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For the Battalion fellows:

Zovi is doing some better but it seems he is one step ahead and then back again. Lord he has been through it. I do know he has an angel on his shoulder while going through all these medical issues and that angels name is Charlotte.

Received an E-mail from Felton on our posting for the reunion.

Charles: I got a call from SP4 William(Bill) Veauthier with B Battery 1968-1969 he was on one of the 175's. He does not have a computer but said a friend does so he will try to sign in. If not his Home Phone is xxxxxxxx if there is anyone out that remembers him please give him a call. He is going to try to make the reunion. He saw the notice I posted in the American Legion magazine. I have the phone number but I do not like to put it out to the world. If someone wants to talk to Bill let me know and I will send you his phone number.

Also received the following:

Hello Mrs. Kelley,

My name is Laura Lucey I found your web page through a search. My father is Larry Ash and was in HHB 2/94th Artillery drafted to Vietnam. I was hoping to find some of his fellow men that knew him. He was shot and evacuated, I believe sometime around March 1968. His records were part of those burned up and I was hoping if someone knew him and could remember that he was injured in the line of duty because it may help him get the purple heart he deserves. He's pretty outgoing and personable so I can't imagine in the time he was there, someone wouldn't have remembered him. Thank you very much! lauralucey@yahoo.com

I do not recall the name. I do know we did get hit a few times in March but not with small arms that I recall anyway. Maybe on convey as I do remember two convoys getting hit on the way back to Carroll with wounded being treated at the medical tent. Anyone remember let Ms Lucey know if you would.

Also received another inquiry:

Hi, I'm looking at my late brother in law's DD214. His name was John M. Arthur. His last duty station indicates Svc Btry 2d Bn 94th Arty. Under Specialty number & Title it lists 17D20 FLASH RANG CRMN. I don't see him listed on your roster. His Vietnam service was 15 Nov 70 - 16 Sep 71. He was released from service next day 17 Nov. 71. John died from lung, liver and brain cancer on 9/25/2002, one day shy of his 51st birthday. Do you have any record of his service with 2nd 94th? Does anyone remember John? The Veterans of the 94th Artillery can justly be proud of their highly skilled and gutsy service in Vietnam. I will share the link to your website with other vets. "Never forget". Arthur Lynch, Bainbridge Is, WA. USMC 70-72

I do not have any information on John but then my information while massive was sketchy and not daily reports. The MOS if I am not mistaken is the old counter mortar fire radar fellows. As I recall they were just getting up to speed as I was leaving or close in 68. My memory is fading on these details but I think it was the

250th or 258th Radar section or close and would have been operationally attached to us and for services; like D Battery (B/6/27) was.

I added his name to our roster with the unknowns I mentioned above. Also with that many cancers if not metastasized sounds like AO. Even if metastasized sure fit's the scenario.

Response to arthurnlynn@aol.com if anyone has more information.

By the way anyone that is close by and wants to drop in at our 2/94th reunion is more than welcome. Even if just for a couple of hours.

The link is located at: <http://www.2ndbattalion94thartillery.com/2015reunion/2015reunion.htm>

FOR ALL:

Cam Lo "The Agent Orange Village"

I received an article in "The Nation" publication from our VA lawyer friend from the 101st.

This discusses the area around Carroll, Cam Lo District, and Mai Loc. It is now called "The Agent Orange Village" with so many generational birth defects ostensibly created by the rainbow of herbicides. Many things that were brought up in the article I disagree with and are subjective comments at best. I and many of us were there and knew Cam Lo and the area first hand as well as what the people were about.

Reference was made to the additional birth defects given to our female Veterans serving in Vietnam. The point being, as I have said before many times, this is misleading. None of the 18 additional birth defects were awarded due to exposures to toxic chemicals. Only service in theatre. Is this Government VA/IOM BS for chemical company protection? You bet!

Now could anyone produce "cause an effect" with the many different compounds used. No I doubt it. No one is that smart. Is there enough evidence to indicate that yes both paternal and maternal exposures created both physical and mental disabilities at least to some semblance of reliability? Of course there is.

Just like there is in herbicide created all-site cancers as well as endocrine and immune system issues still denied by VA/IOM. Denied by government fraud.

This is not the first time we have been at war with the exact same combat scenario as the Vietnam War. Yet no other war has produced the outcomes of the Vietnam War. To conclude otherwise would be denying the facts. The only difference is the massive use of Weapons of Mass Destruction by this government for 10 years. Even the Japanese living in Nagasaki and Hiroshima have not suffered so much including generational defects to the level of the Vietnam War. Only the Vietnam Veteran on both sides and the Vietnamese people themselves has suffered so much from government causations.

Denied of course but facts are facts as well as common sense. Dioxin may indeed be worse than radiation poisoning; much worse.

I was glad to see the author, George Black, did talk about picloram and how it contained Hexachlorobenzene (HCB).

Due to HCB's persistence in the environment, it has been banned globally under the Stockholm Convention.

One of the issues I found is no one wants to come forward and tell science or the stakeholders how much hexachlorobenzene was in this toxic chemical swill as it relates to toxicity levels used at the time. I did find that even the EPA made the manufacture reduce the amount of Hexachlorobenzene in order to re-qualify the product. As I recall that was in 1985 or so. Again what those levels are or were seemed to be a closely guarded secret. While everyone was saying Agent White was not a problem I also found that in order to re-qualify that product as well EPA made them reduce the recommended application rate per acre. Did not effect us at six to twenty-five times the original recommended application rate now did it.

I also found that hexachlorobenzene is rated as a "probable human carcinogen." Even if mildly carcinogenic like Agent Blue one must wonder if hexachlorobenzene when used with something as carcinogenic as dioxin if it also fits the scenario of Agent Blue. Is It now capable of producing tumors and cancers that alone it could not produce. In other words one and one no longer equal two outcomes but multiple outcomes that one or the other could not produce as a stand alone. Clearly the scenario of trying to find out what a single dioxin compound alone created, at least as it relates to multiple toxic chemical exposures, seems futile and bogus at best. Denial and stalling of service connected health care is more to the point.

Now you have heard that from VA itself in testimony regarding why it takes so much time for Vietnam Era claims. Clearly they state the Vietnam Veteran may have many many issues than other Era Veterans that have to be adjudicated. Takes more time because of VA and Congressional fraud and denial of presumption is the real reason.

What other war created this many men and women with multiple medical issues? Then say to yourself what is the single difference between the Vietnam War and other wars. There you go...common sense to include the government is lying.

I did find it refreshing the article finally stated not only disabilities; but multiple disabilities.

While the article was questioning the issue it was not, as usual, very direct as to challenging the government VA fraud that has and is still taking place.

It did say that they are finding dioxin alone still at a just incredible amount of 365,000 ppt in some areas of Da Nang. So much for this rated half life in the environment or original stated toxicity levels! Something wrong here. Like what is new?????

I guess the United States population has forgotten about DDT and Chlordane 74 and how the chemical companies lied about those toxic swills as well for decades. It seems the lying continues on the dioxin issues.

The public does not realize the impact these dioxins may be having on them as well as their families. Does not realize it because of the government/chemical company connection partnerships. Civilians, thanks to congress, have this misunderstanding of these herbicides. "Oh that stuff in Agent Orange is just a Vietnam thing." NOT SO! Campaign money trumps public safety.

Some how Mr. Black ascertained in the article that "less than 1000 ppt of dioxin is considered safe." If I had more energy I would write to him and find out where in the world that particular published information came from and if the VA/IOM connection was involved. But he would not respond anyway as most reporters who paddy cake this stuff.

Most of the scientists I talked to tell me we may not be able to measure down to a so-called "safe level" over life of dioxin or like compounds in the family of dioxins.

I would post this article but in this one you have to be a member or pay for it.

It is in "The Nation" and is called "The Legacy of the Vietnam War." Interesting for us that served in that area but as far as actual facts not so much. A lot of it is conjecture as to why if not "cause and effect" then it apparently it did not take place as a result of herbicides but as a result of some unknown causation. It does talk about the massive use in that area.

I have always said in looking at the target data the area along QL9 was the most heavily concentrated exposure area. The area up there was very narrow in both length and width of target areas. The placement of bases for howitzer overlapping perimeter fire support against three NVA divisions that were herbicide target areas was only about six miles. Add that up with over-spray drift rate and it is no wonder the Marines had a higher incident of issues early on. Some of those fellows operating in the bush between the bases and the DMZ like between Carroll and the Rockpile and to the Northwest of Carroll towards the DMZ would have been subjected to three target area sprayings.

Common sense says the Cam Lo findings indicate heavy usage.

The article also mentioned the use of the barrels in make shift showers and cut in half cooking grills. It did not mention the food that was stored in those barrels such as potatoes or flour. It also did not mentioned the use of boiling water in cut in half barrels when the bubonic plague scare took place along the DMZ from all the dead bodies. Probably not the smartest thing in boiling drinking water in non-decontaminated Orange or White barrels.

Thanks to Fort Deterick and its scientists who seem to be lately struck down with Alzheimer's regarding any dioxin issues at all the emergency MACV directive mandating decontamination of all herbicide barrels and especially Orange did not come out until mid 1969. Of course we all know this done as directed. Yea right!

Of course it might be the scientists at Fort Deterick just want to keep their jobs. I do not think anyone realizes how vindictive this government can be on those that actually want to tell the truth. Some have come forward and fallen on their swords for science and Veterans as well. Their reward for some semblance of truth was not very pretty thanks to our Congress who stand by and let it happen. No different from whistle blowers.

Whistle blowers if you think Congress has got your back you better think twice. You are better off keeping your mouth shut and finding a new job outside of government.

There are some scientific heroes out there that deserve the thanks and praise of all Vietnam Era Veterans.

I could give the names of at least some but then I might open them up for government retribution.

Last... all of you should read this posted article on VA and giving Veterans back their 2nd amendment rights if you forgo all VA Benefits.

The British with the most powerful military in the known world could not defeat the rag tag Colonel Army with a few state militia's thrown in.

WHY?

In the past wars were fought for religion, royal families in dispute, land grabbing, etc. The British were fighting an ideal. Capturing a town or winning a battle meant very little to this ideal. An ideal that government served the people and those people had the right to live without government intervention. The people had guaranteed rights ergo the constitution and the bill of rights to pursue their lives.

I said long ago, many may recall, if the government would treat its Veterans as they have and continue to do so then what segment was next. I think over the last 25 years we have found out. No one is safe. No one is safe from the government taking away your rights. No one is safe from politics of continually growing the government. States are no longer safe from the feds taking away their States rights as designed when the government was set up. Yet because of more and more government candy handed out or so it seems the people seemed to be just rolling over.

If this article does not infuriate you and then say to yourself who is next then you get what you deserve; government anarchy.

<http://patriotupdate.com/2015/06/vets-told-they-can-buy-back-2nd-amendment-rights/>

Now is social security doing this as well? If not when does it start????? Give up your social security disability for PTSD or similar and you can have your second amendment rights back.

I will say it again. Congress has allowed this cancer of an agency way to much unchecked power outside the constitution of the United States.

Congress's inability or willingness to reign in this agency or eliminate them all together with some semblance of justice seemingly is self-serving.

Why do the same ones keep getting elected?

I have no idea except for the government candy handed out for votes.

I will be creating a paper similar to an Battalion Operational Report with Lessons Learned. That will be it for me in this fight...no more.

I hope those that are thinking of joining the military through out history will read it and think twice about joining and facing the entire government including congress in fighting the government lies with no constitutional protection for them to obtain justice.

What I found goes back as far back as mustard gas testing not just the Vietnam Era herbicide issues. The government, congress, DOD, and VA learned their lessons well in the application of collusion, conspiracy to

commit fraud, and just out and out lies in denial of the facts. Media bias against Veterans is just overwhelming in reporting the facts. Maybe the government has scared the pants off of them as well.

Admiral Zumwalt – “I spent about nine months doing that and turned in a study that pointed that there were very badly flawed studies done by the chemical corporations which had been used for years as a so called reference study to denigrate very good scientific studies done by Swedish scientists. I recommended that those flawed studies be disregarded and that if one did that that there were, in my judgment, assisted by scientific advisors, **28 diseases that were as likely as not a result of exposure to Agent Orange.**”

Where are they? Fraudulently denied by VA and BVA is where they are.

"We found and reported in that report that the Bureau of the Budget had ordered all the agencies of government in essence not to find a correlation between Agent Orange and health affects stating that it would be most unfortunate for two reasons: **A) the cost of supporting the veterans** and **B) the court liability to which corporations would be exposed.**"

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ADMIRAL ZUMWALT: Mr. Chairman, I have one other comment I'd like to make, unrelated.

“As you know, Mr. Chairman, I worked very diligently on the Agent Orange issue, and I believe that part of the problem we have with the polarization that exists on this issue is a residue of the, after-effects of the battle that took place with regard to Agent Orange. A battle **which led to the discovery that the government had in writing in the early '1980s, at the level of the Bureau of the Budget, specifically requested government agencies not to find a correlation between Agent Orange and disease.** That's been documented; **a published document is available by Congress.** That investigation and that conclusion, which was shocking to many of us, led many veterans, including me for a long time, to be suspicious just in general of the processes of government with regard to veterans.”

Suspicious? Gee you think so? Well folks I am still suspicious with the facts and then the lies that keep coming out of VA and IOM and if the cowards in congress or the media would stand and fight on the data and facts I and several of us would gladly accommodate them.

Glenda and I will be heading towards her hometown of Richmond, Ohio this week and back next week. I will be off the computer. It is her mother's 93 birthday and they are having a bicentennial event for the town. I say town... if a gas station with a small grocery store, a small hardware store and a funeral home constitutes a town that is. Ha Ha Not even a caution light and one stop sign.

Best,
Kelley