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### UNCLE SAM NO LONGER WANTS YOU - OR DOES HE? (page 4)

#### VISN3 TOWN HALL MEETING

On June 10, 2010 VISN3, the Department of Veterans Affairs, in partnership with VQLAN and other organizations, held its first Town Hall Meeting. The meeting was held at PS 154 in Harlem, NY from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This was the first time such a historic event was held to assist all America's Veterans. Many representatives from a host of organizations attended this meeting to inform and assist Veterans with filing out forms and applications. Veterans were able, for the first time to file their claims with the Regional Office on a Saturday.

VISN3 Representative Ms. Francine Fraser, CEO Barry G. Campbell, representatives from the Regional Office, NYVA Hospital, Bronx VA Hospital, Harlem Vet Center, a host of other VA and non-profit organizations were present to advise and assist Veterans and their families. The Good Will organization has an employment program for Veterans; they may lose their grant because Veterans are not coming out for the Jobs program.

However, as Walter (Doc) Bridges from the Harlem Vet Center said, "*Many Veterans have demons that they must deal with before they can even attempt to get a job.*" That is one reason Vet Centers are here to help. (Continues on Page 2.)



#### KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

During VQLAN's Membership Meetings, and everywhere he travels, CEO Barry G. Campbell always uses the famous quotation, **Knowledge Is Power**. He refers to the VQLAN Library, an information bank and the need to share the information with your community.

Knowledge and information does not come to you. You have to seek it out. It is not enough just to go to the VA for help. Sometimes you have to understand the process and what the VA has to offer and why.

VQLAN knows the systems and has proven that no Veteran has ever been properly informed upon discharge from the military. IN ANY VA,

NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE.

CONTACT VQLAN—NOW!!



Photos From the First VISN3 Town Hall Meeting - June 2010



NEW MILLENIUM ORGANIZATION

CEO QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Web—site

[www.vqlan.org](http://www.vqlan.org)

*"We are at the point where talk and action is not enough. I have been working tirelessly for 30 years. What we need is to be taught all over again, but on a much higher scale. Everyone is being screwed. By ensuring that Veterans receive their earned benefits and are informed properly, there would be fewer suicides, divorces, violence, murders and confusion. America is paying dearly for not listening. If there is no change, more Veterans and their families are at risk. Wake up America. As CEO*

*of VQLAN, we will continue the fight. We are running out of time. Help the Veterans for real this time. VQLAN has the formula. I will not allow anyone to get in our way. You cannot stop the truth. This is really a God's thing. No more prejudices. Let's stop all the separatism. There is so much work to be done to ensure that tomorrow will be better than today."*

CEO on the Radio: WPAT 9:30 on your AM Dial

4:00 AM 7/23/2010

IT WAS EXPLOSIVE!

**AGENT ORANGE UPDATE****WAR SUPPLEMENTAL WITH AGENT ORANGE FUNDING BECOMES LAW**

President Obama signed the FY 2010 emergency war supplemental bill (HR 4899) into law this week that, in addition to funds to support this continuing war efforts, includes more than \$13 billion in funding for the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs (VA) to process disability claims related to Agent Orange exposure. The number of claims is expected to increase as the VA faces a 30-day deadline to determine whether up to 200,000 Vietnam Veterans with B cell leukemia, Parkinson's disease, and ischemic heart disease will be granted service-connected status. For more details on Agent Orange ruling, read Tom Philpott's syndicated Military Update columns (7-29-10 and 8-5-10)

**VQLAN HELPING EVERYONE**  
**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LEOPOLD DAMAS**  
 Lance Corporal United States Marines

On August 19, 2010 I photographed and videotaped the

Most people think VQLAN is a N.Y.C., organization. The fact is, we are already global. Our web-site is view by 18 countries around the world.

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|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. United States | 2. Israel       | 3. Brazil   |
| 4. Canada        | 5. Italy        | 6. France   |
| 7. Germany       | 8. Japan        | 9. Vietnam  |
| 10. Argentina    | 11. Puerto Rico | 12. Russia  |
| 13. India        | 14. Venezuela   | 15. Belgium |
| 16. Mexico       | 17. Thailand    | 18. Cyprus  |

And it is growing. Fact - Stay tuned

Everything in this paper can be verified.

**IN A CLASS BY ITSELF FOR THE NON-BELIEVERS****THE FOLLOWING IS IN ADDITION TO THE VISN 3 TOWN HALL MEETING PAGE 1**

The recent Town Hall meeting, from all reports, was one of the most successful and informative, event. The day long sessions provided Veterans with significant resources and networking information. Veterans were assisted on the spot by VA representatives and community resources. The meeting was real and exciting for all Veterans in attendance. Veterans need to wake up. 'You holler for help, we give you help.' This was the atmosphere for change and the people were not ready. VQLAN was helping to bring this one to 'wake you up.'

Memorial Service for Cpl Leopold Damas who died in Afghanistan in 2009. I was requested by HAVA Pres. Dr. Fritz Fils-Aime. I traveled from the Bronx to St. Albans, Queens and completed the job. During the service I could only remember the recent passing of my father John



Carol, mother of Cpl Damas

Williams Jr., a WWII Army Vet. Talking to Leopold's mother Carol, the best thing I could do was to squeeze her hand. Sometimes you just don't know the words to say. The one thing about Memorials is that Veterans have to support the family in any way they can. I believe that families feel a little comfort when they see military members and Veterans in attendance during the services. 'There is no reason not to attend.'

(Anthony J. Williams, Editor)





## RESOURCES

# VQLAN LIBRARY

## NETWORKING

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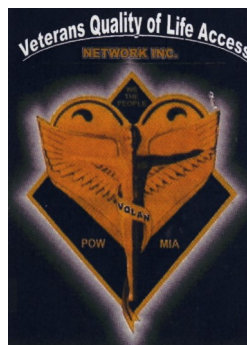
Jay F. Johnson (left)



Anthony J. Williams



LET'S  
GET  
IT  
ON!



Jay F. Johnson working at VQLAN Headquarters



VQLAN  
HAS THE MOST  
INFORMATIVE  
LIBRARY IN  
AMERICA





## PART 2

## A NOOSE ON MY LOCKER

Mother of Offended

Major (name omitted). Desert Storm Vet.

"I am very concerned and troubled about the finding of a noose in a VA Hospital."

Dept. of Veterans Affairs VA Police

Uniform Offense Report

(names have been changed)

FOLLOW—UP NOTES: From Part I

On 1/25/08 on or about 09:15 hours I, Supervisory Police Officers received a phone call from Lt. (name omitted). My supervisor requested that I report to the Engineering Service motor pool/garage shop with a uniform patrol officer to conduct a preliminary investigation on a reported incident about a hangman noose in one of the bathrooms. I then summoned CPL (name omitted), who was at that time assigned to Unit 2 which had the necessary equipment to conduct the investigation regarding the incident.

Upon our arrival we met Lt. \_\_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_\_ and Mr. \_\_\_\_\_. The were standing in the garage near the dispatch office. Both Mr. (name omitted 2) and Mr. (name omitted 4) are employees of the Engineering Services. Both individuals with Lt. Rich directed us to the bathroom/locker room area where the noose was located. This area is shared by Mr. (name omitted 4) and Mr. (name omitted 5) which dubs as a bathroom and a locker room. Mr. (name omitted 2) seemed to be most upset about the noose than Mr. (name omitted 4). Mr. (name omitted 4) had a more laiser-faire attitude concerning the matter. Mr. (name omitted 3) who had strong emotions to what the noose represented to him, expressed those feelings to me. Let the record show that both individuals are black. Photos were taken of the noose and attached to this report for record.

I asked Mr. (name omitted 4) who had access to the room? Answer. "Frank and I. He continued to say that he recently gained access to room and both of them used it as their locker room." It was determined that Mr. (name omitted 4) gained access to the room around November 2007. Prior to Mr. (name omitted), Mr. (name omitted) who retired, use to share the area with Mr. (name omitted).

Mr. (name omitted) was also asked how long have you observed the noose hanging in the bathroom. He replied, about one and a half to two months ago."

I asked him was he upset about the noose when he first saw it and if so why didn't you report it before? He replied, "Yes I was upset, but it did not bother me as much as it did Mr. (name omitted) and I did not want to create any trouble." It was apparent that Mr. (name omitted) felt uncomfortable with the situation, including reporting the situation to the VA Police.

It was apparent that the decision to report this incident was a result of allowing Mr. (name omitted) access into that room to get some tools to work on his official vehicle. The noose was located inside a bathroom within a room that contains repair parts and easily visible from the entrance door.

I asked Mr. (name omitted) has anyone else seen the noose and he replied, Yes, Mr. (name omitted) another driver and he is on the road at this time." I asked Mr. (named omitted) for Mr. (name omitted) whereabouts. He informed me that Mr. Frank was on sick leave.

During the process of securing evidence and taking photos of the Crime Scene, there were numerous inappropriate pictures for the work place of partially clothed women with exposed bottom or tops. These picture were hung in plain view on one of the lockers assigned to Mr. (name omitted) locker in the locker room and in a room used as the Motor Pool dispatch office.

At this time it is presumed that all of these pictures belonged to or were hung by Mr. (name omitted). One of those pictures, Item 31 page 5 on the Evidence Record (VA Form 3524) can be directly linked to him because it has an annotation as noted "file://C:\\_\_\_\_ Stuff\TWAINI5.jpg. Further investigation is required to establish if the other noted materials belonged to him and that he in deed placed such materials in the work environment.

On 1/25/08, 1800 hrs, Mr. (name omitted) reported to my office because I had left word that I wanted to speak to him about the incident. I asked him if he had observed the hangman's noose and what period of time did he observe it? His answer was "yes, and that he had seen it about August 2007. He followed up his response by saying that he had asked a question as to what was that to Mr. (name omitted). I ask him if he was offended when he observed it hanging in the locker area. His reply was no, he was not offended. I requested for a voluntary witness statement from Mr. (name omitted) which he provided.

There are five pages of evidentiary material to this report. A hangman's noose (brown) in color, rope and 31 pages of evidence and photos of the crime scene. All evidence was collected and processed by this investigation and has been place in the evidence container located in Building 60 for safekeeping.



NEXT ISSUE PART III





## UNCLE SAM NO LONGER WANTS YOU - OR DOES HE?

With so many Veterans in need of assistance, many have wondered if their Recruiter lied just to get them to join the Military. Although many volunteered for the Uniformed Services, they view some policies as being 'just wrong'. With the current Recession, will the Dept. of Veterans Affairs be able to improve its' services to Veterans?

All Veterans believe that the U.S. Government should provide the best medical care for all Veterans. Many also believe that he or she should not have to pay for any part of their medical care. Free health care is often associated with those persons who are incarcerated and receive free medical care. It is often compared to individuals who have never served their country and receive Medicaid. "Why should I have to use my private medical insurance to get treatment at the VA Hospital?" This is an on going question and answer period as there are more and more Veterans who need VA assistance.

President Obama has allocated more money for the VA than any President over the last 50 years. Recently he spoke of new guide lines for Veterans applying for **PTSD** benefits. It is now easier for a claim to receive a favorable decision. There are more avenues for Veterans to gain assistance with their claims and benefits such as Vet Centers. With the hiring of new Recovery Coordinators, and an emphasis on the Veteran's Advocacy Council, it is evident that the VA is making an attempt to serve all Veterans. On the other hand, are these new policies a direct attempt of Uncle Sam saying, **"I still want you."**

One fact is true; 'If Veterans do not take advantage of these new policies, it doesn't make a difference whether Uncle Sam wants them or not. Veterans have to be like the warriors of the **Civil Rights Movement**. These warriors are why we have the **Right to Vote**, the **Freedom of Information Act**, and the movement that signed into **Law** the **American's With Disability Act.**'

The VA is changing in many ways. Its up to all Veterans and all Veteran Organizations to ensure that Veterans are properly informed and understand the policies of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. **'We are still at war.'**

Anthony J. Williams, *Editor*

## VA EASES RULES TO COVER PTSD

The government has issued new rules that will make it substantially easier for Veterans who have been found to have **PTSD** (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) to receive disability benefits. This change could affect hundreds of thousands of Vets from the Wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Vietnam. The regulation from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs could cost as much as \$5 billion over the next several years. According to a Congressional analyst, it will essentially eliminate a requirement that Veterans document specific events such as bomb blasts, firefights and mortar attacks that might have caused **PTSD**.

Under the new ruling, which applies to Veterans of all Wars, the Dept. will grant compensation to those with **PTSD** if they can simply show that they served in a war zone and performed a job(s) consistent with the event that caused their condition. They would not have to prove, for instance, that they came under fire, served in a front line unit, or saw a friend killed.

The new rule would also allow for service members who had good reason to fear traumatic events, known as stressors, even if they didn't actually experience them.

Taken from an article by *New York Times* Reporter James Dao  
July 7, 2010

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**QUICK FACTS:** The new rules for PTSD is for Veterans of any era and will apply to claims:

- \* received by VA on or after July 13, 2010
- \* received before July 13, 2010 but not yet decided by a VA regional office
- \* appealed to the Board of Veterans' Appeals on or after July 13, 2010
- \* appealed to the Board before July 13, 2010, but not yet decided by the Board and
- \* pending before the VA on or after July 13, 2010, because the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims vacated a Board decision and remanded for re-adjudication.

(DVA FACT SHEET - New Regulations on PTSD Claims 7-12-10)



### New York VISN3 Ist. Town Hall Meeting

Mr. Ferdinand Meggs (far right) and staff from Calverton Cemetery.

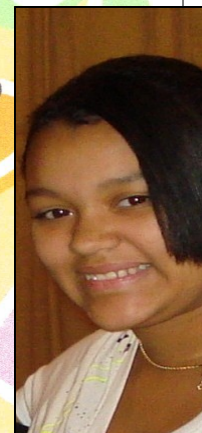






Sabrina Hogan  
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## "My Hero"

My hero is Barry G. Campbell. Mr. Campbell has many qualities some of them are that he is loving, caring, and doesn't think about himself. Mr. Campbell is a great person he is always full of happiness. Mr. Campbell will help you if you need help, he never abashes anyone. Mr. Campbell always stays true to his word. He doesn't like liars and he is not one, at all. The reason why Mr. Barry G. Campbell is my hero because I can look up to him because he is a great influence. Mr. Campbell is the CEO and founder of V.Q.L.A.N. Inc. or Veterans Quality Of Life Access Network Inc. He helps veterans; he makes sure that they know about their benefits when they get back from war. Mr. Campbell is an amazing person; the only way we know him is because my father is a Vietnam Veteran stationed in Thailand. Mr. Campbell is a veteran himself he understands the problems and issues that they faced. Mr. Campbell has 3 Purple Heart citation and many other awards. He has helped so many veterans all over the country. Mr. Barry G. Campbell is my hero. Thank you for helping my family and for the support that you give us. You truly are a saint.

# Thank You

Written by Daughter of VQLAN Members Donald and Katherine Hogan

## Science in the Spotlight

Studies indicate that a substantial minority of Veterans report episodes during deployment consistent with having experienced a concussion (mild TBI). The majority included exposure to explosions (blasts). Other conditions, including PTSD and chronic pain, are much more common in Veterans who reported mild TBIs. PTSD and mild TBIs have considerable symptom overlap, including sleep disturbances, irritability, and difficulty with concentration.

The VA has clinical guidelines for each of these conditions when they occur alone. The recent Evidence Synthesis concluded that there are no definitive studies yet to guide clinical treatment when mild TBIs and PTSD are present together.

(article take from part of a report on the Dept. of Veterans Affairs Circum-Locations-News From Around the MIRECCs and MH COEs-Volume 2-Issue 3 2009-FOCUS ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI))

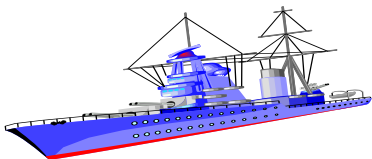
With one injury overlapping the other, Veterans may have a *Claim for two different Service Connected Conditions* or one of a *'Secondary Condition.'*

**Veteran's Metal Medallion** available for Order, New Option for Marking Veterans' Grave in Private Cemeteries. The Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) is offering bronze medallion to attach to existing, privately purchased headstones and markers, signifying a deceased's status of a Veteran. For additional information contact the VA at 1-800-827-1000 or on line at <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel>

Date: Thursday July 29, 2010, 12:36 PM

Amendment # 106 To H.R. 5850

The House of Representatives is scheduled to on vote that an Amendment to cut \$75 Million from a program which provides housing for at-risk Veterans. The extra money for HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH), which has already been approved by the House Appropriations Committee, would help 10,000 Veterans stay off the streets. The program provides rent assistance from HUD and medical treatment and case management from the VA. (part of an article sent by e-mail from Carlos Guichardo)



## WHO IS A VETERAN?

The primary factor in determining a Veteran's eligibility to receive VA health care benefits is, "Veteran Status." This is established by active duty service in the military, naval, or service and discharge or release from active military service under other than dishonorable conditions.

A Veteran of a war is any Veteran who served in active duty in the military, naval, or air service during a period of war. Listed below are the periods of war.

- \* Indian War: 01/01/1817 to 12/31/1898
- \* Spanish American War: 04/21/1898 to 07/04/1902
- \* Mexican Border Period: 05/09/1916 to 04/05/1917
- \* World War I: 04/06/1917 to 11/11/1918
- \* World War II: 12/07/1941 to 12/31/1946
- \* Korean Conflict: 06/27/1950 to 01/31/1955
- \* Vietnam Era: 08/05/1964 to 05/07/1975
- \* Persian Gulf: 08/02/1990 to current date

## Character of Service

- \* HON (Honorable)
- \* DVA (Dishonorable for VA purposes)
- \* GEN (General Discharge)
- \* UMC (Under Honorable Conditions)
- \* DH (Dishonorable)

In addition, the following Veterans must have completed 24 continuous months of active service:

- \* Former enlisted persons whose first term of active duty began after September 7, 1980, OR
- \* Former enlisted persons who originally signed up under a delayed Entry program on or before September 7, 1980, and who subsequently entered active duty after that date, OR
- \* Former commissioned officers and warrant officers whose first Term of active duty began after October 16, 1981, OR
- \* Any other person (officers as well as enlisted) who entered on active duty after October 16, 1981, and who had not previously completed at least 24 months of continuous active duty service or had been discharged or released from active duty under 1171 of title 10





## SHIPS EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE

The following ships are considered by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs to have been exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War. The list was compiled by the VA's Compensation and Pension Service for the purpose of providing VA regional offices with information to help develop disability claims of Navy Veterans based on herbicide exposure.

According to an article in the Salem, Ore., News, "Today the VA received verification from various sources showing that a number of offshore 'blue water' naval vessels conducted operations on the island 'brown water' rivers and delta area of Vietnam.

The article goes on to note, "The VA also has identified certain vessel types that operated primarily or exclusively on the island waterways. If a Veteran's service aboard one of these ships can be confirmed through military records during the time frames specified, then exposure to herbicide agents can be presumed without further development."

"All vessels of IFS (Inshore Fire Support) Division 93 during entire Vietnam tour:

U.S.S. Carronade (IFS 1)

U.S.S. Clarion River (LSMR 409)

U.S.S. Francis River (LSMR 525)

U.S.S. White River (LSMR 536)

"All vessels with the designation LST (Landing Ship, Tank) during their tours. These are WWII ships converted to transport supplies on rivers served as barracks for brown water Mobile

Riverine Forces

"All vessels with the designation LCV (Landing Craft, Vehicle, Personnel) during the entire tour.

"All vessels with designation PCF (Patrol Craft, Fast) during their entire tour. These are also called Swift Boats, operating for enemy interdiction on close coastal waters.

All vessels with the designation PBR ((Patrol Boat River) during their entire tours. These are also called River Patrol Boats as part of the Mobile Riverine Forces operating on Island waterways."

Other affected ships:

U.S.S. Ingersoll (DD-652) (operated on the Saigon River 24-25, 1965

U.S.S. Mansfield (DD-728) (operated on

the Saigon River, August 8-19, 1967 and December 21-24, 1968)

U.S.S. Richard E. Kraus (DD-849) (operated on coastal inlet north of Da Nang, June 2-5, 1966)

U.S.S. Basilone (DD-824) (operated on Saigon River, May 24-25, 1966)

U.S.S. Hamner (DD-718) (operated on Song Lon Tao and Long Son Tao Rivers, August 15-September 1, 1966)

U.S.S. Conway (DD-507) (operated on Saigon River, early August 1966)

U.S.S. Fiske (DD-842) (operated on Mekong River, June 16-21, 1966)

U.S.S. Black (DD-666) (operated on Saigon River July 13-19, 1966)

U.S.S. Providence (CLG-6) (operated on Saigon River 3 days in January 1964)

U.S.S. Mahan (DLG-11) (operated on Saigon River October 24-28, 1964)

U.S.S. Okanogan (APA-220) (operated on Saigon River July 22-23 and 29-30, 1968, and August 5-6, 1968)

U.S.S. Niagara Falls (AFS-3) (unloaded supplies on the Saigon River and Cam Rahn Bay, April 22-25, 1968)

(From the VVA Veteran Magazine)

(Submitted by Craig from Long Island)

**Ships listed in another article:** U.S.S. Boxer LPH-4 — U.S.S. Point Defiance — U.S.S. Talladega — U.S.S. Iwo Jima  
Operated on Saigon River, October 24-25, 1965 [www.Salem-News.com](http://www.Salem-News.com)

## Adapted Sports Help Rehabilitate Veterans

The National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic is like no other, uniquely designed to teach recently injured Veterans how to surf, kayak, sail, cycle and enjoy other sports. The 3rd. National Veterans Sports Clinic, sponsored by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) will be held September 19-25 in San Diego.

Participation is open to military Veterans who are eligible for VA medical care and have orthopedic amputations, traumatic brain injury, burn injuries, psychological trauma, certain neurological conditions, visual impairment, spinal cord injuries, or other injuries occurred during the past six years.

For more information visit

[www.summersportsclinic.va.gov](http://www.summersportsclinic.va.gov) <[http://](http://www.summersportsclinic.va.gov)

[www.summersportsclinic.va.gov](http://www.summersportsclinic.va.gov)> or contact Jose Llamas, VA Summer Sports Clinic public affairs coordinator, at (202)-461-7549

## Forum on Woman Veterans

Hundreds of women came together two weeks ago at the Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery for a Forum on Woman Veterans.

The purpose of the forum was to educate, engage and to empower woman Veterans and women Veterans Advocates with the latest information from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) and to expand the dialogue of what is available to woman Veterans.

One of the things the VA is trying to do is change the culture on how women are taken care of in the VA. Instead of transferring from doctor to doctor their hope is to have the whole scope of *women's health care* provided in one visit.

At each VA Medical Center, Women Veterans program managers are also available to assist women Veterans. They help coordinate all the care women need including primary care, medical services and even mental health care and sexual abuse counseling.

(see entire article at: <http://dodlive.mil/index.php/2010/08/forum-on-women-veterans/> or find article at [va.gov](http://va.gov)) or search on the internet for 'women veterans forum'





## VQLAN OUTREACH AT IT'S BEST



### AMERICAN LEGION BRONX UNION POST 1065—JULY 25, 2010



### VQLAN'S BARBEQUE MAY 22, 2010 (FDR PARK)



### QUEENS POLITICIAN - ANTHONY MIRANDA BARBEQUE - JULY 24, 2010





## SHARE—SHARE— SHARE— RESOURCES

### THIRD ANNUAL HARLEM VETERANS CONFERENCE—AUGUST 21, 2010



#### GUNNED DOWN IN BASIC TRAINING

Of course all those shots you got in basic training were meant to protect you from really bad diseases. Unfortunately, there were some unexpected consequences caused by the method of injection. The air-gun was deadly on diseases, but now we know it also (unknowingly) helped at least one virus spread from person to person.

In a study conducted by the Veterans Health Administration, involving 26,000 Veterans, up to 10 percent tested positive for HCV. Of the total number of persons who had been exposed to hepatitis C, 63 percent were noted to be from the Vietnam-era with all other wars each accounting for 5 percent or less.

HCV infection can be serious—however it should be noted that approximately 75-80 of those infected never progress to serious liver disease, commonly called cirrhosis of the liver, in which the liver become scared from the damage done by the hepatitis virus attacking and killing liver cells.

Never the less, if you receive the air-gun vaccinations, you should be tested for HCV, and if your results are positive, you should also have a “liver panel” blood test to determine if you ongoing damage to your liver. Existing drugs to eradicate the HCV virus are effective, on an average, in only 50 percent of those who take the treatment.

(Part of article from

<http://vietnow.com/pagesmagazine/rdarling.htm>

#### NATIONAL TELE-HEALTH CARE IN VHA

Home Telehealth: Optimizes care for Veteran patients with chronic conditions in their homes. Provides a non-institutional care, chronic care management, acute care management and health promotion/disease prevention. Uses commercial-of-the-shelf (COTS) technologies in the home.

PREDOMINANT AREAS OF HEALTH CARE NEED CURRENTLY MET BY TELEHEALTH

#### CHRONIC DISEASE AND ASSOCIAED SERVICES

DIABETES

CHRONIC HEART FAILURE

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMANORY DISEASE

HYPERTENSION

POST-TRAMIC STRESS DISORDER

DEPRESSION

GENERAL MENTAL HEALTH INCLUDING MEDICATION  
MANAGEMENT

REHABILITATION

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**ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS**





# VQLAN ON THE MOVE



## VQLAN'S 5TH. ANNUAL POCONOS BARBEQUE JUNE 25, 2010



VQLAN FLAG



OUTSIDE VQLAN HEADQUARTERS

### INSIDE - VQLAN



HEADQUARTERS

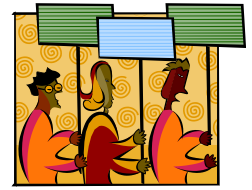


**VERY IMPORTANT NEXT ISSUE** — The editor is in the process of writing a list of the information for a folder all Veterans should maintain for their loved ones. # 1. The DD 214





# HE GAVE US DIGNITY



Our lives were filled with anguish and pain.

But Barry Campbell taught us how to live again

Society had beaten us down to the ground.

But until we met Barry - no respect could be found.

We trod the hills of Korea, trying to make the world a little free.

We waded into the jungle of Vietnam.

To come home and find no one gave a damn.

We didn't run and hide when we got the call.

We did what we had to do and stood tall.

Many good men bled and died and for our fallen comrades,  
bitter tears we have cried.

Now we have people who never darned a uniform.

And they are causing Vets untold mental harm.

Barry has defused many an explosive situation.

By talking and helping a Vet who had nothing but frustration.

Time and time again Barry has extended to the Vet a helping hand.

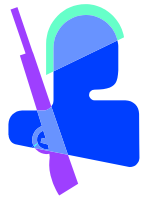
And above all he has given the Vet dignity of being a man.

But here is one thing we want society to know.

And that is, we're men not some cowardly Joe Blow.

Because in your army you taught us how to kill.

And believe it or not, we know how to still.



By Mr. Hagan Korean War Veteran

Passed in 1997 - Helped by CEO