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FROM THE DESK OF OUR NATIONAL COMMANDER



Keith Kiefer
NAAV - Commander

I wish all of you a blessed Easter season. I hope you're able to spend and enjoy this time with family and friends.

Please take time to thank Bob Ruyle for the years of service producing the NAAV Newsletter. Bob will continue to serve as our Secretary. Bob having recently lost this wife and celebrating his eighty-eighth birthday is looking to reduce his time commitments and enjoy more retirement time.

This quarter's newsletter provides updates on some of the activities to obtain recognition and compensation for those affected by the nuclear legacy.

Our friends across the pond continue their efforts in obtaining recognition and compensation.

I'm sad to say the Enewetak Memorial event that was planned for June has been postponed for a yet to be determined later date.

The status of our August convention is yet to be

determined. We need to get a read on the members' interest and comfort level (with COVID) to determine if the attendance level would support a conference this year.

We will be having board nominations and elections since Fred Schafer, Frank Farmer, Haskel Watts and Robert Pfeifer's terms will be complete.

The Polomare Spain legal action supported by the Yale law students has a hearing on April 7th, 2022.

We will continue to work hard in 2022 to get RECA extended, and get Enewetak and Polomare Cleanup veterans the compensation and recognition they deserve. We can't do this alone. We need your support through phone calls and letters to your Federal Representatives (House and Senate). Don't forget editorials too.

We have made great progress, however, now is the time to double our efforts.

Keith (K²)

FROM THE DESK OF OUR NAAV VICE COMMANDER

Hope everyone is doing Great, looks like this virus is slowing. It also Looks like we may be able to have a Convention this August. We will soon know if everything works for this year. We hope to see you in Tennessee.



Fred Schafer
NAAV
Vice Commander

Keith Is staying busy with a lot of projects.

He is a very busy person. We need to thank him for the time he spends doing what he does.

We have many Members and Spouses with health problems. We need to keep in our prayers.

Membership: Keep getting new members and the items in the store continue to sell. We are getting a new list put together of the Items we have for sale. It will be in this next Newsletter. Keith Has set up an account to pay your dues online, or order from the store and want to pay online call Keith. His phone # is 612-232-6596.

I will repeat this. **Keep working with you states and Federal Congress to Get July 16th as Atomic Veterans Day annually. Also get a section of Highway to become Atomic Veterans Memorial Highway.** State Commanders PLEASE Please Make contact with your members and get members to get current in dues and Information, **just \$ 25.00** will get them current. Please update your information. If your phone numbers are not current, email or call with that information.

When you send in dues let us know of any changes. Thank you to members that send in extra dues earmarked for helping someone that needs help with their dues and other support of NAAV.com,

Please make checks out to NAAV. Not to me.

Let's help update the Data Base.

A big **Thank you** to the State commanders and members that have supported NAAV. We are getting our Data Base updated. Many of our Life members have passed away and we were not notified

Please stay safe and be careful!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred Schafer".

IVAL Update

Bill Sills, NAAV Idaho State Commander, is also our Idaho Veterans Affairs Liaison (IVAL).

Bill reported they plan to rebuild the Boise Veterans home as a five story structure and substantially rehabilitate the Idaho Falls and Pocatello homes.

Thank you Bill for the update and representing NAAV..

We need your immediate help!

Dr. Yael Daniel has asked the desendent children of those exposed to ionization radiation to participate in a multigenerational project. NAAV desendents are one of the many groups asked to participate. Ideally, participants will complete the survey by the end of May. Preliminary results are planned to be presented in Viena, Austria at the First Meeting of States Parties (1MSP) to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) is scheduled for June 2022.

Dr. Yael Danieli, is the Founder and Executive Director, International Center for MultiGenerational Legacies of Trauma; Director, Group Project for Holocaust Survivors and their Children.



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The formal invite is as follows:

Please, complete and forward as widely and to as many as possible:

Launching a new study for children of people who experienced nuclear radiation/fallout exposure

The research team at the International Center for the study, prevention and treatment of MultiGenerational Legacies of Trauma is inviting you to complete a comprehensive questionnaire that can help to better understand how families have been affected by and lived after nuclear radiation/fallout exposure.

Every response is welcome and valuable.

If you are a child of a person who was exposed to nuclear radiation/fallout, you are invited to participate in this important study by completing the questionnaire.

For more information and to participate in this ground-breaking study please click on:

[Survey of Family Adaptation to Trauma](https://www.iglow.world/)

If the hyperlink doesn't work please go to:

<https://www.iglow.world/>



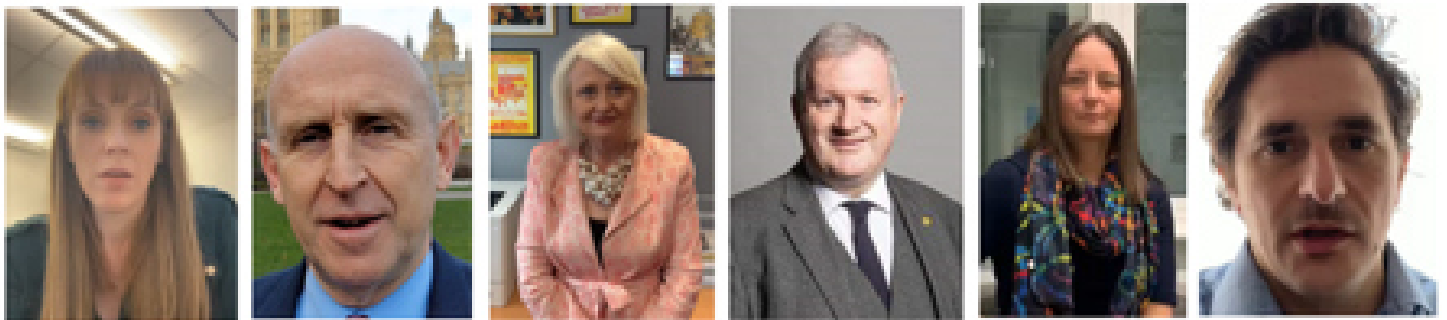
LABRATS INTERNATIONAL



We were privileged to have Keith Kiefer, Ken Brownell, Kathy Sinai and Victoria Moore join our seminar on the 19th February in Manchester, England via video link. The seminar started our year of events as 2022 is the 70th Anniversary of Operation Hurricane and the 60th Anniversary of Operation Dominic. The seminar brought together organisations from across the world, who continue to fight for recognition, truth and justice.

The seminar was opened by the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Councillor Tommy Judge. Rebecca Long-Bailey MP gave a very emotional speech to start the seminar.

Angela Rayner MP, John Healey MP, Siobhain McDonagh MP, Ian Blackford MP, Carol Monaghan MP, and Johnny Mercer MP gave messages of support.



We were privileged to receive presentations from Alicia Sanders-Zakre (ICAN), Richard Outram (Mayors for Peace), Jaroslav Krasney, and Dr Rebecca Johnson.



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		_____	3.00	_____
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12-C	NAAV "Atomic Veteran" Certificate * (8x11- 4 color)	_____	15.00	_____
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14-P	NAAV "Atomic Bomb Test" Photo ** (8 x 11 color **)	_____	15.00	_____
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		_____	2.00	_____

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F.H. Schafer - National Vice Commander



2022 NAAV Convention Survey

Please check one

_____ I will be attending.

Including myself _____ maybe attending.

_____ I maybe attending.

Including myself _____ may attending.

_____ I will not be attending.

Please rank these dates with the number 1 being the preferred date.

_____ August 10th to 13th 2022, _____ August 17th to 20th and, _____ August 24th to 27th 2022.

Please send this to Fred Schafer prior to the end of May (address listed top of the page)

TAPS



- William CarverAlamagardo, NM
- Robert J. Mathias.....Powers, MI
- Ben H. Garcia.....El Paso, TX
- Roy M. Woodsmall.....Terre Haute, IN
- Bill D. Swaim.....Huntsville, AL
- Robert M. Lorsung.....Fergus Falls, MN
- Marvin E. Nagel.....Clarksville, TN
- Sheldon M. Wallerstein.....Fort River, NJ
- William J. Bacin.....Antioch, CA
- James Turner.....Oxford, NY
- Delno Taylor.....Marshall, AR
- Milton Holloway.....Sonoma, CA
- Russell J. Morgan.....Boise, ID
- Gerald Helgeson.....Rosemont, MN

Please send back the survey and save the date

There are three possible weekends we are looking at for the 2022 NAAV Convention. They are August 10th to 13th 2022, August 17th to 20th and August 24th to 27th 2022. We plan to hold the Convention in or near Oak Ridge Tennessee. More to come in the second quarter NAAV Newsletter of 2022. Please return survey prior to the end on May. See page 6 for the survey.

TAPS ENTRY ERRORS

In the NAAV December 2021 4th Quarter Newsletter Taps section we inadvertently listed Mr. Jazzome. We apologize to Clarence. his family and friends for any inconvenience this error may have caused.

**ENEWETAK ATOLL
RADIOLOGICAL
CLEANUP MEMORIAL
GATHERING**



The Enewetak Atoll Memorial gathering in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 3, 2022 has been rescheduled for a date and location to be determined in 2023.

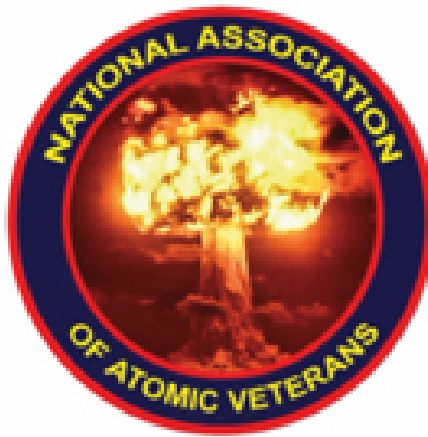
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Three discussion groups took place, starting with the Veterans discussion which was introduced by Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham with messages of support from the Metro Mayor of the Liverpool City Region, Steve Rotheram. Susie Boniface (Daily Mirror) chaired the veteran's discussion group. The veteran's discussion group was joined remotely by Ken Brownell and Keith Kiefer linking in from the USA.



This was followed by a very emotional Wives and Widows discussion chaired by Dr Keeley-Jones. Marion Gumbrell who could not attend in person, linked in via zoom. This discussion was very emotional and there was not a dry eye in the house.

The final discussion was from the descendants, chaired by Rebecca Long-Bailey MP. This proved to be a very emotional discussion, with waves of sadness and anger across the stage. We were privileged to be joined by Karina Lester from Australia and Kathy Sinai & Victoria Moore from the USA.



Karina Lester



Kathy Sinai



Victoria Moore

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Closing remarks were given by Alicia Sanders-Zakre and Susie Boniface. Our mascot Kitty was unveiled at the seminar, who will provide our educational talks to children so that they can understand that nuclear testing took place and that these tests should never be forgotten.



She will be educating the children at events across the UK.

In the evening, an informal dinner was held, with a chance for veterans and their families to have their pictures taken with our 4 rats. (Jessie, Dom, Runit, and Kitty)

You can read about the event by visiting our website - <https://www.labrats.international/post/i-can-t-put-a-medal-on-a-gravestone>

After the event, the UK Health Security Agency published their fourth study into the Mortality and cancer incidence in United Kingdom participants in the United Kingdom's atmospheric nuclear weapon tests and experimental programmes.

This new study includes figures from 1952–2017 and is a continuation of the previous NRPB Studies. It has been carried out by the UK Health Security Agency (previously Public Health England).



The results showed that there is an increased risk of harm, especially in one group the “In less than 20 years after the test”, personnel are **18.95** times more likely to develop multiple myeloma than the control group.

You can read about the finding on our website - <https://www.labrats.international/post/study-shows-increased-risk-of-harm>

We are still awaiting a meeting with our Prime Minister, but in this 60th and 70th anniversary year, we demand formal recognition from the UK government. We hope to see you all at your annual conference this year.

Thank You

Thank you, Barbara Jordon, NAAV Alaska State Commander and daughter of Frank Farmer, for your support of RECA. Barbara was instrumental in getting Senator Sullivan to cosponsor RECA. We anticipate Senator Murkowski will become a cosponsor soon.



Alan Owen – on behalf of LABRATS International

DELNO TAYLOR FORMER ARKANSAS STATE COMMANDER PASSES

Delno Taylor of Snowball, Arkansas, age 89, passed away. He was born in Snowball on August 31, 1932, to Seymour Taylor and Floy (Phillips) Taylor, the second youngest of 10 children. He grew up in a time where families were close, and he had a special bond with his brothers and sisters.

Delno worked in the timber and as a cowhand until joining the US Navy during the Korean War. He spent six years in the Navy and travelled the world. In 1958, he participated in Operation Hard Tack 1 in the South Pacific where he helped test atomic bombs.

After being honorably discharged from the Navy, he came back to Snowball and married Mary Jean Livingston. They had one daughter, Pamela Taylor Yancey. Delno joined the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America in California and worked as a union carpenter and millwright for 30 years, all over the United States.

He loved to fish and coon hunt, but his passion was horses. In 1980, he organized the Snowball-Falling Water Trail Ride and he continued to lead the ride for over 20 years.

Delno joined NAAV and became the NAAV Arkansas State Commander. During his tenure he was instrumental in getting the "Atomic Veteran Delno Taylor Highway," "Honoring All Atomic Veterans" established along Highway 74.



RECA Less than 90 days until this program sunsets

Please, we need your help. We have less than 90 days to get the current Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) extended or the legislation passed. Presently, HR5338/S2798 has 68 Congressional and 17 Senate cosponsors. We need each NAAV member to call their two Federal State Senators and your Congressperson. Ask them to support and cosponsor the bills. This program has been very significant for our veterans and their family members.

NAAV ASKED TO SPEAK AT BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS NUCLEAR VICTIMS DAY AND BIKINI DAY

NAAV was asked to speak in Bentonville, Arkansas at the Nuclear Victims Day (Mar. 1) and Bikini Day (Mar. 5). Fred Schafer (pictured with his wife, Barbara), NAAV National Vice Commander, went to represent NAAV. Other speakers included Holly Barker, Commissioner, National Nuclear Commission. As usual, Eldon Alik, (pictured with his wife) Marshallese General Consul, was an outstanding host.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

S3003 Comprehensive and Overdue Support for Troops (COST) of War Act of 2021 has zero cosponsors.

HR3967 Honoring our PACT Act of 2021 has one hundred Congressional cosponsors.

HR1585/S565 Mark Takai Atomic Veterans Healthcare Parity Act has one hundred twenty eight Congressional cosponsors and nineteen Senators respectively.

HR2580/S1151 Palomares Veterans Act of 2021 has four Congressional cosponsors and four Senators respectively.



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