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Non Ionizing Radiation Exposure

I've put this mail together to share with all of you, so that you are aware of these, if any of this should pertain to you or any Veteran contact you may have.

Exposure To Non-Ionizing Radiation By Radar, 'Microwave Radio Frequency',

Look this over & consider visiting Your Local Veterans Affairs Office to Register with The Veterans Administration for your '**Exposure To Microwave, RF Radiation** for your assignment with **Hawk Missile Systems**. You too should be **Registered** for '**Occupational Exposure During Military Service With The US Army ADA**'.

This is ONLY A Registration for monitoring Your Ongoing Health Conditions for signs of illnesses that may relate to your exposure.

Personal History Of Exposure To Non-Ionizing Radiation (ICD-9-CM V15.89)

To all of us Veterans & those who served with The Air Surveillance Radar.

We are working at getting this information out to all Veterans who may qualify for This Screening. This '**Non Ionizing Radiation Screening**', the VA came out with is for **All Veterans** who served around **Microwave Radar Radiation**,

No Matter if you have medical problems that may link to this or not, You should '**Register**'! This includes Our Cooks, Mechanics, MPs, Maintenance, Commo, Medics, etc. that were there with us.

This is for **ALL ADA Assigned Veterans**. So, pass this out to all of these contacts that you have who apply to this!

Army, Marine, AF & Navy Veterans who served with Any Air Surveillance Radar, needs this Accurate Information.

Please update/inform our Veterans. This statement needs to show up for these **Veterans, VA Medical Record**.

ACTIVE PROBLEM: Personal History Of Exposure To Non-Ionizing Radiation (ICD-9-CM V15.89)

Ref: Veterans Health Benefits Handbook, July 2012, Chapter 3, Page 19.

Ref: Ionizing Radiation Review, Volume 5, February 2011,

From Veteran **Carl Palmer**, Seattle, WA

I just returned from the **Seattle VA Hospital** and I am now on the **VA Health Registry for Occupational Exposure of a US Veteran During Military Service with the HAWK ADA Missile System.**

Ionizing Radiation is defined by the **VA** as **Atmospheric Nuclear Weapon Exposure, Particle Radiation, I.E., Nuclear Waste Disposal and Dirty Bomb Attacks.**

HOWEVER, Ionizing Radiation, (Radio Frequency Emitted) from Radar Devices has the same effects/affects and is covered.

ANYWAY, Fellow ADA Veterans: 'We Were All Exposed'. I was in **Maintenance**, but We Were All Exposed. Even if you have no symptoms, you are entitled to a **Free Specialized And Comprehensive Health Examination** provided by a **VA Environmental Health (EH)** technician, which I received today.

Though the **Army** paid for my **Cataract Procedure** in Both Eyes, I was informed today that **This Is Considered Service Connected** for those on the registry.

Contact your **Local E H Coordinator** to request information about registry examinations.

<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/> or **1-800-749-8387.**

Good Luck,
Carl Palmer

From Veteran **Dr.H.R.Myler**

Just a short note regarding this. I am thinking that it was in the 1977-1978 time frame that the entire battalion (3/7 ADA) was sent in for eye screening & this was because of potential ionizing radiation effects.

I am currently what they call 'A Melanoma Suspect', because my irises, (started 3 years ago when I was 58), are beginning to deteriorate & break apart. The pieces are clogging the trabecular meshwork, which is a filtering mechanism for the aqueous humor that fills the eyeball. If this filter becomes too clogged, intraocular pressures rise & if high enough they will cause damage to the retina--this is full-blown melanoma. I am not overly concerned because I am under the careful eye, no pun intended, of a very competent melanoma specialist & the disease is treatable. That said, I am now wondering if this condition was aggravated or initiated by the Non-Ionizing Radiation that I experienced those few years spent on Army TAC Sites.

I would welcome similar stories if any of you have them.

H. R. Myler, Ph.D.,P.E.

<http://www.ee.lamar.edu/myler>

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PS: - Vets often receive criticism as being gimpy with after-service medical, but this was a serious, long-term exposure to radiation that was not well understood when it came to long-term effects. We knew the high-energy exposure effects, that gave rise to the microwave oven, but the effects on delicate tissues such as the eyes were just beginning to be discovered.

I had a 16E Squad Leader by the name of Castro, (can't recall his first name), who was directly exposed to The IHIPR one afternoon when we were playing volleyball. He was shirtless & when he complained of sunburn, (you may know how hard it was to get sunburn in Germany), I noticed that the IHIPR closest to where we were playing was pointed directly at his back. I yelled to him to get out of the way & ran into the BCC to yell

at The Van Guard to get That Radar up to A Safe Elevation & Azimuth. I wonder now if this man has had an issue with melanoma.

Hearing Loss – (Tinnitus) & Ringing Ears:

We have been discussing Ringing Ears & Loss Of Hearing with Veterans & find The VA may approve us for 10% Disability if any of us should qualify.

If you experience Ringing Ears or Any Hearing Loss, (even if you already have Hearing Aids), you should report this to Your VA. Throe The Veterans Affairs Office or, if you are already in The VA Medical Care, make an appointment. You may start with A Hearing Test regarding Ringing Ears or Hearing Loss related to Your Exposure To High Frequency Noises while working with Radar, Generators, Weapons or Loud Vehicles while in The Armed Forces. With your DD-214 & any Paperwork regarding your assignments where Hazardous Noise Conditions are known to have existed, you may qualify.

The VA will test you, review what they have on your hearing test, & information about your assignments with hazardous noise conditions to determine your qualifications for Disability Compensation. Be Patient! It will take a while for them to get throe their procedures.

Calvin Bridges

From **Dennis Hart**, La Verne, CA

Hi Trapper,

I have Severe Tinnitus as result of my time at Charlie Battery 3/7. Up until last year, I thought that it was just something I had to live with. Well, yeah I still do, but I didn't know I could do anything to receive compensation for it.

Then you posted a series of e-mail on the subject : "3/7 Hawk ADA, VA Pension For Hearing Loss Approved For Hawk ADA Veterans".

I started looking into it. It took a while but finally back in July I was able get in for A VA Hearing Test. After The Test, several long months passed, then this past Saturday, I received a letter from The VA telling me that they had awarded me An Entitlement for 10% Disability due to The Tinnitus. The first check for back payments from August 1st. arrived today.

I wish I had known about this 45 years ago when I left Charlie Battery 3/7 & got out of The Army. Sadly, they won't retro it back that far. Then again I don't think that The VA was even aware of The Tinnitus Problem back then. Good Luck to anyone else who is applying for This VA Benefit!

Dennis Hart

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MOS 24D20 Hawk Missile & Launcher Mechanic

PS: I hope that my fellow Vet's who are suffering from Tinnitus due to their time in the service will be able to apply & receive some compensation for their suffering.

Tinnitus is something I have been living with since my early 20's. Not something that developed when I hit my 60's.

Source: Trapper John

Veteran Crisis Resources

Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1
Military Crisis Line 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
National Call Center for Homeless Veterans
1-877-4AID-VET (424.3838)
VA Caregiver Support Line 1-855-260-3274

Not Fixing the VA

As Obama's presidency will end soon, I believe one his greatest failures is that the VA is still ridden with incompetence and corruption. I've been one of the chief interrogators of the bureaucrats there, exposing the culture that puts Veterans second, or third, or even worse. Obama knows what I and the rest of the House VA Committee have uncovered, but he will not intervene to stop deplorable behavior at the VA.

In the past few days, Obama claimed that there were no major scandals on his watch: I guess that as many as 300,000 Veterans dying because of secret waiting lists doesn't qualify for Obama.

There was a sad but [insightful story](#) this past week from *USA Today* you might want to check out. It reports some of the shifty business that goes on in the VA. Secretary McDonald said 90% of the VA's medical centers have 'new leadership' or 'leadership teams' since he took over (under Obama) in 2014. But *USA Today* found that only 8 directors were really new, from outside the VA. There are 140 medical center directors.

That's not new leadership.

Obama has not lifted a finger to enact the change needed at the VA. That will be part of his legacy.

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