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*If Veterans don't help Veterans, who will?*

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need to find help. I was exposed at Rocky Mountain Arsenal. My uniform was orange but turned to blue  
hairs when I was exposed. RMA gave me a case number, but no one contacted me to tell me how serious  
dangerous it was. I am suffering for over 35 years living in hell & pain.

I was exposed to chemical warfare (probably Agent Orange) while working for Shell chemical at Rocky Mountain Arsenal (US ARMY) in the early '70s. It took years to find out. I went for years with severe pain more plus a dozen misdiagnoses as bipolar or schizophrenic, neurosyphilis, TB, fibromyalgia, and many more. Now doctors say that I never was any of these things!!! One doctor told me "sue me...I made a mis as now my diagnosis are:

- Cancer – Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma.
- Macular Degeneration with progressive loss
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Autoimmune Condition – unspecified
- Chronic Neuropathic pain
- Fever of unknown origin – intermittent
- Multiple recurrent Renal Calculi
- Chronic Renal Insufficiency
- Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy
- Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease
- Chronic fatigue
- Incontinence

My skin is very red and feels like on fire and piling. I am in severe pain and cannot go on much longer w help. I have been to Cedar Sinai, Glendale Adventist, USC, Stanford...no one understands or helps. Every of my body is affected. I am in severe pain most of the time. I have even become allergic to water!!!!

I cannot find help at this time. I take Restoril for sleep, Demerol injection for pain, Dupixent every 2nd we Tylenol for fever, and Ataraxic for the aching and burning of my skin.

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