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Agent Orange Herbicides Used On Guam National Security Issue?

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I am writing this news article to bring to light that the People of Guam feel that the severe contamination of their Island was done under a cloak of darkness and they were not told of the devastating effects that it would have on those that live there. The U.S. military used Agent Orange herbicides on Guam from the early 60's to the late 70's. I have seen as late as middle April 2010 articles written demanding the UNITED STATES ACKNOWLEDGE that AGENT ORANGE was used there before the island has a major influx of military personnel and contractors.

They believe their Island should be cleaned up and major renovation are done to the sewer and fresh water supply system on the island to insure a safe environment for all who will live there. It does make sense since the Chamorro people of Guam have lived with the highest cancer rates in the world and the UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY found the tcdd dioxin levels on Guam to be as high as 19,000 PPM which is the highest levels of anywhere in the world.

I know AGENT ORANGE was used there because I started prepared, mixed and hand sprayed it on Andersen AFB Yigo Guam and off base Air Force fuels facilities at Potts Junction, Tumon Tank Farm, Yigo Packaged Oil warehouse near Marbo Barracks Complex, the Naval Air Station Air Force Booster Pump station, Cross Island Pipelines, and the Naval Fuel Supply Depot Air Force Underground fuel transfer tanks in Sept 1968 till June 1978 with break in between when I was stationed there at Andersen AFB Guam.

I was contacted by a buddy from those Air Force assignment years on Andersen AFB in August 2009 whose name is Sgt Ralph Stanton. He asked me for help and if I heard about the VETERANS AND AGENT ORANGE UPDATE 2008 that was just released. I told him I did see it recently and had just couldn't believe my eyes because all of my illnesses I have been experiencing over my life time were attributed to those days of preparing, mixing and spraying Agent Orange herbicides on Guam. The Air Force even put it in my Airman Performance reports starting in 1976 even though I did it in 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971 because it was such a menial job I guess they figured it was worth even stating exactly what I was doing there all the time. I realized later on they may have been instructed to not mention anything about it because of the contamination that would have been revealed to others.

I recently sent in a testimony to the FULL HOUSE VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HEARING ON VIETNAM WAR VETERANS HEALTH AFFECTS AFTERMATH FOR THAT HEARING ON MAY 5, 2010 AT 10 A.M. I DIDN'T SEE IT LISTED BUT FAXED IT TO THEM AS PER THEIR REQUEST. THIS ARTICLE IS COMPLETELY THE TRUTH SO HELP ME GOD.

Sgt Stanton remembered me coming by with the air force dark blue 5 ton tractor truck with a pintle hook on it with the old yellow Oil and Adi 750 gallon trailer with the wand and hose hand

spraying the Agent Orange herbicides on the security fences around the tank farms called Andy I and Andy II, the base flightline hydrant fuel pump station and valve pits, the Cross Island pipelines going to Potts Junction tank farm and Tumon tank farm working my way to NAS Booster pump station and down to the Naval Fuel Supply Depot below Agana Guam.

Sgt Stanton made an astonishing admission to me stating he had become sterile over there from the Agent Orange herbicides. I almost fell over when he said it because I also had become sterile almost immediately on contact with the Agent Orange herbicides. I was treated for sterility by the UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL IN AGANA GUAM IN THE SPRING OF 1977 which had a detrimental affect on my immune system. I had a terrible reaction to the series of shots at Andersen AFB Clinic with hives and anaphylactic shock airway closure. I was told to stop those intravenous injections as they could kill me according to an Air Force emergency room doctor who was administering the serial numbered injections. I was later sent back to the US Naval Hospital at Agana Guam to meet with the naval captain who ordered the injections. He was a Chinese man with a Naval uniform on who told me it could take 20 years to father a child because my sperm was so inactive and so sporadic to the point of complete sterility. It turned out that i did father a child in 1991 but my immune system was never the same.

Little did i realized that the beginnings were like a roadmap of my health records in the military with treatment for Chloracne (acne) in my medical records and then the immunity problems with hives and reactions to everything eaten or medications. It progressed to anklylsoing spondiolitis, spinal stenosis, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, ischemic heart disease with emergency open heart surgery at Hamot Medical Center in Erie, Pa, memory loss, eye sight loss, hearing loss, and other diseases I cant even think of at this moment. Sgt Ralph Stanton has many of these plus lupus and diabetes II and scleroderma.

I have been in contact with Dr Mary Paxton of the National Institute of Medicine Agent Orange Commission on my illnesses and my history with Agent Orange handling on Guam. She is fully aware of my concerns and my battle with the Veterans Affairs since Feb 1988. The Veterans Affairs has denied me service connection for Agent Orange since that time and have also denied Sgt Ralph Stanton as late as last week. Sgt Stanton has several doctors letters stating his diseases are directly caused by Agent Orange on Guam but the St Louis VA do not recognized Guam as a place Agent Orange was used and reference the JOINT SERVICES RESEARCH OFFICE WITH THE US ARMY WHO STATED THERE WAS NO RECORD OF AGENT ORANGE USED ON GUAM.

My daughter was then born in Dec 1991 with asthmas, TMJ joint disease, hip dysplasia, immune problems with rashes, knee joint dysplasia, etc. She gave birth to a baby girl in March 2010 in Jamestown Ny with multiple birth defects multiple toes and fingers and heart mur mur and asthmas. I recently saw other Guam veterans with their children and grandchildren born with spina bifida and multiple toes

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