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# Viet Vet Monsoon Tribune

## Next Meeting

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, CHAPTER 18 HALL ON THE CORNER OF FIRST ST. AND SWAN RD. (4656 E. 1st) ON JULY 26 AT 7:30 PM. LOTS TO DISCUSS AND GOOD NEWS TO HEAR, SO DON'T MISS IT!

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY IS JULY 20. THERE WILL BE A RALLY AT HIMMEL PARK AT 6:30 PM. MORE ON THIS INSIDE. SEE YOU THERE.

THERE WILL BE AN INFORMAL PICNIC (AS OPPOSED TO A FORMAL PICNIC) IN UPPER BEAR CANYON CAMPGROUND ON JULY 29. THIS IS STRICTLY OFF THE CUFF AND WILL BE B.Y.O.E. (BRING YOUR OWN EVERYTHING). FIRST ONE THERE, GRAB A TABLE; SAME WITH THE SECOND. IT SHOULD BE A GRAND EXPERIMENT!

**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA**

**TUCSON CHAPTER 106**

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## PARTY PARTY PARTY PARTY

The chapter party has come and gone. It was a real bash, as you know if you were there, and if you weren't, you missed big name entertainment, door prizes, great food, great people, and an incredible exhibition of break dancing by our very own fearless leader.

The setting, at the A Mountain Neighborhood Center, was perfect with lots of room for dancing and eating. We owe a big "thank you" to Tony Garcia, who arranged for us to use the center. The weather was cooperative, too, in that only very light sprinkles occurred, so people were able to enjoy the view and surroundings, too.

We had a disc jockey who provided lots of old memories with music from the era.

We owe a lot to Cindy Glesinger and Yolanda Randall for the tremendous job they did in not only getting the food together, but also in soliciting donations of door prizes. The lucky winners of the door prizes were as follows: Mike Buckley - dinner for two at the Pack-Em-Inn Steak House; Monica Garcia - a \$15 gift certificate from Tequila Mockingbird; and Sherry Sheehan - a digital watch from Long's Drugs. Other donors include the A.J. Bayless on east 22nd St., the Safeway on east Broadway, the Corn Popper on Speedway, Bosa Donuts on west Ajo, and Al McGinnis and the Liquor Barn's Bruce Everett, Coca Cola Co., and FedMart. We appreciate their donations and remind members to support those who support us.

May people who came brought pot luck dishes, which included a tasty selection. A thanks to all those folks, too.

We also gained some new members, who had a good time and left, we're sure, with a good feeling for the chapter.

If you missed it, you MISSED OUT. Stay tuned for the next one. If you were there, you definitely won't miss the next one, will you?

## REGISTERING TO VOTE IS PAINLESS

Recent studies show that citizens who register to vote experience no ill side effects. Based on this information, all veterans are encouraged by VVA Chapter 106 to register and exercise your right to vote for the candidates of your choice.

## NATIONAL SERVICE: ANOTHER TRY

Representative Leon E. Panetta of California is pushing for a Select Commission to examine the idea of compulsory national service. At present our sources do not point to a concrete proposal. Previously the Congress has rejected past attempts towards a national service in which an individual must serve in an armed force or civil service capacity.

## FRAGMENTS

BY CHUCK HOVEY

A large flagpole was dedicated on July 2, 1984, at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The 50 foot flagpole commemorated Americans who fought in the Southeast Asian War under "difficult circumstances." At the base of it is the inscription:

This flag represents the service rendered to our country by the Veterans of the Vietnam War. The flag affirms the principles of freedom for which they fought and their pride in having served under difficult conditions.

The pole and a statue, to be dedicated this November, are part of a compromise solution after some veterans criticized the original design.

Maya Ying Lin, designer of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, was recently awarded the Henry Bacon Architecture Medal for her efforts. The prize has been given only four times since it was initiated in 1966 and is awarded only for outstanding work in memorial architecture. The prize is named after Henry Bacon, designer of the Lincoln Memorial.

## GRIM FIGURES

According to the Pentagon, there are 2500 Americans still listed as missing in Southeast Asia. Here is a list of states with the most missing:

California	250
Texas	164
New York	161
Ohio	129
Pennsylvania	128
Illinois	105
Florida	83
Michigan	77
Indiana	71
New Jersey	64

A touring organization, the Vietnam Veterans Art Group, exhibits Veterans' artwork from across the nation. The group actively solicits art from interested veterans and is reciprocally sponsored by members of Congress. Interested artists should contact their Congressional Representatives for including their art in the exhibit.

An old friend of ours has passed into antiquity. The P-38 can opener has been replaced by the introduction of "ready to eat" tear-open parcels. The P-38 leaves a legacy of dependable service behind and can still be found on many veterans' key chains.

A National Medal in honor of Vietnam Veterans has been approved by the House Banking Committee on Consumer Affairs and Coinage. The bill, H.R. 1870, will authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to coin and sell the medal through the US Mint. Tentatively, the Committee plans to have a design contest and will actively encourage VietVets to participate.

## WOMEN VETS

Congresswoman Lindy Boggs (R-LA) is urging female VietVets exposed to Agent Orange to contact her. She needs individuals willing to take part in a research program to determine Agent Orange's effects on women.

Rep. Lindy Boggs  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

## AGENT ORANGE

The Final Report On The New York State Commission On Dioxin Exposure stated that certain federal agencies, notably the VA, have contributed to the misery suffered by Veterans; and unanimously agreed that the spirit of its enabling legislation requires it to declare publicly that the Federal Government:

- 1) has been grievously at fault in its past approach to problems associated with dioxin exposure;
- 2) must reverse harmful policies and courses of action to relieve damage already done, and to prevent new injury or insult to Vets;
- 3) should monitor the environment for Dioxin levels and develop improved diagnostic, analytical and therapeutic procedures for Dioxin related conditions;
- 4) should sponsor research into the effects of women exposed to Dioxin;
- 5) should reconsider awarding compensation for damages secondary to Dioxin exposure; and
- 6) should direct the VA to review its medical care system, and add whatever services are required to meet the needs of the Vietnam Veteran and their families.

## CLASS ACTION UPDATE

A New York lawyer, Richard J. Davis, was appointed on July 3 to serve as financial advisor to the \$180 million trust fund established to aid Agent Orange victims. Davis will advise and assist Judge Weinstein in managing the fund.

Judge Weinstein will hold hearings in five cities during August to determine whether the fund is adequate enough to compensate thousands of Veterans and their families for maladies stemming from Agent Orange. No word yet on whether Arizona is on the agenda as only Brooklyn, Chicago, Houston and Atlanta have been declared.

BY NOW MANY OF YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM THE COURT WITH AN ENCLOSED NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION AND CLAIM FORM. IT IS IMPORTANT YOU READ THE NOTICE AND SEND THE CLAIM FORM BACK BEFORE OCTOBER 26, 1984. IF YOU WISH COMPENSATION FOR ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS WHICH HAVE ALREADY MANIFESTED, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND MAIL THE CLAIM FORM POST-MARKED ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE. ADDITIONAL FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED BY WRITING TO:

Clerk, United States District Court  
for the Eastern District of New York  
P.O. Box 887  
Smithtown, NY 11787

IF YOU FAIL TO FILE THIS CLAIM FORM BY OCTOBER 26, 1984, YOU WILL BE BARRED FROM MAKING ANY CLAIM FOR ANY ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECT THAT IS ALREADY MANIFESTED (UNLESS THE COURT DETERMINES THAT THERE IS A GOOD AND SPECIAL REASON FOR YOUR FAILURE TO MEET THIS DEADLINE.) IF YOU LATER LEARN OF ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS ALLEGEDLY RELATED TO AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE THAT ARE NOT NOW KNOWN TO YOU, YOU MUST RETURN THE CLAIM FORM WITHIN 120 DAYS THEREAFTER.

## VIETNAM CAMPAIGN STARS

The following is a list of all official Army Campaign Designations and their dates for the Vietnam War. If you served in-country during any of these campaigns you are authorized a bronze campaign star for each campaign. Bronze campaign stars are worn on your Vietnam Service Medal.

Advisory  
March 15, 1962 through March 7, 1965  
Defense  
March 8, 1965 through December 24, 1965  
Counteroffensive  
December 25, 1965 through June 30, 1966  
Counteroffensive, Phase II  
July 1, 1966 through May 31, 1967  
Counteroffensive, Phase III  
X June 1, 1967 through April 1, 1968  
Tet Counteroffensive  
X January 30, 1968 through April 1, 1968  
Counteroffensive, Phase IV  
X April 2, 1968 through June 30, 1968  
Counteroffensive, Phase V  
X July 1, 1968 through November 1, 1968  
Counteroffensive, Phase VI  
November 2, 1968 through February 22, 1969  
Tet "69" Counteroffensive  
February 23, 1969 through June 8, 1969  
Summer-Fall 1969  
June 9, 1969 through October 31, 1969  
Winter-Spring 1970  
November 1, 1969 through April 20, 1970  
Sanctuary Counteroffensive  
May 1, 1970 through June 30, 1970  
Counteroffensive, Phase VII  
July 1, 1970 through June 30, 1971

Stars can be requested from:

Commander, US Army RCPAC  
ATTN: AGUZ-PSE-AW  
9700 Page Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63132

The Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association is seeking members wjp flew for the US Armed Forces during the Vietnam War. The group is in the process of obtaining a pilots' list for a directory and plan a reunion in the near future. Contact the VHPA, 2312 Mandalay Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85023, for further information.

## SISTER COLUMN

By Norma Herman and Bess Jones

Norma's on break this month, so I'm taking the opportunity to get in my two cents.

Are you a concerned veteran? I don't mean involved, just concerned.

Does it bother you that the research on Agent Orange does not include women? Even though it's known that dioxin affects female reproductive organs more than male reproductive organs.

Do you have a horror story about either the VA or military refusing you your rights because you are female?

If you answered "yes" to one of the above questions, please help. Norma and I are trying to start a local and national network of female veterans. We need help. We would appreciate making contact with any female veteran or receiving any information you have about female veterans.

So far, I have written to Marilyn Edgerton-Mallard in Michigan (thanks to Tony Garcia for telling me about her) and to Fran Bellarsen in Ohio. I have also talked with a World War II veteran and she's watching for information in her journals. I am willing to write or talk to anyone who you think can help. I'm willing to do either even if you think they can't help.

VVA Chapter 106 is young. The traditionally empty words of other veteran groups about female veterans equality are not a fact in Chapter 106. Our brothers want to include us but are unsure how to do it. Now is the time for female veterans to get in on the ground floor.

Please contact Norma or Bess in care of the Viet Vet Monsoon Tribune.

### MINUTES

The last meeting, held June 14th, was called to order at 7:30. Various committee reports were the first order of business, including some very refreshing news from the Treasurer, John Paulus, regarding the outcome of the fundraising aspect of the dinner. Bill Pritzen gave a report on his activities with the Santa Rita Veterans Association. The membership was urged to write letters asking Senator Goldwater to support the VVA National Charter and thanking Representatives Udall, Stumpf and McNulty for their support. Member Lonnie Capps announced his intent to run for State Representative in District 12. We had some guests from the Marine Corps League, USS Arizona Detachment whose Dane Roth urged us to come to their meetings and spoke of working together for the common good. Finally, a motion was made and approved to set up a debate between the Congressional candidates for District 5 for sometime in the near future. One last note. THE OFFICIAL PHONE NUMBER FOR CHAPTER 106 IS 790-7602!

## A DELAY IN STORE FOR FUTURE EDUCATION CERTIFICATION

By Mark Toth

The veterans Association at the University of Arizona has passed on word of proposed VA changes which would delay the payment of educational benefit checks after August 1. As it stands now, a vet may fill out the necessary paperwork prior to the beginning of a semester so as to become certified and receive advance pay on the day of registration. Under the new proposal the Veterans Administration will not certify the vet for his entitlement until after the start of the session. Since this rule does not apply until after August 1, most veterans and dependents will not be affected as they have already applied for fall certification. Next semester, in January, will be a different story and since the VA's workload will not be staggered as in the past, the processing delays should, by some estimates, mean that the check may show up in the mail in March.

One interesting facet to this story is that while Adjudications at the UA alerted our fellow vets on campus, no one seems to be able to locate any official correspondence from the VA detailing specifics of the new regulation. At present the Veterans Affairs Office in campus is preparing for the implementation of the rule and the UA seems concerned about the possible loss of vet attendance.

Due to the lack of a concrete traceback to the source VA regulation or to a legislative bill, there exists a chance that through writing to our representatives this further erosion to the Vietnam GI Bill and the VEAP program for the post-Nam vets can be stopped. WRITE!

### HISTORICALLY, IN JULY

- 1945-The Potsdam Conference assigned British troops to disarm Japanese Imperial Forces in southern Vietnam; Chinese Nationalist Forces performed the same duty north of the sixteenth parallel.
- 1950-President Truman signed legislation granting \$15 million in military aid to France to prosecute the Indochinese War - July 26.
- 1955-Prime Minister Diem rejected the Geneva Accords and refused to participate in nationwide elections on July 16; the decision was backed by the United States.
- 1964-Covert South Vietnamese maritime operations supported by the US Navy began "officially" against North Vietnam.
- 1965-LBJ approves General Westmoreland's July 28 request for 44 additional combat battalions.
- 1973-The Senate Armed Services Committee began hearings on the secret bombings of Cambodia July 26.

"(I have doubts about our ability) to go into a small, alien, undeveloped Asian nation and create stability where there is chaos, the will to fight where there is defeatism, democracy where there is no tradition of it and honest government where corruption is almost a way of life."

Senator J. William Fulbright  
Chairman, Foreign Relations Committee  
Washington, D.C. July 5, 1966

## INSIDE

WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME WELCOME

Dear Monsoon Tribune Staff,

On behalf of the Santa Rita Veterans Association and its members, I would like to thank you for the new column "Inside" in your June issue. Myself and the other members of Chapter 106 here at Santa Rita really enjoy the monthly newsletter you send us. If there is any way we can be of help to the chapter from inside prison please let us know.

This paragraph I would like to address to Norma and the "Sister Column". Norma, I would like to thank you for the good job you are doing with the sister column. I agree that the Vietnam era female veteran is not receiving the recognition she should. But I know that many of us will never be able to thank our sister veterans enough for the support, aid and care they gave to those who were wounded and lucky enough to be treated by them who were nurses. I would personally like to thank all my sister veterans for their help and support they gave us.

Sincerely,  
Bill Orr, S.R.V.A  
Sec. Treasurer

### ON THE ARIZONA FRONT

As many of you already know, Governor Bruce Babbitt signed House Bill 2462 on April 29, 1984, authorizing the construction of a Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Bolin Plaza in front of the Arizona State Capitol. The memorial will be designed and built solely from contributions. According to the bill, a board will be established composed of 3 state senators, 3 state representatives, a chairperson, the Director of the Arizona Veterans Service Commission, and 4 private citizens (Vietnam Veterans). This committee will decide upon the design and take steps towards the final construction. If you are interested in making a donation, please send it to:

Arizona Veterans Service Commission  
700 West Campbell, Suite 17  
Phoenix, Arizona 85013

Special Prisoner of War license plates will be ready soon at a minimum charge to the veteran. Contact your local MVD for information prior to your current expiration if eligible for these plates.

### SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

The Chapter has received a letter from J. J. Humphrey, Director of Scholarship Development at the University of Arizona, thanking us for the \$250 scholarship donated at the Vietnam Veterans Recognition Dinner. In the letter, he set forth some suggested specifications for award of the scholarship which can be approved at a later date. He also complimented us on the dinner and said he was sure that continued growth of the organization would lead to further participation in the scholarship program at the U of A. All we can say in reply is, "You ain't seen nothin' yet!" We would like to thank Mr. Humphrey for his suggestions and his participation in the dinner.

Chapter 106 would like to welcome the following new members into the fold. Hope to see you at the meetings and functions in the near future.

Philip S. Abromowitz	Yolanda Randall
Danny Pratt	John Shirley
Thomas W. Henderson	Paul R. Hetrick
Naya Arbiter	James F. Weldon

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

Sneaky Petes .. Special Forces  
Horse Blankets .. First Air Cavalry Division Patches  
Asian Two-Step .. Nickname of the krait, a highly poisonous blue-gray viper  
Bloop Gun (or Blooper) USMC slang for M79 Grenade Launcher  
Salty Dog .. A battle lost item as a result of enemy action  
Widow-maker .. Nickname for the M-16  
Turtle .. One's replacement, since seemed an eternity until he arrived.  
Snoop 'n' Poop .. Marine search and destroy offensive mission.  
Moonshine .. A flare carrying aircraft  
Shake 'n' Bake .. An NCO school graduate or recent OCS graduate  
White Mice .. Derogatory term for the Vietnamese Police due to the usual white uniforms they wore.

### THE GREAT DEBATE

Chapter 106 will be sponsoring a debate of the Congressional candidates for District 5 in the near future. As of this writing, we have an unofficial "yes" from the incumbent, Representative James McNulty, Dem., and challengers James Kolbe, Rep., and Herbert Johnson, Lib.

Matt Mazer, owner of the Temple of Music and Art, has graciously donated the Temple for the occasion, which can provide seating for over 900 people.. This location will also be perfect for the presence of the media, all of whom will be invited.

The plan, thus far, is to have a panel type question and answer arrangement, with the main thrust of the questions to center around foreign policy. After all, who knows better than we the ultimate consequence of foreign policy?

As the date is decided, and other details are worked out, we will keep you posted. This is just one of the exciting new things we plan to do to make the VVA a force to be recognized and reckoned with.

# FROM THE TOP

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

In the relatively short history of 106, there have been some notable accomplishments. The future of 106 is even more promising and exciting. Many of you are probably unaware of the projects that have been undertaken or are in the planning stage.

Rex Beving is the chairperson for the Vet Task Force, an ad hoc committee working feverishly to promote the Emergency Job Training Act of 1983 PL(98-77), before the funding runs out in November. Once again VVA has taken the initiative and was instrumental in forming this committee to help get Veterans back to work.

Dick Koppe is putting together the upcoming debate between the Congressional candidates that will not only be a public service but will enhance the image of VVA 106 in the public's eye, not to mention our treasury..

Bill Pritzen, in addition to everything else he's done for the Chapter, is actively involved with the incarcerated Vet program which he started.

Pete McHugh, our charismatic P.R. man is working on a project which would make 106 the wealthiest Chapter in the States, while providing jobs and a very important community service.

Mike Buckley is putting together a POW/MIA rally for July 20th at Himmel Park.

Craig Hilts and Chuck Hovey along with their staff have provided us with a witty, informative newsletter that only gets better with each edition.

There has been talk of submitting a proposal to host the 1985 VVA National Convention. This is being looked into.

Our Chapter is growing and so are the responsibilities. 106's involvement and impact on the Veterans and this community are becoming more pronounced day by day. The membership should be aware that these aims are not accomplished by simply wishing them to be; a lot of hard work, time and gas money is expended by a few individuals who have accepted the challenge to change existing inequities and improve the community in which we live. There is no free ride in this world. THINK ABOUT IT!

Jim Randall  
President

## VOLUNTEER RULE OF PARTICIPATION

Twenty percent of the people in volunteer groups do ninety percent of the work.



## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There are nearly 2,500 Americans still missing in Southeast Asia as a result of the Vietnam War. Of these missing Americans, twenty-six are from Arizona.

July 20th has been set aside by Congressional Resolution and Presidential Proclamation as "National POW/MIA Recognition Day". Chapter 106, in concert with other organizations throughout the country, will be participating in this event. We in Tucson need all the support we can get to make this a commemorative day.

The west end of Himmel Park is to be the site for this event. Bring a friend or two. We need a strong showing of people to make this a successful evening. Remember, July 20th, 6:30 p.m., Himmel Park.

This is a time to remember and honor all Americans who were held as prisoners of war and those still missing as a result of past wars. See you there.

Mike Buckley  
Vice-President, Chap. 106

## VVA OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, REPRESENTATIVES

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Public Affairs Committee	Pete McHugh
Women's Affairs Committee	Norma Herman
Fund Raising Committee	John Paulus

State Council Representatives  
Bill Pritzen  
Pete McHugh

## FRAGMENTS (continued)

The National Association of Atomic Veterans is attempting to locate vets who may have been exposed to radiation due to occupation of radioactive areas, participation in atomic testing or other circumstances. More than 180,000 civilian and 220,000 military personnel fit into this category according to the group. If interested, please write:

National Association of Atomic Veterans  
702 Highway 54 East  
Eldon, MO 65026

The 101st Airborne Division Association will hold its 39th Annual Reunion in Sioux Falls, SD, 15-18 August, 1984. Membership is open to anyone who wore the "Screaming Eagle" patch. Contact person is:

George M. Rosie  
101st Airborne Division Association  
P.O. Box 101AB  
Parchment, MI 49004  
(616) 388-5801/(616) 349-5765

## LETTERS, ETC.

The opinions and viewpoints expressed here are those of individual members and do not represent the Vietnam Veterans of America nor is the VVA responsible for the contents of any letters, poems, or thoughts presented here. We welcome any correspondence and will make this a forum for all members and readers.

To the Veterans of the Vietnam War:

I wish to extend my apologies to you for my ignorance and apathy in regards to the injustices for which you have endured during and after the Vietnam War. It was not until recently that I personally met a Vietnam Vet and discussed with him the circumstances of the war and what you have had to live with since your return. My apologies are for not realizing, or caring, for such a lengthy time.

It is my greatest hope that this letter will reach you by whatever media will make it possible. I'm writing this, not to clear my conscience, but to let you know that one more person of a very misunderstanding society has changed their attitude; one more person appreciates that what was done was in effort to preserve my security, my freedom and what this country was designed to stand for. I know it's late, but, WELCOME HOME, VETERANS OF VIETNAM and THANK YOU!

Stand proud, you have more than every right!

Sincerely and with utmost respect,

Kathleen Bellmyer

FROM MY FOXHOLE

This past weekend was one of philosophical wanderings. On Friday, Spencer Tracy, in trying Nuremberg war criminals states that it is by showing justice to one versus presupposed nationalistic good. It was heartwarming to see Ol' Spence groping to understand the human flaw that allowed mass murder only to find it is not one of German (or any other political-social group) failings, but rather of human weakness. Specifically, those that should have known pretended not to see and those who did see did not dare to care. Yep, it was good to know Nazis and the like couldn't exist here. Then, on Sunday, atomic soldiers on After Mash were being given the VA "see no evil" routine. No problem with low level radiation causing cancer; those vets are just out to get a free ride.

Sort of makes me wonder as to why a person would take myopic views like supporting Westmoreland. Now I admit to be prejudiced with my own opinion. Please don't let it change your view, by rational thought. Still, rather than tell us would-be supporters the points of the matter, we are asked to be swayed by emotional calls to the wallet in defense of our good comrade. It's as if we are being asked to support Santa else the Easter bunny would come in Christmas. That is are we to donate because we do not really want to find out if it was a lie?

Mark Toth

## Scuttlebutt

Chuck Hovey has been doing intensive research in the finest Cartesian tradition into the very fact of his existence. Having discovered several anomalies in his service record, he decided to pursue to matter to its illogical conclusion and began studying earlier documents, only to find that one of two possibly parallel universes will lay claim to his being. A quick telephone call by this reporter to the first yielded a "nolo contendere", while the second complained of a bad connection and then denied all knowledge of anyone's existence. Chuck was last seen at a newsletter staff meeting when, with a loud "Phhht!", he disappeared, and since then, no one remembers who they are writing about.

In reality we know nothing, for truth lies in the abyss.

Democritus  
470 BCE

### AGENT ORANGE STUDIES IN PROGRESS

STUDY	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION	PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE*
Vietnam Veteran Mortality Study	Veterans Administration	To compare mortality patterns and specific causes of death between those veterans who served in Vietnam and those veterans without Vietnam service	Late 1984
Vietnam Veteran Identical Twin Study	Veterans Administration	To compare mental and physical health status of identical twin veterans, one who served in Vietnam and one who did not	1986
Survey of Patient Treatment File	Veterans Administration	To identify morbidity patterns among Vietnam veterans from VA inpatient files	Initial 1983
Retrospective Study of Dioxins and Furans in Adipose Tissue	Veterans Administration	To devise a method for determining levels of dioxins and furans in adipose tissue of Vietnam-era veterans from samples in EPA's Survey of Human Adipose Tissue, to identify Vietnam veterans among the tissue samples and to analyze samples	1986
Case-Control Study of Soft-Tissue Sarcoma	Veterans Administration	To determine whether Vietnam service, Agent Orange exposure and other factors increase the risk of soft-tissue sarcoma	1986
Epidemiological Study of Ground Troops Exposed to Agent Orange	Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Disease Control	To evaluate possible long-term health effects of Agent Orange exposure on ground troops in Vietnam and to assess possible health effects of Vietnam service; 30,000 veterans expected to participate	1987
Birth Defects and Military Service in Vietnam	Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Disease Control	To determine possible association between Vietnam service and subsequent fathering of congenitally malformed children, based on Birth Defects Registry in Atlanta area which includes families of approx. 8,400 case babies and 3,000 control babies	Early 1984
Soft-Tissue Sarcoma Investigation	National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health	To study tissues from seven cases of soft-tissue sarcoma in U.S. (4 who had been exposed to dioxin and 3 who may have been in order to identify patterns of cancer that may be unique among those exposed to dioxin)	Indefinite
Investigation of Leukemia in Madison County, Ky.	National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health	To determine possible association between cases of leukemia and exposure to wood ammunition boxes treated with hexachlorocyclopentadiene	Fall 1983
Dioxin Registry	National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health	To analyze causes of death among workers at 12 production sites where dioxin-containing products were manufactured	1985
Comprehensive Registry of Persons Exposed to Phenoxyl Acid Herbicides & Contaminants	National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences, with International Agency for Research on Cancer	To establish an international registry of workers in some 20 plants where phenoxyl acid herbicides were manufactured; mortality study planned when enough workers have been added to registry	Indefinite
Case-Control Study of Lymphoma and Soft-Tissue Sarcoma	National Cancer Institute	To compare herbicide exposure among cases of soft-tissue sarcoma and lymphoma with controls of the same age, sex and Kansas county of residence	1984
Air Force Health Study	Department of Defense	To compare mortality and morbidity of Air Force personnel involved in Agent Orange spraying in Vietnam with a group of Air Force personnel who were not exposed to the herbicide	Baseline 1983 Complete 1989
Agent Orange Registry of Vietnam Veteran Biopsy Tissue	Armed Forces Institute of Pathology	To determine disease patterns in biopsy tissue from Vietnam veterans; 1,200 specimens thus far show no unusual patterns, especially of cancer	Indefinite

**Quick Reference**

VVA (202) 332-2700 National Hq  
 (202) 332-3305 officers/dirs  
 1-800-424-7275 HOTLINE  
 VA regional 622-6424 Tucson  
 263-5411 Phoenix  
 1-800-352-0451  
 VA medical 629-1450  
 VA POW HOTLINE 1-800-821-8139  
 Vets Outreach Center  
 323-3271  
 Fed Info Center  
 522 N. Central Ave., Rm 120  
 Phoenix, AZ. 85004  
 (602) 261-4736 (tape of jobs)  
 Vet Employment Hotline  
 DES 4525 E Broadway 628-5722  
 316 W Ft Lowell 628-5561  
 195 W Irvington 628-5749  
 AZ State Legislature  
 1-800-352-8404  
 AZ Veterans Svc Comm. 628-5388  
 Pima Voter Registr 792-8101  
 Agent Orange Class Action  
 1-800-645-1355  
 Senator Barry Goldwater  
 Federal Building  
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 Tucson, AZ. 85701 629-6334  
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 ALL PERSONS  
 WHO SERVED  
 IN OR NEAR  
 VIETNAM  
 AS MEMBERS OF  
 THE ARMED  
 FORCES OF THE  
 UNITED STATES,  
 AUSTRALIA  
 AND  
 NEW ZEALAND  
 FROM 1961-1972**

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The court expresses no opinion as to the merit or lack of merit of the lawsuit.

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Robert C. Heinemann  
 Clerk, United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York

DATED: Brooklyn, New York  
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