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THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

I REMEMBER MARTIN



January 17, 2011

Martin Luther King Jr.
DAY

Somehow this madness must cease. We must stop now. I speak as a child of God and brother to the suffering poor of Vietnam. I speak for those whose land is being laid waste., whose homes are being destroyed, whose culture is being subverted. I speak for the poor in America who are paying the double price of smashed hopes at home and death and corruption in Vietnam. I speak as a citizen of the world, for the world as it stands aghast at the path we have taken. I speak as an American to the leaders of my own nation. The great initiative in this war is ours. The initiative to stop it must be ours. (MLK Jr., *The Trumpet of Conscience*, 1967)

A Nation that continues year after year to spend money on military defenses than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death. (MLK Jr. *Where do we go from here: Chaos or Community?*, 1967)

CEO: AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, NO ONE LISTENS.

NEW MILLENNIUM ORGANIZATION!



Barry G. Campbell CEO/FOUNDER



The Organization opened February 2, 1999 by Barry G. Campbell a recipient of three *Purple Heart Citations* and a *Proclamation* from the U.S. House of Representatives for going above and beyond the call of duty helping Veterans in need.

The Organization is non-profit. The Organization is an information bank geared to helping Veterans and their families. I believe Veterans can better help themselves when they help others and the community works together as one unit without prejudices. We hold a deep conviction that we understand what America needs. The thing that holds us together is the service to our country. We will be dealing with many issues such as V.A. claims, education, community involvement and much more. Our Organization will enable Veterans to get first hand information on how to apply for their basic needs, i.e. social services, food stamps, pensions, social security, etc. We will also provide assistance for locating housing, jobs, schools and more. The Organization will treat all Veterans and their families fair and at the same time give Veterans the opportunity to help others by volunteering using their life experiences.

I have been helping Veterans throughout the country for years and saw the need for a more aggressive root-based organization. Through my life experiences, this organization developed.

The Organization will be **fair** by treating people the way every human beings would like to be treated.

The Organization is a good thing, a God thing, dedicated to helping Veterans in need to the best of our ability. Its about doing the right thing by Veterans.

Making people feel good again.

The **mission** statement is **HOPE**.

The **vision** statement is, in the end the **Organization will help anybody** who wants to help themselves live a better life.

We want 'each one to teach one' and take what they have learned back to their community to help the people in all neighborhoods.

The program is desperately needed. A lot of people are hurting. I have proven this by helping thousands with no support. The odds have always been against me. Now with the right support, I will prove we can all be successful.

DONALD HOGAN VQLAN WEBSITE DESIGNER AND VETERAN REP.



Working in the VQLAN office has granted me a good feeling of accomplishment. By helping others, not only am I making them feel good, but I also feel great. Through making people smile and giving Veterans and their families a sense of hope that they didn't have before, we help them.

Utilizing the resources that we have available at the VQLAN headquarters makes it a rather easy thing to do. Volunteering at the office has helped me, as an individual become more knowledgeable about the specifics of VA claims and government forms as well.

Overall, it has allowed me to become very familiar with the inner workings of our VA system. With so many new findings, information and laws governing the VA structure, we must remain vigilant at all times. The process of helping Veterans and their families is often like a full time job, one that I am proud to continue doing.

JAY F. JOHNSON VQLAN REPRESENTATIVE



VQLAN has given me a new purpose in life, and that is to help my fellow brothers and sisters (Veterans and non-Veterans) to have a better quality of life. VQLAN and CEO Barry G. Campbell have given me the opportunity and privilege to represent the Organization and Veterans at the City, State and Federal levels.

Some examples are speaking at City Counsel hearings, Taskforce communities, Veterans panels, Cable TV, travels to Washington, D.C., to visit the Secretary of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, visiting New York Public Schools and much, much more.

It is my belief and desire that VQLAN will become (if not already)

the premier Veteran's organization in the world. In short, VQLAN is who I am. VQLAN is what I do. Veterans Quality of Life is as much a part of me as I am a part of Veterans Quality of Life.

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VQLAN First Wave Representative



CEO: Special thanks to VQLAN member Anthony J. Williams for videos, photographs and Editor.

SALUTE



H.R. 4477 The Military Personnel Toxic Registry Exposure Act

H.R. 4477 and related Bill H.R. 2419 would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a surveillance system to identify members of the Armed Forces exposed to chemical hazards resulting from the disposal of waste in Iraq and Afghanistan, to prohibit the disposal of waste by the Armed Forces in a manner that would produce dangerous levels of toxins

WAR ZONE BURNING PITS VIOLATE LAWS GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING OFFICE (GAO) SAYS (Military Times, Sunday Oct. 17, 2010)

Of four US bases operating burning pits in Iraq none complies with federal regulations designed to keep service members safe, according to a Government Accounting Office report released on October 14, 2010.

The report includes photos of hazy air near the pits, photos of prohibited hazardous materials, and a list of emitted health hazards such as carbon monoxide, dioxins, particulate matter and carcinogens.

Contracts with private companies to run the pits did not reflect emissions guidance. The contractors disobeyed orders to comply with the regulations, and incinerators were not installed for five years — in part due to contract disputes GAO found.

The military also does not sample burn pit emissions as required

by its own regulations, the report said.

“The health impact on burn-pit exposure on individuals are not well understood, mainly because the military does not collect required data on emissions or exposures,” it said.

Contrary to initial military claims that there are no known long-term health effects from the burn pits, GAO found that long term health implications cannot be ruled out.

The report after Military Times began investigating the use of burn pits in the war zones in October 2008, leading Senator Russ Feingold, D-Wis., and Rep., Bob Filner, D-Calif., to request an investigation by GAO.

Burning plastics and trash in open-air burn pits — such as the fire at Joint Base Balad that at one time burned 240 tons of trash a day — created dioxin, the same chemical in the defoliant **Agent Orange** that has sickened so many Vietnam Veterans.

The military operates 221 burn pits in Afghanistan and 22 in Iraq, but officials said the number of pits in Afghanistan is growing. Neither government has trash-reduction programs, and their recycling programs usually consists of sorting out scrap metal.

The Dept. of Veterans Affairs released a training report earlier this year telling adjudicators and physicians to inform Veterans about potential exposure to environmental hazards in the war zone. and explaining how to properly adjudicate such claims.

(Refer to the Military.com website for the complete article and links to additional information: there are also links to Veterans employment) the va.gov and other internet connections may be helpful in filing a claim or just being properly informed.)

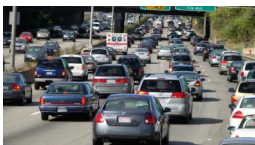


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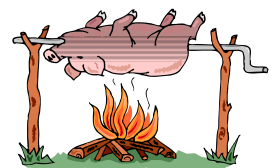
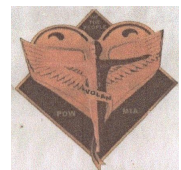
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THE POISON VACCINE

HOW THE HEALTH OF HUNDREDS OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS WAS SERIOUSLY DAMAGED AFTER ANTHRAX INNOCULATION



The needle and the damage done, hundreds of American soldiers have suffered serious illness after being compulsory injected with a controversial anthrax vaccine, a batch of which has been found to be contaminated.

Ronda Wilson, a supremely fit, strikingly beautiful American helicopter gunship pilot, was heading for military stardom. Just 21 and the only woman in her squadron, she had recently defeated her 63 male fellow pilots to earn the coveted Top Gun award in her first gunnery flight test. She was without peer in her cavalry unit, so skilled at handling the OH-58 Delta Warrior, armed with the Hellfire missiles and .50-calibre machine guns, that she was described by her commanding officer as “one of the most outstanding pilots of her generation.

On that morning, at Fort Stewart, Georgia, she received a routine order that was ultimately to destroy her faith in the military and American government which she loved beyond question, and which she says “I was willing to die for.” She was told go get your jabs.”

She was never told what the injection was for, and felt no need to ask. It was, she later discovered, the first in a six-dose course of anthrax vaccination. It was the moment she became part of the US government’s compulsory, highly ambitious anthrax vaccination programme for all 2.4 million of it’s military personnel; the project was authorized by former President Clinton himself. It had begun eight months before, and it was halted 18 months later amid damning congressional verdicts, lawsuits and accusations of a top-level cover-up.

There were many things Wilson was not told about the 0.5ml phial of milky liquid that was being injected into her arm. It was manufactured by a company that today, after a new lease of life for the vaccination programme, has begun to distribute millions of doses to immune “high-risk US troops heading to the Persian Gulf for an attack on Iraq. (British soldiers will not be immunized with this vaccine, but with a home-grown version, produced at Porton Down.)

Critics of the vaccine, who include congressmen, senior military officers and more than 450 American servicemen who have been court-martialed or forced to leave the military for refusing to take it, say its ability to combat inhalation anthrax has never been proven and it has never been tested for humans. It has never been licensed to combat inhalation anthrax; and its long term effects have never been known. Those claims are supported by a congressional committee which issued a scathing and alarming report into the efficiency and supervision of the vaccine, and the immunization programme, in April 2000.

Its critics also claim it is being forced on the country’s soldiers as part of a politically-inspired attempt to persuade the American public that an effective vaccine against an anthrax terror attack, and that its soldiers are safe from Saddam Hussein’s chemical and biological arsenal.

The Pentagon, and BioPort, the manufacturer, together with the Food and Drug Administration, which licenses US drugs, fiercely deny these claims. *The Times* has looked at thousands of papers of government, FDA, Army, congressional and medical reports stretching back 30 years. The extraordinary story of anthrax vaccine, suddenly thrust on to the center stage in a new age of global terror, is one of high-level policies, furious scientific disputes, **big business** and great controversy.

Of all the things Wilson was not told about her first jab, perhaps the most crucial was that this: 10 months earlier, in February 1998, after an inspection of the Michigan laboratory that manufactures the vaccine, the plant had its authority to make the vaccine suspended by the FDA.

The 95-page report found lots of the vaccine contaminated, a filtration process not authorized by the FDA, problems with cleanliness and the sterility of equipment and a failure to ensure a uniform potency of the drug.

“The firm routinely re-dates Anthrax Vaccine lots that have reached their labeled expiration date,” the report says, And it states: “Lot FAV036 was at room temperature for 20 hours, the filling operation was aborted, it was placed back in the refrigerator.” According to the military in was a dose from Lot FAV036 that was given to Wilson that December morning, eight months after the FDA report had been sent to BioPort.

“The patient reported no significant reactions with the first shot,” her final military medical report states— written in April 2001 when a depressed, emaciated and mentally confused Wilson was discharged from her unit—“except for an immediate large painful local reaction at the injection site (described as being slightly smaller than a golf ball). The pain extended from her shoulder to her elbow. The military medical community reassured her this was normal. She also reported the onset of about three headaches a week.”

After her second jab, from a different lot, in January 1999, she developed “irritability, loss of memory, fatigue. By late February to early March nausea and diarrhea started. One week after her third anthrax vaccine dose her gastro-intestinal symptoms worsened further, evolving into her current disabling state of illness.

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ACTION AGENDAS: RESOURCES AND NETWORKING AT ITS BEST.**

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HYPERTENSION IN RELATION TO POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND DEPRESSION IN U.S. NATIONAL COMORBIDITY SURVEY

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Abstract

The clinical literature increasingly indicates that cardiovascular risk factors and cardiovascular disease (CVD) are more common among individuals with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Depression also poses a risk for CVD and is often comorbid with PTSD. Research to date has not established whether PTSD is associated with additional CVD risk beyond the risks associated with comorbid depression. The authors examined relationships of lifetime PTSD and depression with high blood pressure in data from the US National Comorbidity Survey. They divided participants into 4 mutually exclusive diagnostic groups: (1) PTSD history and no depression history, (2) PTSD and depression history, (3) depression history and no PTSD history, and (4) no history of mental disorder. Hypertension prevalence was higher for the PTSD, no depression and PTSD plus depression groups compared with the depression only and no mental disorder groups. PTSD appears to be related to hypertension independent of depression. This may partially explain elevated rates of CVD in PTSD patients.

— **VQLAN KNOWS THE FOLLOW UP!**



BLOOD CLOTS AFTER VACCINES

published 10/6/2003

According to Mark Benjamin, investigator of UPI, it appears that blood clots which have killed a number of US Soldiers, could be vaccine related.

These soldiers' deaths add to mounting evidence of vaccination being not only ineffective but outright dangerous. Yet governments impose vaccinations by court decree, even overriding rights of parents to decide about their children's health. If there is evidence of damage and the government does not act, what are we to assume? Are our health authorities implicated in aiding the pharmaceutical disease racket?

WASHINGTON, OCT. 6 (UPI) — Unexplained blood clots are among the reasons U.S. soldiers in Iraqi Freedom have died from sudden illnesses, an investigation by United Press International has found.

In addition to NBC News Correspondent David Bloom, who died in April of a blood clot in his lung after collapsing south of Bagdad, the Pentagon has told families that blood clots caused two soldiers to collapse and die.

At least eight other soldiers have also collapsed and died from what the military has described as non-combat-related causes.

A disturbing parallel has also surfaced: soldier becoming ill or dying from similar ailments in the United States. In some cases, the soldiers, their families and civilian doctors blame vaccines given to them by the military, particularly the anthrax or small-pox shots.

Some of the soldiers who died suddenly had complained about symptoms suffered by Bloom—including pain in the legs that could indicate problems with blood clots.

Updated Tuesday December 21, 2010

(read entire article at http://www.newmediaexplorer.org/sepp/2003/10/11/blood_clots_after_vaccines.htm)

(also search on the internet, "blood clots after vaccine")

CAMP LEJEUNE

HISTORIC
DRINKING
WATER

The Marine Corps encourages all those who lived or worked at Camp Lejeune before 1987 to register to receive notifications regarding Camp Lejeune Historic Drinking Water.

The Dept., of the Navy is funding independent research initiatives.

Camp Lejeune Historic Drinking Water maintains a Facebook page to provide users access to information and resources. For a list of all USMC social media sites, please visit

marines.mil

Research Initiatives:

Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

The National Academy of Sciences' National Council (NRC)

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Registry by contacting the Call Center at 877-261-9782 or register on line.

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BACKGROUND

This section provides background information on how contaminants were first discovered in water systems at Camp Lejeune, the sampling that has followed and the closing of effected wells. Other scientific information on the water testing and chemicals that were found, in addition to, Marine Corps actions and decisions are detailed in this section

In 1979, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published interim standards for total trihalomethanes (TTHMs) (disinfection by products from water chlorination). Based on this ruling, Camp Lejeune began to monitor for TTHMs in November 1982 and was in full compliance with applicable requirements by November 1983. To prepare for the compliance requirements, the Atlantic Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command (LANTDIV) contracted water quality testing with the U.S. Army Environmental Hygiene Agency and Jennings Laboratories. The Sampling initiative began at Camp Lejeune in July 1980.

THE SURVEY

This section illustrates the methods and procedures of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) as a result of the discovery of chemicals in Camp Lejeune base water systems. Information on the previous health assessment, study, and survey leading up to the current ATSDR study are also found in this section.

In 1997, a public health assessment (PHA) was completed by ATSDR at Camp Lejeune. The ATSDR was particularly interested in routine drinking water tests (conducted in the 1980s) that found volatile organic compounds (VOCs) at detectable levels in some on-base drinking water supply wells.

On April 28, 2009, ATSDR announced that they were removing the 1997 PHA for Camp Lejeune from their website. According to ATSDR, the PHA should have mentioned benzene contamination and stated that the extent of exposure to benzene was unknown. (Read entire article at

http://www.clnr.hq.usmc.mil/clwater/Site/background_information.html



DEPT. OF VETERANS AFFAIRS INITIATIVE SPOTLIGHT



FULLY DEVELOPED CLAIM (FDC)

The Fully Developed claim (FDC) Program is a new innovative program designed to provide swift and expedited treatment of eligible “fully developed” compensation and pension claims.

The FDC Program is the fastest means of getting a claim processed. A participating Veteran with an eligible claim will have his/her claim expeditiously routed through the claims process for a swift decision. Participation will not effect the quality of care a Veteran receives or the benefits to which a Veteran is entitled.

To participate, the FDC Program requires that a Veteran complete a Full Developed Claim Certification and either a VA Form [21-526EZ](#), Fully Developed Claim (Compensation), for a compensation claim, or a VA Form [21-527EZ](#), Fully Developed Claim (Pension), for a pension claim. The Veteran must also submit, with the application and certification, all relevant and pertinent evidence to ‘fully develop’ the claim. VA form [21-526EZ](#) and VA Form [21-527EZ](#) provide, in detail, claims eligible for the FDC programs as well as notification of all information and evidence necessary to ‘fully develop’ and substantiate these claims.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

VA, traditionally, after it receives a claim from a Veteran will only then provide the Veteran notification of what is required from him/her to substantiate the claim via the Duty to Assist letter. The FDC program is unique in that it provides notification of the evidence necessary to substantiate an eligible claim at the time of application, allowing the Veteran to understand what is required of him/her at that time.

A Veteran participating in the FDC program will send the required evidence with the claim and certify that he/she has nothing further to provide. By doing this, a Veteran dramatically reduces the processing time of his/her claim by eliminating the time VA would normally spend developing for evidence from the Veteran. VA is able to process these claims far more quickly than claims going through the traditional claims process. In addition, VA has established priority channels to expeditiously route FDCs.

THE KEY

VA Forms [21-526EZ](#) and [21-527EZ](#) are truly what make the FDC program unique. These forms provide the Veterans Claims Assistance Act (VCAA) notification requirements (as required by 38 U.S.C. 5103) for eligible claims at the time in which a Veteran applies for the benefit rather than through the traditional process, post-VA claim receipt via the Duty to Assist letter.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about Fully Developed Claims, please review [FDC FACT SHEET](#) which covers:

- * Compensation FDC Criteria
- * Pension FDC Criteria
- * Opportunity for ‘Other’ Claims to Receive Expeditious Processing in the FDC Program
- * When to Submit a FDC ‘Informal Claim’
- * Information for Veteran Service Officers

(for additional info: <http://www.vba.va.gov/fastclaims/>)

KEEP THIS ON FILE

During this past Christmas, I signed onto the va.gov website and requested information on the status of my appeal. Within two business days I receive an E-mail response to my request. The VA also telephoned me two days later. You have to ‘request a telephone reply’.

On the same night I also **telephoned** the VA and a (1-800-827-1000) few minutes before **2200 hours, (10:00 pm)**, a VA employee answered the telephone and gave me the information I requested. The wait time was about five minutes. (I also called again at **9:15 pm.**, on 1-3-2011. The wait time was about 10 to 15 minutes.)

During the same month, I put in an additional claim in with the Compensation and Pension Office of the Manhattan VA Medical Center. Supervisor Barry G. Campbell assisted me in filing the claim correctly. Within two weeks, I received a letter stating that the VA had received my claim.

The letter stated that there was no need for me to contact the VA with any additional information at this time. Surprisingly, the VA’s response to all three requested contacts was very timely.

The purpose of the claim was to receive confirmation that all my conditions (illnesses-diagnoses) were part of the service-connected disability on file with the Regional Office.

I had been informed that all illnesses related to a service connected condition should be on file with the Regional Office. In the event that I am no longer ‘walking this earth’, it is important for the benefits that my family would receive.

For example, Sleep Apnea—a condition where a person stops breathing while sleeping. If this occurs and is fatal, and it is not a condition or a secondary condition of the service-connected disabilities, the Veteran’s death benefit (s) awarded to my surviving spouse could be less favorable.

The VA can deny a family certain death benefits.

Editor



(continued from page 4 — **THE POISON VACCINE**)

This current state is pitiful. Wilson, who four years ago was in superb health and in charge of one of the most potent weapons in the US armory, can barely drive a car. She has lost a third of her body weight and suffer such agonizing cramps every day that she is forced to curl up in a fetal position for hours at a time. She has stiff joints, chronic fatigue, anemia, difficulty with simple sums, memory loss, black-outs, permanent abdominal pain and, according to her medical report, "loss of cognitive function."

She is sure the anthrax jabs caused her physical and mental degeneration, but understands the difficulty in proving it. The final medical report concluded: "There were no other risk factors present...that could account for her symptoms. The anthrax vaccination may have adversely affected her immunological balance. There is a clear temporal association with the onset of her illness and her anthrax vaccination. While it is not possible to scientifically prove causality between anthrax vaccination and the onset of her illness, it is impossible to disprove causality."

"Everybody said 'I should get over my anger.' But anger is the only thing that gets me out of bed in the morning. I have lost my marriage, my career, my dreams, my future, my pleasures. I would have died for my country. But I didn't think I would die like this.

(READ ENTIRE ARTICLE, "**THE POISON VACCINE**" — <http://www.whale.to/a/anthrax9.html>)

FDA Anthrax vaccine documents shows Pentagon lied — ALLIANCE FOR HUMAN RESEARCH PROTECTION

Promoting openness and full disclosure:

"A former Dover Air Force Base commander says military officials used his troops as guinea pigs in illegal medical experiments under the government's controversial anthrax vaccination program." "Government officials have acknowledged that the Dept. of Defense (DoD) secretly tested squalene on human beings in Thailand. {Col. Felix} Grieder believes they did the same in Dover."

The Delaware Journal has uncovered documents and videos that reveal that the Pentagon officials lied; the US troops were given an experimental concoction of anthrax vaccine laced with squalene. Many soldiers have suffered permanent harm as a result.

"Soon after the injection troops in their 20s and 30s began developing arthritis, neurological problems, memory loss and incapacitating migraine headaches, Col. Felix Grieder took a drastic step. In 1999, he halted the vaccination program in Dover, a move he said ended his military career. The decorated Air Force colonel has spent the past five years trying to discover the truth about the vaccine program in Dover, where he commanded 4,000 troops. "In my opinion, there was illegal medical experimentation going on," says Grieder, who lives in Texas."

"Dover is now ground zero in the controversy because troops there were injected with anthrax vaccine containing squalene, a fat-like substance that occurs naturally in the body. Squalene boosts a vaccine's effect, but some scientists say injecting even trace amounts of it into the body can cause serious illness."

As the journal reports, "Even before squalene was discovered in the anthrax vaccine administered at Dover Air Force Base, the vaccine was suspected as a cause of health problems." (Read entire article at <http://www.indiviadivine.org/audarya/ayurveda-health-wellbeing/982116-fda-anthrax-cacci...> 12/18/2010 also read <http://www.mvrd.org/AVN/heroes/JasonNietupski.htm>

VQLAN AT THE WILLIAM HODSON SENIOR CENTER BRONX, NY



On December 11, 2010 VQLAN CEO Barry G. Campbell, VQLAN Reps. Jay F. Johnson and Donald Hogan held a community meeting to inform the Hodson Senior Center community and Veterans of benefits available to them and introduced them to 'VQLAN, the New Millennium Organization.' (Program recorded on DVD) JAN/FEB 2011



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WOMEN VETS' SECRET WAR: SEXUAL TRAUMA

December 2010

According to the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, 66,342 female Veterans reported being sexually assaulted, or experiencing another form of military sexual trauma (MST) from 2002 through 2008. Almost 3,000 military sexual assaults were reported by men and women in 2008, with 163 sexual assaults reported in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Another way to look at the numbers: More than 100 American women have died in Iraq, more have been sexually assaulted. As Rep. Jane Harman, D. Calif, a member of the House Homeland Committee observed, "A woman who signs up to protect her country is more likely to be raped by a fellow soldier than killed by enemy fire."

The problem has been evident for decades. One in three female Vets from Vietnam through the first Gulf War said they were raped while serving, according to a survey by the American Journal of Industrial Medicine. Among civilian women, the rate is one in six.

For all Veterans, the odds of developing post traumatic stress disorder from sexual assault are higher than from exposure to combat, according to a report presented in 2008 at a Dept. of Defense conference for sexual assault response coordinators.

Get female Vets together over coffee, and some of them will describe a culture that can, at times, be startlingly hostile.

Among female Vets with PTSD, most were sexually assaulted or raped while in the service. The physical harm of sexual assault is clear, but it's the emotional damage that lingers. Attackers aren't the enemy, but comrades — battle buddies for whom they're prepared to sacrifice their lives. A woman can't help but wonder whether these guys also would be willing to die for her.

"Military sexual assault isn't stranger rape, but incest," said the lieutenant, who is 36."That changes things a lot. It's people we work with, people I thought of as brothers. No one (in a unit) wants to believe it, because if he turns out to be a bad guy, then it's like they've all been assaulted.

Military culture is a part of American culture, but in many ways has its own values, rules, customs, and norms. Therefore, sexual assault in the Armed Services cannot be addressed in exactly the same way as it is in civilian society," so states the Defense Department's annual report on Sexual Assault in the Military.

MORE WOMEN COMING FORWARD

The rise in reports is not an attribute to the increase in assaults, but to more women (and men) feeling it is safer to come forward because of a change in reporting policy. Before 2004, all reports of sexual assault were forwarded to law enforcement, which sometimes made the person complaining feel further victimized by others in their shattered unit.

With the Defense Department's own statistics indicating that 20 percent of unwanted sexual contacts were reported, changes were necessary in June 2008, the restricted reporting policy said that reports of sexual assault would be provided to a health care provider, the sexual assault response coordinator, or a victim advocate, but not reported to law enforcement without the victim's consent.

Military.com website: <http://www.military.com/news/article/women-vets-secret-war-sexual-trauma.html?ESRC>

2011 VA County Loan Limits for High-Cost Counties **va.gov**

The Dept. of Veterans Affairs Loan Guaranty program does not impose a maximum amount that an eligible Veteran may borrow using a VA- guaranteed loan. However, the following county 'limits' must be used to calculate VA's maximum guaranty amount for a particular county. These limits apply

to all loans closed January 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011. Fiscal Year 2012 county loan limits will be made available as soon as possible.
The maximum guaranty amount (available for loans over \$144,000 is 25 percent of 2011 VA limit shown below.

STATE	COUNTY	2011 VA LIMIT	REGIONAL LOAN CENTER
AK	VALDEZ-CORDOVA	\$625,500	DENVER
CA	ALMEDA	\$1,000,000	PHOENIX
CO	BOULDER	\$427,500	DENVER
NJ	BERGEN	\$ 735,000	CLEVELAND
NY	(BRONX, NY, KINGS, NASSAU,QUEENS)	\$735,000	MANCHESTER

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (Eligibility Frequently Asked Questions) <http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/faqelig.asp>



THE RAPING OF AMERICA'S VETERANS CONTINUES

Duty Station: Hildesheim, Germany

Unit: E- Company 124rd. Maint Battalion

Location : Graffenvece, Germany July 1982

Assignment: Field Operation MOS (job) 63rd HD Mechanic

I was sleeping in my tent when I was awakened by noise outside, two male voices. I got up to see what was going on when I was hit in the head by an unknown object. The blow was so hard that I fell back into my tent. Dazed and confused I attempted to get up only to be dragged by my feet towards the front of the tent. My bottom and my arms were being pulled down. I was pinned down. I did not know these men. All I knew is that I was being punched, kicked and spat on. I was brutally raped from behind.

I laid in my tent crying, in pain, feeling ashamed and wondered why did this happened to me. The next thing I knew, it was morning and I was being called for formation. My Sgt. informed my Commanding Officer about the incident. I was escorted to the medical hospital, where I was treated for my physical bruises. I was later told I had a venereal disease, gonorrhea.

This sexual trauma has made my life a living hell. In 1984 I was taken to Germantown Hospital on my 23rd birthday for trying to commit suicide. In 1994 I was an in-patient at the Bronx VA Medical Center's mental health ward for psychological issues related to the rape. Trying to deal with that horrific incident I turned to illegal drugs. I also have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder. I have been on psychological medications since, and I am still receiving treatment at the Manhattan VA Hospital.

I was a very healthy physically and mentally before I became a soldier. I just don't understand why two soldiers would do something like a brutal rape and crime to a fellow soldier. I hope that one day I can begin to heal and live a normal life. That sexual trauma while on active duty in the U.S. Army has destroyed my life and who I am as a woman.

End of statement.

TRUTH

This happened to me for 18 months of active duty!!!

To: Who it may concern:

This is a letter to voice my rape that happened over a period of 18 months while I was in the military, U.S. Army.

My 1st. Sgt., raped me over a period of 18 months. I was his training N.C.O. I worked very close with my 1st. Sgt.

I went into the military to make a 20 year career of it, but It was taken away from me in a quick moment. When I told my Sgt-major, he informed me that he could not ruin my 1st, Sgt's career because he hade 18 years in the military, I only had 4 years at the time. I did report this terrible thing to my Chaplin. The 1st. Sgt., threatened me that he would send my family home and I would be without them the rest of my tour of duty. This is how this bad thing happened to me over and over again.

When we have all the top people working together they get rid of all the bad things that happened to soldiers and they get rid of soldiers.

Something needs to be done about rape of soldiers in the military. When we file our claim, they deny them because all the records have been destroyed and the government acts like it never happened. But me being a vet, I'll never give up. I don't care how many times the government denies my claim. This is another lonely vet who needs help from our government. I was a scared vet, who needed my family with me.

FEMALE VET IN NEED OF HELP

TRUTH

DON'T ASK DON'T TELL — THE REPEAL

With the recent repeal of the U.S. Military policy, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," I had always wondered why so may Senators were against the repeal. With so many men making policy that affect both male and female service members and Veterans, I questioned why they never placed the same energy into stopping the rapes of active duty Military service men and women. Yes men and women, both are still being raped today.

VQLAN has brought this horrific crime into the news. Other news medias seem to stay clear of it.

Now and then, it may be mentioned; the reason being that for one service member to rape another is so inhumane, un-American and down right wrong. It is disgusting.

These stories are not easy to hear, read or write about. What do you say to the person who has been raped? "I understand." Truthfully, no one can feel or taste the loss and horrors of an individual who was brutally attacked. Its time for the US Senate to take an active role in stopping these violations of life and Military policy. The biggest shame is the inability of the Military brass to take the appropriate actions.

Editor

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE SERVICES YOU RECEIVE AT THE VA?

CONTACT vqlan.org "Comments"



PROCESSING CLAIMS FOR AGENT ORANGE PRESUMPTIVE

On October 13, 2009, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs announced three new "presumptive" Agent Orange Conditions:

Parkinson's disease,

Ischemic heart disease, and

B cell leukemias (including hairy cell leukemia)

VA provides disability compensation and healthcare for diseases associated with tactical herbicides such as **Agent Orange**. Tactical herbicide exposure is presumed for Veterans with service on the waterways, from Jan. 9, 1962, to May 7,

1975, and for Veterans who served in certain areas from April 1, 1968 to July 31, 1969. Service connection will be established for herbicide-exposed Veterans suffering with hairy-cell leukemia and other chronic B-cell leukemias, Parkinson's disease, and ischemic heart disease if their condition is disabling to a compensable level.

Veterans covered under the new policy are encouraged to file their claims through the new, automated ["Fast Track" Web Portal](#) that is faster and easier to utilize. The ["Fast Track"](#) portal guides Veterans through Web-based menus to capture information and medical evidence required for their claims decisions.

Claims Granted Based on New Presumption Agent Orange Conditions — Data Current through 12-17-2010

TOTAL CLAIMS GRANTED

Claims Granted	Retroactive Compensation paid	Average Award
18,829	\$320,964,955.00	\$17,046.00

Claims Received Prior to Oct. 30,

Claims granted that had been previously denied (prior to October 2009)	Retroactive Compensation Paid	Average Award
3,199	\$139,180,962.00	\$43,508.00

Claims granted that were receive after October 2009 but before the final regulation was published (thru August 30, 2010)	Retroactive Compensation Paid	Average Award
15,143	\$179,895,360.00	\$11,880.00

Claims Received On or After October 30, 2010

Claims granted that were received after the final regulation was published, including Fast Track claims	Retroactive Compensation Paid	Average Award
487	\$1888,633.	\$3,878.00

Interim awards made pending final claim decision (included in the above number)	Retroactive Compensation paid	Average Award
138	\$253,763.00	\$1,839.00

Note that the total benefits awarded may include payment for other than Agent Orange conditions.

**AGENT ORANGE****12-18-2010****Fast Track Claims Processing System**

The Dept. of Veterans Affairs has a Fast Tract Processing System.

The Website is dedicated to processing claims for Vietnam Veterans who are claiming service connection for any of the following conditions:

Ischemic Heart Disease**Hairy Cell and B-Cell Leukemias****Parkinson's Disease**

You can use the website to apply for disability benefits for these conditions if you served in the Republic of Vietnam or in-land waterways between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975.

Fast Track has many features to expedite the claims process.

You can submit an application for benefits and evidence supporting your claim;

You can view your claim status;

You can view a list of evidence online; and

You can also send hardcopy evidence to the Fast Track Process System.

MEDICAL PROVIDER

You can support the Veteran's application for benefits by completing a [disability benefits questionnaire](#) for their claimed condition. It will take approximately 15 minutes to complete the questionnaire online.

These questionnaires provide details of the claimed condition. Your help in completing this questionnaires is essential in providing medical evidence to complete the Fast Track Claims Process.

You can also mail or fax other medical evidence in support of the Veteran's claim.

Log on and Register at <http://www.fastrack.va.gov/AOFstTrack/home.do>

A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION THE VA IS SEEKING FOR EACH CONDITION**Ischemic Heart Disease Disability Questionnaire**

The questionnaire provides information enabling the VA to more easily determine your disability compensation, thereby expediting your claim. Any medical report should include:

Diagnosis and history of the illness:

METS level, determined by exercise testing, when symptoms of dyspnea, fatigue, angina, dizziness, or syncope result;
Evidence of congestive heart failure, cardiac hypertrophy or dilatation electrocardiogram, echocardiogram, or x-ray;

Ejection fraction percentages if left ventricular dysfunction is present; and

Any required continuous medications.

Hairy Cell (or Other B-Cell) Leukemia Disability Questionnaire

The questionnaire for Hairy Cell or Other B-Cell Leukemias provides information enabling VA to more easily determine your disability compensation thereby expediting your claim. Any medical report should include;

Diagnosis and history of illness;

Whether the leukemia is active or is in a treatment phase;

Type and date of last treatment if the condition is not active or in a treatment phase.

Type and date of last treatment if the condition is not active in a treatment phase; and Current residual effects from the leukemia if the condition is not active or in a treatment phase.

Parkinson's Disease Disability Questionnaire:

The questionnaire for Parkinson's disease provides information enabling VA to more easily determine your disability compensation, thereby expediting your claim. Any medical report should include:

Diagnosis and history of illness;

Specific findings and full description of impairment of motor, sensory, and mental functioning due to Parkinson's disease;

Any required continuous medications.

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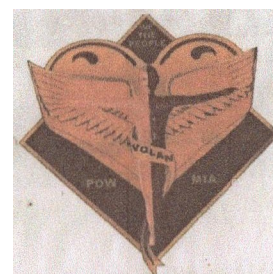
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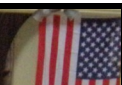
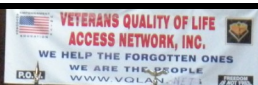
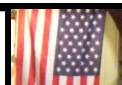
ACTION AGENDA

RESOURCES AND NETWORKING BLOW-OUT

- 11:00 Veteran singer - Wayne M. Burch — God Bless America & There is a Spirit
- 11:10 CEO — Introduction — Paper, VQLAN Library, Website
- 11:20 Chief of Staff Bronx Clergy Taskforce — Charles Orvum
- 11:25 SSI & SSD Lawyer — Scott Salmonson
- 11:40 PTSD & Sleep Apnea — Dr. Maurice Davidson, MD, FACS
- 11:55 Donations — Membership Drive — Jay F. Johnson & Donald Hogan
- 12:15 Incarcerated Youth — Sandra Franklin
- 12:30 Samaritan Village — Roger Walker
- 12:45 Award — Veteran Walter Finley, Jr.
- 12:47 Lawyer Bruce J. Gitlin, P.C.
- 1:00 Art Show — Prophecies Gallery, Inc. — CEO & Vietnam Veteran Lenny
- 1:15 Market America & VQLAN — CEO & Xiao Yan Wang (Lily)
- 1:30 Veterans only Communities — Veteran Ed Horton
- 1:45 I am Somebody (Youth Program) — Drug Counselor/Case Mgr. Leroy Spicer
- 2:00 Haitian American Veterans Association — Founder/Pres. Dr. Fritz Fils-Aime
- 2:15 Diversified Residential & Commercial Services Inc. (Section 8 Housing) - Herbert Gaillard, V.P.
- 2:30 The Doe Fund — Ready, Willing & Able — Rep. Michael Erber
- 2:45 How to Find a Job — Bart Jackson, Entrepreneur







VQLAN's website is one of the most innovative yet for the people. Donald Hogan and CEO created the website from scratch. No experience. Now, today there is over 400 pages of information viewed in over 23 countries across the world. We are a Global hit and VQLAN is being contacted for assistance with Veterans claims, issues and information. VQLAN is a new millennium organization, Veterans helping Veterans. **There is no stopping us now.**

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LET'S STOP THE SUFFERING NOW
WE ARE BACK
FOR THE NON-BELIEVERS
2,200 HITS AND STILL CLIMBING

COUNTRIES THAT BELIEVE IN VQLAN

UNITED STATES — ISRAEL — BRAZIL-RUSSIA—
JAPAN—CANADA—FRANCE-GERMANY—
INDIA—PUERTO RICO-IRAN—CYPRUS—
BELGIUM—VENEZUELA-NETHERLANDS—
AUSTRIA—TURKEY-PAKISTAN—THAILAND—
SPAIN - MEXICO-COSTA RICA-

There is a need for a grass root organization that understands people. One that would treat everyone with respect. We are our brother's and sister's keeper. **VQLAN is that Organization!**

VQLAN GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JANUARY 8, 2011



FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPT. OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Eric K. Shinseki

What is most needed are people who are regularly, habitually and deliberately kind. People who make caring for others a personal devotion, a part of their everyday lives.

Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Survivors Benefits The Office of Survivors Assistance (OSA) website enables the VA to communicate and share information with survivors across the globe. The OSA was established by public law 110-389, Title II, Section 222, in October 2008 to serve as a resource regarding all benefits and services furnished by the Dept., to survivors and dependents of deceased Veterans and members of the Armed Forces. OSA also serves as a principal advisor to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and promotes the use of VA benefits, programs and services to survivors. OSA will continue to improve the design, content and types of communication on the website as it moves forward, and welcomes any suggestion you might have as to how it can be modified further. Contact OSA at officeofSurvivors@va.gov (for additional information and links to other dependent and survivors benefits <http://www.va.gov/survivors/>)



AMERICAN'S MUST RESPECT EACH OTHERS REGARDLESS TO RACE, CREED OR COLOR!

Should American's respect each other?!

Regardless to race, creed or color?!.

Yes!! We should respect each other's rights!

Even though the person may be Black, Red, Yellow or White!

Respect is regarding a person in favorable esteem.

Since everyone does have their brief moments of gleam.

We must do unto other's that which you would want done unto you,
because this will emanate love to all of mankind too.

Respecting all families is what we've learn to adore,
regardless to whether they are rich or poor.

So take heed my brethren, and consider ones rights,
To make your life's garden, bring forth what is ripe.

A harvest that will be plentiful and proud to be shown,
being blessed with the respect, that you've always known.

A harvest that will feed all the people we know,
Since everyone reaps exactly what they sow.



Dedicated to: People Everywhere

With love/*Dawn Iva* /07-23-1990



TO: MR. BARRY G. CAMPBELL

SOME MIGHT SAY,
YOU CANNOT GROW A FLOWER IN THE DESERT.
YET,
YOU CONTINUED TO WATER AND NURTURE
THE SEEDS OF LIFE,
STANDING SILENTLY,
NEVER QUESTIONING THE RESPONSIBILITY,
LOOKING BEYOND THE SAND TO THE LIGHT.
EVEN WHEN THE SWEAT FELL FROM YOUR BROW,
YOU STOOD PATIENTLY
AND A FLOWER BLOOMED
OUT OF THE KINDNESS OF YOUR SOUL
AND THE QUEST FOR LIFE..



THANK
YOU!

IVY FRAZIER,
COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

