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FROM THE DESK OF OUR NATIONAL COMMANDER

We hope the holiday season and New Year is filled with positive experiences. I encourage you to spend time with family, friends, and fellow veterans.

Please keep NAAV in mind when considering end of year giving. Many have been hit hard with the higher cost of goods and services. NAAV has depleted its resources to the point some are considering canceling this year's convention and may limit what can be accomplished legislatively.

I'm saddened to report we lost Lincoln Grahlf, one of our Atomic Veterans who has been a tremendous advocate for Veterans, the Marshallese people and others in general. Lincoln rarely turned down an opportunity to advocate. This newsletter has reprints of his past articles and a recap of some of his activities. He will be missed. Lincoln had a full life, however, was short of his goal to live to 107 years old. He would have been 102 years old this month. His widow, Joan, said anyone wanting to do a memorial for Lincoln could connect with Yourclfoundation.org Or

The Capitol Lakes Foundation
Attn: Lenee Kruse
333 W Main Street
Madison, WI 53703

We continue to advocate for passage of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) this year. More updates in the next newsletter.

I will have the honor of speaking at the

Eisenhower Presidential library in February 2025. Myself and Bob Ruyle also spoke to students at Veterans Day programs. Thank you to all of those that have advocated for Veterans throughout the year.

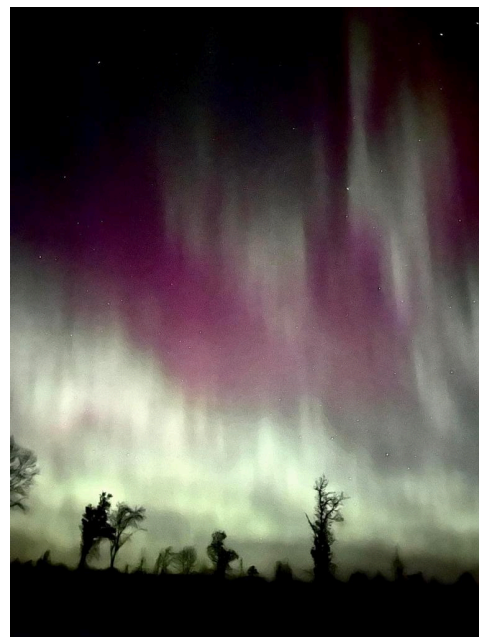
Congratulations to those who were redrafted, I mean reelected to the NAAV board this last quarter.

Wishing the best in 2025!



Keith (K^a)

Keith Kiefer
NAAV - Commander



Northern Lights in Minnesota

From the Desk of the Vice Commander

November 1, 2024

We have some sad information. Lincoln Grahlfs Has Passed. He was a past National Commander, Vice Commander and Board member for several years. He has helped us to grow and thrive. His guidance will be missed.

The holidays are fast approaching. Let's work together and keep getting things done. We have updated our website. Check it out at **NAAV.com**. **We had a good time in New Mexico. White Sands Missile range, Trinity Site.**

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

Mary Ann is now our appointed secretary and is 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.

The board has raised the annual dues to \$35.00 and the life membership to \$ 350.00.

We have removed the Prices of store items. You will have to call and ask for prices. The Item Prices just keep going up. I am trying to stay on top of this. 541-258-7453

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

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. On the front of the newsletter, you will find the date your annual dues are due. Keith has set up an account to pay your dues online, or your order from the store. If you want to pay online, call Keith. His phone # is 612-232-6596.

I am working on a 4" Coin or Medallion to be epoxied to a head stone. It will be for Atomic veterans. Not sure of the cost yet. How many family members would be wanting to order one for their loved one?

I will repeat this. **"Keep working with your State's 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 \$ 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 database.**

A big **Thank you** to the state commanders who are getting Info on Members in their States and updating their info. Many of our life members have passed away and we were not notified.

Please stay safe and be careful. Thank you.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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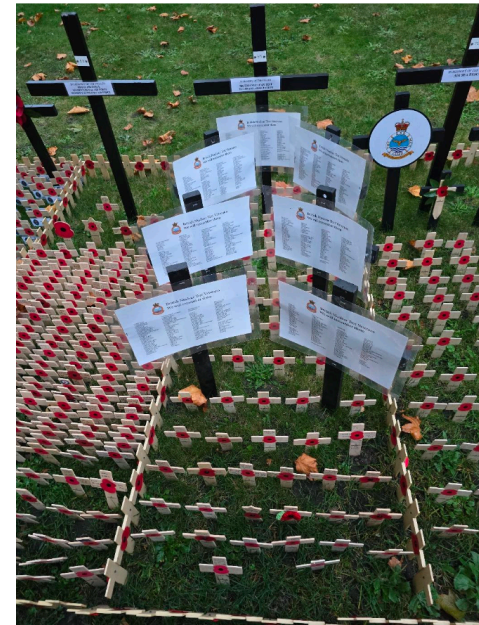
LABRATS INTERNATIONAL



Representatives attended the Remembrance day parade at the Cenotaph in London on the 10th of November. 42 veterans and their families attended laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



Part of the Remembrance celebrations is the Remembrance garden, crosses are planted for loved ones and a roll of honour is displayed in the gardens of Westminster Abbey.



The LABRATS attendees



The eagerly awaited BBC2 Documentary was aired (Britains Nuclear Scandal : Our Story). It was very emotional and has been extremely well received by existing and new members of our community.

It was debated in Parliament and a special screening was organised for MP's on the 25th November.

We have a Christmas Meal scheduled for the 9th and 10th of December with 65 veterans and their families attending. It will be a chance to relax and unwind after a very busy 2024.

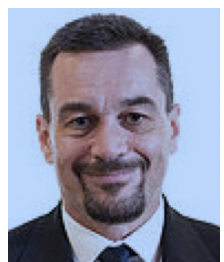
2025 will bring new challenges with a new government and

new Educational material to be released. Another Documentary 'Our Planet, the People, My Blood' by Daniel Everitt-Lock will be released (https://www.imdb.com/title/tt29627081/?ref_=tt_mv_desc) a new Podcast and the Oral History project will be released at the British Museum. (<https://www.ntvhistory.uk/>)

For anyone who wants to read all about Britain's Nuclear Test program and the fight, a new book by Susie Boniface is available to pre-order. 'Exposed' can be ordered by visiting this website:

<https://www.pen-and-sword.co.uk/Exposed-The-Secret-History-of-Britains-Nuclear-Experiments-Hardback/p/51698>

Thank you once again for your continued support, the continued dedication and for continuing the fight for truth and justice. I hope that the RECA program can be reinstated and our combined fight for full recognition for nuclear test veterans and the affected communities will yield some productive outcomes.



Alan Owen
LABRATS Founder

Farewell to NAAV National Director at Large

Dr. Lincoln Grahfs

December 4, 1922 to October 8, 2024

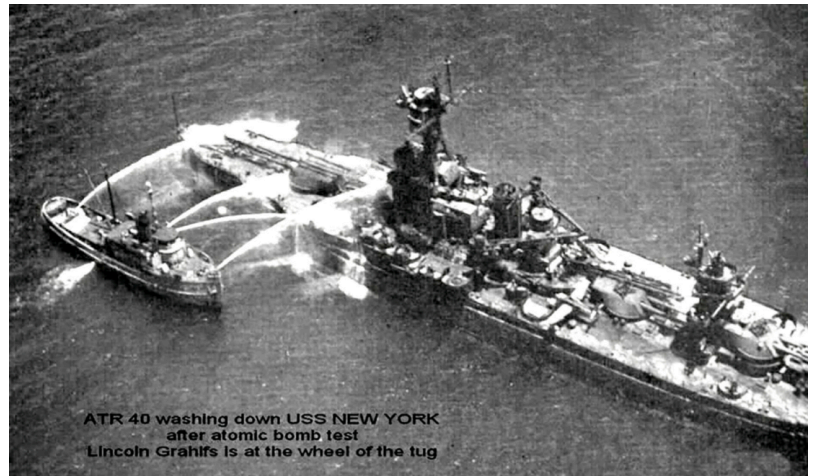


Dr. Francis Lincoln Grahfs, author, Sociologist, and long time NAAV board member, passed away on October 8, 2024. We dedicate this issue of the National Association of Atomic Veterans to his memory.

In his 20s, the petty officer first class participated in Operation Crossroads in the Pacific Ocean. Below is a photograph taken shortly after test ABLE at OPERATION CROSSROADS. Lincoln was at the helm of the rescue tug, USS ATR-40, which was in what was designated as the Salvage Unit. The USS NEW YORK was determined to be highly contaminated with radioactive fallout. They were sent to wash her down with their fire hoses (that was supposed to decontaminate her). The idiots giving the orders didn't take into consideration that the water being used for this task was being pumped from Bikini Lagoon, which was, itself, highly contaminated. As a consequence, not only did it not clean up the NEW YORK; it thoroughly contaminated the tug's water system! (This picture was obtained from the NY Times.)

It was the spring of 1947 (after Operation Crossroads) when Lincoln Grahfs reported to Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in California. He was suffering from a strange abscess on his face, a 103-degree fever and an abnormal white blood cell count. The symptoms demanded an unorthodox treatment: A doctor shot his face with X-rays with only a shield to cover his eyes. Soon after, the abscess cleared. During his treatment the Dr. said "That was the hair of the dog that bit you." Lincoln believed he heard a coded message in the doctor's words: He knew service members were getting sick from a massive, secret U.S. government program.

Lincoln, was a retired sociology professor and a published author of the book "Voices From Ground Zero: Recollections and Feelings of Nuclear Test Veterans." He has also published a book titled "Undaunted: The Story of a United States Navy Tug and Her Crew in World War II."



Undaunted is about the summer of 1944 when the Navy assembles and trains a crew in Miami, FL and sends them to Texas where they man an ocean tug which then proceeds to the war zone in the western Pacific to perform the hazardous and unglamorous tasks of towing, rescue, and salvage necessary to support the actions of the fighting ships.

Lincoln has been a member advocate for NAAV, NARS and Veterans for Peace. We are grateful to Lincoln for his insight and guidance through the years. NAAV would not be the organization it is, if not for his dedication.

One of Lincoln's favorite quotes is "In war, everyone loses."



University of Michigan

April 28, 1995



L to R

Lincoln Grahls

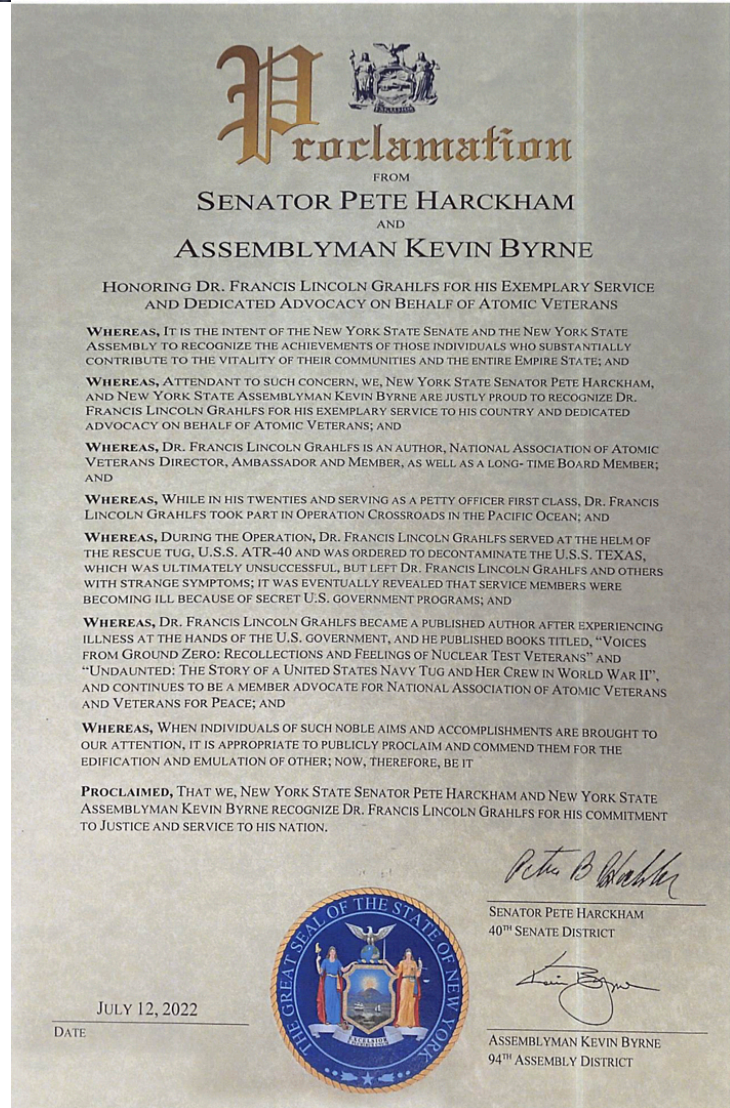
Keith Kiefer

President Biden

At the signing of the extension of the RECA in 2022.



L to R: Joan Grahls, Dr. Yael Danieli, Lilly Adams and Lincoln Grahls At the dedication of the New York Atomic Veteran Memorial Bridge over the Taconic State Parkway in Yorkton Heights. During the ceremony, Lincoln was presented with the proclamation shown at right.



Proclamation

FROM
SENATOR PETE HARCKHAM
AND
ASSEMBLYMAN KEVIN BYRNE

HONORING DR. FRANCIS LINCOLN GRAHLFS FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE AND DEDICATED ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF ATOMIC VETERANS

WHEREAS, IT IS THE INTENT OF THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE AND THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY TO RECOGNIZE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO SUBSTANTIALLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE VITALITY OF THEIR COMMUNITIES AND THE ENTIRE EMPIRE STATE; AND

WHEREAS, ATTENDANT TO SUCH CONCERN, WE, NEW YORK STATE SENATOR PETE HARCKHAM, AND NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN KEVIN BYRNE ARE JUSTLY PROUD TO RECOGNIZE DR. FRANCIS LINCOLN GRAHLFS FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY AND DEDICATED ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF ATOMIC VETERANS; AND

WHEREAS, DR. FRANCIS LINCOLN GRAHLFS IS AN AUTHOR, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATOMIC VETERANS DIRECTOR, AMBASSADOR AND MEMBER, AS WELL AS A LONG-TIME BOARD MEMBER; AND

WHEREAS, WHILE IN HIS TWENTIES AND SERVING AS A PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS, DR. FRANCIS LINCOLN GRAHLFS TOOK PART IN OPERATION CROSSROADS IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN; AND

WHEREAS, DURING THE OPERATION, DR. FRANCIS LINCOLN GRAHLFS SERVED AT THE HELM OF THE RESCUE TUG, U.S.S. ATR-40 AND WAS ORDERED TO DECONTAMINATE THE U.S.S. TEXAS, WHICH WAS ULTIMATELY UNSUCCESSFUL, BUT LEFT DR. FRANCIS LINCOLN GRAHLFS AND OTHERS WITH STRANGE SYMPTOMS; IT WAS EVENTUALLY REVEALED THAT SERVICE MEMBERS WERE BECOMING ILL BECAUSE OF SECRET U.S. GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS; AND

WHEREAS, DR. FRANCIS LINCOLN GRAHLFS BECAME A PUBLISHED AUTHOR AFTER EXPERIENCING ILLNESS AT THE HANDS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, AND HE PUBLISHED BOOKS TITLED, "VOICES FROM GROUND ZERO: RECOLLECTIONS AND FEELINGS OF NUCLEAR TEST VETERANS" AND "UNDAUNTED: THE STORY OF A UNITED STATES NAVY TUG AND HER CREW IN WORLD WAR II", AND CONTINUES TO BE A MEMBER ADVOCATE FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATOMIC VETERANS AND VETERANS FOR PEACE; AND

WHEREAS, WHEN INDIVIDUALS OF SUCH NOBLE AIMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION, IT IS APPROPRIATE TO PUBLICLY PROCLAIM AND COMMEND THEM FOR THE EDIFICATION AND EMULATION OF OTHER; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

PROCLAIMED, THAT WE, NEW YORK STATE SENATOR PETE HARCKHAM AND NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN KEVIN BYRNE RECOGNIZE DR. FRANCIS LINCOLN GRAHLFS FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE AND SERVICE TO HIS NATION.

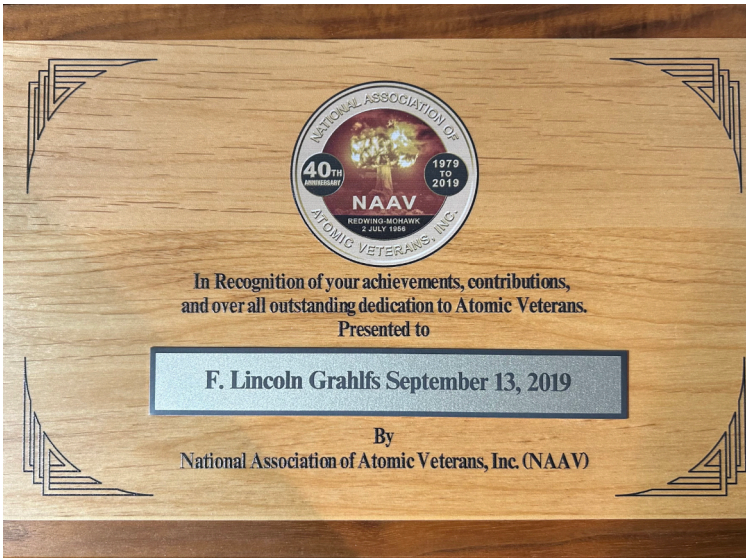
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JULY 12, 2022
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Award presented to Lincoln at the 2019 NAAV convention in Dayton, Ohio.



Lincoln and Joan at his 100th Birthday celebration in Madison, Wisconsin. December 4, 2022

TAPS



- Jack W. Streeter.....Grantville, KS**
- Lincoln Grahlf's.....Madison, WI**

NAAV BOARD ELECTIONS

Results of 2024 Vote for Board Members:

Keith Kiefer, Lincoln Grahlf's, and Mary Ann Kiefer were all reelected to the board for four more years. Keith will continue as National Commander. Mary Ann will continue as Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Due to Lincoln's passing, his replacement for Director At Large will be appointed by the National Commander until the term is up for election again.



"Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm," attributed to Winston Churchill

United We Stand

In March of this year (2020) I had the extreme pleasure of receiving a recognition award at a meeting which included both the Atomic Cleanup Veterans and the Marshall Islanders. This award means a lot to me because it recognizes a principle which I have long felt is important; that principle is enshrined in the frequently quoted line, "United we stand, divided we fall." Let me tell you why this is important for me.

I am a survivor of Operation Crossroads. I suffered health problems as a result of that experience. I also had a daughter who died of illness that I firmly believe was related to my radiation exposure. And I have a son who suffers from Addison's disease, which is a problem related to the endocrine system. The government's assertion that radiation induced ailments can't be genetically transmitted is contrary to the opinion of all the geneticists. And, for over three decades, almost every physician I consulted would rather obviously avoid the subject.

Then, in 1980, I read an article about the National Association of Atomic Veterans in my local newspaper. The organization (referred to as NAAV) had been established by another atomic bomb test survivor, Orville Kelly and his wife, Wanda, in 1979. Orville had died a few months later, but the organization survived with Wanda at the helm. I sent an inquiry immediately to the cited address in Burlington, Iowa. Quickly I was invited by Wanda Kelly to join NAAV, and before long I and two other navy veterans were appearing around Wisconsin, spreading the word.

The membership of NAAV was, of course, primarily veterans. However, not long after this, another organization, the National Association of Radiation Survivors was founded by Dorothy Lagaretta, a laboratory worker connected with the Manhattan Project at the University of California. NARS was an organization of people who had been exposed to radiation related to the Atomic Bomb. This included nuclear industry workers, radium miners, and people who lived downwind of nuclear tests; this very soon came to include Marshall Islanders. By 1984 NAAV membership was approaching a thousand; at what was its fifth annual meeting, which was held in Kissimmee, Florida that fall, Wanda announced that she was officially stepping down as Executive Director; she said she needed

more time to organize the other aspects of her life, but would still continue as a permanent member of the Board of Directors.

After almost four decades, a few of the details escape me, but my memory tells me that the person who took over leadership of the organization at that time was a fairly high ranking reserve, or National Guard officer; the headquarters also moved to Eldon, Missouri. It is also my recollection that this person brought with him a number of new members. I do know that, at the general meeting, I made a motion to the effect that we, of all people, should take a stand supporting universal nuclear disarmament and was shouted down. In response to this, several of us pretty much withdrew from participation in NAAV activities and joined NARS; NARS, in turn, took a much greater interest in veterans concerns.

Sometime in the 1990's, I ran into one of the members who had stayed active in NAAV. He told me that Oscar Rosen was now the commander, and that he had pretty much improved the situation. He told me that he really felt I should come back and help get back where they should be. I accepted his suggestion; now I would be active in both organizations.

Several years later, I had become president of NARS, and Richard Conant had succeeded Oscar at the head of NAAV. Coincidentally, on one particular occasion, both organizations had planned their annual meetings for overlapping dates at neighboring hotels in Las Vegas. Dick and I got together during that week-end and agreed that there was a lot of sense in merging our organizations; there is strength in numbers. Unfortunately, we couldn't convince the bulk of our members; while NARS, unfortunately, did not survive by itself NAAV ultimately did.

Today, more than ever, the mere existence of nuclear weapons endangers life as we know it. For that very reason, I was pleased to participate in a meeting which brought together Atomic Veterans, Cleanup Veterans and Marshallese people for a common cause. The limitation, and, hopefully, elimination of nuclear weapons is a topic that affects the whole world. In my opinion we should therefore be reaching out for everyone to join in the effort.

by F. Lincoln Grahls PhD
Operation Crossroads

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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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.

The NAAV coffers were considerably depleted with the much increased cost of our convention this year. Unless inflation drops dramatically in 2025, some board members feel we may need to skip the convention for the coming year.

Should you be looking for a place for your end of year giving to land, NAAV is a 501C3 and 501C17 organization which means that your gift would be fully tax deductible. Thank you for your consideration.

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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While NAAV cannot endorse specific companies for helping Atomic Veterans, we were impressed with **Charlotte Fellenz & Julia Hensley** when they came to our convention in Las Cruces, New Mexico this last August to represent their company. Below is Charlotte's summation of Haven Home Health.



"At Haven Home Health Care, we specialize in providing in-home care services to current and former Atomic Weapons Industry Employees, which includes both current and former Dept of Energy employees, under a benefit that covers the costs of medical care and services associated with illnesses determined to be caused by occupational exposure. These services include home care that is centered around supporting the worker's ability to age in place, in their own home, and includes any care and care related equipment and devices toward that goal. Haven Home Health Care is passionate about providing care and support to the families of this heroic group of workers who went to work, in service to their country, often unaware of the dangerous exposures they were subjected to. Haven Home Health Care is pursuing VA contracting to allow us to provide our specialized and supportive in home care services under VA Aid & Attendance Pension and VA Homemaker/ Home Health Aide & Respite benefits covered through the Veterans Community Care Program. It is our mission to be of service to this heroic population and their families with the same exceptional care and support we provide to the DEEOIC population."

Charlotte Fellenz

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Article Written by Lincoln Grahlf's Reproduced from the 2nd Quarter 2021 NAAV Newsletter

I DID NOT VOLUNTEER FOR THIS!

On the evening of March 19, 2021 I received word that my youngest son, Lance, had just passed away. I was, of course, shocked, but not completely surprised. He had suffered for a number of years from Addison's disease. He recently took early retirement from employment as a human resource manager, and had been looking forward to enjoying his lakeside home. He was sixty years old.

Addison's disease is attributed to improper functioning of the adrenal gland; so I was inevitably, once more, reminded of my daughter, Pat, who passed away in 1996; she too suffered, all through her teen years, from problems with her endocrine system. At the age of twenty, part of her pancreas had to be removed; in her forties, a malignant tumor was removed from her brain. Unfortunately, however, it had already metastasized to her lungs and she died at the age of 47. When she was dying, I told her I would never give up being an advocate for the abolition of nuclear weapons. BUT at the age of 98, I admit to having slowed down a bit.

After my son's death I was moved to examine some of the documents about radiation exposure in my possession. What follows are a few statements based on those examinations.

I spent the summer of 1946 at Bikini Atoll on a rescue tug, part of the "salvage unit" in Operation Crossroads, the first test firing of nuclear weapons after the end of World War II. I have suffered health consequences from that experience, and I assert that the unpleasant circumstances of Patricia's and Lance's deaths are attributable genetically to my experience. Various people representing the government have stated that is not possible; however, in my professional capacity I have interacted with several geneticists, all of whom say otherwise. In the 1990's I conducted research for my PhD in which I obtained questionnaire responses from a random sample of men who had participated in atmospheric atomic bomb tests. Twenty-one percent of my respondents replied that one or more of their descendants had health problems that they felt were attributable to their radiation exposure.

Recently, I have had occasion to review a report entitled IRRADIATION OF PERSONNEL DURING OPERATION CROSSROADS. Which was based on official U.S. Government documents, and presented by the esteemed authority on Radiation Health Physics, Dr. Karl Z. Morgan to the House Committee on veteran affairs in May, 1983. The report (formerly classified, but since de-classified) is 36 pages in length; the following are just two brief excerpts: On page 23:

"Almost all radiation measurements in the field related to external doses. There was no systematic measurement at Bikini for internal doses which personnel might get and continue getting for the rest of their lives by the inhalation, ingestion absorption of fission products or alpha emitters like plutonium at Operation Crossroads.

Thus, every aspect of Operation Crossroads, especially after July 25, 1946, was fraught with danger for the 42,000 people present. The documents show that because of the indifference to safety, the lack of caution in spite of grave ignorance, and other factors, it is probable that large numbers of personnel were exposed to very high levels of radiation, particularly internal doses from fission products and plutonium, which continue to irradiate long after the operation was declared closed and the target ships sunk."

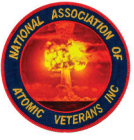
Concluding paragraphs:

"The 'hairy-chested' 'attitude of indifference' to radiological matters contributed largely to the dangers to which the personnel were subjected. Such attitudes contributed to extensive violations of radiological guidelines (not wearing protective clothing like gloves, for instance) in direct contrast to the assumptions of the Defense Nuclear Agency.

The information in the documents does not allow us to make even rough estimates of the exposures. But it does allow us to dismiss as unwarranted any sweeping claims that the doses were "low" or "essentially insignificant" particularly as the Defense Nuclear Agency has made such claims without systematic reference to the veterans' detailed accounts of their own activities – data we consider essential to any serious judgement on the matter."

I conclude by observing that, in the period following the end of World War II, General Leslie Groves (Director of the Manhattan Project) was frequently quoted as being concerned about the possibility of claims being instituted by men who participated in Operation Crossroads. I can only wonder how much that attitude encouraged the "denial of harm" attitude which then prevailed among so many of the "top brass."

**By F. Lincoln Grahlf's PhD
NAAV Past Vice-Commander**



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