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SAN DIEGO TO HOST SEPT. 2004 CONVENTION *Secretary Anthony Principi Accepts Invitation to Speak*



National Commander William Harper is shown with President George Bush at the White House after his breakfast visit. While visiting the White House after meeting several of the cabinet members, he had an opportunity to sit with Sec. Principi for a short meeting and discuss a variety of issues concerning Atomic Veterans. The Secretary also accepted his invitation to speak at the San Diego

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**NAAV Comm. Harper meets with
Sec. Principi in Washington, DC**

Mr. William A. Harper
National Commander
National Association of Atomic Veterans

Dear Mr. Harper:

Thank you for your note and kind words. It was great to be with you at the White House and Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day.

It was also a pleasure to be with you and your members in Houston for your

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National Convention set for Sept. 26-29, San Diego, CA
Convention Speakers and Guests See Page 5:

*****Make reservations early***Convention details inside*****

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Commanders Column...

As we slowly approach our convention, things are slowly coming together. This should be one of our best. Start planning now. There have been a few changes in board duties to try and redistribute the work load as to be more efficient to our membership.

The work load within the board has been changed with board members taking on new duties. With approval of a vote by the board, R.J. Ritter has assumed the duties of Vice Commander, with stores and membership data. Bernard Clark has assumed the duties of Treasurer. Pat Broudy is Legislation, Bob Campbell will continue to be the contact with the State and Area Commanders. Ed Griffis and Fred Schafer are still advisors.

A letter was received from Alaska Commander Brady, asking about our Financial Condition, the Incorporation of NAAV and General Condition. Your organization has grown and is in good shape. R.J. Ritter, a businessman, has done a first rate job in keeping the books and supplies for NAAV. A full report will be given at the convention along with being in the newsletter for those not present. NAAV was Incorporated back in 1979 in the State of Iowa where it began and still is. All fees are paid. Natl. HdQtrs. is in Arizona and listed with the AZ Corporation Commission with all fees paid. Our regular members have been paying their dues, we have increased Life Membership and overall membership is up. Your board as a team have been doing their job along with many State and Area Commanders.

An Amendment was also presented by Comm. Brady asking that ballots be sent to the entire membership to vote on its Directors. We realize all members should be entitled to choose its Directors but based on the past mail outs, and the members responding, less than 10%, it is a very time consuming job, and very costly so the voting is done at convention like most organizations. Our budget does not have this extra money unless we consider eliminating one of our newsletters which we do not want to do. Our newsletters are for all members.

Article 3 of the NAAV By-Laws at the present time under "Elections" states: Election of Di-

rectors will be decided by a simple majority of votes cast by members in good standing who are present. In order to change this procedure it will need to be brought on the floor at convention for a vote.

Four of your seven Board Members are up for re-election this year. They are R.J. Ritter, Vice Commander; Bernie Clark, Treasurer; Ed Griffis, Advisor; and Wm. Harper, Commander. All have indicated they would like to remain and serve the membership. Florida State Commander, Charles Wisner, Hawaii State Commander Charlie Clark and Minnesota State Commander James Hamann would also like to serve on the board. You must elect four of the seven candidates. Ballots will be available at the convention and MUST be turned in by the end of convention business on Monday to be counted. Results will be announced on Tuesday. The board will elect its officers.

Wm. Harper, Natl. Commander

DONATIONS

We once again want to thank all who donate throughout the year. It is most appreciated. As our printing and mailing costs go up, it helps us get out our quarterly newsletter.

Jane Cantrell, James Tracy, Fred Gerbers, Darwin Weaver, Ernst Plunkett, Richard Cowell, Walter Hooke, Mary McRoberts, Gordon Tullier, Jack Malloy, Vernon Ripley, Donald Traub, Bob Pfeifer, Alfred DeVault, Robert Blout.

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FROM YOUR VICE COMMANDER

There has been a bit on confusion related to the status of our membership. When receiving your newsletter, please note the date at the end of your name. This will indicate the month and year that your dues are paid to. If you see 3-1-5, your dues are paid to March 1, 2005. If you are paying your "life member" dues, it will indicate your payment status. Most of our members pay for life membership dues in \$25 increments: therefore: if you see "Life P3" you have paid \$75 towards your life membership. We also would like all members to let their military friends at the V.F.W. or American Legion or AM Vets Posts know that NAAV exists and if any of these veterans were involved in nuclear testing, they are welcome to become members of NAAV. If we can find ten new Atomic Veterans in each state, we have an opportunity to add 500 new members to our database. This would improve our operating funds pool to offset the increase in life membership status. We also thank you for supporting the Quartermaster Stores with orders for items for sale. A list of items for sale is attached to this newsletter.

R J Ritter
Vice Commander
Quartermaster Stores

Commander *from Page 1*

Convention after his warm reception last year in Houston, TX. Last fall the Secretary also approved the new Ionizing Radiation Review which will be sent out this spring. For comments and suggestions, contact Director Bob Campbell as he is the NAAV contact with this new review.

† In Remembrance †

Edmond Daigle, Howard Whipple, Edward Martwick, Arnold Whitte, Walter Wilkerson, Alfred Purdy, Dean Booster, Jack Nelson, Brice Martin, Homer Brooks, Joseph Lines, Roger Reppeto, Walter Albright.

Principi *from Page 1*

convention this past summer. I would be pleased to address your members again in September, 2004, if my schedule permits. Please let me know the date and location as soon as your plans are finalized.

Sincerely,
Anthony J. Principi

\$\$\$ HELP AVAILABLE \$\$\$

Help is still available for State and Area Commanders in covering costs for stamps, stationary and mailings to your members at \$5.00 per member. Receipts for ALL expenses MUST be sent to your State Commander Co-ordinator Bob Campbell for his approval. He will send it on to the Natl. HdQtrs. for payment. Contact Director Campbell at: hotdoc0@cox.net

REMINDER

There will be elections of board members at your convention. Four board members are to be elected or re-elected for 2004-2006. The new officers will be announced at the dinner.

Candidates

William Harper, Present Commander
R.J. Ritter, Present Vice Commander
Bernie Clark, Present Treasurer
Wm. Griffis, Present Advisor, TN State Comm.
Chuck Wisner, Present FL State Comm.
Charlie Clark, Present HI State Comm.
James Hamann, Present MN State Comm.

Ballots will be available at the registration area. All ballots must be turned in by the end of the Monday afternoon meeting to be counted. Results will be announced Tuesday morning.

NAAV Web Site
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Health Card

House Armed Services Total Force Subcommittee held a hearing on current and future issues concerning the Defense Health Program.

MOAA's Deputy Director of Government Relations, Sue Schwartz, and Bob Washington, Director of Legislative Programs Fleet Reserve Association (FRA), testified on beneficiary perspectives for The Military Coalition (TMC).

Schwartz thanked the subcommittee for its continued leadership in authorizing improvements in the TRICARE program, especially for Medicare-eligibles and active duty beneficiaries, as well as last year's efforts to improve the Standard benefit. She urged support for the following priorities:

*Full funding of the defense health program – the budget shouldn't be balanced in ways that impact delivery of timely care and prescriptions for beneficiaries.

*Continuing oversight of the new Uniform Formulary expected to be implemented later this year. The new formulary should contain the most frequently prescribed medications, administrative processes should be streamlined to avoid unnecessary burdens for patients and providers, and there needs to be an aggressive education plan to inform beneficiaries and providers about the new system.

*As the new TRICARE contracts roll out, changes must be seamless to the beneficiary. Service must not be compromised as the old contracts end; beneficiaries shouldn't have to change doctors; and beneficiary education must be provided.



CHAMPVA Policy for Some Surviving Spouses Extended

WASHINGTON – An extended deadline will allow more time for some remarried surviving spouses of veterans to seek health care insurance under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA).

“I am pleased that this extension will allow VA to provide health care benefits to more widows and widowers of veterans”, said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi. “This is another illustration of VA’s long-term commitment, not only to veterans, but also to their surviving family members.”

The extension applies to CHAMPVA-eligible spouses who remarry after a veteran’s death. The surviving husband or wife lost access to CHAMPVA benefits if they remarried before their 55th birthday and before Feb. 4, 2003.

Under rules announced, those survivors had until Feb. 4, 2004, to apply for reinstatement of their CHAMPVA coverage. Today’s announcement gives them until Dec. 16, 2004 to apply for reinstatement.

To be eligible for CHAMPVA, people must be family members of veterans who have a permanent and total service-connected disability, who died of a service-connected condition or who were totally disabled from a service-connected condition at the time of death.

In general, CHAMPVA covers most health care services and supplies that are medically and psychologically necessary.

People who want an application for this benefit or more information can contact VA’s Health Administration Center at 800-733-8387.

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ON THE HILL

Mandatory Funding for VA Healthcare

American Legion, AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) have partnered to form The Partnership for Veterans Health Care Budget Reform. This group's

Congressman Lane Evans (D-III.), House Committee on Veterans Affairs ranking minorit member, introduced one of three bills that propose to make VA healthcare funding mandatory.



goal is to move veterans' healthcare funding out of the discretionary process and into mandatory funding.

They have continually expressed concern with the discretionary process, which relies on budget smoke and mirrors, if the VA healthcare

system does not receive the funds it needs when it needs them, the result will only fuel efforts to deny more veterans healthcare and to continue to charge veterans more for their care.

Year after year, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) faces increasingly inadequate healthcare budgets. This year was no exception. In February, the President released his Budget Request for FY 2005, which provides an increase of only \$310 million for VA healthcare. This represents merely a 1.2% increase over FY 2004 funding levels. Over time, the true resource requirements for veterans' healthcare have not increased sufficiently to provide timely, quality care.

The problem of inadequate funding is compounded by the tardiness with which the VA appropriation has been approved. In the past five fiscal years, VA appropriations have not been enacted prior to the start of the new fiscal year on October 1; in the last two years, the VA healthcare system has had to operate under the already inadequate funding levels established for the prior year, fully one third of the way through the new fiscal year.

Convention Speakers and Guests

Secretary Anthoni Principi, Director of Veterans Affairs
will speak on Atomic Veterans Issues and new IRR Review

Congressman Bob Fillner, San Diego District

Mayor Dick Murphy, City of San Diego

Mark Lippman, Attorney, Veterans Law Consortium.
Expert in Veterans Claims and Appeals

Gary Rossio, Director San Diego Healthcare System

Michael Light, Publisher of "100 Suns",
will give a slide presentation on 100 Atomic Tests

Tom Segal, Combat War Corespondent,
Wounded Marine from Vietnam, will be our dinner speaker.

Dr. Jay Vargas, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Retired Marine and
Medal of Honor Recipient from Vietnam will be a guest.

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Anthony Principi **Secretary of Veterans Affairs**

Anthony Principi was selected to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs by President-elect George W. Bush December 29, 2000.

As Secretary, Mr. Principi directs the federal government's second largest department, responsible for a nationwide system of health care services, benefits programs and national cemeteries for Americas veterans and dependents. With an annual budget of \$48 billion, VA employs some 219,000 people at hundreds of VA medical centers, clinics, benefits offices, and national cemeteries throughout the country.



A combat-decorated Vietnam veteran, Mr. Principi has worked on national policy issues and has held several executive-level positions in federal government throughout his career. He chaired the Federal Quality Institute in 1991 and was chairman of the Commission on Service members and Veterans Transition Assistance established by Congress in 1996.

Mr. Principi served as Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, VA's second highest executive position, from March 17, 1989 to September 26, 1992, when he named Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs by President George Bush. He served in that position until January 1993.

From 1984 to 1988, he served as republican chief counsel and staff director of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs. He was Veterans Administration's assistant deputy administrator for congressional and public affairs from 1983 to 1984, following three years as counsel to the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Mr. Principi is a 1967 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and first saw active duty aboard the destroyer USS Joseph P. Kennedy. In Vietnam, he was assigned as Unit Commander of a River Patrol Force in the Mekong Delta and awarded a Bronze Star with Combat "V" for valor, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, the Navy Combat Action medal, and several campaign and Viet-

namese decorations.

Mr. Principi earned his law degree from Seton Hall University in 1975 and was assigned to the Navy's Judge Advocate General Corps in San Diego, Calif., first as chief defense counsel, then as staff counsel to the commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. In 1980, he was transferred to Washington as a legislative counsel for the Department of the Navy.

Tom Segel **Convention Dinner Speaker** **Combat War Correspondent**

Thomas D. Segel is a twice wounded, former combat correspondent who saw enemy action during the Korean War and two tours of duty in



Vietnam. He retired from the Marine Corps as a Master Gunnery Sergeant after 26 years of service. His next assignment was a Director of Information and adjunct faculty member of the Marine Military Academy. He

then completed a new career and recently retired from service with State of Texas, where he was Director, Division of Information, Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Rio Grande State Center. He holds the Thomas Jefferson Award for Journalistic Excellence, The Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association Distinguished Performance Award and six Armed Forces Writers Association Distinguished Achievement Awards. Segel has authored four books, including "Men in Space" which received the honor of being placed on both the National High School and National Junior High School Library Lists. HE currently writes for several on line publications, national magazines and newspapers. His writings are distributed nationally to more than 1,300 publications by the Paragon Foundation News Service. He holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Texas Pan American and earned his masters degree at Vanderbilt University. He is a past national president of the United States Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association. Segel resides with his wife, Pattie, in Harlingen, Texas.

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Col. Jay R. Vargas USMC, Ret. Medal of Honor

Jay R. Vargas was appointed Regional Veterans Liaison for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) by Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Anthony J. Principi on July 9, 2001.

Before joining the Marines, Vargas attended Northern Arizona University and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education. He completed a Master of Arts in Education degree with honors from the United States International University. On December 14, 2001 he received a Doctor's Degree from Northern Arizona University.

He commanded and led Marines at every level, from Rifle Platoon to an Infantry Regiment. His final tour of duty as a Marine Officer found him on the staff of the Commander, U.S. Forces, Pacific, where he served as Force Marine.

Of his many accomplishments as a Marine Officer, the most widely publicized was achieved in combat. In the spring of 1968, while serving in the Republic of Vietnam, Vargas' unit engaged in fierce combat with the enemy at the village of Dai Do. During the battle, he was able to free one of his platoons, pinned down by heavy fire, by personally destroying three enemy machine gun positions. Vargas was then able to carry to safety his seriously wounded battalion commander and save seven other Marines. His actions left fifteen of the enemy dead and caused him to sustain wounds at three different times. He refused to leave the field of battle until the severity of his injuries compelled him to do so. It was for his actions at Dai Do that, in a May 1970 ceremony at The White House, President Richard M. Nixon presented Colonel Vargas with our nation's highest decoration for military valor, The Congressional Medal of Honor. In addition to the Medal of Honor, Jay Vargas' personal decorations include: the Silver Star; the Purple Heart with four Gold Stars; the Combat Action Ribbon; The Meritorious Service Medal; and the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Silver Star and Palm.

Mark Lippman has been practicing law for eighteen years, fourteen of which have been devoted to representing clients on appeal, including disabled veterans. He is one of the most respected advocates for disabled veterans in America, having represented over 500 veterans in claims arising out of peacetime and wartime related injuries as well as involving both physical and psychological disabilities. Mr. Lippman's appellate experience is extremely broad. He has represented clients at the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, as well as at other federal appellate courts throughout the nation. Mr. Lippman has written two appellate briefs and argued one case before the United States Supreme Court.



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Dick Murphy Mayor

Greetings to the National Association of Atomic Veterans
September 26-29, 2004

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to San Diego. We are honored to be the host city for the National Association of Atomic Veterans' National Convention.

Most people think of San Diego only for its seventy miles of beautiful beaches and world-famous zoo. But we have



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so much more to experience. You'll discover an international city rich in the arts and culture, nationally recognized theaters, the largest concentration of museums west of the Mississippi and a lively downtown with award-winning restaurants, shops and galleries. San Diego is also home to unique neighborhoods such as historic Old Town, Hillcrest and Mission Valley. When you mix together the warmth of our people with our beautiful natural environment and attractions such as Sea World, Mission Trails Regional Park, Balboa Park, Cabrillo National Monument, Mission Bay Park and Seaport Village on San Diego Bay, you are sure to discover why we are becoming known as "A City Worthy of Our Affection."

Please accept my warm wishes for a pleasant and productive stay in San Diego. I am sure you will agree that San Diego is truly a city worthy of your affection. And we will happily await your return visit.

Best regards,
Dick Murphy
Mayor, City of San Diego

Gary J. Rossio, CHE
Director
VA San Diego Healthcare System

Mr. Gary J. Rossio became the Director at the VA San Diego Healthcare System effective May 12, 1996. Previously he was the Director/CEO at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Northampton, Massachusetts. Prior to that he served as the Associate Director at the VA San Diego Healthcare System from July 1989-October 1994.



Prior to his appointment as Associate Director, Mr. Rossio held the position of Chief, Medical Administration Service for six years at the Iowa City and Loma Linda VA Medical Centers.

Mr. Rossio began his VA career in 1975 as a

Medical Administration Intern at the VA Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Since that time he has held various positions of increased responsibility. Mr. Rossio is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, Leadership VA Alumni Association and the United Veterans Council and Memorial Union.

He is a United States Air force veteran who served in the Vietnam era. Mr. Rossio is a native of Detroit, Michigan and has a Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State University and a Master's Degree from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He is married, has four children and lives in Poway, California. Mr. Rossio and his wife Beverly are involved in family focused activities at San Rafael Church. Mr. Rossio is also involved in coaching and athletics in this area.

Congressman Bob Filner

Congressman Bob Filner represents California's 51st Congressional District. One of the most ethnically diverse districts in the nation, Congressman Filner's district encompasses southern San Diego County and all of Imperial County. He is truly California's border Congressman!



Congressman Filner has been an active member of our community for more than three decades. He taught history at San Diego State University for more than twenty years. He was the President of the San Diego Board of Education and served on the San Diego City Council for five years. In 1991, Congressman Filner served as Deputy Mayor of the City of San Diego. He was first elected to Congress in 1992.

During his ten years in congress, Congressman Filner has achieved a national reputation for his efforts on behalf of our nation's veterans and as an advocate of improved U.S./Mexico relations. He has led the fight to protect the environment, improve education and health care, and provide infrastructure for our border area.

One of Bob Filner's early appointments upon

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arriving in Washington was to a seat on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. In that capacity, Bob has been a tireless fighter for veterans, winning the praise of thousands of individual veterans and high accolades from national veterans organizations.

Bob has fought to get attention to health problems affecting soldiers serving in Vietnam and the Gulf War. He has worked for more mental health care for veterans and to ensure that GI benefits keep up with inflation. He was successful in getting better pay for VA dentists and increasing small business opportunities for veterans.

Bob's efforts were critical to the recent opening of a new 400-bed California Veterans Home in Chula Vista.

National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis Missouri 63132-5100

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.

DUES REMINDER

Your Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank members who have paid their dues on time each year, along with the many who have chosen to be Life Members. We have had a steady growth in membership this past year.

We must also remind those who have not paid, your newsletter is for paid up members. The time has come we must consider no longer sending our newsletter to unpaid members.

The board is considering discontinuing sending the newsletter to those more than 1 year behind in dues. We regret doing this but the cost of our newsletter keeps going up. We can no longer send to unpaid members. Check the date your dues are due on your mailing label. It's your dues that pay for your newsletter.

Thank you.
Wm. Harper
News Editor



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September 26, 27, 28, 29, 2004

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Schedule of Events: Posted in Lobby

Smoking Laws: No smoking in Restaurants or
Bars, except in Designated Areas.

Convention Name: Posted on Marquee

Continental Breakfast: Coffeepot & Refrigera-
tor in Rooms.

Newspaper daily Mon thru Fri no charge



Banquet Hall: Sit-down Dinner

Meeting Hall: No charge

American Flag with Stand: Yes

Copy & Fax: No Charge

Podium: Yes

Registration Area with tables & chairs: Yes

Gas Station within 1/4 mile

San Diego Inbound Tours

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parture: 6:30 pm / Return to your hotel by 10:30
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en combination. Caesars salad, rice pilaf, fresh
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Hotel Information Guide

HOTEL LOCATION:

Airport – 1 1/2 miles
Amtrak – 4 1/2 miles
Bus Terminals – 5 miles
Downtown – 3 miles

HOTEL FACILITIES:

Restaurant – Point Loma Café

Hours:

6:00AM-10:00PM Sunday-Thursday

6:00AM-11:00PM Friday & Saturday

Transportation

Complimentary Airport, Amtrak & Bus Terminal shuttle service.

Free Open parking

Bottle Shop – Gifts, Souvenirs, Sundries

ROOM FACILITIES:

237 Rooms

(Handicapped, Non-smoking & Suites)

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RECREATION:

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Heated Pool & Jacuzzi 8:00AM-11:00PM

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9 Hole Putting Course 9:00AM-dusk

Shuffleboard 9:00AM-dusk

Outdoor Pool Table 9:00AM-dusk

Free Bike Rentals Available

Shopping – 5 miles

Major Attractions – 2-3 miles

(Sea World, San Diego Zoo, Balboa Park)

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Golf courses (2 miles)

Tennis Courts (2 miles)

Walking/Jogging Paths

Sport Fishing (Adjacent)

Dinner Cruises (2 miles)

10th Annual Military Survivor Seminar

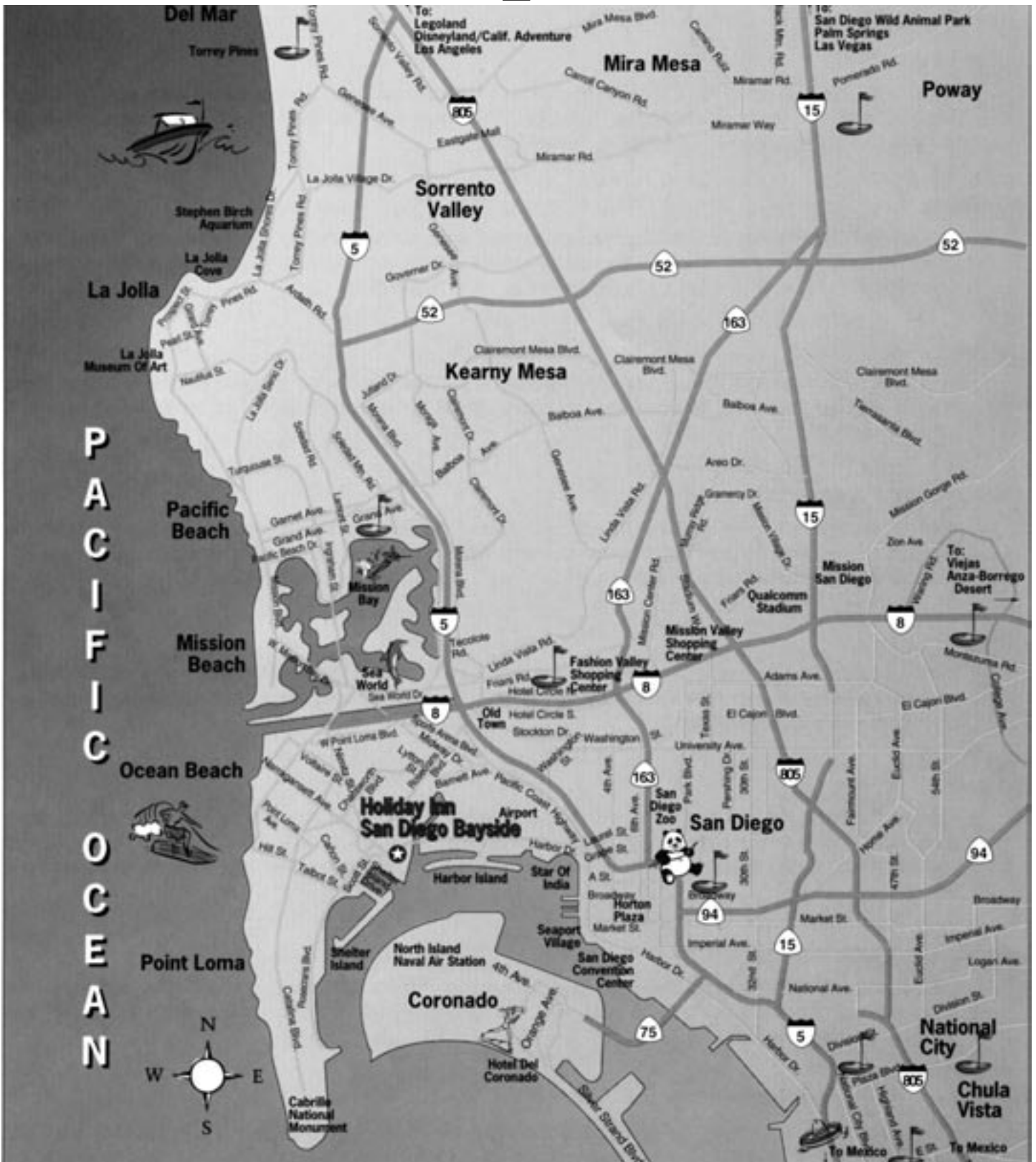


Memorial Day Weekend, May 27-31, 2004
Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington, VA

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Directions To San Diego Attractions

Balboa Park & San Diego Zoo

Turn left out of the Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside onto Harbor Drive. Proceed on Harbor Drive approximately 4 miles to Laurel Street. Make a left onto Laurel and go up the hill to the main entrance to Balboa Park. After entering the park, make a right onto President's Way. Make a left when you come to Park Boulevard and follow the signs to the Zoo on your left.

Sea World

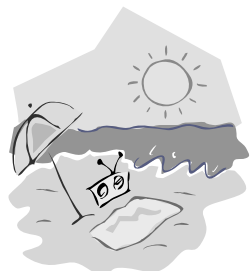
Make a left out of the Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside onto Harbor Drive. Make a left on Nimitz Boulevard. Go about 5 minutes down Nimitz and it will run into Sea World Drive. After crossing the San Diego River channel bridge, you will see Sea World on the left. Just follow the signs to the entrance.

Old Town

Turn right out of the Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside. Go up 2 lights to Rosecrans and then make a right. Continue down Rosecrans to Taylor Street. (Taylor is to the right just before you get to the light for Sports Arena Boulevard). Stay on Taylor Street. Old Town is up about a mile straight ahead under the overpass.

Beaches

Take a left out of the Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside onto Harbor Drive and turn left on Nimitz Boulevard. Stay on Nimitz until you see West Point Loma Boulevard. Go left to Ocean Beach. For other beaches, consult the front desk or a member of our bellstaff.



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Harbor Cruise & Seaport Village

Turn left out of the Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside onto Harbor Drive. Approximately 2 miles past the airport, you will see the Harbor Cruise area on your right. Continue on Harbor Drive and make a right onto Pacific Coast Highway and you will be at the entrance to Seaport Village.

Horton Plaza

Make a left out of the Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside onto Harbor Drive. At about 5 miles, make a left onto Broadway. Horton Plaza will be on your right and you will see “Planet Hollywood”. To park, turn right on 4th Avenue. You will see signs for the parking ramp on your right.

Tijuana

Make a left out of the Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside onto Harbor Drive. Go approximately 5 miles to Grape Street. Make a left onto Grape Street and go to 5 South, which will be on your right side. Take 5 South all the way to Tijuana. You can park on the U.S. side or drive on into Tijuana. (Caution: Most U.S. insurance companies will not extend their coverage in Mexico).

Amtrak & Tijuana Trolley

Make a left out of the Holiday Inn San Diego Bayside onto Harbor Drive. Drive approximately 5 miles and make a left onto Ash Street and then turn right when you arrive at Kettner Boulevard. The trolley station will be on your left and Amtrak on your right.

Cabrillo National Monument

Make a right out of our driveway. Go up 2 lights to Rosecrans and make a left. Go about a half mile to Canon Street and make a right. Follow the road to Catalina Boulevard and make a left. Follow the signs to the entrance of the park.

Agenda

Sunday, Sept. 26, 04 *Early check in at 1500. Board Meeting 1900 or sooner*

Monday, Sept. 27, 04 0800 Registration, 3rd Fl. Meeting room #2

General meeting, 0930 to 1130, Lunch 1130 to 1300

Opening Prayer, Salute Flag, Brief Remarks.

Sec. Anthony Principi will speak around 1000. Q & A??

Reports from Board Members till 1130

General meeting, 1300 to 1500, Welcome Reception by Hotel 1650

Congressman Filner will speak at 1300, Mayor Murphy at 1345

V.A. Health Director Rossio at 1415

Note: All ballots for election of Board MUST be turned in by 1600 for counting

Tuesday, Sept. 28, 04 0800 Registration, 3rd Fl. Meeting room #2

General meeting, 0930 to 1130, Lunch 1130 to 1300

Announce new Board Members for 2002-2004

Attorney Lippman will speak at 0945 with Q & A

NAAV Business 1030 to 1130

General meeting 1300 to 1500

Mike Light, Pub., will give 45 minute slide presentation on 100 Tests

NAAV Business till 1500, Special Board meeting to elect officers

Informal Dinner at 1830, Guest Speaker, Tom Segel, War Correspondent

Comm. Guest, Col. Jay Vargus, USMC, Ret. Medal of Honor, Vietnam

[Western States Dir. for Department of Veterans Affairs]

Wednesday, Sept 29, 04 Remembrance Meeting 0930, Chaplain Chuck Wisner

Note: Registration for convention and sit down dinner \$50.00. Dinner will be held on first floor in Banquet Room. Pre-registration is suggested. Checks should be sent to the Treasurer: Bernie Clark, 2439 E. 47th Street, Tulsa, OK 74105 no later than Sept. 15, 04. Hotel reservations should be made by Sept 2, 04. Room rate per night, double occupancy is \$95.00 with 10% occupancy charge. Election ballots for new board will be on the registration table.

MUST: We must know how many will be at the banquet by noon on Monday for the hotel. We do not want to pay for meals not eaten. Dinner only: \$30.00

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National WWII Memorial to Open in Spring

Towering granite arches and pillars rising out of the ground clearly signal to every passerby that the National World War II Memorial will soon become a reality. Racing toward completion on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. bits and pieces, large and small, are coming together to honor the millions of Americans who gave their all during the great and savage war.

“We will officially dedicate the World War II Memorial in special ceremonies on May 29, 2004,” said Mike Conley of the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC). “But the memorial will be finished in time to open to the public in April.”

Much remains to be done, but the National WWII Memorial is easily recognizable and impressive. During early 2004, construction will be completed on the stonework, artwork, and inscriptions. The final job will be landscaping the area. In addition to the work on the memorial, construction is being completed on information and comfort stations.

At the construction site, the two 43-foot arches, which serve as markers and entries on the north and south ends of the plaza, have been erected. Inside each arch, work is being completed on bronze columns supporting four American eagles holding a suspended victory laurel to memorialize the victory of the WWII generation. Inlaid on the floor of the arches will be the WWII victory medal surrounded by the words “Victory on Land”, “Victory at Sea”, and “Victory in the Air”. They will celebrate the victory won in the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters.

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When VA denies your benefits claim what can you do?

Filing a timely notice of appeal is the most important requirement an appellant must fulfill in order to have a BVA decision reviewed by the Veterans Court.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) serves millions of veterans seeking benefits. In some cases, the bureaucratic process can be complex, and some veterans need assistance in presenting their claims. Especially at the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals, qualified representation is essential for veterans to have a fair chance of success.

Legal representation can help you untangle the “web” of terms and regulations associated with benefits-claims issues. For example, are you familiar with BVA, NOD, AOJ and SOC? What are motions and remands? Do you know the steps needed to appeal? What is the time frame for appeals? What fees are involved?

WHEN PROBLEMS ARISE

The following summarizes the processes and procedures available to claimants who disagree when VA denies benefits claims. Congress has provided dissatisfied claimants with two ways to challenge such VA decisions.

He or she can appeal the denial administratively to the Board of Veterans’ Appeals (BVA). An appeal to BVA involves an informal, non-adversarial, administrative review process. If BVA denies an appeal, a claimant can appeal the decision to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (Veterans Court). Unlike VA’s appellate process, the Veterans Court’s appellate process is formal and adversarial.

When the Veterans Court decides an appeal, its decision is subject to judicial review by a superior court. Congress gave the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (Federal Circuit) limited authority to review Veterans Court decisions. This article does not discuss the appellate procedures that govern appeals to the Federal Circuit. These procedures, however, are similar to those the Veterans Court uses.

NAAV Member Receives “Order of Silver Rose”

On February 11th at the DAV 11 Home in Clearwater, presentations were made to honor a special person.



Bernice Ayers was a surgical nurse with HQ 2nd Field Hospital in Hiro, Japan. Ms. Ayers' unit arrived from Manila to Hiro on Nov. 25,

1945, just over three months after the Enola Gay dropped its main cargo over Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945. Ms Ayers knew very little about radiation, and during time off from the surgical ward, she was allowed to travel anywhere, including the city of Hiroshima to see how truly powerful the bomb was.

Like so many others now known as “Atomic Veterans”, knowledge of what radiation can do to a human being was never revealed to them, nor did the VA at that time, but in 1996 (fifty years later) the VA paper pushers who make decisions about service connected disabilities for Veterans said; “...the preponderance of the evidence indicates that there is no reasonable possibility that the Veteran’s cancer of the colon and multi-nodular nonmalignant thyroid disease are related to the Veteran’s radiation exposure during service.”

The Order of the Silver Rose was created

originally for those affected by agent orange. Those who were exposed to it surely did not bleed or die in battle, but they never knew that they were fatally wounded the day they came in contact with it. Since the Military will not issue the Purple Heart Award to them, the Order of the Silver Rose was created to honor those “wounded” in battle.

The Silver Rose in its first time issuance for other than exposure to agent orange, LT. Bernice Ayers was awarded the Silver Rose, for her exposure to radiation as an “Atomic Veteran”.

One of Our Top State Commanders

According to the March Legion Magazine article, “Agent Orange benefits available”, those veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam can contact a professional American Legion service officer for assistance in filing VA disability claims. A Legion membership is not required.

Congratulations to these veterans, as well as their dependents. With the proper medical documentation, those conditions currently recognized by VA may now be addressed.

Now is the time for those veterans who participated in Atomic Testing on Trinity, in the Pacific and at the Nevada Test Site, as well as those troops that occupied Japan, to receive equivalent assistance in obtaining benefits toward conditions related to atomic testing.

When will our congress and the VA recognize the importance of this issue with the Atomic Veteran?

Charles L. Bettis
Oklahoma State Commander
NAAV

Note:

I plan to take copies of radiation newsletter to VFW and American Legion Posts, as well as the VA Hospital and numerous libraries, community centers and retirement homes. Political centers are also good visibility areas, as well as churches and colleges.



Honor Guard escort Bernice Ayers

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

“Crossroads”

NAAV

Attention: W. Harper, Editor

Having participated in Operation Crossroads I was interested in the events described by Charles Gaerke, Naval Underwater Photographer. Of particular interest was the item about drones being sent in immediately after the blast to measure radiation. Being a radio operator on one of the two aircraft, a PBM-5 assigned to patrol Squadron-32, it too was our task to enter the blast area, immediately after detonation, to measure radiation. We were on station for six (6) hours.

If they used drones then indeed we were “human guinea pits”. As evidence of being a “guinea pig” I’m enclosing a copy of a scroll that was presented to us after conclusion of the tests. After many years thinking that I played a small but necessary part of a large operation, I now find out that I was an expendable “human guinea pig”. I assume that the scroll was supposed to be somewhat humorous but unfortunately it turned out to be true.

Thank you very much for mailing me issues of the newsletter in the past and I appreciate the effort you must put forth to make it an excellent publication. Enclosed is a donation that I hope will help to defray the expense of my continued receipt of the atomic newsletter.

Thank you,
Bob Blout
Chicopee, MA



New Zealand Nuclear Test Veterans Association

One of the things that have always impressed us is the generosity of the USA Government in giving Medallic recognition to their service people.

Despite US Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Anthony Principi’s enlightening speech to the NAAV Convention in Houston, Texas, the US government, it seems, like most governments internationally, giving firm recognition to their nuclear test veterans in any way is to be avoided, lest it be seen as a sign of guilt and/or responsibility.

The UK, Australian, Fijian, and if my limited French did not let me down in Paris last year, the French, and nuclear test Veterans of those Nation’s have not too date, received medallic recognition of their nuclear service.

As you will see NZNTVA has been in contract with the NAAV National Commander William Harper. The hope is, that the reasons for instituting the NZ Special Service Medal, (Nuclear) may assist in having the US Government grant an Atomic Medal to their Nuclear Test Veterans. They well deserve it. NZNTVA wishes our American nuclear comrades the very best of luck in their quest for justice. I think that NZNTVA, and the NZ Government have done extremely well, in probably being the only country where nuclear service is recognized by way of a medal.

Roy Sefton
Chairman, NZ Nuclear Test Veterans Association

NATIONAL WEBSITES

AMVETS <http://www.amvets.org>
American Legion..... <http://www.legion.org>
Veterans of Foreign Wars. <http://www.vfw.org>
Disabled American Veterans..... <http://dav.org>

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Dear NAAV Members,

I was a member of the Nuclear Test Community for seven years, during which time I was exposed to radiation during and after several Atom Bomb Tests. My health has since severely declined due to my participation in the earth shaking and vaporizing activities of the DOD. Due to the nature of the tests, I was often a virtual prisoner during the cold war in "no man's land" and unable to back out of participation in actual detonations and decontamination of equipment.

I have had the following consequences: (1) early loss of teeth, (2) respiratory problems, (3) vision impairment, (4) bone demineralization, and (5) heart trouble. Additionally, I was exposed to Agent Orange and have been mistreated on the many visits I make to the VAMC in Birmingham, AL. I have had letters to the US Senate and the US Congress written on my behalf, but the lack of action in this regard is despicable.

George N. Theodore
Homewood, AL

Thank you

Caroline & Walter Hooke
Cambridge, NY 12816

Re: Atomic Veterans Newsletter, Vol 24 #3

Dear Bill:

Congratulations on an excellent issue. A great idea to remind all of Orville Kelly and the contributions of John Cofman, MD,Phd.

Dr. Cofman has been so generous with his time and efforts over the years and unlike so many people of his ability was generous with this attitude to the least fortunate among us as to those of so called importance.

There is a great article of Dr. Cofman and his work in the excellent book "American Ground Hero" by Carole Gallagher. Several early NAAV members are also subject of fine interviews with their photos in the book published by MIT.

Good work and the enclosed small check to help cover costs of the newsletter.

Sincerely,
Walter

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Thank You

Dear Commander,

Thank you so much for the wonderful cover of the Jan. '04 newsletter. I am the individual who wrote to you concerning the role Orville and Wanda Kelly played in founding NAAV. I am a life subscriber. My wife, Jeannie, was Orville's personal secretary. She was with him since the beginning. I loved Orville very much and I wish everyone could have known him. His widow, Wanda, is doing well down in Ozark Beach, MO. We were supporters and close friends of the Kellys. NAAV has done and is doing a wonderful job for our veterans. Keep up the great work.

God Bless.

Sincerely,
Tom Kuster
W. Burlington, IA

Thank You

Dear Sir,

Thank you for all the good work you are doing. I've been a member about 20 years. I was at Buster Jangle Advance Party to Camp Desert Rock which I helped build air strip and roads. I witnessed Shot Dog Nov. 1, 1951. I was six miles away from ground zero. I also was stationed at Camp Desert Rock approximately 3 months so heard other blasts go off 22 miles away. I had a claim in for 10 years from 1987 to 1997 – turned down by Board of Veteran Appeals at Washington D.C. I'm working part time to supplement my Social Security retirement.

Thank you again,
Dennis E. Pleasant

Dear Comm. Harper,

I applied for DAV membership in 2003, and was accepted because I was covered under DAV Resolution 122.

All Atomic Veterans, are now eligible to become DAV members, so please let them be aware of this in our quarterly NAAV Newspaper.

Thank you in advance

Bill Fish, NAAV Commander for the State of Illinois

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION

CASTLE

USAF or Army-**Operation Castle** 1953-54

Contact: Dale Smith
P.O. Box 532
Greenville, IL 62246
618-664-1565

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HARDTACK/REUNION

Late August or Mid September

Contact: Donald Tennant
219 Locust Ave #3
Fairmont, WV 26554
304-363-0895

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UPSHOT & KNOTHOLE

I was a Desert Rock, NV in 1953 **Upshot** and **Knothole** – Sgt 1st Class – 9th Eng. Out of Ft. Lewis – helped build barracks and gates – run equipment to cover up the dead animals. Was there for five blasts – had to sign papers and then sent back to Korea – my second trip to there.

Of course there are no records of mine in St. Louis, They burned up so they say. I do have my discharge papers to prove I was in the service.

I have a case pending for the schrapnel I got in my left leg in Korea and having trouble with now. Have lots of health problems now.

Anyone who might remember me – would like to hear from.

Walter R. Kennedy
14495 N.W.Old Pumpkin Ridge Rd.
North Plains, Oregon 97133-6149
503-647-9865

BIKINI

National Association of Atomic Veterans
Chandler, Arizona 85248

Dear Sirs:

I was in the US Navy from 1945-1949. My tour of duty was aboard the USS Haven. I was on the atomic test sites at Bikini in July of 1946. While there I witnessed shots Abel and Baker. My watch consisted of monitoring the intakes of sea-water for desalination. I was on watch four hours on and four hours off, holding Geiger counters to the intake pipes. According to the government information we have read, those who monitored the intake for water treatment had the greatest radiation exposure. After the second bomb, I ended up in sick bay on the hospital ship (USS Haven). My twin brother says that I was in isolation, and he couldn't see me. The next thing I remember was waking up in the Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego. I have no recollection of the return trip, or even how I got there. My medical records are missing, and no one can find them. My twin brother's medical history has been found under my name, in which case one might think my records would be under his name, but they are missing.

Help! Is there anyone out there who can recollect having been in the Balboa Naval Hospital for radiation treatment? Within 6 months after being discharged from the Navy, I became extremely ill again, and so I went to the VA Hospital in Detroit in 1949. The doctor there asked for my medical records from Balboa, because when he asked me what was wrong, I did not know. He never received anything. In the meantime, in desperation, I went to a private physician who put me on complete synthetic thyroid tablets. I have been on them all my life. If I do not take them, I become extremely ill within a short time.

Surely there were others who have had similar experiences. The only ones I have heard about are all deceased, from cancer and other related problems.

Sincerely,
Elbert Rice USN 7902136
Telephone: 541-894-2526
FAX: 541-894-2526

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First Come First Served

NAAV has received from The National Academies free of charge a few copies (hard cover) of "A REVIEW of the DOSE RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency". They are available for the cost of \$5.00 for packaging and shipping only. At present we only have 16 copies but hope to have more shortly.

If those who wish to receive a copy, send me a request by e-mail.

Doc

hotdoc0@cox.net

History Does Repeat Itself



Shoulder Patch of the "Manhattan Project"



A shoulder patch like no other; authorized, never issued, never worn, rarely seen.

Received from

Vincent A. Rose

Life Member

Tarpon Springs, FL

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For Period January, 2003 to January, 2004

Prepared 4/09/2004

Arizona Bank of America Account #0046 7818 5861 (General Fund)

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/2003	
\$3,265.42	
Receipts (Deposits) for YEAR 2003	\$24,771.85
Withdrawals (Expenses) for YEAR 2003	16,388.96
Ending Balance as of 12/31/2003	
\$11,648.31	

Houston Chase Bank Account #634-0034528-65 (Life Fund)

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/2003	
\$7,002.59	
Receipts (Deposits) for YEAR 2003	\$20,000.00
Withdrawals (Expenses/Transfers)	5,324.00
Ending Balance as of 12/31/2003	
\$21,678.59	

Houston Chase Bank Account #634-0023247-65 (QuarterMaster)

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/2003	
\$1,881.33	
Receipts/Sales (Deposits)	\$12,598.94
Withdrawals (Expenses)	12,094.18
Ending Balance as of 12/31/2003	
\$2,386.09	

Consolidated Accounts

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/2003	
\$12,149.34	
Receipts/Sales (Deposits)	\$57,370.79
Withdrawals (Expenses)	23,807.14
Ending Balance as of 12/31/2003	
\$35,712.99	

Overall Increase in Funds \$23,563.65

Submitted by,
Bernard (Bernie) E. Clark
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MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The National Association of Atomic Veterans recognizes that civilians as well as military personnel were exposed to harmful nuclear material radiation. Accordingly, NAAV has opened membership to all civilians involved in nuclear programs, as well as their families.

Membership Application

1. Name _____ Spouse _____ Date _____
2. Address _____ Zip _____
3. Telephone number () _____ Date of Birth _____
4. Branch of service _____ Dates _____ Service# _____ SSN# _____
5. Ship, Marine Army divisions units, Air Force squadrons, etc. _____
6. Place and conditions under which you were exposed to radiation _____
7. Illnesses that may have been caused by your exposure to radiation _____
8. Illnesses and birth defects of children and grandchildren, if any _____
9. Claims filed with VA? ___ When? _____ If denied, explain why and send copy of VA's denial letter _____
10. Reasons for filing claims _____
11. If atomic veteran related to you is deceased; please send copy of death certificate with Date of death _____ Cause of Death _____
Illnesses that preceded death _____
12. Name, address and telephone number of person who filled out this form if different from above: _____
13. I give NAAV permission to publish any of the above information
Signature _____ Date _____
14. NAAV may also publish my name, address and telephone number
Signature _____ Date _____

Annual Dues \$20.00 - Life Memberships \$200.00, payable in quarterly installments of \$25.00 or more. Do not send cash. Make check or money order payable to NAAV and send to:

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