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MINNESOTA'S ATOMIC VETERANS DAY

Thank you Minnesota State Commander, Paul Gunderson and his wife, Eliaine for your support coordinating the 2021 Minnesota Atomic Veterans Day. We had good food, good conversation and time to catch up on each other's lives. It was good after having so many events cancelled on/ or rescheduled.

I hope other states were able to get together and celebrate.



SECRETARY OF NAAV BOARD AND EDITOR/PUBLISHER OF NEWSLETTER

I want to let you know that it has been an honor to serve the NAAV group as Secretary of the Board and the Editor and Publisher of your quarterly newsletter. But due to the wife's death and now some ongoing health issues I must resign from these positions. I am sure the board will find another editor of the newsletter as a daughter of a recently passed member had already volunteered. Thanks again for your comments as I officially resign this day of October 12th and will be getting your 3rd quarter newsletter printed and mailed out in the next few days.

Thanks again for your understanding! BOB

FROM THE DESK OF OUR NAAV VICE COMMANDER



Fred Schafer
NAAV -Vice Commander

September 2021

Hope all are doing Great, with this virus all around us. This staying at home is hard to live with. This Delta Virus is very strong now and this fall and winter, so please stay SAFE. Maybe we will be able to have a convention this next Aug 2022. We

will still have to be careful, Wear mask. When we have a convention, this will not be like a normal convention.

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.

This Year has gone by very fast. Like most of you probably, getting things caught up around the house. Those projects that I have been putting off, are getting done now.

Membership continues to grow and the items in the store continue to sell. 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, just \$ 25.00 will get them current.

Please update your information. If your phone numbers are not current, E-mail 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.

Member when you send in a check for your annual dues please send in your phone number and e-mail address.a note on how the money is to be used. Let's help update the Data Base.

A big Thank you to the State commanders and members that have supported NAAV.

Please stay safe and be careful

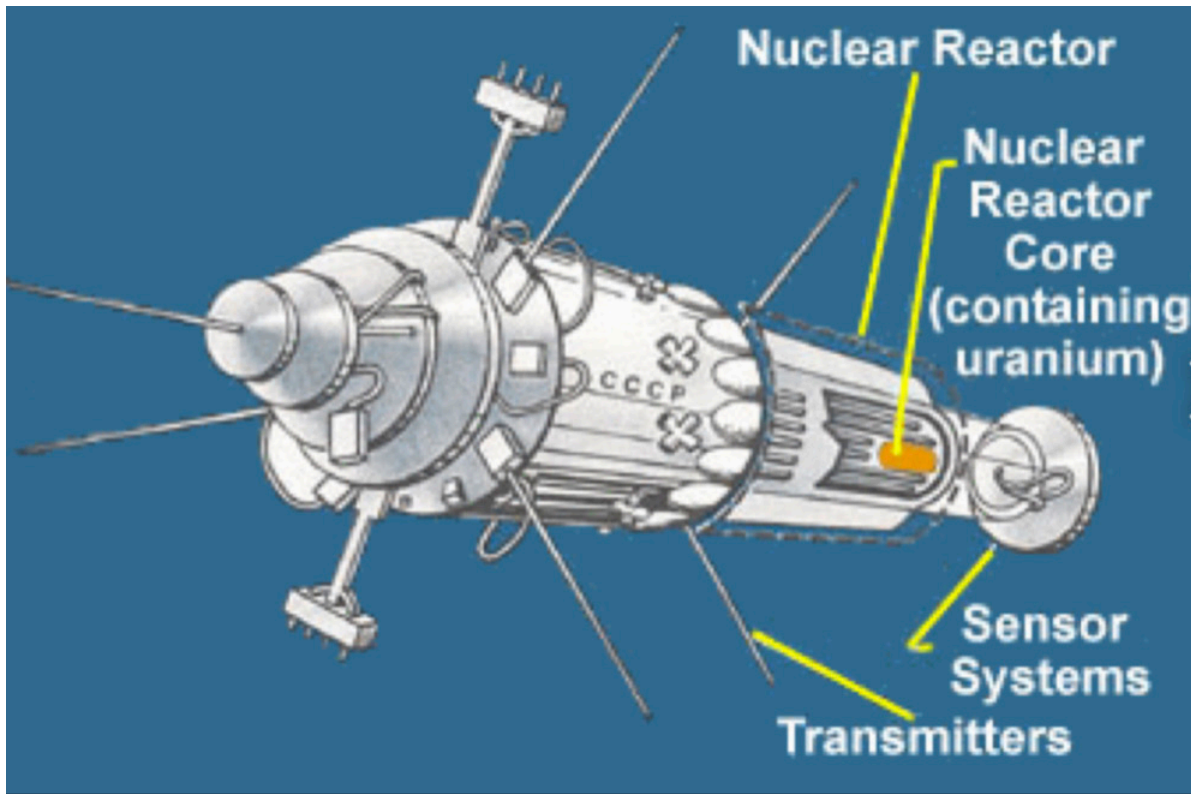
Thank yo"

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

Fred Schafer National Vice Commander



Cosmos 954 Incident • Operation Morning Light



Kosmos 954 (Russian: Космос 954) was a reconnaissance satellite launched by the Soviet Union in 1977. A malfunction prevented safe separation of its onboard nuclear reactor; when the satellite reentered the Earth's atmosphere the following year, it scattered radioactive debris over northern Canada, some of the debris landing in the Great Slave Lake next to Fort Resolution, NWT.



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LABRATS continues to work with organisations and individuals across the globe on projects and worldwide awareness of the testing programs carried out. We are working extremely hard on many projects across our Education, Recognition and Awareness programs.



LOOKMEINTHEEYE

The lookmeintheeye campaign took a major step forward on the 28th June. Laura Morris, John Morris, Jacqueline Purse, and Steve Purse travelled a long way to meet with Sir Keir Starmer (Leader of the Labour Party), John Healey MP (Shadow Defence Secretary), Rebecca Long-Bailey MP and Stephanie Peacock MP.

At our meeting with Sir Keir, He opened the meeting by saying: *“The country owes you a debt of honour. And I’m sorry for what you and your families have been put through, not only with the testing, but the absolute failure to support, recognise or address what came afterwards, which rubs salt in the wounds.”*

He went on: *“The terrible decision to not award a medal was politically wrong, and morally completely wrong. The Prime Minister must now meet you, hear what you have to say, and do what it takes. We will support you all the way.”*



In 1990 Tony Blair (then UK Prime Minister) voted for a law granting compensation to test veterans; in 1997 he turned his back on them. Susie Boniface told him about it and asked if he could promise never to betray them the same way. “Yes,” he said. “I’ve seen too many examples of this sort of injustice.” We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Sir Keir and the Labour party MP’s who met with us yesterday.



LABRATS INTERNATIONAL (continued)



Susie Boniface explaining the testing programme.

To all the Veterans, families, MPS from multiple parties and supporters who have supported the #lookmeintheeye campaign, we also thank you for the continued support. We will keep flag-waving, campaigning for recognition until we are heard, and the Veterans are formally recognised.

ALL-TESTS REUNION

The All-Tests Reunion will be held September 20-24 at Pontins, West-Super-Mare, where over 100 veterans and their families meet at an adult only venue. This year, this event is even more important to our veteran’s mental health as last year was cancelled. We have received sponsorship from three organisations to enable us to host the event, with the sponsorship money being used to fund entertainment and to help people who are unable to afford the trip.

At this event, we will also be creating further look me in the eye videos and asking the participants to sign a banner, which we hope to use in a march in London, should the Prime Minister refuse to meet with us.

The reunion is a week-long event, with a visit to a local air museum, quizzes, competitions, videos, and discussions. Many parts of the event will be streamed live via our Facebook page.



Alexandra (Sandie) Hern

We also have to announce with great sadness, that Sandie Hern (which many of you met at your Annual Conference in 2019) passed away on the 5th August 2021.

She was dedicated to not just the Nuclear Veterans, but to other Charitable causes. She worked tirelessly and campaigned for many years, including organising the All-Tests Reunion at Pontins.

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Cosmos 954 Incident • Operation Morning Light

“A Case for Redress”

My Research into Canadian law suggests there are four prerequisites before damages can be awarded. They are; a duty of care, a negligent misrepresentation, reliance and resulting damage.

Duty of Care

The Canadian government was responsible for disseminating information about radioactivity in relation to Cosmos 954 and the The Ion River site and relied upon the RCMP management and Canadian forces personnel (Lieutenant Colonel Davidson) to carry out that task. It was in the dissemination of information or rather the failure to disseminate the necessary information that is the issue.

The advise and critical information that should have been provided to me fell within the responsibility of my employer and Lieutenant Colonel Davidson.

It must be seen that Lieutenant Colonel Davidson accepted a relationship with me which required him to exercise such care as the circumstances required. The RCMP most definitely had and (sic) employee/employer relationship requiring them to exercise duty of care.

It could be argued that the Canadian government and the RCMP had an increased or ‘elevated’ duty of care given the employee/employer relationship that existed.

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Negligent Misrepresentation

The Canadian government through their employee Lieutenant Colonel Davidson and RCMP management failed to exercise that standard of care that reasonably should have been required in the circumstances and their omissions constituted negligent misrepresentations. They failed to inform me that available test results were limited in scope or not completed, failed to inform me about the dangers of exposure to radiation and failed to provide me with even the very basic information about personal protection in the circumstances.

It is clear that the failure on the part of the Government of Canada, represented by RCMP management and Lieutenant Colonel Davidson, is evident of negligence misrepresentation. Their failures to provide me with important information and their lack of transparency reassurance me and therefore I saw no reason to question my deployment.

Reliance

I relied on the advise and assurance about the safety of the assignment in order to make a judgement as to whether I would follow orders and deploy.

The information that was critical to me in relation to my decision making was not provided and in the circumstances, the RCMP and Lieutenant Colonel Davidson knew and accepted that their judgement would be relied upon.

My continued reliance upon the information given or lack of important provided was reasonable. There was no other information available that would have alerted me to the fact, that dangerous radioactivity existed at the site which had potentially serious health effects.



Resulting Damage

I suffered a loss because of my reliance on the negligent misrepresentations made to me by the RCMP and Lieutenant Colonel Davidson an employee of the Canadian forces. Lieutenant Colonel Davidson failed to provide vital facts that would have had a significant on my decision making, and course of action at the time. This withholding of information has resulted in significant health issues, emotional distress, loss of earnings and protracted medical treatment in early 1979 and I continue to be affected. I have suffered economic loss and other consequential damage.

It would be unreasonable for the RCMP to claim they had no information about the levels of radioactivity or risks associated with the site, given they were sending one of their employees into what at the very least appeared to be a radiation risk activity. Either DND refused to provide the RCMP with vital information or the RCMP simply didn't ask.

There can be no question that the Canadian government had a right, as a policy matter, to decide to whom information would be disseminated. However, in the circumstances it would have been completely appropriate and necessary.

Although DND was responsible for the logistics in terms of transport and support, I remained an RCMP employee. The employee/employer relationship did not change throughout the operation.

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Conclusion

It should be clear that the Canadian government through its employee Lieutenant Colonel Davidson and the RCMP, owed a duty of care to me and they were negligent in the performance of the duty and I suffered because off this negligence.

The negligent thread that runs through every aspect of the Canadian government's acts and omissions in relation to my deployment on the high risk activity during Operation Morning Light are clear and disturbing.

In their rush to respond to the Cosmos 954 event they failed me in every way including their duty of care, their obligation to disclose vital information and their poor advise throughout what was an extremely high risk activity.

That failure, through clear negligence, resulted in my unnecessary exposure at the time and a complete abdication of their responsibility in terms of medical assessment, follow-up and aftercare.

Robert Grinstead

4 March 20

article submitted by Ralph Killoran

WHO SAYS IT ISN'T SO

Because of the nature of my son's death, several months ago, I wrote an article suggesting a possible relationship of both his passing and that of my daughter, twenty years earlier, to my exposure to radiation when I was in the navy. Both of them had suffered with problems related to their endocrine systems (I didn't go into detail about the fact that several other health problems in our family could also have relevancy.) According to what I have read, several credible scientists seem to support my position.

Last night (October 3, 2021) we watched "Call the Midwife" on our TV and, surprisingly, the episode involved two cases where the man had been involved with nuclear weapons and his wife gave birth to a problem baby. This is a British TV Series; I am interested to see if there is any attention paid to this in the news media.



F. Lincoln Grahlfs PhD

**CALL
THE
MIDWIFE**

OCTOBER A DAY OF REKONING



To all STATE COMMANDERS, this will be a day you must turn into the director of State Commanders an uptodate list of you members in your state. For those with over 50 members you can contact Gillie Jenkns to use his “BEEN VERIFIED” account to help locate members that have moved and/or changed their phone numbers. We need to keep our list up to date as in checking some we find members have been dead for more than three years. So each year we will be checking on you, that’s your job.

Each of you will be receiving a letter with the current list of members in your state each year and it is your job to keep it up to date. Many die and their children do not let us know so we can remove them from the list and or continue to send it to a new address. If they are a member that pays yearly we must also remind them to keep up their dues. So we always need any change of address, phone number and email. So we are making OCTOBER A DAY OF RECKONING and will be checking on each of you as we need the information this month.

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Alexandra (Sandie) Hern

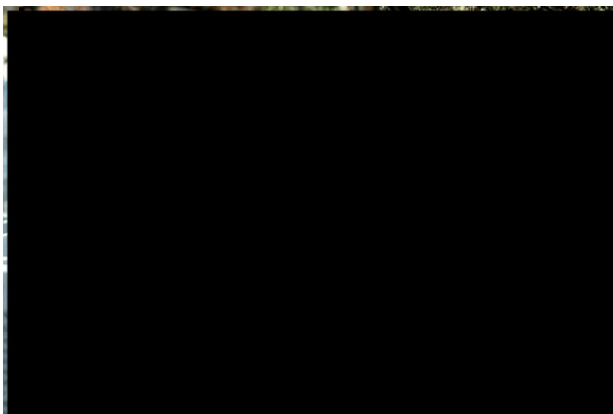
In her memory and that of Jim Cooper (the founder of the reunion, who passed away on 5th July 2021), a memorial bench will be dedicated to them in the grounds of Pontins, where the reunion is held in September.

They will both be greatly missed.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank NAAV and the other organisations within the USA who are working closely with us on ensuring that the Atomic Veterans and their families are never forgotten.

Alan Owen – on behalf of LABRATS International

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NAVAD, OCTOBER 3, UK

Thank you, Eric and Janet Barton and others supporting this event.



Eric and Janet Barton at the National Arboretum, Staffordshire, UK

On October 3, 2021 UK, National Atomic Veteran's Awareness Day (NAVAD) Eric and Janet Barton laid wreaths in observance of NAVAD for NAAV, Operation Dominic and LABRATS. The wreaths were laid in Staffordshire, UK National arboretum.



The National Association of Atomic Veterans, Inc., USA (NAAV) wishes to honor all Atomic Veterans throughout the world, in deep respect to the sacrifices they have endured. We also wish to honor the families of these veterans that also have gone through the consequence of their service. It is our desire that peoples everywhere will become aware of what the veterans and their families have experienced and undergone over the past seventy six years. When we unite we can overcome!

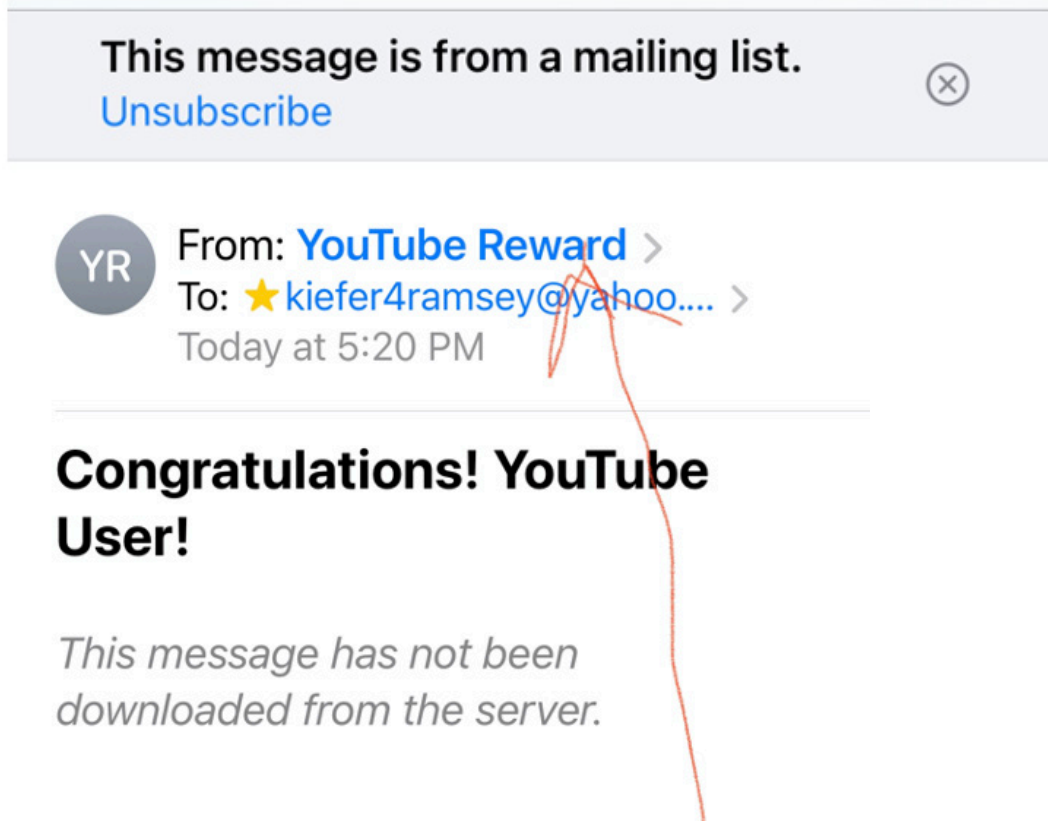
On behalf of NAAV

Keith Kiefer
MAAV National Commander

BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAMS

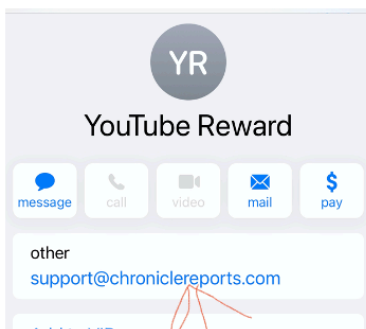
Over the months some members have been sent emails from what appears to be from a NAAV board member or another member asking for help, money or gift cards. Always call the person to verify the request is legitimate.

Another way to verify who the email is from, is to place the pointer over the sender's name and double click on the name.



Red arrow points to what looks like the sender "YouTube Reward"

If you place the pointer over the name and double click the true sender appears.



Here, after double clicking you find the sender is really "support@chroniclereports.com", not YouTube Rewards.

Never reply or open an attachment in an email from a sender you don't recognize or appears suspicious.

URGENT NEED FOR HELP

We have an urgent matter we need your help with.

We need you, your family, friends and neighbors to take four actions immediately.

The RECA (Radiation Exposure Compensation Act) legislation S2798/HR5338 introduced mid-September that may not include two groups of Veterans that should be included. The first group is approximately 6000 Veterans that participated in the Enewetak Atoll Radiological Cleanup Project. The second group omitted is the Palomares, Spain Broken Arrow Operation (~<1500).

In an effort to head off these omissions, we ask your help doing four tasks. First, contact your Member of Congress and Senators by using the pre-generated email in the link below to ask for their help with these matters and to become a cosponsor of the bill(s) HR5338/S2798

Step 1) Contact your Member of Congress and Senators

<https://p2a.co/rHjPC4c>

Go to this link put your name and address in and it will look up your two Senators and Congressperson and automatically send an email from you.

The next steps are to make three calls using the proposed script below.

Call Step 2) Senator Crapo - (202) 224-6142

Call Step 3) Senator Lujan - (202) 224-6621

Call Step 4) Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernandez - (202) 225-6190

HERE'S WHAT TO SAY...

Hi my name is xxxxxxxx. I'm a (constituent, Veteran, Cleanup Veteran).

I understand the RECA Amendments of 2021 may not include the Enewetak and Palomares, Spain cleanup Veterans. I'm calling to ask they be included in the bill(s) (HR5338/S2798) introduced mid-September. Inclusion of these Veterans is the moral, just action.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

THE CESSPOOL CALLED “SOCIAL MEDIA”

One persons opinion. You might ask what does this have to do with NAAV?

That would be a good question, since NAAV doesn't have an “Official” “Social Media” site, group or other collective. Over the years a number of sites have appeared, usually started by a current or former NAAV member. Examples are NAAV Yahoo Groups (Discontinued by Yahoo) and FaceBook National Assn of Atomic Veterans. Until the past approximately year, little to no problems have arisen, so NAAV did not complain or interfere or take action on the use of its trademarked/ copy righted materials or likeness or representations. From time to time, and more recently, we have had to intervene when an individual(s) have disseminated information which was defamatory, caused division, confusion and/or false.

We also learned that the NAAV FaceBook closed group, which was requiring that a member of the FaceBook closed group also be a paid NAAV member, was not being very tactful in asking members to become current on the NAAV membership. This led to bad feelings and division. To any NAAV past or present members that experienced this, we apologize. Through this transition period the membership in the FaceBook Closed group dropped from over 400 members to about 160.

I myself, am not a fan of “Social Media”/ FaceBook. I didn't write on the (bathroom) wall as an adolescent, why would I start as an adult. I find more and more “Social Media” is becoming a vehicle to divide individuals and censor communications.

BOB'S FARWELL

I want thank all of you for your support during my time of serving on the board as Secretary and as the Editor and Publisher of the NAAV Newsletter .

There have been some trying time with the government and especially the VA in compensation and recognition. I still believe that the words we had on our T-Shirts at the Washington DC Convention were the most truthful and the best...

...DELAY DENY
UNTIL THEY DIE





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