



# NAAV NEWS

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## FROM THE DESK OF OUR NATIONAL COMMANDER

We hope your Holidays were full of positive memories.

The 2023 fourth quarter was extremely busy.

We came very close to having the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) extension and expansion in the final version of the National Defense Appropriations Act (NDAA). At the twelfth hour it was removed from the NDAA. The Senate amendment had bipartisan support. You may recall this program, if not renewed, will sunset in June of 2024. We believe two to three opportunities exist to resurrect it in the 2024 first quarter. The subject received a lot of media attention, so many have become aware of the legislation. We picked up four more Congresspersons on the stand alone bill.

HR4466 "The Presume Act" picked up one more Congressman.

In December a Massachusetts Ceremony to Honor Atomic Veterans was hosted by Congressman McGovern. More will be shared in the NAAV 2024 first Quarter Newsletter.

Gille Jenkins, the Director of State Commanders, has been experiencing health issues. Because Gillie is having health issues, he has stepped down as the Director of State Commanders. Gillie and Fred Schafer approached John Wills to pick up the role of Director of State Commanders, as well as, State Commander of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, with David C. Guy is assisting John as an Area State Commander of these three States.

I want to extend a huge **thank you** to Gillie for many years of hard work serving NAAV.

He has been an invaluable Director of State Commanders and board member. And thank you to John for diving right into the role. He is diligently working on touching base with the State Commanders, encouraging and helping them get their rosters up to date. Some of the State Commanders are stepping down and new ones appointed. The list is currently in a state of flux. We should have an updated State Commander list published in the 1st Quarter Newsletter.

Wishing you an even better year in 2024, than we had in 2023.



*Keith (K<sup>2</sup>)*

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## FROM THE DESK OF OUR NAAV VICE COMMANDER

Now we have Thanksgiving, and we start into the Holidays. Let's work together and keep getting things done. We have updated our website. Check it out NAAV.com

**WE ARE IN NEED OF A Newsletter Editor.** Do you or someone you know want to help NAAV out? This is a lot work for someone, Maybe a couple of people.



**Fred Schafer**  
National Vice Commander

Mary Ann is now our secretary and doing the Newsletter, but we need someone to help with it. They'll learn the ins and outs of putting the newsletter together, then off to the printing.

**We have new prices on some of our NAAV items in the store. I will get a new list out on the web page, soon. The jackets are \$75.00, T-shirts are \$35.00. and caps are \$ 30.00.**

**Also, the board has raised the annual dues to \$35.00 and the life membership to \$350.00.**

**VA is offering Veterans a fall alert free of any charges. It is called the "Liberty Honor Alert." Ask your doctor about this.**

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 them in our prayers.

**Membership:** We have lost several members due to age. We have been checking on members who have not updated their information. **If your dues are not up to date, you will not receive the next Newsletter.**

Keith has set up an account to pay your dues online, or you can order from the store if you want to pay online: call Keith. His phone # is 612-232-6596.

**I will repeat this. "Keep working with your States' Congress to Get July 16<sup>th</sup> 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 \$35.00** 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. Let's help update the data base.**

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

o Fred Schafer  
National Vice Commander  
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# LABRATS INTERNATIONAL



We have had a very busy few months with our Annual reunion taking place at Pontins, Sand Bay, Weston-Super-Mare with over 120 Veterans and their families attending the reunion.

A week-long reunion, including a visit to see Oppenheimer at the local cinema, Kiribati dancers and an evening of entertainment from Marvin and an evening of mediumship from Bill and Sian.

During the event, the latest campaign 'Nuked Blood' was launched, which will force the UK Government to release medical records of veterans which they are withholding. You can find out more at <https://www.labrats.international/blood/>

Veterans asked Lawyers from McCue Jury and partners about the case. (Brian Unthank pictured right was one such veteran)

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of November, 32 members of LABRATS proudly marched at the cenotaph in London, with the veterans proudly wearing their new medals. It was an emotional day with great coverage from the main stream media. You can find out more on our website at: <https://www.labrats.international/remembrance/>



A debate was held in Westminster Halls in Parliament on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2023, where MPs discussed the missing medical records and the Ministry of Defense committed to look at the 150 files identified by investigative journalist Susie Boniface of the Daily Mirror. We await the outcome.

Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Alan



Alan Owen  
LABRATS Founder

## Mr. Jim Goes To Washington

During the Late August, early September 2023 time period, I had received a letter in the mail. The letter was addressed to me from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. I was somewhat perplexed, as to why they would send any type of correspondence to me. Once I went through the mail, I handed the items to Beverly. I make it my mission to avoid any, and all mail, projects, interviews, etcetera, that have anything to do with Enewetak, for obvious reasons. We have "ALL" gone through way too much at this point in our lives.

Beverly opened the letter and she smiled. She mentioned to me that I needed to read what was in the envelope. Once I did read the enclosed information, I was mildly surprised. It was an invitation to attend an event for distribution of the first Atomic Veteran's Commemorative Medal. The event was scheduled for September 13th, 2023.

Bev and I discussed going, or not. I had decided that I did NOT want to go. It would be a major cost for us, as we needed new clothing that would be appropriate, airline tickets, hotel and rental car, and more. By the time we were finished, the bank account was beginning to appear as a dismal light.

The flight was good, the rental car was an upgrade (I was stoked!), and the hotel was comfortable. The area was breathtakingly beautiful, as any September day would be in Virginia. The greenery was nice for a change. We see sand and rock in Vegas, so the change was really rewarding.

The following day, we were free to look around a bit, and we decided to visit Arlington. I had been well travelled, but Bev had never been to Washington. Upon arrival, we couldn't help but notice the beauty of the grounds. Some things never change. Arlington is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful places on earth. Beverly was awestruck by all of the buildings, statues, photos and the graves themselves. She witnessed her first changing of the guard. Needless to say, she cried. Everyone does. It was most somber. We hadn't brought a wheelchair, so we both had a hard time with the walking. The Arlington staff realized this, and they gave us a guided tour. They were very kind to us.

During the trip to Arlington, there was an Honor Flight Group from Ohio. The Veteran's were all Veteran's that served in Vietnam. I was fortunate enough to speak with a few of them and hear their stories. What Great Guys!

The following day was the thirteenth. Our Day. The one every Veteran that served on Enewetak was awaiting. The distribution of the "Atomic Veteran's Commemorative Service Medal. Finally! OUR Recognition!

We arrived at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency for the event. Once we parked, we were met at the door by our Escorts. (No, not that kind!) They were mostly Officers, with a few Enlisted Men from all the branches of service. We were each assigned a Personal Escort to guide us, and assist us throughout the entire event.

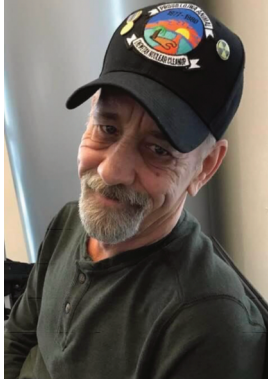
They ushered us into a very large meeting room. Once inside, we noticed our guys, and some of the wives and family members. Our escorts stayed by our side, and attended to our every whim. That was nice. It was really nice to see some of the guys, and to poke a little fun at the officers. Mine was a thirty year old Major. I asked him who he had to kill to get promoted. Beverly was in God's hands for the day. She had an escort that was a military Chaplain. The meeting room that we were in was to allow us to see our members, and do a meet and greet with Officers and dignitaries that were present. We met Rebecca Hersman - Director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Congressman James McGovern (who was VERY Instrumental in assisting in the process of achieving the goal,) works for a major toy company that has collectibles. I am sending him one of those, with a few of our patches, and a single Challenge Coin (we have less than ten left out of two hundred).

The great thing about the event, was the fact that WE SPOKE to all the Dignitaries about the issues we were still having, and the issues our offspring have had, or are having... and the dignitaries actually listened. The tides have turned, and they now know we are all experiencing the same issues, and we are now regarded as telling the truth. Thanks go out out to the entire group for sticking to their story all

these years to get the truth out, and thank you to all of the members of Congress, DTRA, The Escorts and all that made the event possible. I am most grateful!!

A Special Thank You to the National Association of Atomic Veteran's, for all the hard work you have done for many, many years in order to achieve the goal of Recognition. You managed to pull it off!

**J. E. Androl**



# DNA Testing

You may recall we wanted to conduct a study to test the hypothesis that veterans exposed to ionization radiation had damaged DNA and that damaged DNA is being passed onto future generations. To date we have not been able to raise the funds to conduct this study.

Good news in the interim we have a organization that will conduct a complete DNA sequencing at a substantially reduced rate.

## What does it involve?

A quick, painless 2-minute mouth swab is all it takes—no prescription, appointment, or needles. Suitable for all ages, including newborns

## Security

Your genetic data remains secure and private, never shared or sold.

## What do you get out of it?

- You will receive a full report of your entire genome, with a health care report and full reports which will help identify any potential issues related to your exposure and provide personalized health care driven by genetics.
- The reports will provide insight into what you can do right now to decrease the likelihood you'll get a particular disease or to limit its impact on you.
- Our Rare Disease Screen includes an assessment of your genetic risk for more than 10,000 diseases, conditions and traits.
- Our enhanced wellness reports include guidance on personalized nutrition, genetically-tailored fitness, sleep optimization, and ways to improve brain health. Learn to make healthy decisions for you and your family. The comprehensiveness of our whole genome sequencing service and the quality of our next-gen reports will let you know if you are carrying genes for diseases or conditions you might pass on to your children even if they do not manifest in you.
- Connect to your past. Get enhanced reports about your ethnicity, heritage, and lineage, and learn how your genetics have evolved over time.

## What does iglow.world get out of it?

- We receive anonymous data which allows us to analyze the full for instances of rare diseases compared to the normal population occurrences.
- We can analyze the data by country, nuclear test, location and year of the veterans exposure.
- Analysis of the families for generations, identifying any patterns or mutations.
- A database which is unique to our radiation-exposed community, embracing everyone who has been exposed to radiation. Allowing full detailed analysis of the genetic changes from the exposure.

## HOW DO I SIGN UP AND RECEIVE MY KIT?

In partnership with sequencing.com we have put together a unique kit bundle at an affordable price \$379 which can be shipped across the world. You will receive a kit, instructions for the swab and details of how to send the kit back to sequencing.com for processing. Just enter the url below, without the spaces, to purchase your kit today.

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**We need your help to build the database**

For many years, DNA sequencing has been out of reach for our communities due to the cost of analyzing the samples, but our unique partnership with sequencing.com has removed the barrier of cost and will allow us to not only provide individual reports on the whole genome, but collate anonymous information across our community. Many people have died who have not been able to leave a legacy for our community, now is your chance to have your DNA stored for eternity.

**Legislative Update**

The existing Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA,) if not renewed, will sunset in June of 2024. Presently, we have stand alone Bills in the House and Senate, HR4426 and S1751 respectively. These Bills, if passed, extend and expand RECA. **Please call your US Congressman and US Senators asking them to cosponsor and support these Bills.**

We came very close to having RECA extension and expansion legislative text in the final version of the National Defense Appropriations Act (NDAA). An amendment to the Senate NDAA passed with bipartisan support. Unfortunately, the House NDAA version that passed, did not have this legislative language. The differences in the two Bills had to be reconciled in a conference committee. The bill that came out of committee contained the RECA language. At the twelfth hour it was removed from the NDAA and that version was passed by the House and Senate.

We believe two to three opportunities exist in the 2024 first quarter to attach RECA language to other Bills. Two other options would be passing the stand alone Bills, or kicking the can down the road and pass an extension to the existing program (again). On the upside, the subject received a lot of media attention, so many have become aware of the legislation. We picked up four more Congresspersons on the stand alone House bill.

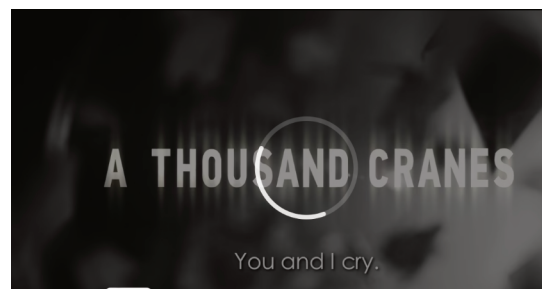
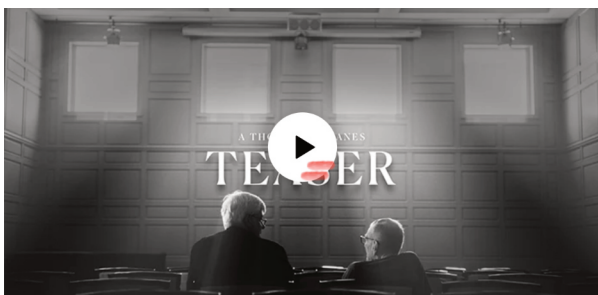
We are working to also get those Atomic Veterans that were part of the PACT Act included in RECA.

Here are examples of some of the legislative support:

Senator Hawley: [https://www.senate.gov/legislative/floor\\_activity\\_pail.htm](https://www.senate.gov/legislative/floor_activity_pail.htm)

Senator Crapo: <https://www.c-span.org/video/?c5097921>

Additional legislative activities include HR4566 "The Presume Act" (Providing Radiation Exposed Service members Undisputed Medical Eligibility Act) picked up one more Congressperson. This bill reduces the burden to perfect a VA presumptive service connected claim. We are presently working to get a Senate version introduced.



Have you ever wanted to MAKE A DIFFERENCE in this world? To see JUSTICE PREVAIL and have people held accountable for their actions? Then you are just like us!

A Thousand Cranes is an exposé of government actions during NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTING. The effects are still being felt today by millions across the globe, and these same governments would have you HEAR NOTHING of these peoples suffering...

We are changing this! And you can be a part of that change too!

<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/a-thousand-cranes-documentary#/>

## Preparing your spouse for your passing:

### An interview between Karen Cobb and Steve Johnson, Claims Agent and Affiliate of Fargo VARO

Karen recently became the widow of NAAV member, Mike Cobb, and she told me her story.

“Thanks to the information Mike received at squadron reunions and NAAV reunions and newsletters, Mike had been receiving care for many years at the VA. He got cancer from a presumptive illness and worked with both our County Veteran Service Office (CVSO) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) for the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act. (RECA). We had recently updated our trust and will, but Mike didn’t want to talk about his death and what benefits might be available after he died. Fortunately I already knew to go to my local County Veteran Service Office. I made an appointment, and in about an hour, the agent had handled burial benefits, pension, headstone, and a letter from the President. I appreciated this free service available to all, but I know it is not that simple for all widows.”

“At the NAAV August conference, Steve, you and I talked about widows you have helped and how passionate you feel about making sure they have the information they need ahead of time, so that they don’t have to get involved in the complicated claims you handle.”

Steve: “While working as a paralegal for attorneys who were battling asbestos companies and now as a Claims agent, I have had many veterans ask me how they can set up their wife for VA benefits when the veteran passes. Besides the obvious of having a will or trust, burial arrangements, etc., there are several things I recommend so widows can get VA benefits. While not being an atomic veteran myself, I have worked with veterans for 35 years and have been requested by Keith Kiefer to share some of these suggestions. This website provides basic information, <https://news.va.gov/123696/end-of-life-planning-prepare-future-with-va/>, but there are more specific recommendations I would give.”

- File for service-connected benefits while the Veteran is still living. Include a sworn statement. Even if the claim is not finalized at the time of death, the widow can “step into his shoes” (substitution) and continue processing his claim (accrual claim). She will most likely need assistance with managing the substitution and accrual claims by someone like myself.
  - Look at filing for every possible service-connected disability—even if it is not related to radiation. (You never know what will cause your death.) Veterans can contact me for free advice as to which of their conditions could be considered for applying for service connection. (I only receive payment from clients who I represent based on the back money they receive.)
  - Talk with your physician(s) about your military experiences and linking them to your current conditions in your medical records.
- Gather copies of all medical records for as far back as you can get them.
- Get copies of your military records from the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC). I can send you a form. The VA recommends using “MilConnect” to get your DD214, DD215, separation papers, orders, security clearance, training (licenses, certificates), and performance reports (<https://www.va.gov/records/get-military-service-records/>), but I recommend getting records from NPRC because you can also request the above PLUS any “incidental records”, temporary duty orders, transfer papers, hospital records, and service treatment records. You can also rush the process by indicating extenuating circumstances (like terminal illness). [Download Form SF 180](https://www.va.gov/find-forms/about-form-sf180/) <https://www.va.gov/find-forms/about-form-sf180/> and mail it to 1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63138 (I can also fax the forms on your behalf.)
- Write a sworn statement/declaration describing the details of your undocumented experience.
- Talk with your wife AND CHILDREN about ...
  - ALL preparations (legal, financial, etc.) and put them in one place. I recommend a portable file box.
  - Make sure they know your military information (at least which operations you participated in, which ships you were on, or other possible exposures).
  - **Make sure your wife knows to include any service-connected disabilities on the death certificate. Once the death certificate is signed, it is like moving heaven and earth to get it amended, so this must be done correctly the first time.**

**Q. Mike told me to make sure his service-connected disabilities were listed on the death certificate. Why is that important?**

A. The widow has the final say as to what goes on the death certificate and needs to exercise her right so that ALL diagnoses are listed on the death certificate as contributory causes if not already listed as the primary cause of death. The VA has multiple benefits **to eligible survivors of veterans whose death resulted from a service-related injury or disease**. But the VA looks at diagnoses on the death certificate to determine service-connected death.



**Q. How do I get his service-connected disabilities on the death certificate?**

A. It depends on multiple factors as to who completes the death certificate. Usually the staff at the funeral home will know who the widow will need to contact.

**Q. What's the difference between a pension and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefits? Can I have both?**

A. "A VA Survivors Pension offers monthly payments to qualified surviving spouses and unmarried dependent children of wartime Veterans who meet certain income and net worth limits set by Congress." Basically, this is like government welfare for spouses. Service-connected disability is not involved in any way, shape, or form.

If the Veteran was retired military and receiving retirement benefits, then his widow is entitled to his retirement benefits as well. Retirement benefits are not connected to a disability or to a service-connected death issue.

**DIC benefits are tax-free, monthly monetary benefits paid to eligible survivors of veterans whose death resulted from a service-related injury or disease.** This is more complicated and requires for 21P-534EZ, a death certificate, marriage certificate, and verification of eligibility in each of the two categories. It results in a higher monthly benefit payment.

You can have retired benefits and DIC, but no other combination.

**Q. Is there a time limit for filing?**

A. Yes & No. Ideally, the widow files within one year of the date of Veteran's death to receive maximum DIC benefits—back pay from the date of death. However, she can file ANY time after the Veteran's death, but benefits begin the day she filed the claim.

**Q. Can a widow file for DIC benefits if the veteran has not already established service-connected disability benefits?**

A. Having the veteran file for and secure their service-connected disability benefits is always ideal and allows the surviving spouse the best chance of getting DIC benefits.

**Q. What does a widow or surviving spouse of a Veteran need to do when the Veteran passes away?**

A. The passing of a spouse is always a stressful time. Hopefully the Veteran already established a will and service connection. However, IT IS IMPERATIVE THE WIDOW contact the person or agency performing the death certificate and ask that any current diagnoses be listed on the death certificate as either the PRIMARY or CONTRIBUTORY CAUSE OF DEATH.

**Q. Why is this important?**

A. VA requirements for establishing service-connected death are more relaxed for widows. The Veteran's death must be either directly caused by a service-connected injury or illness OR his service-connected injury or illness must have CONTRIBUTED to his death.

However, it is sometimes harder for a widow to establish service connection because she doesn't have the Veteran's "voice" to speak for himself and corroborate evidence.

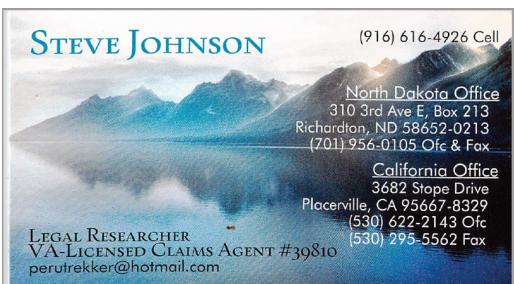
**Q. Are there any other options for getting benefits from a Veteran's radiation exposure?**

A. Yes. The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) established a one-time payout of \$75,000 for surviving spouses and family members of Veterans who have been exposed to radiation as on-site participants who develop(ed) a "compensable disease". The compensable diseases are all cancers. Filing requires a form, death certificate, marriage certificate, medical records (proof of cancer), and evidence going to the Department of Justice.

**Q. Can our members contact you with questions?**

A. Absolutely! Here's a copy of my business card. I am available at 916-616-4926 between 10 AM and 7 PM Mountain Standard Time.

**Attention Veterans with  
Denied Prostate C**



**Steve Johnson, Claims/Legal Researcher, attended the NAAV convention to request veteran participation to make a case against the VA for negligence and not following the law in case determinations. He needs at least 50 veterans who have prostate cancer and have been denied by the VA. Their medical reports would be sanitized of personal information for the case. If you can help, please contact Steve at: (916) 616-4926**

## Shadow of the Dragon



### Brian Cowden seated left

One of the biggest highlights of our 2023 Convention this last August, was the presentation of Brian Cowden's film Shadow of the Dragon. Brian has wowed our group many times in the past, bringing tears as we watch men we know and love share their experiences with nuclear testing and radiation exposure. He enhances a shared emotional unity among us that helps atomic veterans, wives and children know that we are not alone in our suffering. This latest endeavor went beyond expectations. It illustrated the passing of time as these veterans fight for help from the VA and often die waiting for it. We were all so moved and so stunned by the film, that it took us a rather protracted pause before we found the wherewithal to give Brian the applause he so richly deserved. To view Shadow of the Dragon, go to <http://https://vimeo.com/855812012>

Lately, Brian has been doing a project for a new Education video targeting 14 to 17 age range entitled British Nuclear testing an introduction - Have you seen the Dragon? This video has been funded by the Office for Veterans Affairs (UK) and is the first one to show each British test, the location, yield and images. It is a non-political video showing how Britain tested nuclear weapons from 1952 - 1991. Steve Purse narrated, Alan Owen scripted, Brian produced it, and Joseph Owen was a consultant to point out any flaws from a younger person's point of view. It will be released on January 1st 2024 on [www.labratsacademy.online](http://www.labratsacademy.online)

Mary Ann Kiefer

## Notable Donations Thank You!!!

In Memory of his father, Atomic Veteran William Korako, who passed in 2015 and upon the death of William's wife Bela on November 15, 2023, John W. Korako donated \$600.00 to NAAV. Bela received RECA and DIC.

From VFW, Lt Scott Milley Post 7881 Framingham, MA \$ 500.00 again this year. Leo R. Quinn sells poppies to raise funds for the post, which in turn gives a percentage to NAAV, for all their help to his fellow Atomic Veterans.



An auction by Ride To the Edge, in memory of Sgt. C. J. Jacome, to benefit NAAV raised \$10,000 in November. Ride To The Edge is a 501C3 nonprofit organization owned by Matt Martin and Jake Mahler. They have held a fundraiser for various Veteran nonprofit organizations, annually. Last year Wounded Warriors benefitted from their event. This year it was NAAV. Clarence "John" Jacome, an Atomic Veteran, is Matt's Grandfather.

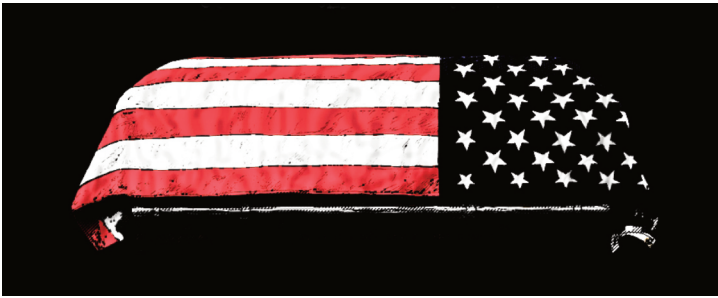
## Oopsie!

In the last newsletter, I failed to credit the Convention pictures to Jill Pearce. Not only did she do a wonderful job of coordinating our event, but she took and shared her pictures with us as well. Thank you Jill and Mike for making the 2023 NAAV convention such a success.



Mike Pearce Keith Alan Owen Jill

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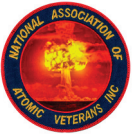
## FOR NOTIFICATIONS

Please use the following email address to submit articles for the newsletter and to notify NAAV of members who pass so we can include them in taps. (Fred Schafer is the other option for taps.) Pics of Atomic Veteran events, new Atomic Veteran Memorial Highways, and Atomic Medal recipients are also welcome.

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## Attention Membership Dues Going Up!

At the annual board meeting, the board voted to raise the annual membership to \$35.00 per year and Lifetime to \$350.00. This will be effective January 1, 2024.



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