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

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## **Confirmed High Dioxin Levels in Veteran with Pancreatic Cancer that served in Okinawa**

Below is an e-mail I received from one of our Marines. This Marine is one of the nation's most knowledgably fighters in our issues against Veterans Affairs and our Congress who will not support Veterans/Widows in these government fraudulent actions.

At the bottom you will find two .pdf files I have uploaded for you to either view or download. These two are:

1. Doctors conclusions on the level of dioxins found.
2. The pathology report confirming the level of dioxins and others found.

Even with this information Veterans Affairs or the Board of Veterans Appeals will more than likely deny this claim. Makes no sense I know. This is what Congress lets Veterans Affairs and the Board of Veterans Appeals get away with. This includes as many of you know to include lying under oath. Certainly this case and many similar cases fall in line with the Congressional Mandate of "at least as likely as not."

My opinion and that is only my opinion, as it has been in the past - Veterans Affairs cannot be fixed as we know it today. Even Veterans Affairs a few years back concluded they were broken and could not be fixed.

Not as long as this agency can take direction from the Executive Branch (the defendant) which we have valid evidence of... stating all federal agencies "not to find associations." Yes, we have a few presumptions today slowly added after an initial 25 years of stalling and fraudulent denials but there are still plenty of medical issues still not presumptive due to government fraud. Even the ones listed in some cases are fraudulent with the constraints Veterans Affairs added.

How do we get Veterans Affairs (the government defendant representative) and its contractors out of the role of making all the legal rules and decision making processes?

How do we get rid of U.S.C. 38 Paragraph 511 that requires the highest form of integrity in Veterans Affairs? (We know that does not exist.)

How can U.S.C. 38 Paragraph 511 even be valid if White House after White House can direct Veterans Affairs to commit fraud?

How do we remove Veterans Affairs from the decision making process since it is proven they are not to be trusted in many areas?

How do we instill trust back in this adversarial and biased system? Is it possible to even have a federal agency that would be honest and fair as long as the Executive Branch (the defendant) can control such an agency? Who then can Veterans and Widows trust? Certainly we know Congress will do little to reign in the lack of integrity within the agency. Who then does the Veteran Community of all Era's turn to that cannot be manipulated? At present I say there are none. Not with the tainted government history just in our Herbicides issues and Gulf War issues.

Perhaps a multi-disciplined team of independent scientists might be the answer. I have some names of some scientists I would trust and I think most would trust as well. The problem is they also would probably need Congressional protection from government retaliation for not only themselves but the research centers and universities which they also are associated. This has happened in the past and there is no doubt it will continue. It is a shame it has come down to that from our own government but there it is.

The one mandate that must be enforced is knowledgably Veterans representing Veterans must be part of this multi-disciplined team of decision makers. While this was a Congressional Mandate early on it has never been followed. I also have some Veterans names that would represent us with honor and integrity no different from when they served this nation.

None of this will ever happen but at least it is a recommendation put forth to try and restore at least some trust.

I received yet another inquiry just the other day from a Veteran with Brain Cancer.

I received yet another inquiry from one of my own 175 mm 2/94th Artillery fellows with Pancreatic Cancer just yesterday.

My 101st Vietnam Friend also a Veterans' advocate indicated he just lost two of his members within six months from the same thing. Those are the ones that are just recent.

This is way too much to not have "all-site cancers approved" as it should be considering how dioxins work on all cells creating at the end of the dioxin, TCDD damaging cellular process changes in "gene transcription." This is just one of the results at a top level overview anyway. The ability of either Veterans Affairs or the Institute of Medicine to limit which cells will be affected only and which will not seems divine like; not science. Then there are the other issues of the known and identified Immunotoxicity Issues, Birth Defects and even Mental

Issues which according to experts require a much lower dose than any cancer creation. (If there is a dose rate issue as we know it to a point with Dioxins, which I still question.)

These two cancers and other non-presumptive cancers have been found associated at the Board of Veterans Appeals. Why these legally found associations do not apply to the rest of the Veterans/Widows generic cases is beyond comprehension and logic. Why when the higher legal authority for Veterans Affairs has found a positive association by the very law that Congress set up for Veterans does that not flow down to Veterans Affairs as a mandate?

What would you tell these soldiers and/or their widows?

Yes, we know these issues are associated by science much less common sense. Cancer researchers that were part of the government's own herbicide advisory committee's have publicly stated regarding the government's denial of increased cancer risk at "all-cancer sites" does not even meet the government smell test.

What do you tell these Veterans that served with honor and dignity and maybe even valor on the battlefield?

Yes, you will be denied service connection treatment and benefits because your Congress will not stop the government fraud by Veterans Affairs....Yes, you will probably die from toxic chemical war wounds inflicted by your own government.... Yes, you will probably die from service to your nation and that service connected death will never be recognized by your own government....Yes, your widow will have to fight for years to get any of the benefits you earned while on the battlefield....Yes, you served the nation when others would not but you will not get any help from the federal government because your own Congress will not act to stop this abuse.

What gets me is within my own unit and I am sure other units that served in Vietnam as well. We had fellows that were wounded by enemy artillery. They survived for as long as four or five years then succumbed to their war wounds. Their name goes on our Memorial Wall.

I see little difference in physical war wounds and chemical war wounds when they both end up in the death of the Veteran.

Do we quibble about the number of years it took for the Veteran to succumb to those wounds? Do we quibble about whether it was a result of enemy action or the actions of our own government? A government that has in some cases (should be much more) admitted direct causations to that death.

Did they not die from chemical wounds received in that ten year campaign?

Veterans that die from friendly fire also get their names on the Memorial Wall. Would not this massive use of Weapons of Mass Destruction and admitted causations of death equate to friendly fire?

If you included all the names of those that died as a result of our own government's actions then the Memorial Wall would have to be increased three fold as a minimum.

That is what I have to tell my fellows and their widows.

The only recommendation I can make is to file their claim immediately and then get a real VA lawyer that is certified in VA law. I say file their claim first because until they do they cannot have real legal certified representation. Not with the rules Congress has allowed to be applied. Is there any other form of legal endeavor to where the plaintiff cannot have a right to certified legal representation in this nation? If there is; some of you legal beagles let me know so I can apologize to Congress.

If you have been following the Veterans Affairs hearings I see more and more of the issues being raised by those that have been wronged as to recommendations. That includes what I have been saying to a point. Make the Veterans Affairs centers for excellence for war wounds only. Let the rest have a champ/VA card or similar upon discharge and start with those that at 40% or less and give them the same option. At least cut the Veterans Affairs down to some manageable and measurable and controllable federal agency that cannot claim overcrowding and obsolescence as an excuse. Certainly money is no longer an excuse.

If you watched the hearings on the Veteran suicides it was just despicable; again in my opinion. As a now angry old man trying to get just a little government justice for my Guys and my Marines that kept me safe (or their widows); I found myself almost in tears and that does not happen much for anything. As I said I found this treatment deplorable and disgusting that any medical folks, VA or otherwise, would treat anyone this way. Including the survivors talked about how they were treated by the Veterans Affairs Benefits side taking years to obtain those benefits if any before they committed suicide.

Eighteen to Twenty -Two of our finest warriors will meet their own demise today and tomorrow and the next day.... and the next day if the statistics quoted at this Congressional hearing were even close to being accurate!

What created this nightmare for our Veterans and their family? Does anyone in the government really care?

In this and the other issues of Veterans Affairs fraudulently denying service connection in many issues (especially those already mentally damaged) and their very adversarial and fraudulent processes part of the reason?

Congressional members in the past have stated the Veterans Affairs process creates more physical and mental issues than the applied for disorder itself. Yet, they allow it to continue.

Is the government stand now or has it been; a dead Veteran is an inexpensive Veteran government obsolete asset?

I have no idea other than maybe multiple over and over again deployments with such a small military as we have today. Then to have face the most devious, untruthful, and powerful enemy they have ever had to face...our own fraudulent government for what they supposedly have earned.

Kelley

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E-mail

A veteran's widow willingly passes this information along, via xxxxxxxxx in Michigan....

Good afternoon,

My husband recently passed away from pancreatic cancer at the age of 36. Because he was stationed in Okinawa from approx 2000-2006, we sought out a lab that would test him for dioxin exposure. He tested positive for multiple dioxins, including 2,3,7,8-TCDD.

I am writing in the hopes that you can assist me with using this information to help others. I have spoken to a mother in Okinawa who tells me that the DoD refuses to test the children who attend the elementary school that is near the site where the barrels were found. I know that John's coworkers could have also been exposed and I want to notify them of the possible exposure.

I also want him to receive the recognition that he deserves for giving his life for his country.

Is there anything that you can do to help me? I have documentation that I can provide upon request.

Thank you,

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Hello

I thought you should see this e-mail and the two doctors reports in the attachment above. It came to me compliments of Okinawa

I was hoping maybe you could delete any personal information regarding this soldier's widow and posted it so everybody can see how the Department of Defense is lying about the situation at the air base.

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1. Doctors conclusions on the level of dioxins found.

<http://www.2ndbattalion94thartillery.com/Chas/Doctorseval.pdf>

2. The pathology report confirming the level of dioxins and others found.

<http://www.2ndbattalion94thartillery.com/Chas/Testresults.pdf>

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Additional findings of AO on Okinawa denied by DOD and VA. Congress will still not act on this issue.

[http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2014/07/11/national/agent-orange-ingredients-found-okinawa-military-dumpsite/#.U7\\_xAECE4IS](http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2014/07/11/national/agent-orange-ingredients-found-okinawa-military-dumpsite/#.U7_xAECE4IS)

Yea, they just made these pictures up!

Kelley