003.

Approved by the Membership of NAAV this 15th day of July, 2003.

For distribution of all Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States and the Secretary of the Dept. of Veterans Administration.

NAAV RESOLUTION 002 JULY 2003

Title: A Resolution the Congress of the United States to Discontinue Dose Reconstruction (DR) as applies to America's Atomic Veterans

WHEREAS, many American military veterans, of all branches of the armed services, were, and continue to be, exposed to the radiological emanating from atomic and thermonuclear weapons, in assembly, storage, transport, deployment and testing, beginning with the Trinity Test in New Mexico, July 16, 1945,

WHEREAS, Congress has only recognized a limited number of cancers as "presumptive" illnesses resulting from exposure to radiation,

WHEREAS, Other than Congressionally determined "presumptive" health problems are known or suspected by many experts in the medical community to result from radiation,

WHEREAS, Veterans applying for medical or monetary relief as a result of exposure to radiation are required to seek proof of such exposure through the program known as Dose Reconstruction,

WHEREAS, the very term "Dose Reconstruction" is farcical, because in most instances there was never any original "Construction" of volume of radiation doses, or what type of dosage the veteran received, thus putting an impossible burden on the veteran to "prove the unprovable",

THEREFORE, the National Association of Atomic Veterans, Inc., in Convention, recommends that the Congress of the United States, enact legislation that will discontinue the expensive, time consuming, unfair practice of having government agencies and/or private contractors, attempt to determine the radiation dosage, whether instantaneous or over long periods of

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time, to which the individual military veteran was exposed as a result of his/her service to the United States of America. Approved by the Board of Directors of NAAV this 14th day of July, 2003.

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For distribution of ALL Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

NAAV RESOLUTION 003 JULY 2003

Title: Funding Veterans Administration (VA) Health Care

WHEREAS, The President's Task Force to Improve Health Care for Our Nation's Veterans has noted, there is a "mismatch" between demand for health care and the resources available to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to meet that demand,

WHEREAS, American Military Veterans, through voluntary and even involuntary service, have been the bulwark of the Liberties enjoyed by all Americans (and even foreign) citizens,

WHEREAS, it is unconscionable that an American Military Veteran, whatever the illness he/she may suffer is denied immediate, full and professional medical care, simply because of "perceived" budget shortfalls, particularly in light of the billions of dollars expended to medically care for non-citizens, within and without the United States,

THEREFORE, the National Association of Atomic Veterans, Inc., in Convention, demands, as a matter of equity, that the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives adequately fund the U.S. Veterans Administration to provide immediate, full and professional (whether staff or contract) medical care to all U.S. Military Veterans discharged under honorable conditions.

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Thank You

Thank you Mr. Harper

I was hoping for any news on the nuclear weapons testing from back in the early 50's. My father was in the Eniwetok and Bikini Islands during that time. The last information I received from Mr. Conant was back in 2001. Like the Kelly's story and all their efforts, I was just following up on all the latest that there was on this subject. And also wanting to contact other families with similar stories.

Thank you Mr. Harper for your quick response, and keep up the good work that you do for the Atomic Veterans.

Louise Renteria

Dear Mr. Conant

Thank you for the information you provided me. I hope to file my father-in-law's claim soon. If this works out, my mother in-law will be in a better financial position. Her husband passed away almost three years ago.

His name was Charles Norman Long (DOB) 3-15-31.

Bill Byrne

Kindly continue to send the newsletter. I am a lifetime member of NAAV and greatly enjoy each issue of the newsletter.

Keep up your good work and someday we may receive that sought after Atomic Medal.

May appreciation and best wishes to all of the staff of NAAV.

Sincerely,
Jim Tracy
Roanoke, VA

NAAV Board,

Enclosed is a check for \$25. \$10 is for 2 tickets to drawing (enclosed) and the rest is a contribution for your use as needed.

Thank you for your information on atomic matters. Recently received 10% disability from a condition I had which was considered presumptive which I was not aware was considered a disability.

Keep up the good work.

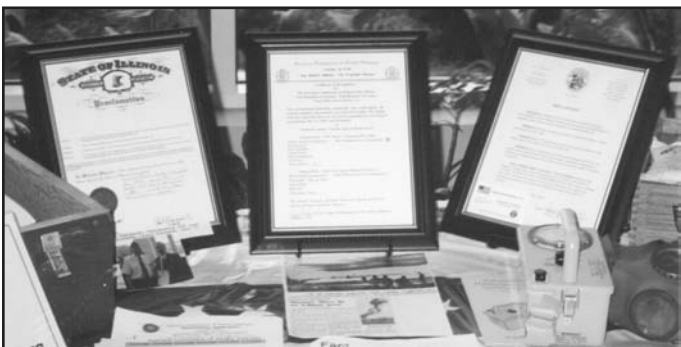
Michael Fabrizio

“Atomic Veteran’s Day of Remembrance”

Arizona



Illinois



Wm. Fish, State Commander of Illinois arranged for both state and local proclamations. Comm. Fish is shown with Mayor of Orland Park and his table displays.

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YET ANOTHER COMMITTEE!!

By Pat Broudy, National Legislative Director

The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Committee studying radiation dose reconstruction procedures used by DTRA (Defense Threat Reduction Agency), SAIC (Science Applications International Corporation), VA (Department of Veterans Affairs), for atomic veterans has been working for two years, and is about to publish their report, having already released a prepublication draft. The gist of the report seems to be that some dose reconstructions produced that were too low or simply ignored. But even so, if dose reconstructions were repeated following more correct procedures, and considering inhalation doses with more correct scenarios, then few doses would be increased to the point that awards of benefits could be made by VA.

Nevertheless, the number of cases compensated can be increased for some diseases, such as of the skin. The National Academy of Sciences Report, BEIR V, stated that the risk of skin cancer from radiation exposures had been previously underestimated. The reason given was that persons with fair skin could easily damage their skin by "sunburn," or exposure to ultraviolet rays and the combination of radiation plus ultraviolet radiation was known to cause skin cancer, a phenomenon not seen in darker-skinned persons. Radiation doses as low as 9 rem could be hazardous doses easily occurring with contamination in contact with the skin, thus, while the dark-skinned Marshall Islanders did not exhibit skin cancer after high exposures from 1954 Shot BRAVO fallout, it is quite possible that fair-skinned sailors similarly exposed did have problems.

Because SAIC, the contractor determining those doses, neglected to consider lung exposure from suspended and inhaled fallout and unfissioned fissile particles, it also is possible that some military maneuver troops received high internal doses from these old particles resuspended by the shock wave of the test in which they participated. These particles may have migrated from the lung to the lymph nodes over a long time, causing one of several blood

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diseases.

SAIC currently is repeating its dose reconstructions using new procedures in accordance with the last NAS committee's recommendations. It will be interesting to review these procedures and I will ask NAAV be provided a copy ASAP. Another "Oversight Committee" will be formed to check on the repeated dose reconstruction and, hopefully, assure that reconstructions are being done properly this time. That is all we need — another committee.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OUR MEMBERS WRITE (OR PHONE) THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES ASKING THAT THEY VOTE AGAINST SEC. 3 OF S 1281, WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. (ANOTHER TWO-YEAR STUDY?)

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NAAV HOUSTON CONVENTION CASH DRAWING WINNERS

G.M. Thornton, KS \$500.00

Charles Clark, HI \$300.00

Anthony Bazile, TX \$200.00

Thanks to all who participated in the convention drawing.

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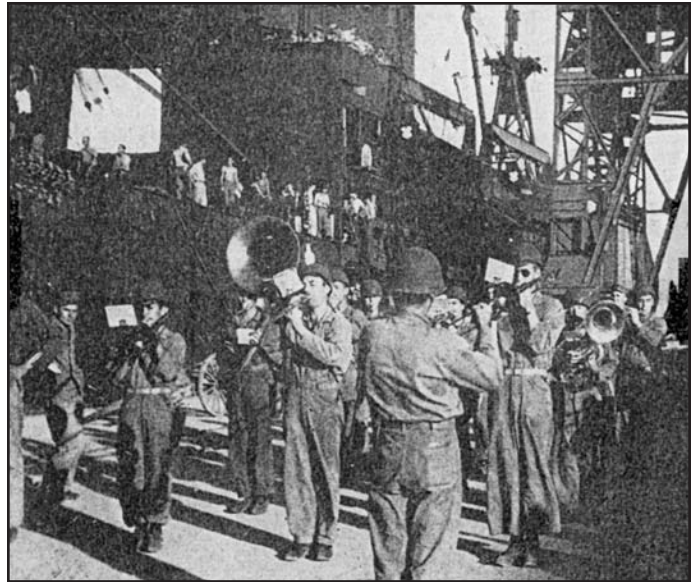
Reunion now being planned for 2004. More information will be available this fall. Now is the time to think about this super reunion.

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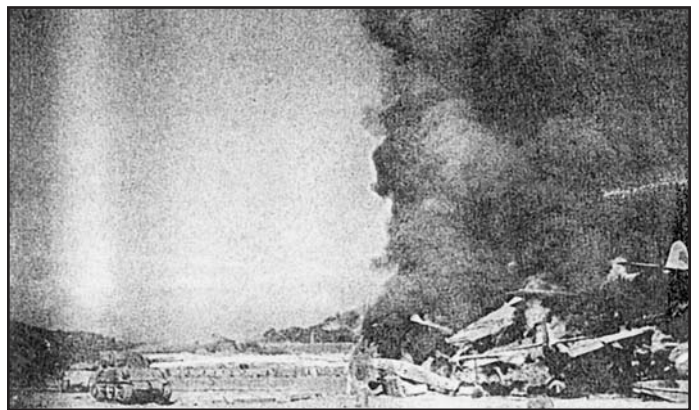
Marines occupy Naval Base at Yokosuka.



Marines coming ashore at Sasebo included Fifth Div. band.



Marines land at Yokosuka Naval Base.



Marine tanks burn Jap planes at Sasebo.



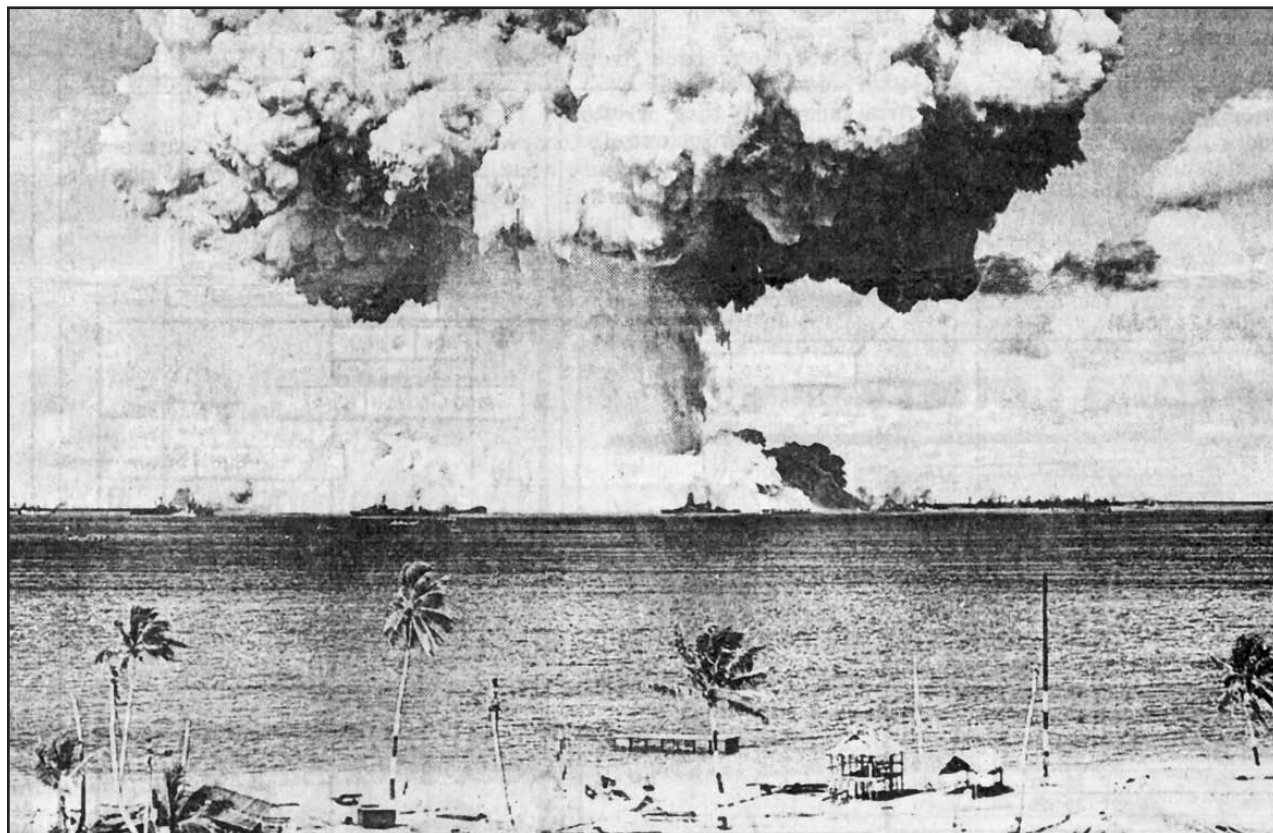
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Signing of Proclamation declaring that "ATOMIC VETERANS DAY, July 16, 2003" L to R: Charlie Moore (A-Bomb Fuser) & Wife; Commander Frank Arceneaux (Crossroads); Buz Broussard ("Badger"); Billy Towry ("Redwing"). Seated: Mayer Marcantel of Jennings, LA.

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“OPERATION CROSSROADS” Bikini Atol – July 1946



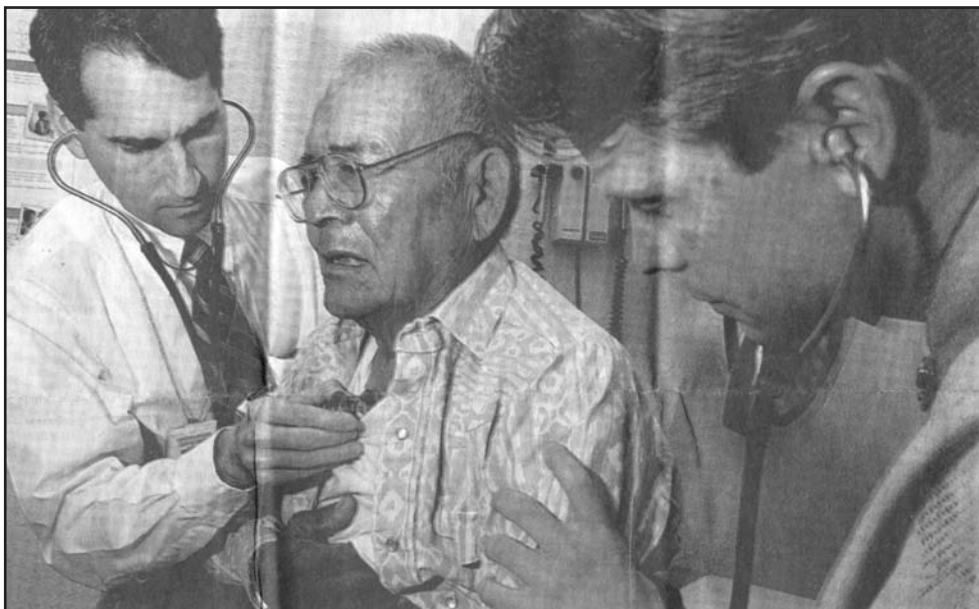
The blast that William Harper felt years ago rises from the sea.

Navajo Miners Battle a Deadly Legacy of Yellow Dust

From the late 1940's through the mid-80's, yellowcake was picked and shoveled and blasted and hauled in open-bed trucks, and then dried in mountainous piles at multiple sites in the American West. The Navajo whose lands extended over western New Mexico, eastern Arizona and southern Utah, were at the epicenter of the uranium-mining boom, and thousands of Navajos worked in the mines. More than 1,000 abandoned mine shafts remain on Navajo land.

The consequences are measured today, decades after the mines closed, in continuing health problems and degraded land.

Under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act of 1990, people exposed to radiation through uranium mining and milling or through weapons



testing are eligible for government compensation.

The miners' compensation is determined by their health status and work histories, how long they worked underground and where. The fill out 22-page applications.

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LOOKING FOR INFORMATION

SHOT CHARLEY

I would like very much if you would post a message for persons involved in the nuclear test Shot Charlie April 1952 2nd Battalion 504th Airborne Infantry Regiment 82nd Airborne Division.

Thank you,
Richard Al Maltirez
Colo Spgs, CO 80909
Phone 719-635-2939

NELLIS AFB

Dear Sir:

I was told about your web-site and printed your application but can't recall the sqdr. I was assigned to while at Nellis AFB in Las Vegas 1952.

The Wing I was attached to had a radar Maint. spdr. We worked out of the black hangar and I tink we were attached to the 51st Fighter Group.

Do you know where and how I can obtain this information.

Thomas J. Brennan
4424 West Paradise Lane
Glendale, AZ 85306

NAGASAKI

Sorry to have been out of touch for so long. I will try to keep up to date. Enclosed is \$20.00 to assist with the work of your organization. I am a WWII Navy veteran and our ship, LSM 263 was part of an occupation force that was sent from Okinawa to Nagasaki only a couple of weeks after the A-bomb was dropped on that city. I would like to hear from any men who were at Nagasaki, especially Naval personnel.

All the best,
Richard (Dick) Darcy
196 Granite St.
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WIGWAM

I am looking for information on, and other veterans from, “Operation Wigwam” conducted in the mid-50's.

“Operation Wigwam” was underwater atomic testing. I was aboard the “Chanticleer” ASR-7. the scientists conducting the tests were also aboard our ship and took us in much to close.

After the test our ship was so hot they flew out boxes of “Tide” soap and ordered us to scrub down the ship.

Our filter system for water removed the salt but not the radiation so we bathed in and drank contaminated water as well.

Sincerely,
Robert Lee Kazulis
P.O. Box 635
Wellton, AZ 85356

PROJECT CHARIOT

I would like very much if you would post a message for persons involved in the nuclear test at Delta Junction, Gristle River Valley, Alaska. I believe it was 14 August 1964. It was called Project Chariot, Operation Plowshares. I know they told us at the time seven (7) soldiers were killed. They flew a group of us from Elmendorf AFB to Eilson AFB, then took us to the site. Every one of the observers were injured in various degrees.

My home address is: Anthony Marceca, 2219 Dixie Drive, York, PA 17402.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CROSSROADS

My duties on board the USS Burluson APA-67 during the Bikini Atom Bomb test was a Master at Arms, which took me to all parts of the ship. Time was spent going into the operating room where the animals that were test subjects of the bombings were operated on after being taken off the blast ships. We were very close to them. We made sure they were taken aboard after they were picked up, some in the water, some on board the ships in the lagoon. You couldn't be any closer without touching them. We wore no badges to tell how much radiation we were being exposed to.

Now, fifty plus years later, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency feels they can tell how much radiation I was exposed to. Why is it, that after fifty plus years, I still have a problem with bleeding. The VA has run all kinds of tests on me, yet no one can tell me why.

Why did people say we were not in harms way when we were less than ten miles away?

Sincerely yours,
Frederick Velletri
Johnston, RI

BIKINI ATOLL

Dear Sir,

My husband (Howard Scheidemantle) was stationed on eniwetok in 1951-1952. His crew took the detonator into Bikini Atoll. Their plane (A PMB) was the only plane that had clearance. They called their plane (The Thing) he was flight engineer. All his crew was investigated before they were called in and taken out there to fly that plane.

They flew all the Top Brass in before and after all the blasts. It was task force 3 (Headed by General Elwood Quesada. They took a seismograph in on a raft. My husband died in 1999 from Mylofybrosis (a form of Leukemia) which he contacted from the radiation he received on this duty. He did file a claim and it was recognized. I

could not get along if it hadn't been for his claim. He often wondered about how his crew fared and also how General Quesada fared also.

My husband loved his country and I am sure in these trying times if he were here, he would have tried to see if their was something he could do to help. He was proud to be an American and I was proud of him.

Sincerely,
Lorraine Scheidemantle
Fort Wayne, Indiana

LANTERNS

Dear Sir,

My name is Deborah Hansen. Let me explain my interest in your organization. My father died last year from Stomach Cancer. He was among the occupying forces in Nagasaki. He arrived there on September 23, 1945. My children (his grandchildren) have multiple rare birth defects. I am writing to you as I wait for the outcome of an appeal that I filed with the VA for service-connected cause of death (as well as my son's birth defects). So far it has been 7 months since I presented my case to the board.

Every year on August 6, glowing lanterns bearing the names of Japanese victims of the atomic bombs are placed in the rivers of Hiroshima. I believe that we should join the Japanese this year in this solemn procession. What would be the possibility of all atomic veterans, their families, and exposed civilians meeting in a central location to light lanterns, inscribing them with the names of their veteran or family member affected by radiation, and allowing them to float silently for all to see (say in the reflecting pool in Washington DC)? In addition those who attend can be sure that a lantern is placed for all those who cannot attend. This would create a dramatic visual statement, gain recognition for our cause, as well as provide healing. If successful, this could be an annual event.

Let me know your thoughts
Deborah Hansen

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REDWING

I was in operation Redwing in 1956 aboard the USS James E. Kyes. Two years ago I found out about the N.A.A.V. I was told to get on I.R.R. It took almost a year to get on it. They kept telling me to get an Agent-Orange test, which is not what I wanted. They found a spot on my lungs, but claim it wasn't cancer. They also found an Enlarged Prostate with high PSA. Thanks to N.A.A.V. I am learning more than our Government will tell me.

Raywood J. Viator
New Iberia LA

CASTLE

Dear Sir,

I am a Life member of N.A.A.V. I was a Staff Sgt. In the U.S. Air Force, while serving as a reciprocating engine aircraft mechanic, with the Test Aircraft Unit based at Enewetak from about January 30 to May 17, 1954. I was at operation Castle. This included Shots, Bravo - March 1, 1954, Romeo - March 27, Koon - April 7, Union - April 26, Yankee - May 5, and Nector - May 14, 1954.

I was diagnosed with Lung Cancer (unoperable) on November 1, 2001. I had 25 radiation treatments ending in December 2001. I also had to have fluid taken off my lungs ten times, and then had surgery to take care of that. As of now the tumor is not growing.

I filed a claim with the V.A. in November 2001. In November of 2002, I received 100% disability retroactive to March 26, 2002.

Sincerely,
Joseph H. Salikedi



KWAJALEIN ATOLLS IN 1947

I volunteered for a work party on the island of Saipan in 1947 to go to Kwajalein Island. I with several other C/B volunteers arrived by flight and we were put up in barracks on the Island of Kawajalein. Then, after a few weeks, we were put out into the bay and assigned in groups of about 15 personnel to duties ranging from motor mechanics to bosun's mates, to equipment operators and seamen. My groups assignment was to get the aircraft carrier. The Independence, seaworthy enough to be shipped back to wherever needed for atomic scientists to do their research. The Independence, was one of many ships that we were told had been involved in the atomic bomb tests.

We were issued special clothing to go aboard the ships: a pair of green pants, a green shirt, a bill cap, a gas mask, and canvas booties to go over our shoes. At the end of the day, the clothing was collected by an ensign or a chief aboard the vessel that carried us back to the yard water craft. These officers told us that the clothing was disposed of.

I was amazed at the decking on the aircraft carrier. It had been superheated from the heat of the atomic bomb and had warped 6 or 8 feet, 90 degrees from the deck toward the sky. Some portions of metal, such as towers, were superheated from the atomic bomb and the blast actually had bent the metal, in some cases 2 or 3 feet away from its original position. The paint on the side of the ship which had faced the blast had been scorched right down to the metal.

We were aboard this ship 3 or 4 days. Then, we were sent to the cruiser, Salt Lake City (CA 25). We had to go aboard this ship and we inspected the main deck for damage that had been done during the atomic bomb blast. The steel mast had been superheated from the blast and was bent over as a palm tree in a gale wind might blow. The mast had stayed in that bent position. At that point in time, I began to realize the immense heat generated by the explosion of the atomic bomb.

Norman Rusk
Boise, ID

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NAGASAKI

Dear Sir,

I was with the 2nd Marine division when it entered Nagasaki in 1945 for the Occupation. I have a 30% rating for the loss of a Kidney. Have a claim for Skin & Prostate Cancers going on for 7 years, and a Colon Cancer claim that is almost 3 years old. Where is the "Tiger Team" that Secretary Princiai is so high on. I guess at the young age of 76, I am not on the priority list to expedite my claims. They better not be waiting for me to die, because I won't until they settle these claims.

I don't know if any of you have thought about it, but there is a huge variation in the way claims are rated. For instance the loss of a Kidney is 30%. Senator Bob Dole and Senator Bob Kerry are rated at 100%. for the loss of use of an arm and the loss of a leg respectively. Now if Bob Dole loses the other arm he will survive and the same would apply to Senator Kerry if he lost his other leg. In my case if I lost my other Kidney, I would be dead unless a donor could be found, which is highly unlikely.

Respectfully,
Keith A. Schwenk
Advance, NC



Photo of the carrier "Saratoga" in Bikini Lagoon, July 1946 before it sank. Photo taken from carrier "Shangri-la", observation ship.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

I served the United States Army from 1988, until 1996, and I was exposed to ionizing radiation while I was assigned to the 2nd Maintenance Company's Nucleonics Laboratory and Radiation Waste Facility in the Republic of Korea. As a LRPO (Local Radiological Protection Officer) working under the direction of Oak Ridge trained RPO's (Radiological Protection Officers), I was responsible for the safe handling of Radioactive Sources and Nuclear Materials, while I was assigned the laboratory and waste facility.

Among the Many liquid, solid, and gas sources that I was exposed to while I was working for the EUSA facilities in the Republic of Korea, I handled SR-90, CS-147, AM-241, and PU-238 on a daily basis from April 1993 until April 1994. Additionally, we maintained radioactive waste from all over the Pacific Rim Theater of military operations. As a technician in the laboratory, I used liquid scintillation equipment to detect radiation leaks from equipment the DOD maintains. I was responsible for maintaining Alpha, Beta, and Gamma source material while assigned to the laboratory and waste facility. I worked in a high radiation area and I was required to adhere to NRC exposure limits and wear TLD monitoring devices while working in the facilities.

I currently live in fear that I was exposed to dangerous levels of ionizing radiation despite the supposed safeguards and monitoring. I fear that if I have children they will have genetic defects passed from me to them. I suffer in a living hell from PTSD and Depression, but I suspect that VA officials investigating my disability claims think that my PTSD claims are the fantastic invention of some sort of conspiratorial lunatic. I often have nightmares about nuclear emergencies, where I am forced to handle dangerous levels of radiation to save people in harm's way.

Sincerely,
Padraig Walsh
Birmingham, AL

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DESERT ROCK

I was 7,000 yards (air burst at 1500 ft.) from ground zero. I was in a two man foxhole. Remained in foxhole for 10 seconds in down position after detonation. At count of 10, on command, came to standing position facing ground zero, glare was too intense, so was ordered to down position for 10 seconds, then given the command to rise, and observe oncoming shock-wave which was clearly outlined by dust and debris. Shock-wave which was of sufficient force to drive an individual in the standing position back with a force equal to that of a tilt-a-whirl at a carnival.

After the shock-wave passed and vacuum dissipated a simulated charge from fox holes was executed, a forward position approximately 100 yards from fox holes was occupied while awaiting trucks to transport troops to ground zero. From this position the mushroom, seemingly rising straight up (more comfortable viewed from reclining position) was observed. Within 30 minutes of the blast we were taken by truck to witness the aftermath of a terrific shock-wave and instant 1,000,000 degrees (F) on mock ups at zero + 300 yards, 600 yards, 900 yards, 1200 yards, and 1720 yards.

Upon completing observation to 1720 yards, route marched back to ground zero, lined up for radiation check, and departed ground zero at approximately 1300 hours.

Joseph E. Lejeune
Lake Charles, LA

NELLIS AFB

I was stationed at Nellis AFB in Nevada in 1952. I was assigned to a maintenance group attached to the Fifty-First Fighter Group. Several of us were called out to watch an a-bomb explosion one morning. The explosion was said to be 60 miles away.

On another occasion, they transferred two truck loads of us to a place called Indian Springs where we were shown how to distinguish a fire

on a jet plane. When we entered the area, there were signs posted stating the area was contaminated.

I have had over fifty skin cancers since I was thirty-five and have three more to be treated in the next two weeks. On one occasion, they froze 47 grows off my back and 5 more from my face. My arms feel like sand paper.

I believe my cancer problems may be a result of my experience at Nellis AFB.

Sincerely,
Thomas J. Brennan
Glendale, AZ

CROSSROADS

Dear Commander Harper,

I am the widow of John D. Bolick, BTCS, USN. He was on the USS Turner D0834 from January 1946 to August 1946. He was at Operation Crossroads at Bikini Atoll.

He started to have health problems in 1980, such as heart attacks, cholesterol, high blood pressure, and diabetes. He finally was diagnosed with asbestos in 1999 and went to the VA. He died from reval cell carcinoma December 2, 2000. This had spread to his bones and brain. We kept him at home with help from hospice. I'm sure he had asbestosis long before he was ever diagnosed. When he had quadruple bypass surgery wouldn't heal.

I wrote the Defense Nuclear Test Personnel Review to ask if John could have received radiation, but they replied his radiological dose for Operation Crossroads was 0.0 rem gamma.

We were married October 5, 1947 and have three daughters. One daughter born 1956 has mental retardation and health problems, and she will never be able to live alone and take care of herself.

Boyd Morgan, the VA officer in Salisbury NC helped me get a pension.

Sincerely,
Rose J. Bolick
Salisbury NC

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CROSSROADS

I am a Navy veteran of World War II, and I was directly involved with the underwater Atomic bomb testing. I personally pulled the plug that sank the LSM-60, which had an atomic bomb underneath it.

I believe my military experience and proximity to an atomic reaction caused health problems for me. I have not received the monetary support that I feel I earned through my service. I have anemia, which I have been treating since 1949. I discovered that there is a possible connection between anemia and the atomic tests, carried out near Bikini Islands. I learned about this in a book Operation Crossroads: The Atomic Testing at Bikini Atoll by Jonathan M. Weisgall.

I was aboard the ARG6 Cebu, from April 4 to August 27, 1946. We arrived at Bikini prior to the first atomic test. I was in charge of 5 Divisions, assigned to me by Commander Franko, for both bomb tests.

After the first test, all regular personnel were transferred to other ships, and I was then assigned to the ARL24 Sphinx. The ARG6 Cebu went to Pearl Harbor, and was not admitted to port, due to radiation. The ARG6 proceeded to San Francisco and was again denied permission there. I later learned the ship was sold to the Chinese Navy.

For the second test, I was again under Commander Franko's orders. We were assigned to sink the LSM-60, which had an atomic bomb suspended under it. I went aboard the LSM-60 and pulled the plug to sink the atomic bomb.

We pulled away from the LSM-60 at 3/4 throttle. We felt we were secured from the blast, but as it turned out, we were only five miles from the ship when it detonated. The Navy says that we were 14 miles away and that is incorrect.

Following the test, I went aboard the laundry ship. This is where they issued salt water washed clothing to all personnel assigned to both operations. When I arrived on the laundry ship, I carried radiation. Had I carried that amount for 72 hours, I would have been flown to

Walter Reed Hospital. I took salt-water showers to eliminate as much of the radiation as I could.

After my discharge, February 11, 1947 I was in a TB sanitarium at Brecksville, Ohio for three months. I was in Crile Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio for three additional months due to back injuries received at Bikini. There were no medical personnel aboard on either the ARG6 Cebu, or the ARL24 Sphinx. While aboard, I slept on a plywood board for my back, but I continued to fulfill my responsibilities.

I was eventually sent an order, by mail to be interviewed by a medical person paid by the Veterans Administration. This person was located in Mansfield, Ohio. My financial assistance from the VA was cut from 100% to 60%. I was told by the VA not to work for the next year. I was never given a reason for the adjustment. Four years later I was cut to 10%, which is what I get today.

I comply with all the requests made by the VA. I go to Cleveland and have blood work done periodically. I ask them to send me the results, but I never get them. I have a shot for my blood condition every ten days. I pay out of pocket for my medicine, the needles, and other supplies. I have received and paid for over 1,740 shots to date, which I believe to be a considerable expense. My anemia may seem to be "cured" when I have shots, but I get very sick without them.

I believe there can be no question, that the health problems I deal with daily are a result of my direct participation in two atomic bomb tests.

Sincerely,
Leon J. Lodermeier
Norwalk, OH

Shaw Pittman Suite

The Shaw Pittman Class Action Suite filed in October 2002 on allegedly covering up medical records which veterans cannot receive medical and other benefits in progressing, We will keep you to date with any new information when we receive it.

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N-4-S	"Atomic Veteran" Auto side window decal	\$ 5.00
N-4-C	"Atomic Veteran" Auto bumper sticker (3" x 11.5")	\$ 5.00
N-5-S	"Atomic Soldier" Auto windshield sticker	\$ 4.00
N-6-C	"Atomic (Bomb) Veteran" Auto license plate	\$10.00
N-7-S	"Atomic Soldier" 3.5" NAAV Embroidered shoulder patch	\$ 8.00
N-8-C	"Atomic Bomb" 3.5" NAAV Embroidered shoulder patch	\$ 8.00
N-9-C	"Atomic Bomb" 2.5" NAAV sew-on patch (for caps or T-shirts)	\$ 4.00
N-10-S	"Atomic Soldier" 3.5" NAAV (Blue) embroidered baseball cap	\$14.00
N-11-C	"Atomic Bomb" 3.5" NAAV (Blue) embroidered baseball cap	\$14.00
N-13-C	"Atomic Bomb" NAAV lapel pin	\$ 9.00
N-13-S	"Atomic Soldier" NAAV lapel pin	\$ 9.00
N-13-J	"Atomic Bomb" NAAV Jacket (Blue) 10" embroidered logo an back and "Atomic Bomb Veteran" on front Sizes: M - L - XL - XXL - XXXL - allow four weeks for delivery!!	\$40.00
N-13-T	"Atomic Bomb" Bolo-Tie with 2" red / gold / blue NAAV logo	\$14.00
N-14-C	"Atomic Bomb Veteran" participation certificate (4 color) Note: If you can remember the test name and location, we can find the date from our master list of Atomic Tests...so as to insure certificate accuracy.	\$10.00
N-17-C	"Atomic Bomb Logo" - Navy blue T-shirt Sizes: M - L - XL - XXL - XXXL - allow four weeks for delivery!!	\$14.00

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1. Circle the item I.D. number you wish to purchase & note quantity or size beneath the item number.
2. When ordering an Atomic Veteran's Certificate, be sure to include the required information for design.
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The "Test Name" / shot / or description of your atomic test participation.
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