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# Blue Water Navy Web Site UPDATE LOG

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**These are the latest updates anywhere on the web site in chronological order  
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check this list for the LATEST POSTINGS for ALL sections**

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## Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Association

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8 June 15 - [Why the IOM Report on the C-123 Aircraft](#) is important to the Blue Water Navy

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6 June 15 - [Hill and Ponton Law Firm analysis](#) of the Gray v. McDonald Ruling

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4 June 15 - [Written Testimony to the Senate VA Committee](#) for May 13, 2015 Hearing

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16 May 15 - [UPDATE - ATTENTION Carrier Sailors](#)

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5 May 15 - [Documented use of Agent Orange/TCDD in Malasia in 1952](#)

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26 Apr 15 - [How does the CAVC Ruling affect Blue Water Navy Exposure Claims?](#) in my opinion

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25 Apr 15 - [Added to the number of available Deck Logs now on NARA Public Access](#) as of March 30, 2015

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24 Apr 15 - [BWNVVA's assessment of the CAVC decision in Gray v. McDonald](#) - regarding Da Nang Harbor as Inland Water

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10 Mar 15 - [Bi-partisan S-681](#) Introduced in the Senate

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28 Feb 15 - [Audio-tape of CAVC Hearing on Da Nang Harbor status](#) as inland water

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18 Feb 15 - [Updated info on HR-969](#) introduction in the House of Representatives

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14 Feb 15 - [Added number of available Deck Logs now on NARA Public Access](#)

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13 Feb 15 - [Blue Water Navy Legislation Introduced as HR-969](#)

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11 Feb 15 - [Latest NARA UPDATE of scanned Deck Logs](#) on the Open Public Access network

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3 Feb 15 - [The CAVC will determine if Da Nang Harbor is Inland Water](#) on Feb. 25, 2015

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6 Jan 15 - [Updated information](#) regarding Association Benefits

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5 Jan 15 - [Amazing array of embroidered clothing items](#) in our Ship's Store (near the bottom of page)

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22 Dec 14 - [New Association Membership Benefits](#)

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21 Dec 14 - [New Embroidered Sports Shirt](#) in Ship's Store

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21 Dec 14 - [New Embroidered Canvas Tote Bag](#) in Ship's Store

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20 Dec 14 - [A Report on the December 4th Court Hearing](#)

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18 Dec 14 - [PTSD information links](#) from [RNtoBSN.org](#)

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27 Nov 14 - [Ship's List CHANGES ONLY](#) Nov. 2014

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25 Nov 14 - [November 25 Ship's List Update](#) released by VBA

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25 Nov 14 - [A Letter from the Director](#)

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19 Nov 14 - [The VA vs. The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans: A Simple Overview](#)

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4 Oct 14 - [A hearing is scheduled for Dec 4, 2014](#) in Washington, DC

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17 Sep 14 - [A PDF page of the Summary of the Aircraft Carrier Spreadsheet](#) is added for those who do not have a spreadsheet program. NOTE: OpenOffice is an excellent FREE substitute for the Microsoft Office Suite with all functions for Documents, Spreadsheets, Powerpoints, Databases, and more.

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15 Sep 14 - [Updated Aircraft Carrier Spreadsheet](#) - additional carrier IDs for Territorial Waters added

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9 Aug 14 - [Added new items to the Ship's Store](#)

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9 Aug 14 - [Added Support Letter from Team Veteran](#)

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24 July 14 - [Update to House co-sponsor support](#) at 240

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21 July 14 - [New BWN Poster](#) shows potential AO exposure levels in Vietnam

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27 June 14 - [HR 543 has 224 Co-Sponsors](#) as of June 27 - New Map

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21 June 14 - [Updated information on NEW T-Shirts in the Ship's Store](#)

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15 June 14 - [Updated Map](#) showing 214 cosponsors of HR-543

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15 June 14 - [Part 2 of Rossie's interview](#) has been posted

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14 June 14 - [Added VA's Motion and BWN-MVA Response](#)

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13 June 14 - [John Rossie is interviewed](#) on the Vietnam Veteran News Podcast

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13 June 14 - [More ideas from Admiral Ed Straw](#)

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12 June 14 - [Radio Interview of Bob Ford](#) with ideas for VA changes

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2 June 14 - [Adm. Ed Straw, Montel Williams](#) on Fox News with Cavuto

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2 June 14 - [Updated Map](#) showing 206 current cosponsors of HR-543

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2 June 14 - [Update to the scanned Ship Deck Logs available at NARA](#) - 180 ships and 7,068 Deck Logs now available

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18 May 14 - [Added Jim Treganza and Bill Miltenberger](#) to the In Memorium listing

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18 May 14 - [Our Legal Counsel John Wells](#) on Fox News

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18 May 14 - [Updated Map](#) showing 199 current cosponsors of HR-543

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18 May 14 - [An updated schedule for future filings](#) in our court case against the VA

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10 Apr 14 - [Updated Map](#) showing current co-sponsors of HR-543

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3 Apr 14 - [BWN to conduct 3rd annual Stand-Down](#)

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3 Apr 14 - [New Item in Ship's Store](#) - Bumper Sticker for ALL VETERANS!

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3 Apr 14 - [MEMBERSHIP VERIFICATION](#) - Please use our automated form to verify your contact information

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16 Mar 14 - [Added new Bumper Sticker to Ship's Store](#) - It's not about the POLITICS, It's about the VETERANS!

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24 Feb 14 - [Update to the scanned Ship Deck Logs available at NARA](#) - 170 ships and 6,547 Deck Logs now available

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18 Feb 14 - [Instructions and Documents for getting a Resolution in Support of HR-543 submitted and passed](#)

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17 Feb 14 - [VA Information FAQs on DBOs](#)

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17 Feb 14 - [Information on VA Dental Care Programs](#)

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17 Feb 14 - [Information on VA Assistance from VA Doctors for Medical Compensation Claims](#)

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17 Feb 14 - [Information on Non-VA Emergency Health Care](#)

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29 Jan 14 - [27 new additions to the Inland Water Service Ship List](#)

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16 Jan 14 - [A Full Compilation of Court Documents](#) for the Federal Lawsuit BWNVVA-MVA vs Eric Shinseki

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15 Jan 14 - [Update to the scanned Ship Deck Logs available at NARA](#) - 165 ships and 6,321 Deck Logs now available

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22 Dec 13 - [Beyond Arbitrary and Capricious](#)

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27 Oct 13 - [Update to the Ship Deck logs available at NARA](#) - 162 ships and 5,935 Deck Logs are available as of Sept 30, 2013

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3 Sept 13 - [Update to the Ship Deck Logs available at NARA](#) - 150 ships and 5,495 Deck Logs are available as of Sept 3, 2013

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1 Sept 13 - [Update of Aircraft Carrier List](#) of those located within the Territorial Seas of Vietnam (From [this tracking page](#))

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31 Aug 13 - [Dear Barak Obama - Thoughts on Syria and Chemical Weapons](#)

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22 Aug 13 - Added information on our [FUND-RAISING EVENT](#) - It's a CONTEST and YOU can HELP!

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18 Aug 13 - [New Guidelines for Contributions and Donations](#)

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2 Aug 13 - [VA may pay for your Non-VA Hospital costs for emergencies](#)

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2 Aug 13 - [The Rule for Presumption of Exposure for the "Ship's List" releases](#)

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2 Aug 13 - Blue Water Navy Association [files Federal Law Suit against VA](#)

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26 July 13 - [The July 9 VA Ship List update](#) in Excel spreadsheet

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24 July 13 - [Update to the Ship Deck Logs available at NARA](#) - 131 ships and 4634 Deck Logs available as of July 10, 2013

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17 July 13 - [UPDATED LIST OF SHIPS](#) released July 9 by the VA

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5 July 13 - [Update to the Ship Deck Logs available at NARA](#) - 124 ships and 4218 logs as of June 19, 2013

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12 June 13 - [A Re-Analysis of Blue Water Navy Veterans and Agent Orange Exposure](#)

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18 May 13 - [Added Jack R. Weaver, BTMCPO \(Retired\) to the In Memorium List](#) Died January 19, 2013 of dioxin-related illnesses

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10 May 13 - [Update on list of carriers in Territorial Waters](#) (not currently applicable - for possible future reference)

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1 May 13 - [BWNVVA sends Demand Letter](#) to Secretary Shinseki for immediate Presumption of Exposure for offshore Vietnam

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9 Apr 13 - [Provided a definition of Blue Water](#) vs brown water as used by the VA

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12 Mar 13 - [An update on Deck Logs available on-line](#) from the National Archives, College Park, MD. (See [HERE](#) for details.)

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17 Feb 13 - [Multiple changes on site](#) to reflect new HR-543 number and pending Bill number change for S-1629

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11 Feb 13 - [Agent Orange Exposure Legislation HR-543](#) introduced for offshore Dioxin Exposure

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14 Jan 13 - [Final adjustments added to "Some Brief Background"](#) for the Call for Public Censure of the DVA

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10 Jan 13 - [Refinements partially completed](#) on our Call for Public Censure of the DVA

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7 Jan 13 - [Blue Water Navy Association calls for Public Censure of the DVA](#)

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6 Jan 13 - [A Commitment for 2013](#)

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13 Dec 12 - Provides the entry and reference now [within the M21-1MR for "presumption of service connection for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma \(NHL\)"](#)

based on service in the RVN during the Vietnam Era. Exposure to herbicides is not a prerequisite for entitlement under 38 CFR 3.313. The claimant needs only to show service in the RVN, which includes the waters offshore.

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9 Dec 12 - [Directions on how to find Digitized Deck Logs](#) from the National Archives in College Park, MD

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9 Dec 12 - [Update to Ship Locator Spreadsheet](#) for carriers (See Figure 3)

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28 Nov 12 - [House Veterans Committee confronts VA](#)

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18 Nov 12 - [Updated Spreadsheet](#) for identifying Aircraft Carriers within the Territorial Seas (See Figure 3)

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15 Nov 12 - [Information on the November 2012 update to the Inland Waters Ships List](#)

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3 Nov 12 - [Tools to use in locating ships within the Territorial Seas\\* of Vietnam](#)

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27 Oct 12 - [FREE items for vets on Veterans Day \(and other days\)](#)

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26 Aug 12 - [A VA Health Care Notice](#) has been posted regarding the drinking water at Camp Lejeune

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9 Aug 12 - [Additions to the Stand-Down Report](#) - more to come

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8 Aug 12 - [Beginning the After Action Report on the Stand-Down](#)

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23 July 12 - [Added Bob Barbee to our In Memorium Listings](#)

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18 July 12 - [VA Publishes Final Rules for new Core Values and Characteristics](#) for Department

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17 July 12 - [Added photo of the Quilt](#) to be given away at the Stand-Down

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20 June 12 - [Added the Declaration of Independence to front page](#) to read aloud on the 4th of July

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11 June 12 - [Blue Water Navy Assoc. Sponsoring Stand-Down in upstate NY](#)

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23 May 12 - [Original BWN Coverage under the AO Act of 1991](#) shown in the M-21 Rules in FAQ section

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22 Apr 12 - [A Map of Congressional Support](#) for HR-3612

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3 Apr 12 - [Added Letter of Support](#) from the Association of the United Stated Navy

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10 Mar 12 - [Additional Information on the National Archives Scanning Project](#)

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25 Feb 12 - [Additional Information and a request to Support Statements added](#)

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24 Feb 12 - [Made some corrections to the layout for IN MEMORIUM listings](#)

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21 Feb 12 - [DIOXIN ON THE CARRIERS - Research providing certainty that carriers were exposed to Dioxin](#)

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30 Jan 12 - [Total of new ships changed to 47.](#) USS Marathon (PG-89) was originally listed here as NEW but it had appeared on the May 2011 List.

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23 Jan 12 - [The numbering of Bills is explained](#) in the FAQ Section

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19 Jan 12 - [Added News Release of Jan 6, 2012 to the Editorial Section](#)

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19 Jan 12 - [Update to Inland Water Service Ship List](#) with New Ship Breakout

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17 Jan 12 - [Added the Blue Water Navy Association CAUSE to the Web site](#)

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15 Jan 12 - [National Archives Posting Deck Logs For Public Access](#)

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7 Jan 12 - [Additions to the FAQ Section](#) This process will be ongoing and from this point only major additions will be mentioned here.

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4 Jan 12 - [FAQ Section Developed for Blue Water Navy Agent Orange Legislation](#)

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4 Jan 12 - [C&P Division Announces Thailand Vets Granted AO Due Payment from First Date of Claim](#)

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3 Jan 12 - [Added more information to the FAQ on the Public Support Page](#)

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28 Dec 11 - [Did minor internal fixes and new info to Public Support Page](#)

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20 Dec 11 - [Additional Information on Public Support Page](#)

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19 Dec 11 - [NewsPage Link to the Public Support Page](#)

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18 Dec 11 - [Changes and additions to the Public Support Page](#)

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11 Dec 11 - [Created the Public Support Page](#)

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11 Dec 11 - [Moved the VSO Toolbox up to the Blue Buttons](#)

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7 Dec 11 - [New Legal Resource links](#) from LexisNexis and other data were added to the VSO Toolbox

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16 Nov 11 - [Veteran Organizations Support Blue Water Navy Bill S-1629](#)

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13 Oct 11 - ["Information on VA-provided Eye Glasses and Hearing Aids" was removed pending resolution of contradictory information](#)

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12 Oct 11 - [VA Letter Clarifying Addition of CLL to 3.313](#)

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10 Oct 11 - [Added information and map of Vietnam Territorial Waters](#)

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3 Oct 11 - [Obtaining Muster Roles and Command Histories](#)

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30 Sept 11 - [Added information on Senate Bill 1629](#)

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20 Sept 11 - [Added Information on the On-Line VA List of Ships Exposed to Herbicides](#)

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14 Sept 11 - [How Offshore Vietnam Veterans Can File a Claim for Exposure to Dioxin-based Herbicides](#)

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2 Sept 11 - [DVA has Internet Site for Inland Water Service Ships](#)

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30 Aug 11 - [Air Force Health Study Comprehensive Report 2005](#)

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30 Aug 11 - [The Story of Agent Orange - U.S. Veteran Dispatch Staff Report](#)

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17 Aug 11 - [UPDATE - New Agent Orange Care Giver Pin Design now Available](#)

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15 Aug 11 - [Added OPNAV 1650 - source for all medals and awards earned during Vietnam War for Navy, Marine and Coast Guard](#)

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7 July 11 - [Repaired links to Rossie's House Committee Testimonies](#)

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7 June 11 - [Third of Three-Part Series on Veteran Problems](#)

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6 June 11 - [Second of Three-Part Series on Veteran Problems](#)

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5 June 11 - [First of New Three-Part Write-up on Veteran Problems](#)

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1 June 11 - [CLL now considered NHL for 3.313 Claims](#)

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21 May 11 - [Added PART I of the BWN Analysis of the IOM Report](#)

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20 May 11 - [Added link to IOM Report - Analysis to follow](#)

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17 May 11 - [Made adjustments to BOLD TEXT in the new Inland Water Services Ship's List](#)

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16 May 11 - [IOM Report on Blue Water Navy and Agent Orange Due Out May 20](#)

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16 May 11 - [UPDATED List of Ship's Granting Crew Presumption of Exposure](#) - all changes have been typed in BOLD

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4 Mar 11 - [Senate Committee gives info for Inland Waters, Korean DMZ, and Thailand Air Base Exposures](#)

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21 Feb 11 - [Update to full cost of Agent Orange Equity Act](#)

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21 Feb 11 - [Added PayPal donation links which provide tax deduction receipts](#)

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12 Feb 11 - [What to Do If Your Ship Is Listed and What to Do If Your Ship Is NOT Listed](#)

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24 Jan 11 - [New List of Ship's Granting Crew Presumption of Exposure](#)

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13 Nov 10 - [Info on 'Plausible Causality' for direct exposure](#)

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29 Oct 10 - [Dealing with the DVA's Financial Deceit](#)

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29 Oct 10 - [How To Use the Da Nang Harbor Report](#)

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20 Sept 10 - [VA Policy on rating Blue Water Navy claims](#)

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9 Sept 10 - [Reduced the price of the Baseball Caps!](#)

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7 Sept 10 - [Revised dollars on the The True Cost of The Agent Act of 2010](#)

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4 Sept 10 - [A Postscript to the Da Nang Harbor Report](#)

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29 Aug 10 - [Updated Maps of Senate and Representative support for H2254 and S1939](#)

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23 Aug 10 - [The Da Nang Harbor Report](#)

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23 Aug 10 - [Revised Costs for the Agent Orange Act of 2010](#)

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4 Aug 10 - [Added support documentation to the Da Nang Harbor project](#)

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12 July 10 - [VA Releases New PTSD Claims Fact Sheet](#)

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7 July 10 - [VA Announces a New Automated Claims Processing System](#)

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30 June 10 - [A List of all 713 Ships that served offshore Vietnam between 1962 and 1975](#)

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29 June 10 - [Reformatted the Combined List of All Ships Given Presumption of Exposure for Inland Water Service](#) Per Policy 211

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28 June 10 - [John Rossie Testimony to Senate Veterans Affairs Committee](#) - on May 19, 2010

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28 June 10 - [John Rossie Testimony to House Veterans Affairs Committee](#) - on May 5, 2010

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27 June 10 - [Created Combined List of All Ships Given Presumption of Exposure for Inland Water Service](#)

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17 June 10 - [Update to Ships Granted Presumption of Exposure](#)-some for specific dates only

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23 Apr 10 - [New Form and New Procedure](#) Announced by VA

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11 Apr 10 - [Old Navy Ratings](#)

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5 Apr 10 - [Sen. Akaka writes to Sec. Shinseki on errors in claims released from the Haas Stay](#)

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4 Apr 10 - [Orders to Guam should be rejected](#)

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2 Apr 10 - [Added Bumper Stickers to the Ship's Store](#)

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30 Mar 10 - [Filner Promises Committee Hearings on H-2254 in early May](#)

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26 Mar 10 - [Updated maps of House and Senate Support](#)

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[18 Mar 10 - Added Bumper Sticker - but they are NOT YET available](#)

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7 Feb 10 - [Solving the Agent Orange Problem!](#)

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7 Feb 10 - [Added "Mermaids In The Ship's Store!"](#) announcement

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26 Feb 10 - [Torpedoing the Blue Water Navy](#) - Editorial Section

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19 Feb 10 - [Corrected my statement regarding certain ports and harbors providing eligibilitiy](#)

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15 Feb 10 - [Blue Water Navy Baseball Caps added to Ship's Store Inventory](#)

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10 Feb 10 - [Updated the Maps showing House and Senate support](#) for the Agent Orange Equity Bull

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6 Feb 10 - [Added Global Visitor Tracker](#) at bottom of Home Page

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27 Jan 10 - [The State of Our Union - 2010](#) - A Report on our Accomplishments to Date

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21 Jan 10 - [Comp & Pen's first release of Blue Water Navy ships considered to have served on inland waterways](#)

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15 Jan 10 - [Added Cost Summary to The Real Cost of H-2254 / S-1939](#)

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7 Jan 10 - [Added to the Received Documents](#)

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6 Jan 10 - [Added to the Received Documents](#)

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5 Jan 10 - [Created the "I Received" file for new inbound information](#)

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3 Jan 10 - [Video Interview of Rep. Filner Dec 23](#)

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1 Jan 10 - [A Definitive Head Count of Vietnam Veterans](#)

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29 Dec 09 - [Minor adjustment and cleanup](#) of cost spreadsheet for H-2254 / S-1939

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29 Dec 09 - [Updated Senate Co-Signer Map](#) to show support from North Dakota

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22 Dec 09 - [Costs of War: The Real Cost of H-2254 / S-1939](#) 010

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15 Dec 09 - [Updated House and Senate Support Maps on the News Page](#)

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7 Dec 09 - [The CONGA database](#) accounting for every round fired by all ships providing Combat Naval Gunfire Support

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7 Dec 09 - [More Than 200 House Reps Cosponsor HR-2254](#) [As of 5 Dec, Cosponsors are more than 218]

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7 Dec 09 - [Senator Gillibrand's Article VIETNAM VETERANS DESERVE BETTER](#)

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5 Dec 09 - [Updated map of House Support](#) for HR-2254

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22 Nov 09 - [Updated maps showing support for HR-2254 from House and Senate](#)

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21 Nov 09 - [New Procedures for Claiming Inland Waterway Service](#)

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16 Nov 09 - [Map Updates: House and Senate Support for Agent Orange Act of 2009](#)

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12 Nov 09 - [BVA Rulings Acknowledges Agent Orange Contamination at Ft. Gordon, GA](#)

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12 Nov 09 - [Secretary Shinseki Agrees to National Database of Ships that Sailed on Inland Waters](#)

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12 Nov 09 - [Da Nang as "Inland Waters" added to Sample Claims in Document Library](#)

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11 Nov 09 - Board of Veterans' Appeals Rules Da Nang Harbor as Inland Waterway November 2, 2009

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6 Nov 09 - Blue Water Navy Firmly on the Ground

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2 Nov 09 - Minor correction to House Co-Sponsors Map

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31 Oct 09 - Update Map showing 188 Representatives Supporting HR-2254

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29 Oct 09 - June, 2009 Training on Agent Orange claims

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28 Oct 09 - The Grand Opening of Ship's Store #2 - offsite

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28 Oct 09 - Added S-1939 as the Senate Bill number for the Agent Orange Act of 2009

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27 Oct 09 - Gillibrand registers AO Act with Senate Clerk: S-number to follow

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26 Oct 09 - Updated the number of co-signers in the House to 180

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25 Oct 09 - Did a little re-arranging of the front page

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23 Oct 09 - [Senate News Release - Gillibrand To Help Vietnam Vets Harmed By Agent Orange](#)

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23 Oct 09 - [Senator Gillibrand seeks change in Agent Orange policy](#)

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22 Oct 09 - [Senator Gillibrand and VN Veteran on Fox News](#)

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21 Oct 09 - [Tracking Support of HR-2254 in the House](#)

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13 Oct 09 - [Agent Orange Bill to be Introduced in the Senate](#)

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12 Oct 09 - [Postscript and adjustments added to "What Is The Real Cost of HR-2254"](#)

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10 Oct 09 - [What Is The Real Cost of HR-2254?](#)

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9 Oct 09 - [June, 2008 Navy Vietnam Veteran Ruling for Testicular Cancer](#)

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3 Oct 09 - [April, 2009 Agent Orange Ruling for service on Guam](#)

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2 Oct 09 - [Partial List of Ships Identified in Vietnam Inland Waterways by C&P](#)

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29 Sept 09 - [VA's role in the Brady Handgun Violence Prevent Act](#)

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28 Aug 09 - [Jury finds agency, DuPont negligent in land case](#)

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24 Aug 09 - [Comp and Pen Bulletin for August, 2009](#)

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22 Aug 09 - [Why the Agent Orange Act of 2009 is so badly needed](#) - by John Rossie

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21 Aug 09 - [The Veterans Death Book](#) - a Wall Street Journal article

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11 Aug 09 - [THANHNIENNews.com - Cry For Justice](#) alleges chemical companies and US Government knew the dangers of AO

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10 Aug 09 - [Veterans appeal in Class Action Lawsuit](#) against the VA

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24 July 09 - [IOM concedes dioxin in offshore ship's drinking water](#)

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13 July 09 - [More of Charles Kelley's insight into Peripheral Neuropathy](#)

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8 July 09 - [Added a Blue Water Navy song](#) Copyright Chuck Price and Tommy Willis (requires Internet Explorer)

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22 June 09 - [March 2009 Ruling for ALS for service on Guam](#)

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21 June 09 - [Agent Orange listed as Chemical Warfare Agent; Other CBW Agents used in Vietnam](#)

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10 June 09 - [Bill Levesque's Editor joins statements condemning VA policy against Blue Water Navy](#)

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9 June 09 - [Bill Levesque writes about plight of Blue Water Navy](#)

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7 June 09 - [BWN provides estimates of the number of Vietnam offshore navy vets potentially effected by HR-2254](#)

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6 June 09 - [The Navy KNEW about the offshore dioxin problem in Vietnam before 1972](#)

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31 May 09 - [Multiple updates to The VSO Toolbox](#)

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25 May 09 - [VA's Deceptive Document to Claim Adjudicators](#)

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7 May 09 - [Added text of Agent Orange Act of 2009](#)

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6 May 09 - [Congressman Filner Introduces HR-2254 - The Agent Orange Act of 2009](#)

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4 May 09 - [Blue Water Navy Association Activity Report](#)

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1 May 09 - [Comp and Pension Bulletin Discusses 3.313](#)

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29 Apr 09 - [Legal Notice about Veterans Data Theft Settlement](#)

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28 Apr 09 - Posted Letter on [Congressman Filner's New Bill](#)

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27 Apr 09 - Added information from the [Lymphoma-net.org web site](#)

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20 Apr 09 - [Instructions on getting precise dates a ship earned the Vietnam Service Medal or the Combat Action Ribbon](#)

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18 Apr 09 - [Soil Persistence of TCDD](#)

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11 Apr 09 - [Get Mad with Larry Stimeling and DO SOMETHING](#)

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4 Apr 09 - [The Blue Water Navy Association presents the Agent Orange Care Giver Recognition Pin](#)

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4 Apr 09 - [Announced May 6 as next Star Dust Radio Broadcast for Veteran's Health and Benefits Program](#)

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30 Mar 09 - [Board of Appeals rules on medical evidence outside influence of limited IOM reviews](#)

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29 Mar 09 - [The Ranch Hand Project and Da Nang](#)

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23 Mar 09 - [USS Rapertus now given Presumption of Exposure](#)

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22 Mar 09 - [Navy Ships Not Protected from Dioxin - Break Out](#)

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22 Mar 09 - [Navy Dioxin Instruction Sheet](#)

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22 Mar 09 - [Navy Water Project](#)

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22 Mar 09 - [Inadequate Water Purification](#)

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20 Mar 09 - [Deep Water Anchorage photo at Da Nang](#)

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19 Mar 09 - [Introduced the Agent Orange Care Giver Recognition Pin](#)

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18 Mar 09 - [Breakout on the Army Herbicide Field Manual](#)

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18 Mar 09 - [Army Herbicide Field Manual](#)

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17 Mar 09 - [Breakout on the Brown Seminar Presentation](#)

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17 Mar 09 - [Presentation of VA's Dan Brown to Judge's Seminar](#)

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17 Mar 09 - [Migration of dioxin from the air base](#)

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17 Mar 09 - [Large map of Da Nang Harbor area #5](#)

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17 Mar 09 - [Large map of Da Nang Harbor area #4](#)

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17 Mar 09 - [Large map of Da Nang Harbor area #3](#)

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17 Mar 09 - [Large map of Da Nang Harbor area #2](#)

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17 Mar 09 - [Large map of Da Nang Harbor area #1](#)

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17 Mar 09 - [AO Damage in Da Nang](#)

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17 Mar 09 - [Breakout of specific topics on Damage in Da Nang](#)

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17 Mar 09 - [Introduction of the Agent Orange Care Giver Recognition Pin](#)

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17 Mar 09 - [Breakout of specific topics on Storage Problem](#)

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17 Mar 09 - [Problems with Agent Orange Storage](#)

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16 Mar 09 - [Linked to "Veterans Exposed to Carcinogens"](#)

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16 Mar 09 - [Added Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization to Related Links](#)

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16 Mar 09 - [Breakout of specific topics from Robert Darrow Trip Report](#)

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16 Mar 09 - [Robert Darrow Trip Report](#) (From the Alvin Young Collection 00207)

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13 Mar 09 - [Information on Eye Glasses and Hearing Aids available from the VA](#)

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13 Mar 09 - [An Open Letter to Veterans From Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki](#)

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13 Mar 09 - [Two Vet Organizations Speak Support for BWN and other Vietnam War Veterans](#)

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13 Mar 09 - [Added 2 Maps of Da Nang Harbor](#)

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11 Mar 09 - [Navy Ship Water Projects](#)

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11 Mar 09 - [Ventilation Systems](#)

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11 Mar 09 - [Inadaquate Water Purification Systems](#)

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11 Mar 09 - [Crashes](#)

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11 Mar 09 - [Wind Drift abstract](#)

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11 Mary 09 - [Spray Drift Study](#)

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11 Mar 09 - [Created new Documents Section titled Harbors](#)

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2 Mar 09 - [Consolidated all product links to a single Ship's Store Page](#)

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28 Feb 09 - [Study on the Association between Agent Orange and Birth Defects](#)

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26 Feb 09 - Removed Bob Kozel's Agent Orange Primer 2009 due to its many errors

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25 Feb 09 - [Congressman Stearns wants some answers about Blue Water Navy](#)

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25 Feb 09 - [The history of the Ranch Hand Program in Vietnam - 1961-1971](#) - a 10 Gbig file

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22 Feb 09 - [Abstract of childhood brain cancer and herbicide study](#)

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21 Feb 09 - [Bart Stichman - NVLSP - presentation to Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs](#)

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21 Feb 09 - [Health Awareness - Asbestosis in the Military](#)

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19 Feb 09 - [Added photos to BWNVVA's Agent Orange Quilt of Tears project](#)

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17 Feb 09 - [Celiac Disease Linked to NHL](#)

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17 Feb 09 - Corrected some [links to our Non-Hodgskins Lymphoma information](#)

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15 Feb 09 - [Federal Judge Calls Feres Doctrine "Unfair and Irrational"](#)

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14 Feb 09 - [BWNVVA to be at the "In Memory" Ceremony](#)

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14 Feb 09 - [Announced PRACTICAL HEALTH CARE TIPS as the second TELEbration radio show on February 25, 2009](#)

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14 Feb 09 - [Link to the Aid and Attendance information site](#)

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14 Feb 09 - [Filner Pledges to Fight for Budgets Worthy of Our Veterans](#)

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13 Feb 09 - [List of Port Visits for Aircraft Carriers During the Vietnam War](#)

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13 Feb 09 - [American Legion Support for Blue Water Navy](#)

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12 Feb 09 - [Surge needed on vets claims, lawmakers say](#)

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12 Feb 09 - [Smoger & Associates file two separate Certiorari Reply Briefs](#)

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30 Jan 09 - [Questioning the VA on NHL](#)

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30 Jan 09 - [Senator Akaka Letter on Inland Waters - Jan 21, 09](#)

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28 Jan 08 - [Ideas for proving boots-on-ground for situations like transit flights from ships offshore](#)

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27 Jan 08 - [Added new, Logo-only shirt to Ship's Store](#)

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27 Jan 08 - [VA Memo on Lifting of Haas Stay](#)

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27 Jan 09 - [VA Makes Port and Harbor Visits Ineligible for Herbicide Exposure](#)

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26 Jan 09 - [Updated items in Ship's Store](#)

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26 Jan 09 - [Haas Stay Lifted](#)

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23 Jan 09 - [Added The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program](#)

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21 Jan 09 - First Notice on Comp and Pension Bulletin just released - More to follow

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17 Jan 09 - [Information on Inland Water Filings](#)

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16 Jan 09 - [VA General Counsel Responds on NHL issue](#)

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16 Jan 09 - [Supreme Court Will Not Be Reviewing the Haas Ruling](#)

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12 Jan 09 - [Added additional information from Leukemia and Lymphoma Society web site](#)

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9 Jan 09 - [2008 compensation ruling for chronic myelomonocytic leukemia](#) involving "private medical opinions of record" and lay statements of significance.

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9 Jan 09 - [Updated the Brief Summary of the Issues](#) for a chronological history of the Haas Case

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9 Jan 09 - [Listed all filings to the Supreme Court by NVLSP and the VA](#)

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1 Jan 09 - [Filing Packet for Claims related to AO exposures from Inland Waterways of Vietnam](#)

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29 Dec 08 - [Alert: Veteran AO Registrations May Be Ending](#) - County VSO Alert

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29 Dec 08 - [Accurate Radiation Treatments on Horizon](#)

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23 Dec 08 - [American Cancer Society explains CLL and SLL are NHL](#)

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18 Dec 08 - [Hearing Loss Is Common in People with Diabetes](#)

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18 Dec 08 - [Added info linking CLL and NHL](#)

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18 Dec 08 - [Non-Blue Water Navy esophageal cancer award, 1999](#)

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15 Dec 08 - [Announcement of our TELEbration on January 14, 2009](#)

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14 Dec 08 - Posted BVA Ruling for [Esophageal cancer to Blue Water Navy veteran](#)

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12 Dec 08 - In a Blue Water Navy Association exclusive, [we've cleared the log jam of NHL cases being illegally held under Haas](#) But not all the RO's toe the line

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1 Dec 08 - [Adding details to the January 14, 2009 TELEbration](#)

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1 Dec 08 - [Added CONTACT CONGRESS information link](#)

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1 Dec 08 - [Study puts direct and indirect cost on diabetes](#)

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29 Nov 08 - [1960 article on spraying herbicides](#)

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27 Nov 08 - [Announcement regarding low inventory levels for shirts.](#)

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27 Nov 08 - [Dioxins and Cardiovascular Disease Mortality](#)

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27 Nov 08 - [Persistent Organic Pollutants Toolbox](#)

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27 Nov 08 - [ABC News report on veterans and prostate cancer](#)

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27 Nov 08 - [Three House Subcommittee hearings Jan - Feb '08 on VA Problems](#)

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27 Nov 08 - [Added "The Veteran's Voice" as a co-sponsor to the Veteran's Health and Benefits Campaign](#)

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24 Nov 08 - [1980 Study showing correlation between TCDD and cancers](#)

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24 Nov 08 - [1986 Study between TCDD and liver cancers](#)

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24 Nov 08 - VA given extension for Supreme Court filing until Dec. 22

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24 Nov 08 - Edited the [Letter to the General Council](#) to the NHL Information Page

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22 Nov 08 - [Link to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation](#)

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22 Nov 08 - ["Feckless IOM Does Agency's Bidding: Sound Familiar?"](#) -  
New complaints about the IOM

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22 Nov 08 - [Published an BWN Association Letter to the General Council of the VA](#) regarding the illegal holding of NHL/CLL claims for compensation - Please feel free to submit this letter under your personal signature

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22 Nov 08 - Posted the [Letter to the General Council](#) to the NHL Information Page

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14 Nov 08 - [NIOSH Pocket Guide entry on Picloram](#)

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12 Nov 08 - [Fact Sheet on Pecloram](#)

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12 Nov 08 - [Added more documents to the "Who Knew" Section](#)

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9 Nov 08 - [Added more documents to the "Who Knew" Section](#)

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8 Nov 08 - [Added more documents to the "Who Knew" Section](#)

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8 Nov 08 - [A Call To Action!](#) - Contact your Representatives about the VA Shredding!

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8 Nov 08 - [American Legion fights for Blue Water Navy veterans](#)

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7 Nov 08 - Wally Ward's Quality Assurance Assessment: [What is Wrong with the Department of Veterans' Affairs?](#)

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6 Nov 08 - [Started a new documentation section titled "Who Knew?" for Chemical Industry documentation](#) about known issues with dioxin and other contaminants in herbicides

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1 Nov 08 - [Tracking Marines contaminated at Camp Lejeune](#)

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1 Nov 08 - Added info on the [Veteran's Health Awareness Campaign](#)

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1 Nov 08 - Updated and corrected [A Brief Summary of the Haas Case](#)

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31 Oct 08 - [2,4-D and modes of travel](#) - 2001

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31 Oct 08 - [2,4-D and reproduction study](#) - 2001

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31 Oct 080 - [Dosage and Exposure data on TCDD](#) - 1980

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31 Oct 08 - 1981 study on [TCDD Cancer Rates and Dosage](#)

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27 Oct 08 - Added information of [what the Supreme Court can do regarding the Writ of Certiorari](#)

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26 Oct 08 - [Relationship between body burden levels of dioxins and DL-PCBs, associate with metabolic syndrome](#) including elevated triglyceride and glucose intolerance

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26 Oct 08 - Added [the entire CHICO Report](#) for the benefit of veterans stationed in Thailand

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26 Oct 08 - Added [USTOO.org with information by survivors of prostate cancer](#)

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24 Oct 08 - Our ["In Memoriam Eagle"](#) has added Rick Spryka to the list of our departed Family

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22 Oct 08 - Haas Case [Appealed to the Supreme Court](#)

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20 Oct 08 - Added [embroidered Blue Water Navy patches](#) to the Ship's Store inventory

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20 Oct 08 - [An Overview on Prostate Cancer and Agent Orange](#)

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19 Oct 08 - [EPA sells consumers down the river - accepting the mfgr's research as truth](#)

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19 Oct 08 - [Fraud in Bill Gaffey's research of Agent Orange](#)

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18 Oct 08 - [Acknowledgment of Alvin Young of financial support from Dow and Monsanto for his report on Agent Orange in Vietnam.](#)

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11 Oct 08 - Added additional [Agent Orange cases filing Writs of Certiorari](#) with the Supreme Court.

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9 Oct 08 - [Prolonged Pesticide Exposure Linked to Depression](#)

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9 Oct 08 - [Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit DENIES rehearing of Haas Case](#)

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9 Oct 08 - [A Basic Guide to HIPAA and Medical Record Privacy](#)

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9 Oct 08 - [Added veteran exam info from the VSO Toolbox](#) for C&P Exams and rating charts, plus more.

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8 Oct 08 - [El Toro Marine Air Station added to list of contaminated bases](#)

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8 Oct 08 - [Marines at El Toro Air Station not told of toxic waste dangers.](#)

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8 Oct 08 - Added Kelley's [Presentation to Congressman Hall](#) on serious problems within the DVA

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6 Oct 08 - [A Petition for Certiorari to the US Supreme Court](#) in the case of Vietnam Association for Victims of Agent Orange/Dioxin et al v. Dow Chemical Co. et al. which was filed today, October 6, 2008.

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5 Oct 08 - [Who In Congress Knew and Did Nothing?](#) Charles Kelley, 5 Oct 08. An excellent, in-depth look at questions still alive regarding the Agent Orange Issue and the fraud that surrounds it.

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3 Oct 08 - The Jewish War Veterans passed a [resolution in support the Blue Water Navy and HR-6562](#)

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1 Oct 08 - [Message from Congressman Bob Filner](#)

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27 Sept 08 - Updated some links in the [VSO's TOOLBOX](#)

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26 Sept 08 - [ABC Documentary on Blue Water Navy](#)

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19 Sept 08 - [New Updates on the Haas Case](#)

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17 Sept 08 - [An Interview With Congressman Bob Filner](#)

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17 Sept 08 - ABC Channel 11 has aired a [story on the plight of the Blue Water Navy.](#)

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14 Sept 08 - [Another study of TCDD persistence in the soil](#) using soil that had been exposed at least twenty years earlier.

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12 Sept 08 - [Agent Orange Odyssey](#) - a year 2000 Australian Paper

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12 Sept 08 - [Exposure to herbicides in Thailand is conceded](#)

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12 Sept 08 - [Australian paper used in establishing connection of PN with TCDD exposure](#)

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9 Sept 08 - [USS Lake Erie](#) does a one-shot take down of a satellite in orbit.

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8 Sept 08 - [An Aug 20 Statement from Filner](#)

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7 Sept 08 - [Arsenic Exposure Linked to Diabetes II](#) - Agent Blue had a large component of Arsenic!

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6 Sept 08 - [- Chemical Toxins](#) - Exposure of Naval Veterans to an incredible range of toxins

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6 Sept 08 - [The Legacy of Agent White](#)

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1 Sept 08 - [How is Legislation created](#) - An overview

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29 Aug 08 - Massive format change to page layout. Each topic can now be viewed separately by using the Blue Button Link.

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25 Aug 08 - [Contact list for members of the 110th Congress of the House and Senate](#)

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25 Aug 08 - [Report on Dioxin by ASTAR](#)

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24 Aug 08 - [Smokey the Bear](#) - AO and the US Forest Service

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24 Aug 08 - [The Ranch Hand File](#)

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24 Aug 08 - [The Lane Evans Legacy](#) - A man who fought for veterans

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22 Aug 08 - [Additional Study on CLL and NHL](#)

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21 Aug 08 - [Filner's New Agent Orange Equity Act to cover all veterans](#)

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20 Aug 08 - Added template for letter to Senators re: HR-6562

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20 Aug 08 - Added additional information on NHL/CLL relationship

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18 Aug 08 - Added information from NVLSP on NHL exclusion for waters off shore

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17 Aug 08 - "The History of the US Department of Defense Programs for the Testing, Evaluation, and Storage of Tactical Herbicides" - by Alvin Young, 2006

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16 Aug 08 - Two Peripheral Neuropathy due to Agent Orange claim approvals

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16 Aug 08 - Added Agent Orange Act of 1991

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12 Aug 08 - Completed loading ruling on NHL removal from Haas Stay

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11 Aug 08 - Guam Legislators Work All Night, Support Agent Orange Bill

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9 Aug 08 - Added color choices to T-Shirts in the Ships Store

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9 Aug 08 - [Vietnam Veterans 2- to 4-times more likely to develop prostate cancer](#)

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6 Aug 08 - [Information for any sailor with NHL](#) - To RELEASE your claim from illegal Haas Stay

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6 Aug 08 - [Information for Thailand veterans](#) - To RELEASE your claim from illegal Haas Stay

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1 Aug 08 - [The Flight of Pesticides](#) - measuring global movement

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31 July 08 - [Added IN MEMORIAM Plaque to BWNVVA Members who have died since Dec. 1, 2007](#)

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29 July 08 - [Canada's Dirty Dark Vietnam War Secret](#)

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29 July 08 - [Another Air Force vet steps forward](#) - Kindley Air Force Base, Bermuda

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29 July 08 - [Chemical Causes of Diabetes: Overeating Is Not the Only Problem](#)

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28 July 08 - [More Vietnam veterans confirm Agent Orange usage in Guam](#)

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26 July 08 - [Bioaccumulation level measurements of Dioxin \(TCDD\) in Humans and Animals](#)

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26 July 08 - [Dioxin \(TCDD\) found to be present in 2,4-D and other substances](#)

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23 July 08 - [Multiple Updates for new HR-6562 under New Information](#)

[Update from Army Times](#)

[FRA Legislative Contact Site](#)

[Full Text of HR - 6562](#)

[HR-6562 Listing in Govtrack](#) 19 July 08 - [Congressman Filner's Proposal for Blue Water Navy - Agent Orange Equity Act](#)

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15 July 08 - [Alvin Young experiment shows 99% of TCDD persisted in soil at least 12 years](#)

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14 July 08 - Added [approved claim with single buddy letter for visitation on land by sailor](#)

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14 July 08 - Added [the changes made February 27, 2002 requiring boot-on-the-ground policy](#)

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13 July 08 - Added [Mesothelioma Web](#)

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13 July 08 - Support the [elimination of travel deductives for veterans seeking health care](#)

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5 July 08 - Observational Editorial - [I was talking to my Self](#)

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4 July 08 - Added [new link to Data on Mesothelioma](#)

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3 July 08 - [A template for a Resolution supporting elimination of boots-on-ground requirements](#)

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2 July 08 - [Bob Filner Letter of Support to Bill Fryday](#)

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2 July 08 - [Email from Dept of Navy about Vietnam Combat Zone](#)

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30 June 08 - [Tom Philpott's Article - Sailors' victory reversed in Agent Orange-related cases](#)

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29 June 08 - [NVLSP and BWNVVA fighting to gain back title and benefits](#)

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29 June 08 - Made some page layout adjustments.

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29 June 08 - [John Wells files Amicus Brief for the ReHearing](#)

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29 June 08 - [Where Does Vietnam End?](#) by Kelly Franklin

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28 June 08 - [Added new LIGHT BLUE T-shirts to the Ship's Store](#)

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28 June 08 - [Added template "Letter to the Editor" to the Press Club](#)

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27 June 08 - [A Blue Water Navy Analysis of the Chevron Deference](#) - By Wallace Ward

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26 June 08 - [Updates made to News Release on John McCain's status as a Vietnam War veteran](#) - with an analysis given.

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25 June 08 - [NVLSP files petition for Rehearing En Blanc for Haas](#) - Requests entire panel of Federal Circuit Court Judges to rehear the case

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17 June 08 - Special Edition [Lost at Sea: The Vietnam "Blue Water Navy" Vets Case](#)

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16 June 08 - Comments of [John Wells to DVA Federal Register Proposed Rule Making](#)

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10 June 08 - [Veterans for Common Sense get Courtroom Win](#)

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10 June 08 - [All Blue Water Navy \(including John McCain\) reclassified as "Vietnam Era veterans"](#)

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6 June 08 - [Agent Orange Exposure, Vietnam War Veterans and the Risk of Prostate Cancer](#)

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6 June 08 - [More on Genetics Studies from New Zealand - Fathers Can Harm Unborn](#)

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6 June 08 - [Study on Camp Lejeune toxic water continues with Navy money](#)

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5 June 08 - [Oct 1998 claim award ruling for cancer from Agent Orange based on "service in the waters offshore"](#)

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31 May 08 - [1967 document discussing 300+ mile spray drift for agent orange](#)

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31 May 08 - [1967 Document relating runoff of agent orange directly into the South China Sea](#)

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30 May 08 - [Cold War test victims compensated](#)

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30 May 08 - [A directive describing what is a proper item the VA can STAY on the Haas case](#)

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24 May 08 - [Canadian Toxicology listing](#)

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23 May 08 - [Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma still covered for Blue Water Navy](#)

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22 May 08 - [Added Executive Order 11231 establishing the Vietnam Service Medal](#)

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21 May 08 - Linked to the [Court of Appeals for Veteran Claims for tracking the Haas Case](#) - Docket 04-0491

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20 May 08 - [Improving the Presumptive Disability Decision-Making Process for Veterans](#) published 2008 - a Book of Interest - National Academies Press

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20 May 08 - [Potable Water Chemical Contamination Aboard US Navy Ships](#)

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20 May 08 - [Water Supply Afloat - from the 1962 Navy Manual of Preventative Medicine](#)

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20 May 08 - [A 1960s Naval Manual on Water Treatment re-issued in 1984](#)

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18 May 08 - ["In Honor Of..." is a fact sheet on the plight of the Blue Water Navy and all contingents](#) whose presumptive benefits have been denied.

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18 May 08 - [Area in Australia sprayed with herbicides in 1960s shows 10 fold increase in cancers](#)

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16 May 08 - [Myelodysplastic Syndromes & the Vietnam Era Veterans - Bone Cancer](#)

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16 May 08 - [New Study Strengthens Association of Prostate Cancer with Exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam Veterans](#)

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14 May 08 - [EPA defines -Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin \(2,3,7,8,-TCDD\)](#)

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14 May 08 - [Linked to the SEND IN YOUR MEDALS Campaign of VNVets Blog](#)

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13 May 08 - [Monsanto again caught up in lies](#)

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13 Mar 08 - [Reports of thousands of gallons of Agent Orange dumped into the Gulf of Tonkin](#)

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12 May 08 - Added information in the [Press Club section for use in "getting the word out" about BWNVVA and its challenges.](#)

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11 May 08 - [House Bill aims to end rule of "The Claim Dies With The Veteran](#)

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11 May 08 - [Additional information of the USS Ingersoll inclusion in presumptive coverage with no boots on ground](#)

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11 May 08 - [Chapter 84 from Professor Szyfre's book on Guam Contamination](#)

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11 May 08 - [Guam Contamination Section](#) from Veterans Info.org

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8 May 08 - [Court Rules in favor of VA - "boots on ground" prevails](#)

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7 May 08 - [New Zealand Gov't offers Agent Orange Settlement](#)

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4 May 08 - Added information on [Chevron Deference and the Garner Rule](#)

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2 May 08 - [Instruction for posting a comment to the VA Announcement](#)

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1 May 08 - [Endocrine Disrupters and Semen Quality](#) - direct links to TCDD

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30 Apr 08 - [Spray Drift from Aerial Applications of Pesticides](#)

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26 Apr 08 - [Opened the Ship's Store for T-shirt sales](#)

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22 Apr 08 - [VA Posts Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to eliminate presumption of exposure for anyone off the main land mass](#)

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21 Apr 08 - [Camp Lejeune 1985 Data Analysis - Water](#)

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21 Apr 08 - [Camp Lejeune Environment Alert - April, 2008](#)

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16 Apr 08 - [BWN response to the VA Rescission](#)

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15 Apr 08 - [VA rescinds provisions of its Adjudication Procedures Manual, M21-1](#)

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13 Apr 08 - [October 30, 2003 AO Exposure while offshore Vietnam](#)

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13 Apr 08 - [Akaka introduces bill for vets to challenge VA Rating Schedule](#)

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7 Mar 08 - Report of a [Tests of Agent Orange and Agent White near Manilla in January, 1972](#)

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6 Mar 08 - Update on [Dr. Szyfres on Guam](#)

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6 Mar 08 - [Cancer and TCDD: The Mitochondrial Connection](#)

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6 Mar 08 - Restated the [rules](#) for submitting a ship to the list of [Ships That Served In Vietnam](#)

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5 Mar 08 - Added link to Professor Narrett's article [Are Veterans Targeted for Triage?](#)

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5 Mar 08 - Added new section on main page BLUE WATER NAVY IN THE NEWS

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1 Mar 08 - More info on Asbestos and the Military - [Veterans and Mesothelioma](#)

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1 Mar 08 - [A study from 1970 showing dioxin contamination in the water in Vietnam](#)

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29 Feb 08 - [Asbestos and the Navy Article for Asbestos Awareness Month](#)

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29 Feb 008 - Added link to [Order of the Silver Rose](#) on the opening page

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29 Feb 08 - Linked to the newly created [Veterans Health Digest](#)

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27 Feb 08 - [Kurt Priessman speaks out about a lame Congress](#)

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27 Feb 08 - [Dec 2007 Ruling - Thyroid Cancer from Agent Orange at Ft. McCellan, AL](#)

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26 Feb 08 - New Zealand to conduct a [Children of Vietnam Veterans Health Study](#)

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26 Feb 08 - USS Ingersoll (DD 652) Crew [Granted Presumptive Exposure](#)

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26 Feb 08 - Added [Court Decision from Class Action Suit filed by the people of Vietnam and some us veterans](#)

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23 Feb 08 - Cleared older news from front page to [Previous News](#)

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22 Feb 08 - [Vietnam Civilians loose Agent Orange Challenge in US Federal Court](#) - STILL NO RULING IN HAAS CASE

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21 Feb 08 - Added good resource page on [US Bases Known To Be Contaminated](#) - from Gary Moore

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20 Feb 08 - Added information on a new [Pro Bono Veteran Legal Representatives Program, PROJECT SALUTE, to The Veteran Activist](#)

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19 Feb 08 - [2008 Report - Health Care and Benefits for Veterans Exposed to Agent Orange](#)

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19 Feb 08 - [2007 Ruling for Blue Water Navy AO Exposure in Da Nang Harbor](#)

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14 Feb 08 - Added information regarding [U.S. veterans of the Korean War](#)

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14 Feb 08 - [2006 Ruling for Blue Water Navy Agent Orange Exposure](#)

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11 Feb 08 - [1975 Report - Delayed Toxic Effects of Chemical Warfare Agents](#)

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9 Feb 08 - [July 2004 service connection with VSM and presence in Da Nang harbor for Diabetes Mellitus](#)

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9 Feb 08 - [Sept 2006 ruling that VSM and off-shore service eligible for presumptive CLL](#)

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9 Feb 08 - [Started New Section for On-Line Medical Resources](#)

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8 Feb 08 - [Veterans not entitled to mental health care, U.S. lawyers argue on Feb 5](#)

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4 Feb 08 - [Added Asbestos information link to Related Sites](#)

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2 Feb 08 - [Added direct links to the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit for tracking daily activity and pending dockets](#) Under the Haas Updates section

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1 Feb 08 - 2007 research shows [Michigan dioxin traveled down river into Lake Huron](#)

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28 Jan 08 - Posted the [NVLSP Submission to VA's Proposed Rescission of M21-1 Provisions](#)

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26 Jan 08 - [A Geographic Information System for Characterizing Exposure to Agent Orange and Other Herbicides in Vietnam](#) - A Stellman paper

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26 Jan 08 - [The United States Coast Guard in South East Asia During the Vietnam Conflict](#)

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26 Jan 08 - [Manual of Naval Preventive Medicine - Chapter 6, Water Supply Afloat](#)

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26 Jan 08 - [Added link to the Mesothelioma & Asbestos Awareness Center](#)

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25 Jan 08 - [Posted Urgent Information Request from Rick Spataro at NVLSP](#)

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23 Jan 08 - [Added instructions for reading all public comments related to the VA Proposed Change to the M21-1 Manual](#)

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22 Jan 08 - [Addition to Pro Bono Legal Advice](#)

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20 Jan 08 - [Added link to Kurt Priessman's site](#)

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20 Jan 08 - [Dr Szyfres address cancer rates on Guam](#)

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19 Jan 08 - [Dr. Szyfres terminated from University of Guam](#)

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16 Jan 08 - [Instructions for submitting a comment to the VA Proposed Change to the M21-1 Manual](#)

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12 Jan 08 - Added some info and references to the [VA Benefit and Claim Assistance](#)

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12 Jan 08 - [Monsanto Contamination Class Action Law Suit](#)

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11 Jan 08 - [Class Action Law Suit Moves Forward](#)

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10 Jan 08 - Added [Corona Harvest, Special Report, 1970](#)

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8 Jan 08 - [VA Admits: No Scientific Reason to Exclude Blue Water Navy](#)

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6 Jan 08 - [Bob Kozel's Agent Orange Primer - 2008](#)

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6 Jan 08 - [VA - DoD Handbook for Medical Interface Plans](#)

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5 Jan 08 - [NAF Atsugi, Japan was contaminated with DIOXIN, NOx, SOx, Heavy Metals](#)

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1 Jan 08 - [Added links for Ship Information - Naval Historical Center](#)

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31 Dec 07 - [Added link on service related Mesothelioma from Asbestos News](#)

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22 Dec 07 - [Guam Inclusion in Civilian Agent Orange Act is a Demand](#)

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22 Dec 07 - [Information on Annual Dues for BWNVVA was added](#)

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21 Dec 07 - [Downloadable copy of the HERBS Tape, a computerized record](#) of herbicide spraying missions conducted in Vietnam

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20 Dec 07 - (Dec 21, 2007) [Guam Legislature OK's Agent Orange inclusion](#)

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20 Dec 07 - [New Zealand Vietnam vets sign up for compensation](#)

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18 Dec 07 - [National Security Memorandum #35](#) - to continue maintaining overseas stockpiles of chemical weapons.

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18 Dec 07 - [Air Force Base Commanders allowed to use herbicides... with no accountability required,.."](#) at domestic and foreign [bases](#) during the Vietnam War

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18 Dec 07 - [2004 Pesticide Literature Review](#)

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17 Dec 07 - [How Dioxin \(TCDD\) Works](#)

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17 Dec 07 - [More news from Guam vs. Agent Orange](#)

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12 Dec 07 - [Notice of Water Contamination at Camp Lejeune 1957-1987](#)

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12 Dec 07 - [Introduction to the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Association](#) with sign-up link for BWNVVA and the Discussion Forums.

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11 Dec 07 - [How Dioxin Moves Through The Environment](#)

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6 Dec 07 - [Running Scared: A Conspiracy Theory](#)

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3 Dec 07 - [Testimony that shows the DoD knew exactly what the components of Agent Orange were and forced chemical companies to produce it](#)

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3 Dec 07 - ["Let Us Spray" documentary from New Zealand Wins Award](#)

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3 Dec 07 - [Mention of a Guam Neurological Study](#) being conducted or scuttled by the VA

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30 Nov 07 - [Guam claim awarded for ALS - 1996](#)

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30 Nov 07 - [Added information of James Peake](#)

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27 Nov 07 - [Added links to Commentary on the VA Proposed Rule Making](#)

Also - Repaired link to the Download of the Federal Register entry from November 27, 2007

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27 Nov 07 - [Added minor changes to the wording of The Agent Orange Fair Compensation Act](#)

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26 Nov 07 - [Info on suspension of use of Silvex](#)

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26 Nov 07 - [Added Section YOUR NAVY for facts and info](#)

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23 Nov 07 - [Official designation of The Agent Orange Fair Compensation Act](#)

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22 Nov 07 - [Started RANCH HAND folder - Ranch Hand: Air Force Herbicide Operations in Southeast Asia](#)

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20 Nov 07 - [Lapel Pin Logo sale page](#) added

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16 Nov 07 - [Added new email information from Dr. Szyfres - To The American Veteran](#)

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14 Nov 07 - [Additional information regarding Congressman Filner and Guam Agent Orange](#)

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14 Nov 07 - [Updated November 7 information on the Brief Summary](#)

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11 Nov 07 - [Added Christine Cote's Presentation to the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs](#)

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7 Nov 07 - [Haas Oral Arguments available on mp3 audio](#)

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6 Nov 07 - [Guam Legislature passes Resolution regarding Agent Orange](#)

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30 Oct 07 - [SAY NO! to Peake's nomination for Secretary of the VA](#)

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23 Oct 07 - [An email of Oct. 21, indicates Dr. Szyfres if leaving Guam and preparing a book](#)

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14 Oct 07 - Historical Archive 1990 - [Agent Orange Study Was Obstructed, Panel Says](#)

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10 Oct 07 - [The History of the US Department of Defense Programs for the Testing, Evaluation, and Storage of Tactical Herbicides - 2006](#)

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8 Oct 07 - Added [Chemical Defoliation of Northern Tree Species](#)

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8 Oct 07 - Added [Kelley's review and commentary of the Disability Commission Report](#)

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7 Oct 07 - [Veteran's for Common Sense Class Action Suit and the VA's Motion to Dismiss](#)

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7 Oct 07 - [Veteran's Disability Commission Report](#)

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7 Oct 07 - Link to [Vietnam veterans Parkinson's Disease information group](#)

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7 Oct 07 - [Set of Four Reports on Dioxin Atmospheric Travel - including Canada - Gagetown](#)

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5 Oct 07 - [Long Range Transport of Pesticides in the Atmosphere](#)

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5 Oct 07 - Army Field Manual - [Tactical Employment of Herbicides](#)

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2 Oct 07 - Introduced the [Official Blue Water Navy Dioxin Exposure Project Insignia - © 2007](#)

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30 Sept 07 - Added link to [Private Researcher at National Archives](#)

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30 Sept 07 - added the [Zumwalt Archives at Texas Tech University](#)

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29 Sept 07 - [Gordon H. Mansfield](#) Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs

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29 Sept 07 - [Link to our new logo](#)

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29 Sept 07 - Two websites on the [Criminal Investigation of Monsanto Corporation](#) - early 1990s

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29 Sept 07 - Moved items from opening page to [General Category](#)

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26 Sept 07 - Added additional information to: [What will happen on November 7 when Haas has its day in court?](#)

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26 Sept 07 - Dr. Szyfres' note on [legal aspects to Guam Contamination](#)

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24 Sept 07 - [Posted Info on next Haas court action](#)

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24 Sept 07 - Copy of [FRA Opposition Letter to S-2026](#)

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22 Sept 07 - [Agent Orange-related films from GMWatch.org](#)

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22 Sept 07 - Additional info on [American Legion support for Blue Water Navy](#) and the S-2026 problem

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21 Sept 07 - Announcing the [NEW SITE for the Discussion Board](#) to be implemented soon

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21 Sept 07 - Dialog regarding the New Zealand investigations into Vietnam veteran exposure to herbicides in Vietnam.

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19 Sept 07 - Made several [important updates to the S-2026 Akaka Bill](#) - Please note!

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19 Sept 07 - Memo from [Dr. Szyfres to Dean Yudin, University of Guam - regarding drinking water contamination on Guam.](#) - Part 11 in our series.

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18 Sept 07 - Added link to [Our Version of legislation to be submitted by our readers.](#)

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18 Sept 07 - Made minor layout changes

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16 Sept 07 - [Added two new links in the Related Links section](#) - (Near the bottom of the opening page)

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16 Sept 07 - [Agent Orange use in Panama in the 1960's and 1970s](#) - Secret Testing

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16 Sept 07 - [More than 100 Scientists gather for International Dioxin Conference](#)

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12 Sept 07 - Update regarding the ["By Request" process behind the introduction of S-2026.](#)

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10 Sept 07 - [Marine Corps Times News article about Agent Orange on Okinawa](#)

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10 Sept 07- Added additional material to the [factual information that can be included](#) in your letters to our legislators.

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8 Sept 07 - Added link to Senator Akaka's Bill S 2026 to [Eliminate any compensation to Blue Water Navy Agent Orange contamination](#)

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8 Sept 07 - Added the [NEW Blue Water Navy Logo](#)

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4 Sept 07 - [Cyber Sarg's Story of Vietnam](#) - Deceit and Cover-up

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4 Sept 07 - Linked to Fund for Reconciliation and Development site for [continuous updates on status of New York District Class Action lawsuit against the VA](#)

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4 Sept 07 - Added link to [VA Memo to Employees regarding the Class Action Lawsuit against the VA](#) filed with District Court, Northern California - Dated August 21, 2007

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3 Sept 07 - Added [Part II of the Challenge to the DVA and the IOM](#)

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2 Sept 07 - Australian News Article [Navy Shipboard Vietnam cancers linked to drinking water](#)

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2 Sept 07 - [VA withholding Cancer Statistical Data](#) from Researchers

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16 Aug 07 - [Contamination clean-up at Fort McClellan](#) - 2001

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26 Aug 07 - [Guam University Letter to Dr. Szyfres](#) - added to the Guam Reports

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24 Aug 07 - [A challenge to the DVA and the IOM - Part I](#) - How do the two work together?

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22 Aug 07 - The [news release announcing the completion](#) of the "Veteran and Agent Orange: Update 2006" - listing Committee members

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9 Aug 07 - Added [Part 10 to the Guam Contamination Series](#)

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9 Aug 07 - [Site for the USS Ingersoll Alert](#)

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7 Aug 07 - Site for the [Australian Vietnam Veterans Mortality and Cancer Incidence Studies](#)

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7 Aug 07 - [Dioxins in Blood and Semen of American Veterans](#)

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7 Aug 07 - [Agent Orange Causes Recurrent Prostate Cancer](#)

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7 Aug 07 - Updated the [link to the Reports and Recommendations](#) of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors

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7 Aug 07 - [Additional information link regarding the Class Action Lawsuit](#) against the VA

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5 Aug 07 - [Linked to Veterans with Diabetes International](#)

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3 Aug 07 - Added link to the [Agent Orange Diabetic Victims](#) health group

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2 Aug 07 - [Download the VA Brief filed July 20](#)

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31 July 07 - [Kelley discusses the new idea for claims processing and compensation fraud statistics.](#)

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31 July 07 - [Breast Cancer linked to dioxin \(DDT\)](#)

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29 July 07 - [A Study of Korean veteran Immune Systems](#) harmed by Agent Orange

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28 July 07 - [News Release from the IOM regarding hypertension](#)

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27 July 07 - [What's the status of the Haas Case as of Friday afternoon, 27 July ??](#)

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27 July 06 - [Veterans and Agent Orange: Update 2006](#) available from the Institute Of Medicine

- [The full draft summary of the Agent Orange Update 2006 Report.](#)

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27 June 07 - [Agent Orange link to high blood pressure \(?\)](#)

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27 July 07 - [Investigative reporting in New Zealand brings about an admission of guilt in dioxin contamination](#)

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25 July 07 - [A Farewell Letter to Jim Nicholson](#) that you can add your name to

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24 July 07 - [19 July Court Rebuke of Dept. of Veterans Affairs regarding their non-payment of CLL claims](#)  
-- [Kelley comments on it here.](#)

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24 July 07 - Added link to another [CLASS ACTION law suit filed with the U.S. District Court, Northern California](#)

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24 July 07 - Added [web site for the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission](#)

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23 July 07 - [What are the Symptoms of Dioxin Poisoning?](#)

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23 July 07 - [More information on the TTCP](#) - The "agency" that secretly tested biological and chemical weapons on our troops

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21 July 07 - [Thousands of Dangerous Chemicals in our Air](#) - Canadian Wolves

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21 July 07 - [AO exposure on Okinawa](#) - VA Ruling

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21 July 07 - [List of Presumptive Illnesses of Agent Orange](#) - Order of the Silver Rose

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21 July 07 - [Cyber Sarge's List of AO Related Diseases](#)

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17 July 07 - [Nicholson to Leave VA](#) and Return to the Private Sector

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15 July 07 - [Atsugi Naval Base, Japan - Is this a poisons coverup?](#)

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14 July 07 - [A study of marine life contamination and sea-borne dioxins](#)

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13 July 07 - Added [Page 3 of Ruling for service connected AO exposure on Guam](#) [Also added to [Guam Reports](#)]

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13 July 07 - Changed headline to show the Federal Court has granted the VA the 14 day extension

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13 July 07 - Added [Big Law Firms Unite in Pro Bono Effort for Wounded Soldiers](#)

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13 July 07 - Added [How To Write an Effective Letter To a Politician](#)

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12 July 07 - [Pointman II Study - 1980s, New Jersey Agent Orange Commission](#) shows lower sperm count for Marine and Brown Water Navy veterans.

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12 July 07 - [1994 Study - Is Military Research Hazardous to Veterans' Health?](#)

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12 July 07 - [1988 Medical Study - TCDD levels higher in Vietnam Vets](#)

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11 July 07 - [Nozygomaticus - Patron Saint of Existential Angst and Combat PTSD Veterans](#)

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9 July 07 - [The Case Against Mary Lu Keener](#) - investigative reporting by Chuck Graham

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9 July 07 - [Extensive updates to mode of travel and dispersion of dioxins](#)

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9 July 07 - [Information on Fort Ord's Dangerous Fires](#)

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9 July 07 - [Amicus Brief filed by Mr. John Wells](#) on June 8

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9 July 07 - VA requests 14 day extension from Federal Court

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8 July 07 - 1998 Ruling for [service connected AO exposure from duty in Thailand](#)

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8 July 07 - 2005 Ruling for [service connected AO exposure to AO on Guam](#) (identical posting as below)

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8 July 07 - [Acknowledgment of US Gov't that AO was stored on Guam](#)

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8 July 07 - Charles Kelley on [Charles Kelley on Parkinson Symptoms](#)

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8 July 07 - [Peripheral Neuropathy Studies](#) show dioxin links

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8 July 07 - Added link to CBS News - [Camp Lejeune Water Contamination](#)

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6 July 07 - Added documents to [How Dioxins Travel](#)

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5 July 07 - Created new section [How Dioxins Travel](#)

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5 July 07 - Added Expert Witness Statement - [Dioxin in the Ship's Water System](#)

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3 July 07 - Added [3 Silvex Reports - pdf downloads](#)

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[3 July 07 - Added 2-part pdf download of Post-service Mortality study](#)

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2 July 07 - posted info on [Post-service Mortality in Vietnam Veterans - 30-Year Follow-up](#) report from IOM

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2 July 07 - Started the [Veteran Advocate and VSO](#) section compiling web-based information on VA benefits, claim filing and much more.

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1 July 07 - [Award Letter 27 March 07 for sailor granting compensation](#) for illness based on AO-related service on Guam.

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1 July 07 - [Canadian Mustard Gas Test on Military Personnel](#)

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1 July 07 - [Summary of Major Events and Problems](#) - U.S. Army Chemical Corps - 1957

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1 July 07 - [Overview of the Army's Chemical and Biological Material Program \(U\) - 1973](#)

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1 July 07 - [The TTCP - The Tripartite Technical Cooperation Program](#)

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29 June 07 - [Posted UPDATED WORDING](#) to the NVLSP request to hear from Blue Water Sailors who also have boot-on-the-ground status.

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29 June 07 - [IOM Study -A 21st Century System for Evaluating Veterans for Disability Benefits](#) June 7, 2007

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29 June 07 - Posted [3 legal briefs related to the New York June 18th Hearing](#) brought by Dr. Smoger and Associates for U.S. veterans and the Vietnamese people.

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29 June 07 - [Health Risks from Dioxin and Related Compounds](#): Evaluation of the EPA Reassessment - - National Academies Press

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27 June 07 - [Posted announcement from NVLSP](#) regarding their interest in any Blue Water Sailor who also has boots-on-the-ground evidence submitted to the VA, but the VA has left them in the Haas-related "hold" file.

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27 June 07 - [Admiral Zumwalt's 1999 Interview stating the US Govt ordered all branches of our gov't not to find a correlation between Agent Orange and health affects](#)

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[26 June 07 - Technical Link](#) related to dioxins in Silvex - new way to eliminate this problem.

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26 June 07 - [DoD Summary of Use, Testing and Storage of Dioxin from 1944](#)

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25 June 07 - [Added link to War Legacies Project](#) - Agent Orange section

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25 June 07 - [Added link to The Charlotte Observer 6/21/07 article Nicholson Is Clueless](#)

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[24 June 07 - Extent and patterns of usage of Agent Orange in Vietnam](#)

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24 June 07 - [The New Yorker Magazine, February 7, 1970](#) - Thomas Whiteside, "Defoliation"

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23 June 07 - Link to [Hatfield Associates web site](#) for Agent Orange-related reports and studies

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23 June 07 - a [presentation to the Veterans' Benefit Commission](#) during 2007 public hearings

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23 June 07 - Added [Veteran's Benefits Commission](#) presentation on Commission Priorities

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23 June 07 - Added [IOM presentation to Veterans' Benefits Commission](#)

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23 June 07 - Started [General Documentation and Information](#) section

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22 June 07 - Added Intro Page [link to the Blue Water Navy Discussion Group](#) and the [VN Vets Blog](#)

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22 June 07 - The Federal Circuit granted the government a 15-day extension for filing their reply brief. It is now due on July 6, 2007. ([Updated the Brief Summary Section.](#))

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21 June 07 - Added Paul Sutton's [History of Agent Orange](#) from the March, 2002 Hanoi Conference.

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18 June 07 - Added [VA's Federal Register Announcement regarding limiting presumptive exposure](#)

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17 June 07 - Added [Silvex in Vietnam- used in our water tanks](#)

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16 June 07 - Added link to [Searchable Agent Orange Archive](#) at Texas Tech

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16 June 07 - Added [GAO Report Regarding DOD and VA Disability](#)

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16 June 07 - Added linked to Gary Moore's [Agent Orange Talking Paper #1](#)

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16 June 07 - Added [The Hatfield Group Vietnam Environmental Studies](#) link to the Basic Info page

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15 June 07 - Added [Part 7 of the Guam Contamination Reports](#)

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13 June 07 - Added link to [Facts About Benzine](#)

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13 June 07 - Added 2 new links to PTSD Section of [Illnesses and Symptoms](#)

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12 June 07 - Added link to Pro Bono Legal help for [Parkinson's Disease](#)

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12 June 07 - Added a June 12 updated statement regarding the [class action lawsuit against the chemical companies](#) filed by Dr. Smoger.

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12 June 07 - Added information on the 25th Anniversary Parade for The Wall in [The Veteran Activist Section](#)

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11 June 07 - Added links to the [NVLSP legal brief](#) filed on 4 June 07 - (.PDF download) on Front Page and also in the [Brief Summary](#).

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2 June 07 - [Cape May County Harold News Op-Ed](#) from May 30, 2007

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30 May 07 - Added link to recently released [Institute of Medicine \(IOM\) Report](#) on Long-term Health Effects of Participation in Project SHAD (Shipboard Hazard and Defense)

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29 May 07 - Added full site search capability using FreeFind.com Engine

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29 May 07 - Added a Site Search Engine

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28 May 07 - Massy University Article [DNA damage to nuclear test vets prompts call for study of children](#)

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26 May 07 - [Testimony of NVLSP Attorney Barton F. Stichman](#) on May 22, 2007 to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance & Memorial Affairs of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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25 May 07 - Linked to the [House and Senate Veterans' Committee's News Page](#)

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25 May 07 - Consolidated earlier material as "Archived" at the bottom of this Updatelog Page

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25 May 07 - Linked to article on [Militarization of Guam - Report 6](#)

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25 May 07 - Linked to article [VA Mental Health Summit](#) May 23

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25 May 07 - Added information to Gerson Smoger's Law Suit in [Veteran Activist section](#)

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21 May 07 - Added front page link to State activities for Memorial Day

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21 May 07 - Posted link to new [Task Force on Returning Global War on Terror Heroes](#)

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21 May 07 - Posted [U.S. Army map of AO spray areas](#) on the front page.

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21 May 07 - Posted report by Fred Gersh on the [Veterans Disability Benefits Commission meeting May 9, 2007.](#)

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21 May 07 - Posted additional info in [the Veteran Activist](#) section.

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21 May 07 - Posted information of the [extension for filing in Haas](#) and regarding the dismissal of Ribaud. Updates also made to the historical timeline of the [Brief Summary](#).

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20 May 07 - Added link from C. Kelley on [the IOM Study release on PTSD](#)

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20 May 07 - Added link in [Higher Rate of Prostate Cancer Recurrence Among Veterans](#)

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20 May 07 - Added Web site to [Basic Information](#) - Claims and Causation

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17 May 07 - Added news release regarding DoD block on certain sites from current military

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16 May 07 - Added information on [actions and lawsuits by and for Vietnam veteran](#) in VETERAN ACTIVIST section

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15 May 07 - Charles Kelley's [Why Veteran's Cannot Sue](#)

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15 May 07 - [Draft of New Zealand Working Group Report to Cabinet-Level Officials](#)

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14 May 07 - [Admiral Zumwalt's 1990 Report](#) on the Adverse Effects of Agent Orange

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14 May 07 - Added report stating [Navy personnel have higher rate of cancer](#) than other service branches (12 Megabyte file!!)

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13 May 07 - Added linked comments by Charles Kelley on the [Civilian Agent Orange Act of 2007](#)

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13 May 07 - Added [Prostate Cancer Fact Sheet](#)

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13 May 07 - Added new info regarding the [Australian/New Zealand Vietnam veterans](#) law suit

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11 May 07 - Added link to web site of Hatfield Consultants [Agent Orange videos and books/reports](#) resources.

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10 May 07 - Added David Butler's [History of Agent Orange](#)

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10 May 07 - Added [New Zealand Chromosome Study](#) link

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9 May 07 - Added [Executive Summary - "PTSD Compensation and Military Service"](#) - 2007

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9 May 07 - Added [Herbicide Use Outside of Vietnam](#)

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9 May 07 - Added news article titled [Navy Vets Fight for Benefits, Legacy](#) by [VNVets](#)

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6 May 07 - Added [New Zealand information](#) regarding their dealing with Vietnam Veterans

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6 May 07 - Completed the [Brief Summary](#)

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5 May 07 - Continued clarifying [Brief Summary](#) with new information.

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4 May 07 - Continued tune-up of the [Brief Summary](#) of the legal battles

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2 May 07 - Added comment regarding the HR 1490 bill - it will likely cause more harm than good.

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2 May 07 - Updating and rewrite of the Brief Summary continues - not in final version yet

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1 May 07 - Added text of [House Bill HR 1490](#)

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Some posting from this time frame were lost in a drive crash.

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28-Apr-07 - Added a New Section for Tips on Filing Claims and Appeals. (No documents attached yet.)

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28 Apr 07 - Rearranged links from the Front Page. Added a New Section for Tips on Filing Claims and Appeals.

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27 Apr 07 - Added sites on [Illness Page](#)

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22 Apr 07 - Added link to C. Kelley's page regarding the [New Zealand government admission of shipping Agent Orange](#) to US Military in the 1960s

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21 Apr 07 - Rearranged layout of information on the Haas and Ribaudó Cases, adding an updated [Chronological Listing of events](#) and expanding the [Brief Summary](#).

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17 Apr 07 - I corrected an INEXCUSABLE ERROR of providing an incorrect link to the PDF File for the March 7 VA court filing. The link correction has been made to [the proper document](#). Please accept my profound apology!

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16 Apr 07 - Added Full Order for [Court Grants VA's Request for Stay](#) in Ribaudó

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12 Apr 07 - Added link to [National Veterans Legal Service Program](#) statement of 12 April 07

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12 Apr 07 - Added downloadable copy of the [VA brief filed March 7](#)

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11 Apr 07 - Added [A Brief Summary of the Issues](#) to the Home Page

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10 Apr 07 - [Moved historical data on Haas and Ribaudó Cases to A separate page](#)

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10 Apr 07 - Charles Kelley on the move again... with an [Agent Orange and cancer study](#) information research bases on some New Zealand study conclusions. 27 Mar 07 - Relocated information on Asbestos targeting Navy vets to the [News and Updates](#) section.

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27 Mar 07 - Removed link to Class Action Suit from the opening page due to courts response that the case does not have class action status.

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24 Mar 07 - Added BWN [claim for diabetes type II as cause of death](#) of sailor who transited through Vietnam on way to Yankee Station duty.

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22 Mar 07 - Added a Blue Water Navy claim [that was decided in the brief period after Haas](#) but before the September 21, 2006 Stay Memo by the VA.

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19 Mar 07 - [VA Request for Extension Granted](#) by USCAFC

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16 Mar 07 - [Mention of Guam contamination](#) from Mark Purdey's web site

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14 Mar 07 - [An update on the Haas and Ribaudó Rulings](#)

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10 Mar 07 - Linked to [information on a CLASS ACTION lawsuit](#) of interest to veterans

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8 MAR 07 - [NVLSP files motion](#) opposing time extension request by DVA

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2 Mar 07 - [Asbestos Report indicates](#) 1/3 of victims are Navy veterans

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1 Mar 07 - Added a link to The Order Of The Silver Rose in [Related Links section](#)

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22 Feb 07 - Another [extension is granted](#) to the Department of Veteran Affairs in their court filing

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21 Feb 07 - Added [link for FREE assistance](#) in filing a veterans disability claim.

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17 Feb 07 - Added link to the [U.S. Court of Appeals for Veteran Claims](#)

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14 Feb 07 - Added links in the [Related Links section](#).

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[14 Feb 07 - Loaded link to Congressman Bob Filner's Stardust Radio interview](#) on the Home page.

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12 Feb 07 - [Part 4 Guam - Focuses on the 26 SuperFund EPA landfills](#), with accompanying map.

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8 Feb 07 - VA Court of Appeals has granted the Department of Veterans Affairs [an EXTENSION in time, until February 21](#), to file their briefs as they attempt to challenge the Haas Ruling.

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1 Feb 07 - Added link to the STAY Order and a good overview of what the [STAY to the Ribaudó Ruling](#) entails.

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31 Jan 07 - Linked to an excellent article on Blue Water Navy's predicament and the nation's greatest sin at [VNVets Blog site](#)

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30 Jan 07 - Added Part 3 of Report of Water Contamination of Guam [HERE](#)

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30 Jan 07 - The VA Court of Appeals has ruled "adjudication of cases before the Board and VA regional offices that are potentially affected by Haas is stayed until further order of the Court." Download the PDF of that ruling [HERE](#).

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26 Jan 07 - Sensational [new email regarding the contamination](#) on Guam.

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22 Jan 07 - New information and hot-off-the-press [report regarding contamination](#) on Guam. More information expected to follow-- stay tuned.

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19 Jan 07 - Added a link to Charles Kelley's challenge regarding Peripheral Neuropathy (polyneuropathy) [HERE](#) - [scroll down to near the bottom of the page].

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19 Jan 07- Added a link to the [VVA Letter of Applause news release](#) regarding the Ribaudó Ruling

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18 Jan 07 - Added a link to "Dioxin and the Courts" [HERE](#) - an older site with historical information of interest.

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17 Jan 07 - Added this link to [VNVets Blog](#) for an excellent analysis and outline of the Haas Ruling, the follow-on Ribaudó Ruling, and what we might expect from here.

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17 Jan 07 - Added a link to the Operation Ranch Hand Web Site [HERE](#)

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16 Jan 07 - Received information regarding the Task Force on the Future of the Military Healthcare, which will have [a meeting today](#) in Arlington, VA. This is the first I've heard of this Task Force and will try to dig up some additional information.

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14 Jan 07 - Link established to [Commission on the Future for American's Veterans](#) with information their planned National Town Hall Meeting Tour Set to Begin in Charleston, WV on January 16, 2007.

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10 Jan 07 - Court of Appeals orders Department of Veterans Affairs to process all claims involving Agent Orange contamination of blue water sailors. But the door for a further filing requesting a court Stay has been left open. See the ruling and analysis [Here](#) for the new Ribaudó Ruling and how it affects the Haas Ruling.

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15 Dec 06 - Added link to [VAWatchDog.org](http://VAWatchDog.org) for the update from the Bradley G. Mayes, Acting Director, Compensation & Pension Service regarding Blue Water Navy Claims and how such claims are to be handled.

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15 Dec 06 - Added link to 7 part New Zealand new series on Agent Orange use there. Find it [HERE](#)

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7 Dec 06 - New Zealand Vietnam Veterans finally get Government recognition [HERE](#)

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7 Dec 06 - New information on the Haas Ruling [Here](#)

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2 Dec 06 - Added C. Kelley's commentary on the [flawed Ranch Hand study](#)

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3 Nov 06 - UPDATE - [More details about the VA appeal - The Process](#)

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31 Oct 06 - UPDATE - [VA FILES APPEAL to HAAS RULING](#)

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30 Oct 06 - UPDATE - [VA FILES APPEAL to HAAS RULING](#)

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17 OCT 06 - Corrections to erroneous dates on the [update to the Haas Ruling](#) were made.

12 OCT 06 - October 12 [update to the Haas Ruling](#) and where things stand at this point in time.

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3 OCT 06 - Added the web site from the [26th International Symposium on Halogenated Persistent Organic Pollutants](#) Held in Oslo, Norway. 21–25 August 2006

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25 SEPT 06 - Added several links regarding the Presumptive Illnesses recognized by the VA to be associated with Agent Orange. This includes the *VA definition of AO illnesses* and the description of the *"levels of Health Care Priority"* used by the VA for all medical conditions. These new links are [HERE](#).

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22 SEPT 06 - Added [slide show used at the September 14th meeting](#) of the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission in their discussion Blue Water Navy issues (complements of Fred Gersh)

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21 SEPT 06 - ["What is the VA and IOM trying to do?"](#) - An opinion by Charles Kelley

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19 SEPT 06 - September 13 - 15, 2006 [Veterans' Disabilities Benefits Commission Meeting report](#) by Fred Gersh

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18 SEPT 06 - Added additional report on the Sept 5 Veterans Disability Commission meeting [HERE](#)

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14 SEPT 06 - Added a link to the VA list of Presumptive Illnesses for Agent Orange [HERE](#)

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**13 SEPT 06 - Added news release regarding the Australian Agent Orange Study Report #3 [HERE](#)**

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**12 SEPT 06 - Representative Strickland news release urging VA to focus on claims backlog [HERE](#)**

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**10 SEPT 06 - Congressman Lane Evans Urges Blue Water Navy to File AO Claims [HERE](#)**

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**9 SEPT 06 - April 2006 Australian Study - Australian National Service Vietnam Veterans: Mortality and Cancer Incidence [HERE](#)**

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**7 SEPT 06 - A report from Charles Kelley on the Sept 5 meeting of the Disability Commission in Atlanta [HERE](#)**

**6 SEPT 06 - List of Army Units that served at or near the Korean DMZ that have been added to the presumption of herbicide exposure list [HERE](#)**

**6 SEPT 06 - Updated Schedule for Disability Commission meetings for September 13, 14 and 15, 2006 [HERE](#)**

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**5 SEPT 06 - Added John Wells' Reply to the Court in his ongoing blue water navy case before the VA Court of Appeals [HERE](#)**

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**2 Sept 06 - Information on a list of attorneys CURRENTLY authorized to represent veterans before the Veterans Court of Appeals [HERE](#)**

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**1 Sept 06 - Added American Legion Directive release regarding Blue Water Navy claims dated 22 Aug 06 [HERE](#)**

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22 Aug 06 - Additional information on the Blue Water Navy Court Ruling [HERE](#)

22 Aug 06 - Update info on the Veterans Disability Benefits Commission meeting Sept. 5 in Atlanta [HERE](#)

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17 Aug 06 - **Blue Water Navy Wins Court Ruling for Presumptive Agent Orange for Listed Medical Conditions !!!**

Download PDF file of the Ruling [HERE](#) This is the court document for the Haas v Nicholson ruling!

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15 Aug 06 - Link to info on the 2006 IOM review of PTSD diagnosis guidelines [HERE](#)

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14 Aug 06 - News Item: New Zealand Agent Orange study will be used in a U.S. Court. Find news item [HERE](#)

14 Aug 06 - An important BLUE WATER NAVY EXPOSURE filing by John Wells currently before the VA Court of Appeals. This Claim is IMPORTANT to read. Find [HERE](#)

14 Aug 06 - Information on how to obtain copies of a [ship's Deck Logs](#) for just about any ship for any date or date range.

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8 Aug 06 - Added link to the US Veteran Information site, which contains some very good information for filing and understanding claims. You can find that link [HERE](#)

8 Aug 06 - A "call to action" for Dennis Bradley's filing before the Supreme Court. Information can be found [HERE](#) including a LETTER TEMPLATE to submit to the Supreme Court Justices.

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1 Aug 06 - Added the .pdf file of VA GUIDE TO FILING AGENT ORANGE CLAIMS. This is an important document to be familiar with. Additional information and notes have been added following the VA guide in this same .pdf file. Read it ALL !!! [Find it HERE.](#)

1 Aug 06 - added link to the description of the Institute of Medicine's role in investigating Presumptive Exposure issues [HERE](#)

1 Aug 06 - added link to Multiple Chemical Sensitivity information [HERE](#)

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31 July 06 - New Veterans Claims Ruling Hurts Vets With Multiple Claims - Details [HERE](#)

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28 July 06 - Report on Genetic Damage from "harmful substances" in Vietnam Veterans [HERE](#)

28 July 06 - Opening banner announcing the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission Meeting August 3 [HERE](#)

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24 July 06 - New Zealand information of genetic damage from Agent Orange - from Kelley's Page [HERE](#)

24 July 06 - New Zealand information of genetic damage from Agent Orange - from NZ Sunday Star Times Newspaper [HERE](#)

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16 July 06 - Information on PTSD and its relationship to other illnesses and diseases [HERE](#)

7 July 06 - Information on AO and Stomach Cancer, by Charles Kelley [HERE](#)

7 July 06 - Information on Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Veterans Registry [known as Lou Gehrig's Disease] [HERE](#)

7/11/06 - An opinion by Charles Kelley [HERE](#)

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9 July 06 - Added link to new discussion group for Navy Veteran's dealing with the VA over health issues [HERE](#)

9 July 06 - VA Rulings show bias on PN and other diseases [HERE](#) [HERE](#)

9 July 06 - Veterans Disability Benefits Commission to meet July 13, and Friday, July 14 [HERE](#)

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27 May 06 - Link to Cyber Sarge's Agent Orange Page [HERE](#)

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24 May 06 - Information about WHAT TO DO to protect yourself from identity theft [HERE](#)

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18 May 06 - Link in Related Sites added to [Dave Barker's NAVY AND AGENT ORANGE Web Site](#)

18 May 06 - [October 2005 Agent Orange Claim Won for service on Guam](#)

18 May 06 - [Several Peripheral Neuropathy Updates](#)

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12 May 06 - [Public Health Assessment For Andersen Air Force Base, Yigo, Guam](#)

12 May 06 - [Peripheral Neuropathy Symptoms and Information](#) is now being added.

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2 May 06 - [Johnson Atoll to be used for Contaminated Waste](#)

2 May 06 - [EPA Support for Base Clean-up](#)

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## ARCHIVED MATERIAL from a previous but closed section

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**27 Mar 07** [Asbestos Hearing Targets Navy Veterans](#)

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**2 Dec 06** - Charles Kelley discusses the problems of the Ranch Hand Study and it's [numerous flaws](#).

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**22 Sept 06** - Slides used at the [Sept 14 meeting of the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission](#) in their discussion Blue Water Navy issues - .pdf download shows entire presentation - only slides 11 through 15 show specific Blue Water Navy issues

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**21 Sept 06** - If you've ever asked "[What is the VA and IOM trying to do?](#)" this editorial by Charles Kelley may shed some light on a few of the issues and how they are being handled. Kelley includes some dialog exchanges between congressional committee members and National Science Academy researchers.- An opinion by Charles Kelley

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**12 Sept 06** - Representative Strickland Urges VA to Address Claims Backlog in [a 30 August news release](#)

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**10 Sept 06** - Congressman Lane Evans Urges Blue Water Navy to File AO Claims in a [September 6 News Release](#)

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**17 Aug 06** - First available information on [BLUE WATER NAVY WINS PRESUMPTION OF AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE](#) From VA Watchdog - Details to Follow

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Download PDF file of the Ruling [HERE](#)

**14 Aug 06** - A suit has been filed with the VA Court of Appeals that should be of interest to all Blue Navy Veterans. Find the details [HERE](#) under the 14 Aug 06 Updates.

**14 Aug 06** - The infamous and revealing New Zealand Agent Orange Report linking Agent Orange to permanent genetic damage among veterans will be used in a U.S. Court Case. Details [HERE](#)

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**8 Aug 06** - Dennis Bradley's case before the Supreme Court is now on the docket. Below is an email I received regarding some legal action that is part of the current "movement" that calls for serious reviews of the VA system and Claims process.

Dennis Bradley, a veterans advocate, unsuccessfully ran for a Senate seat in Florida. He has done several other notable things in line with his veteran advocacy. He is currently filing before the Supreme Court a case which is essentially a 'class action' suit challenging the way the Veteran's Court of Appeals operates and treats all veterans. This legal action should have a direct effect on the current Blue Water Navy status of non-inclusion in "presumptive exposure" because that is presumably a "Due Process" failure of the system. The "Conflict of Interest" arises from the fact that ALL Veterans are given 3 reviews of the facts of their cases. All 3 are done by the VA and this is a direct conflict of interest since if they grant service connection then they must pay the disability benefits but if they deny service connection they do not have to pay a dime.

He is going after a "fix the system" approach to how the VA handles compensation claims. Additional information can be found on Bradley through most search engines (e.g., google, yahoo, etc.) He is affiliated with the Veteran's Party of America.

Here is his email. Please consider responding to his request:

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Hi All,

I have finally gotten the case docketed at the Supreme Court.

The best argument that I am making is that every Veteran is denied Due Process when they appeal their case because we are only allowed 3 reviews of the facts in our cases and all of them are done by the VA.

The VA has a direct conflict of interest in that they have to pay the disability claims based on their decisions and do not have to pay if they deny our claims.

The case number is 06-158 and I would like to have every Veteran send a letter to the Supreme Court asking them to hear this Appeal.

If they get 50,000 letters it is more likely they will hear the case rather than deny a hearing and leave every Veteran at the mercy of the VA.

Supreme Court of the United States  
Office of the Clerk  
Washington, D. C. 20543-0001

If we stand together we cannot lose and if we do not stand together we cannot win.

Dennis F. Bradley  
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[GO HERE](#) for an easy-to-follow set of instruction and a LETTER TEMPLATE to send to the Supreme Court.

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**8 Aug 06** - Added a link to the [US Veteran Information Page](#), which contains a wealth of information of VA Claims and the Claims process.

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**1 Aug 06** - Added the .pdf file of VA GUIDE TO FILING AGENT ORANGE CLAIMS. This is an important document to be familiar with. Additional information and notes have been added following the VA guide in this same .pdf file. Read it ALL !!! [Find it HERE](#). It includes information on filing AO claims EVEN IF YOU WERE NOT ON VIETNAMESE SOIL... very important to off shore Blue Water Navy activities.

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**31 July 06** - New Claims Ruling Hurts Veterans with Multiple Claims - [DETAILS HERE](#) from the VA Watchdog

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**23 July 06** - Link to Kelley's Page - New Zealand report on Agent Orange and genetic defects [HERE](#)

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**30 MARCH 06** - [Letter from House and Senate Veteran Affair Committees](#) to DVA Secretary Nichols requesting further studies for relationships between toxins and Peripheral Neuropathy.

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### **15 MARCH 2006 - from the RAO Bulletin Update**

Please refer to <http://www.geocities.com/legionpost88/raobulletindex.html> for the complete story on the status of blue water navy dioxin claims... from the March 15, 2006 ROA Bulletin .....

**VA AGENT ORANGE CLAIMS UPDATE 01:** The American Legion and the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) have been working closely Together over the last 15 years to make sure that the VA pays all of the benefits that Vietnam veterans and their survivors deserve as a result of exposure to Agent Orange. Recently, there have been two important developments.

This article provides advice about the steps you should take if you represent yourself, a veteran, or a survivor who may be affected:

1.) **CLL Claims:** Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) is the latest disease the VA added to the list of diseases presumptively service connected due to Agent Orange. The VA issued the regulation adding CLL on 16 OCT 03. CLL is a malignancy (cancer) of the white blood that results from an acquired injury to the DNA of a single cell, a lymphocyte, in the bone marrow. This injury is not present at birth. As a result of the Nehmer lawsuit [Nehmer v. U.S. Veterans Administration, 32 F. Supp. 2d 1175 (N.D. Cal. 1999)] the VA is normally required to pay benefits for an Agent Orange-related disease retroactive to the date the VA received the first claim the veteran or survivor filed based on the disease with the exception of claims that were finally denied before 25 SEP 85. VA took the position that when it was service connected CLL the Nehmer rules did not apply to CLL claims. As a result, the VA assigned an effective date no earlier than 16 OCT 03 whenever the VA granted a disability or DIC claim based on CLL even if the first CLL claim was filed before 16 OCT 03.

The Nehmer lawsuit is a class action brought by National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) on behalf of Vietnam veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange and their survivors. NVLSP appealed the VA's decision concerning CLL, and on 1 DEC 05, the federal court that oversees the Nehmer lawsuit agreed with NVLSP that the Nehmer rules do apply to CLL claims. The court's December 1st ruling requires the VA to pay disability and DIC benefits retroactive to the date of claim to all veterans or survivors who filed a CLL claim before 16 OCT 05. The VA recently appealed the December 1st decision to the

court of appeals. If you know of a Vietnam veteran or survivor who filed a CLL claim before 16 OCT 03, you should contact NVLSP attorney Rick Spataro at (202) 265-8305, ext. # 149 or [rick\\_spataro@nvlsp.org](mailto:rick_spataro@nvlsp.org) NVLSP is currently trying to get the court to require the VA to pay the retroactive benefits owed under the December 1st order as soon as possible, even though the VA has appealed the decision. Rick is collecting a list of all CLL claimants who deserve an earlier effective date under the December 1st order to present to the court.

2.) Blue Water Disability/DIC claims: From 1991 to 2002, the VA took the position that Navy veterans who were awarded the Vietnam Service Medal as a result of service in the waters offshore Vietnam (blue water vets) were entitled to the same presumption of exposure to Agent Orange as veterans who set foot on land in Vietnam. As a result, many Navy veterans who served offshore and their survivors were granted disability or DIC benefits based on an Agent Orange-related disease. However, in FEB 02 the VA amended VA Manual M21-1 to limit the presumption of exposure to Agent Orange to only those veterans who actually set foot on the land mass of Vietnam. As a result of the policy change the VA has been denying claims filed by blue water vets for Agent Orange related diseases since FEB 02. In addition, the VA has taken action to sever awards of service connection in some of the cases that were granted prior to February 2002.

NVLSP has appealed to the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims many of the BVA decisions denying benefits to blue water veterans. NVLSP has argued in these cases that the VA's change of position in 2002 violates the Agent Orange Act of 1991. On 10 JAN 06, a panel of the Court heard argument in one of NVLSP's appeals and a decision on the legality of the VA's set-foot-on-land requirement is expected some time this year. In any case in which you are representing yourself or another blue water Navy veteran/survivor on a claim based on an Agent Orange-related disease, you should keep the claim alive by filing a timely Notice of Disagreement (NOD) after the VA denial, and a timely substantive appeal after the Statement of the Case (SOC). If the BVA denies the claim, contact NVLSP attorney Rick Spataro so that a timely appeal can be filed with the Veterans Court. This is a prudent move because if NVLSP wins its appeal, the VA will be required to follow the Veteran Court's decision on the pending claim. On the other hand, if the VA's denial of the claim becomes final, there is no guarantee that the VA will consider the prior final denial to be a clear and unmistakable error even if NVLSP were to win its appeal.

[Source: NVLSP Staff Attorney msg 16 Feb 06]