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FROM THE DESK OF OUR NATIONAL COMMANDER

I hope all have had a great spring and start of the summer. Father's Day is just around the corner, as well as July 16th, Atomic Veterans Day. State Commanders, please reach out to your members about interest in getting together to commemorate and reflect on Atomic Veterans Day. Likewise members, contact your State Commander to express your interest in getting together and to offer help with the activity.

Congress has been consumed with activities around tariffs, DOGE, the budget, "The Big Beautiful Bill," and Reconciliation among other items. I don't expect any significant progress occurring on RECA (Radiation Exposure Compensation Act) until sometime after July 4th, 2025. This and other legislative matters continue to be the focus of NAAV.

Veterans Get Outside Day takes place in Niagara Falls, NY June 14th. For more information see Military Veterans Advocacy (VAC,) at

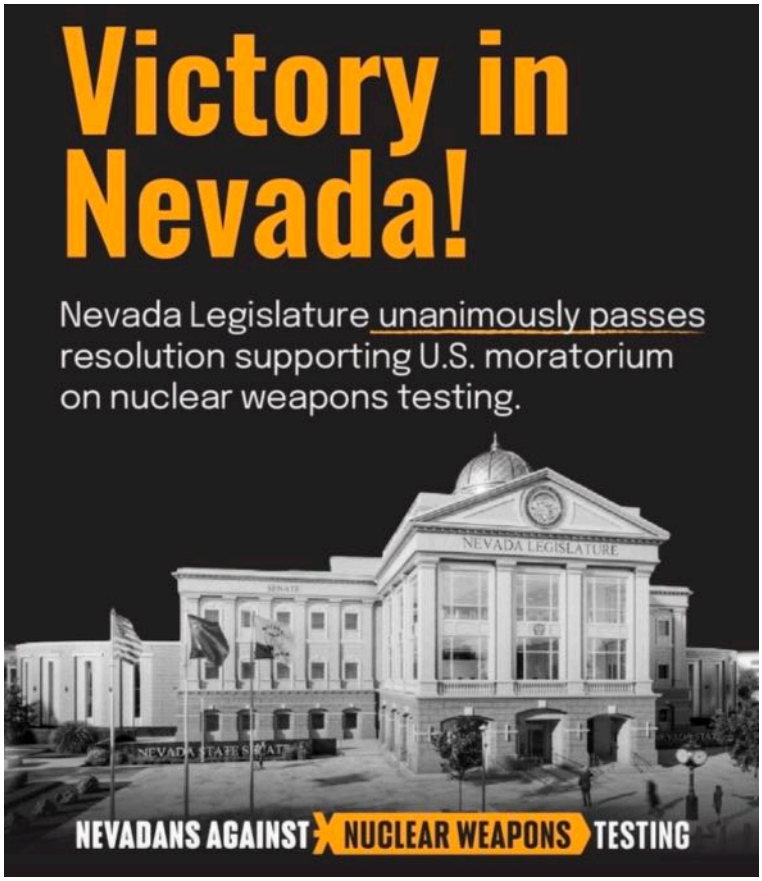
www.militaryveteransadvocacy.org

Please see the notice on page 11 about our lack of a NAAV convention this year. The extra donations that have come in by generous members and nonmembers will be applied to the costs of having the 2026 Convention. We are appreciative of the financial help and would welcome any additional contributions towards this goal.

Thank you to all who continue to educate the public about Atomic Veterans and who advocate for their health care, compensation and recognition.

Keith (K²)

Keith Kiefer
NAAV - Commander



FROM THE DESK OF OUR NAAV VICE COMMANDER

June 1, 2025

Fred Schafer

National Vice Commander

This Summer is here. The 4th is near, but look out for the 5th. The board has voted to not have a Convention this year so we can build up our funds,

Hope this will be a lot safer, less fires and cooler weather.

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 still getting it done. She is keeping Keith on his toes.

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 Caps and Decal prices are staying at $35.00 for caps and $10.00 for Decals. Also, the 4" patches of Atomic Veterans, NAAV Patch, Children of Atomic Veterans and Guinea Pig Patches for $15.00. 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.

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, or your order from the store. If you want to pay by credit card, call Keith. His phone # is 612-232-6596.

I am still wanting to know if any more of Atomic Vets are interested in a 4" coin head stone marker for Atomic veterans. A few of you have stated you would like to get one. I want to see if enough of you would like one, then I can get an estimate on the price of them. Please let me know.

I will repeat this. "**Keep working with your State's Legislature 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 ask 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 the members that send in extra dues earmarked for helping someone, who 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.

Thank you.

Fred Schafer
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LABRATS INTERNATIONAL

This year we remembered the sacrifices made 80 years ago by those fighting for our freedoms. The UK celebrated VE Day with many events across the country. A concert was held in London with His Majesty the King, Queen Camilla, the Prince and Princess of Wales and other officials including the UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer. LABRATS were honoured to receive an official invite to the concert and a party of 11 guests attended.

Captain Terry Hughes, Malcolm Smith, Brian Unthank, Bryan Jarvis, Pearl Jarvis, Karen Hughes, Marion Unthank, Marion Gumbrill and Laura Jackson.

It was a spectacular concert which was held at Horse Guards Parade in London. 12,500 people attended.

Our campaign for truth and justice took a major step forward on the eve of VE Day when a charge of misconduct in public office was filed by campaigners to the Metropolitan Police and the Metro Mayor of Manchester Andy Burnham who has been an incredible supporter of our fight for truth and justice.

The 500 page dossier compiled by Susie Boniface contains evidence that includes witness statements submitted on behalf of the MoD to the High Court and Court of Appeal, Freedom of Information admissions, medical records and historic documents that were hidden from the public.

The list of potential witnesses include veterans, descendants, former and current ministers, and senior officials at the MoD, AWE, and Government Legal Department. The crime of misconduct carries a maximum life sentence for any public official who has acted unlawfully and caused harm to someone as a result.

Brian Unthank, Jane O'Connor, Andy Burnham and John Morris.

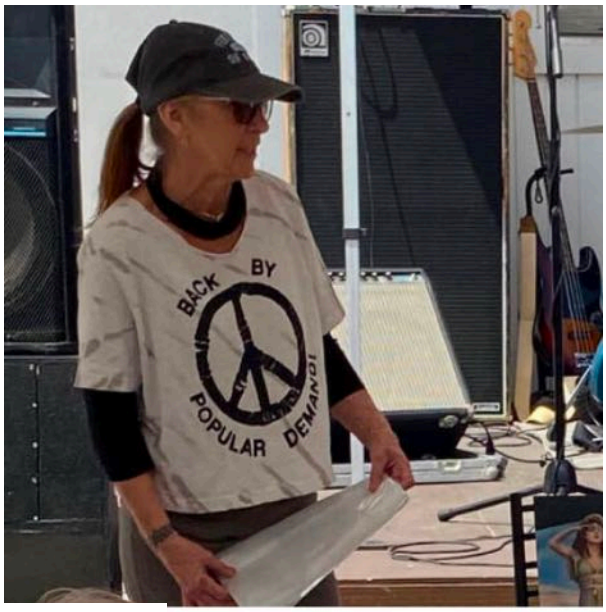
The maximum sentence for misconduct is life imprisonment. We await the Metropolitan Polices response.

We continue to fight for all affected nuclear communities across the world.

Stay safe and healthy.

Alan Owen
LABRATS Founder

Victoria Moore: Artist Activist
Daughter of an Atomic Veteran



Bio from

VictoriaMoorePortfolio.com

"I have never worn a uniform but I have served at the pleasure of the U.S. government since birth."
Victoria Moore

STILL GLOWING .ORG

Victoria is in the process of writing about her family's experiences with radiation exposure and it's impact upon their lives. The finished work will be in the form of a trilogy. The titles are: **Born Secret Classified Lives Still Glowing**

http://www.victoriamooreportfolio.com/book--trilogy--manuscript.html

She also communicates through her art work. Her Atomic Babylon Collection addresses the plight of all who are dealing with the consequences of nuclear exposure. The following pages depict a few of her impactful works.

http://www.myatomiclife.com/

Victoria Moore is the genetically modified offspring (GMO) of a highly decorated and exposed US Naval Officer on the PPG Command Ship designed for the tests. The USS ESTES served the Marshall Islands from 1951-62. Stationed at the Joint Task Forces command center on Treasure Island in San Francisco known as Atomic Central. Her father, The Chief, was a well documented part of the U.S. Human Radiologic Experiments (HRE).

Conceived after OP IVY & BRAVO, Victoria was presumptive for genetic damage and treated as a high-risk pregnancy and birth by medical personnel at San Diego Naval Base's Balboa Hospital.

As an activist, Victoria cofounded ChildrenofAtomicVeterans.org (CAV) with Kathy Sinai in response to an ongoing lack of resources for the descendants of ionizing radiation exposed veterans and civilians. The Mission of CAV is to improve awareness, access and outcomes for Atomic Veterans worldwide, their families and the communities impacted by ionizing radiation and support associated genetic research projects. The lack of generational tracking and follow up has led Victoria to expand her vision towards global solutions for both the weapons and energy sectors where exposures occur and descendants seek informative resources.

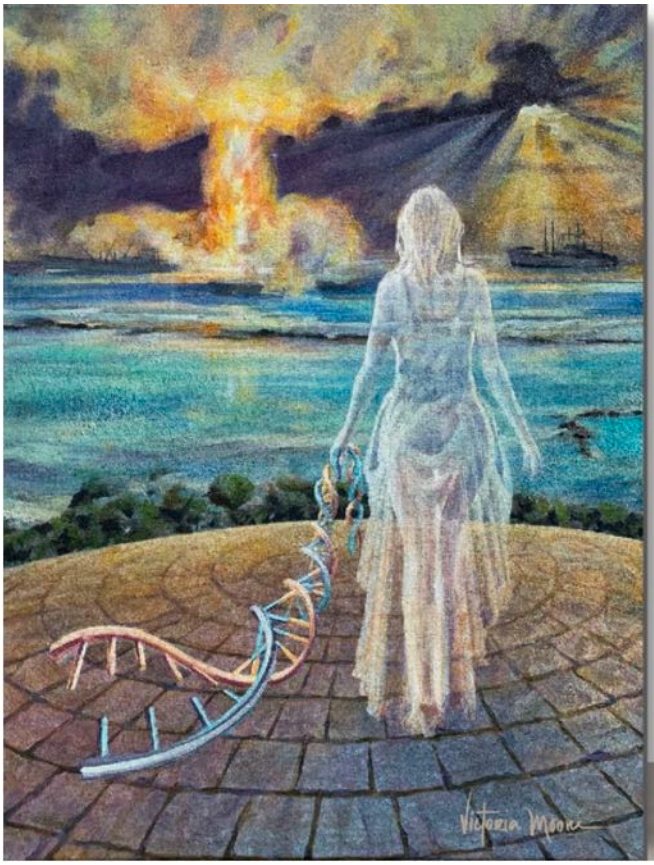
Accessible iR testing would allow people who have knowledge of a radioactive event in their family line but no details, to gain valuable medical results that can influence major life decisions. Only the sciences can help us untangle their ultimate entanglement.

Children of Atomic Veterans

Victoria Moore and Kathy Sinai

I was born into a family above top secret, and lived a life shrouded in silence and lies that bind." No longer willing to be an invisible footnote in history, we support all efforts to improve the care and outcomes for this and future generations.

https://childrenofatomicveterans.org/



MORNINGS OF **THE TWO SUNS**

67 Nuclear Tests between 1946 - 1958

Subsequently, women of Marshall Islands *BEGAN* giving birth to "a bunch of grapes" or transparent membrane 'jellyfish babies' and other unique anomalies for the first time in history. New truths explain why Navy "Brass" felt the Chief and his daughter should not risk this outcome.

"In 1968, when Navy Hospital's "Gold Team" informed us that 'under no circumstances' should I ever try to reproduce, as my genetics were impacted, our mythic journey as our family became even more clandestine and isolated."

INTO THE MYTHIC 18 x 24"

CLASSIFIED BONDAGE

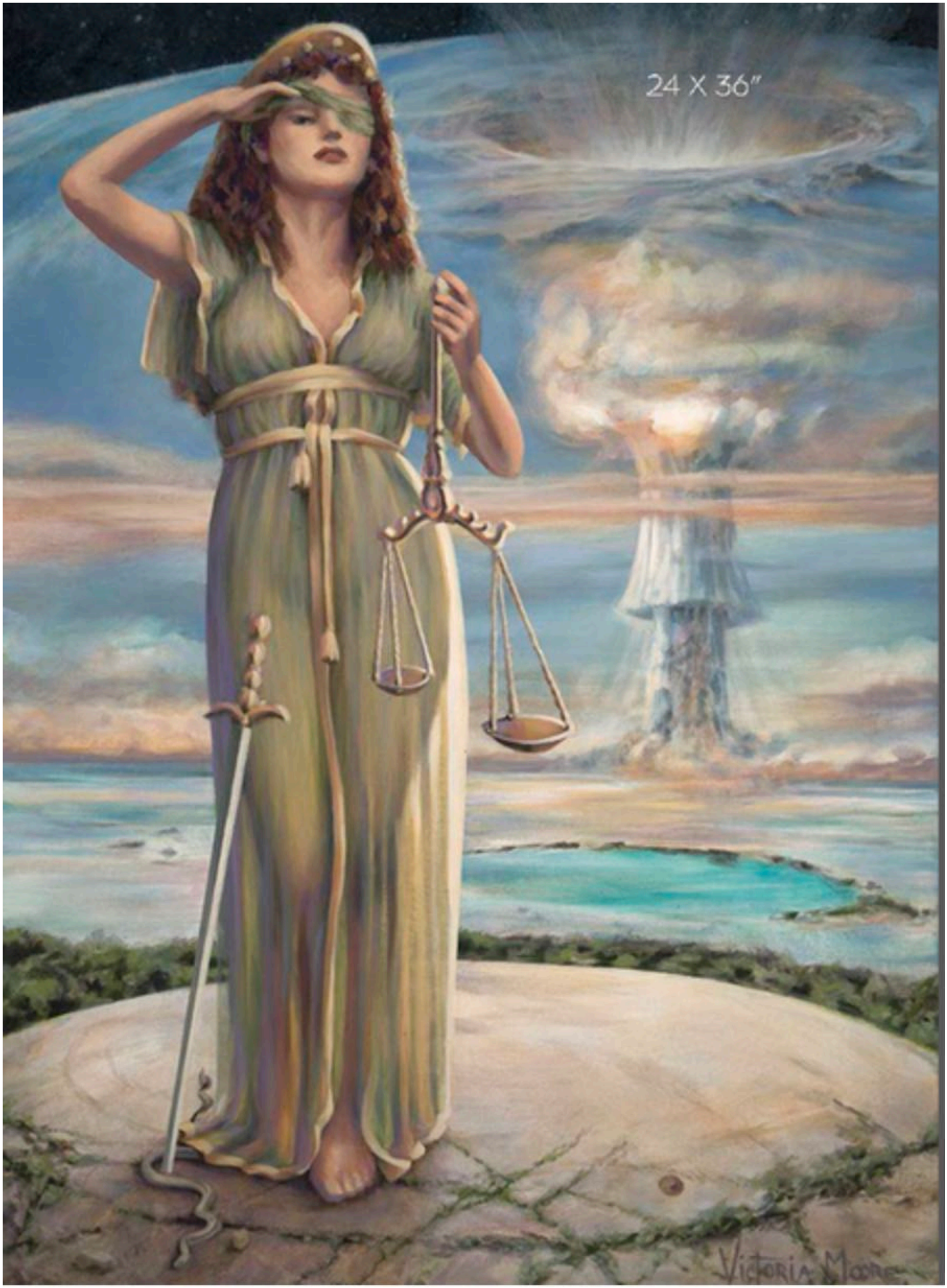
Normal in any military household cleared above Top Secret

Particularly around nuclear weapons testing and Human Radiologic Experiments (HRE), where cheek swabs, hair and fingernail samples were normal.

"Silenced by threats of jail time, exorbitant fines, charges of treason, and your parents losing their military retirement benefits loomed over every conversation and most life decisions."

LABRATS WAITING ROOM

"Over 50 years I was unable to paint to my life experience with Nuclear Testing and Human Radiologic Experiments. My Atomic Babylon reflects the emerging collection that I can now paint and speak to.


24 X 36"
Victoria Moore

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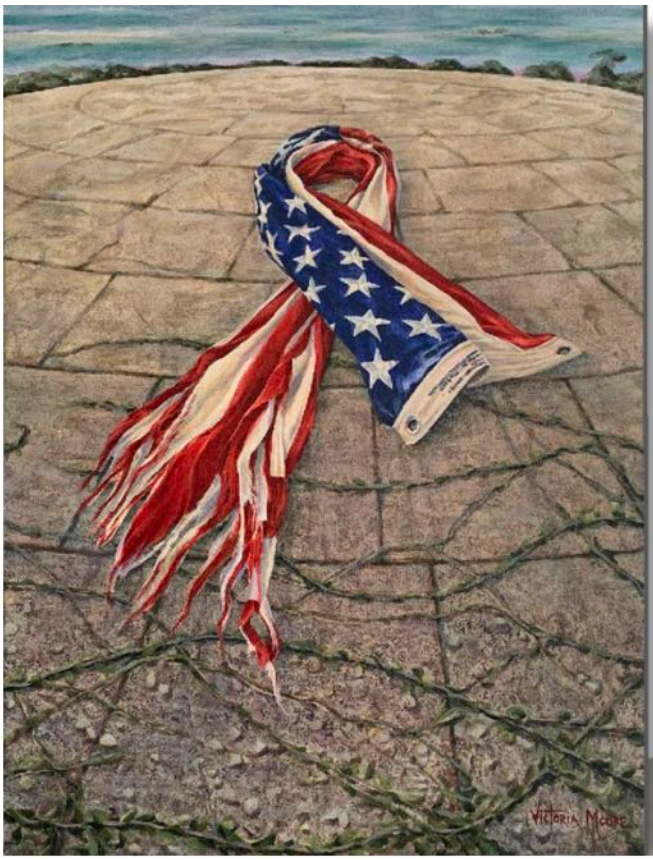
UNINTENDED **CONSEQUENCES**

THE MARSHALLESE, ATOMIC VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES have paid the ultimate price, and by extension, their families. 75 years of denial, silences have contributed to conceal the real harm to human evolution that resulted there. Unintended consequences continue to emerge as new documents and research reveal or confirm known and unforeseen environmental and health issues.

"The Marshallese, the original and Clean-up Atomic Veterans and their families deserve better genetic outcomes and options now, not more studies."

All photographs and descriptions of Victoria's Atomic Babylon Collection are from: http://www.victoriamooreportfolio.com/inpiration-for-each-painting.html

UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES 24 x 36"



HOT SPOTS + HOT BODIES

The deteriorating condition of Runit Dome is a cautionary tale for 2500 generations to come. Public denial is over.

"In 1968, the science was there when they told me not to reproduce and 'expect rare cancers like your dad.'

While the Chief got treatment, and I got warned of a cancerous future and certainly not to ever have children, they were not warned. To simply bury the mess and study the Atomic Veterans and Marshallese, and not offer counselling and treatment and genetic screening is unconscionable."

RADIATE HOPE 30 x 40"

"The universal language of art unites us as citizens of the world and ensures the preservation of a visual dialog. Art endures as a valuable resource to pass on to future generations, where silent reflection reaches viewers at the most 'essence-ial' level of existence ." vm

Linktr.ee / Victoria.Moore__Atomic.Babylon

FACING THE **FALLOUT**

An atomic blast hangs in the air between the father and daughter. Shockwaves undermine every step, carrying her broken DNA with her as the earth and mankind's genetic foundation glow. The family braces itself in the darkens, outside the RADLAB, facing the fallout alone.

"I began this bucket list painting as what I thought might be my last painting as I was being transferred to palliative care, awaiting transfer to UCLA for Hospice Care services, which turned out to be the miracle that allowed me to finish the first painting directly addressing the subject, in 2019."

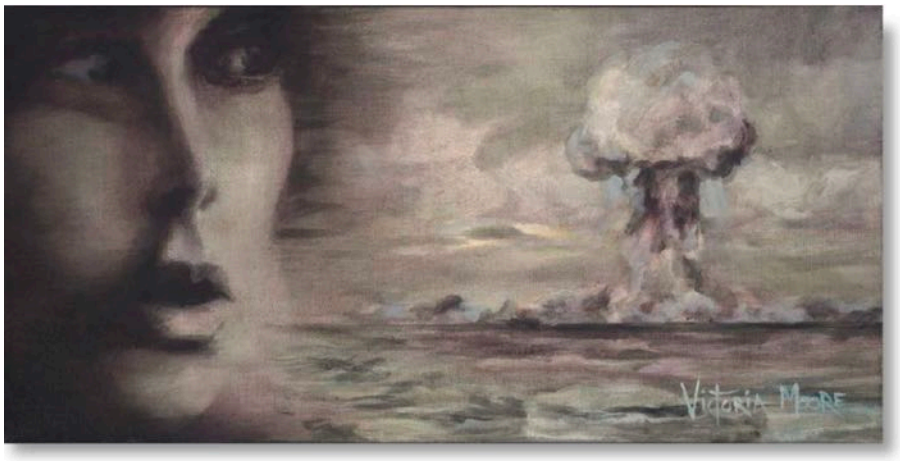
MY ATOMIC BABYLON 24 x 30"

THE NUCLEAR **FAMILY TREE**

Today, Victoria's "family" is truly nuclear. Impacting her work these days are her comrades on their atomic odyssey. Finding her visual voice is inspiring her in this collection as her personal journey unfolds now, unrestricted, on canvas. Expanding subjects to include the ionizing radiation impacts of the nuclear energy on humans and the environment.

"With this collection, I'm more concerned with content and evolution of the painting, as it allows time to reflect on the experience and the various impacted global communities."

STILL GLOWING 30 x 40"



THE **URBAN SCARS** OF NUCLEAR WAR

"Released of my silence and engaging with those that live with generational nuclear fallout feels like a "coming out" of our atomic shadow, after more than six decades of living in and under the shadow of Human Radiologic Experiments."

Putting a face on the shadows of humans vaporized so quickly it burned their shadow into the urban landscape. People going about their day, frozen in time, etched into stairs, sidewalks, walls and streets. Their haunting images should remind future generations to respect and learn from the past.

ATOMIC SHADOWS 12 x 24"

For more information and pictures of Victoria Moore's artwork go to: http://www.victoriamooreportfolio.com and http://www.myatomiclife.com

CIVIL **COLD WARRIORS**

Lady Justice stands atop "Fat Man" in the New Mexico Tularosa Basin, representing "downwind" states and native lands that experienced radioactive fallout.
All 48 states are considered downwind to some degree. Nuclear research, tests, accidents and their cleanup have become, and will forever be, a necessary part of modern language and landscape.

"Human Radiologic Experiments and Nuclear Testing are synonymous. Compromised frontline communities are coming out of the shadows to lead future generations toward actionable awareness that can bring some sort of justice for this generational neglect and rectifying decades of medical gaslighting."

CIVIL COLD WARRIORS 20 x 40"

CAUTIONARY **TALES**

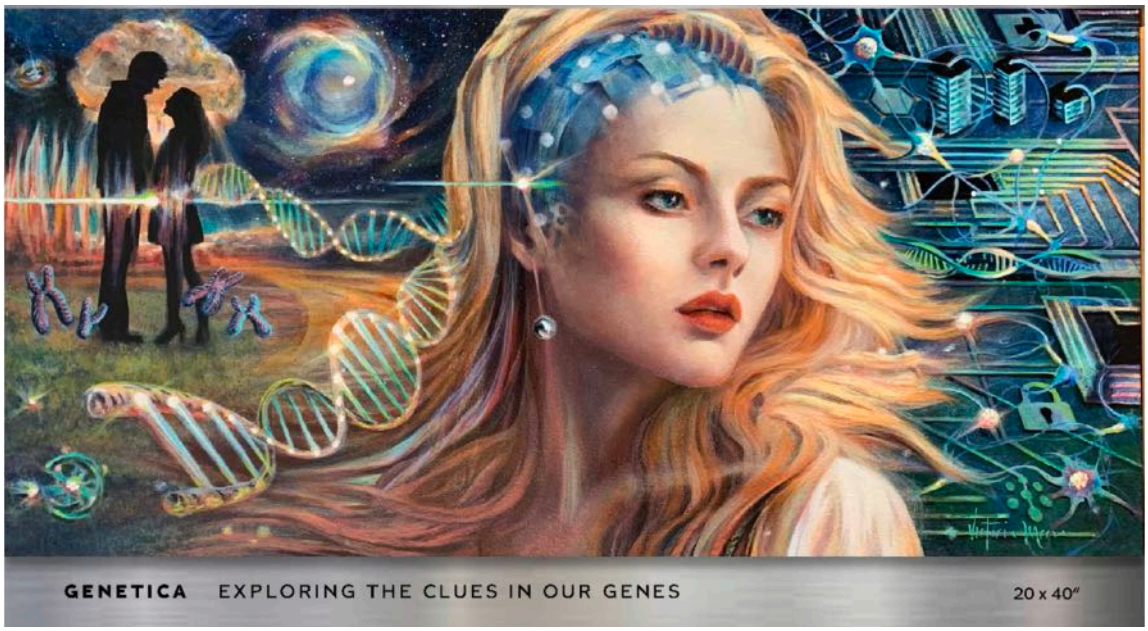
Seated on Oppenheimer's Trinity device, shouldering the weight of secrets and mourning the loss of paintings never created out of fear. As the palette casts its shadow an empty frame hangs in the contaminated atmosphere where images from a once bright futures should have hung.

Experiences and emotions are considered the wellspring for most artists to draw upon. The surreal nature of this collection is beginning to reflect the duality and fragmentation of a life in a nuclear age.

"Silently serving, U.S. Atomic Veteran descendants have clearly been denied the unalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

CAUTIONARY TALES 24 x 48"

Thank you Victoria, for all the work you do to help those affected in the nuclear age. And special thanks for allowing us to share your words and work in this newsletter.



GENETICA EXPLORING THE CLUES IN OUR GENES 20 x 40"

Letter to NAAV

Dear Vice Commander Schafer:

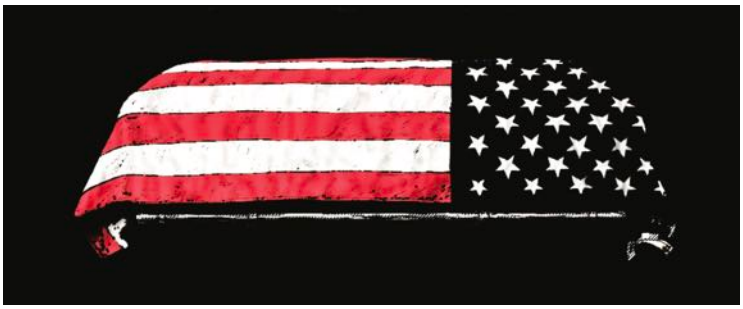
Thank you, Commander Kiefer and all the Officers of NAAV for helping Atomic Veterans. I especially want to thank Mrs. Mary Ann Kiefer for writing the article on the Savannah River Nuclear site. She did a great job!!

Any help you and Commander Kiefer can give us in getting the Savannah River Nuclear site listed as a Presumptive Exposure Site will be appreciated.

Enclosed is my check for $500.00 - $350.00 for my lifetime membership and
$150.00 for operational expenses.

Thanks again. Eli J. McNeal

TAPS



Harley DeVaux Jr.....Borrego Springs, CA

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2025 Convention Suspended

Thank you to all who have contributed funds to bring up NAAV's bottom line. In light of how expensive things continue to be in this current economy, the board has decided it would be more fiscally responsible to wait until 2026 to hold our next convention. The Hanford site that we were hoping to visit is closed for revamping for the next three years. If anyone has alternate suggestions as to where they would like to convene, please contact Keith Kiefer.
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RECOMMENDED READING

Karen Cobb sent us an article from the Spring 2025 edition of Sierra, the magazine put out by the Sierra Club. It featured the radiation exposure of workers in the oil and gas industry, specifically those who deal with the treatment of waste products generated during the extraction process. These workers are experiencing health issues, exacerbated by a lot of the same treatment by their employers that veterans deal with from the VA. Check out this link. **https://digital.sierramagazine.org/publication/?**

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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