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From: Terry DuBose |
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2005 9:00 PM
To: Wayne Beverly; Calixto Cabrera; Scott Camil; Lucy DuBose; DuBose, Terry; Bill Hager; Budd's Column List
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Subject: Fwd: Re: [vawcontacts] THE ACT OF SPITTING message #2 -another link to look at!

The articles linked are good. Peace, T

Tom Wetzler [hoo.com](http://www.hoo.com)> wrote:

Date: Thu, 21 Apr 2005 07:42:50 -0700 (PDT)
 From: Tom Wetzler <tom@hoo.com>
 Subject: Re: [vawcontacts] THE ACT OF SPITTING message #2 -another link to look at!
 To: "Brian" <brian@vaw.com>
 CC: VAW <vaw@vaw.com>

Dear Brian,

The folks who gave me the hardest time as a VietNam Vet (calling me a "traitor" and "in the pay of Moscow" etc.) were folks who were pro war. Over the years I've met guys who perceived being challenged or disagreed with as being "spit on". I believe, (see URL) that the spitting thing is a urban Myth, like the "welfare Cadillac". With all the spitting I've heard about over the years, I would expect to have seen the sky filled with "hockers" thought the early 70s. I only wish I had a dime for every time I've heard "Oh... when I came home from Nam, people spit on me and called me baby killer..." I have, however heard proved "wannabe's" use the line. I suppose there is some basis for the myth somewhere... but the idea is much larger then the fact.

http://www.oz.net/~vvawai/sw/sw39/Spitting_Image_review.html

and

<http://www.commondreams.org/views04/0318-12.htm>

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p.s. please let me know if the links don't work.

Tom Wetzler <tom@hoo.com> wrote:

Hey Gang

I need to ask this question. "When you guys came home from Nam, were ther people waiting for you to walk past and spit at you?"

Book Signing, says he was doing it for all the veterans who fought and died in Nam, because he said that he was spat on when he came home and landed in Los Angeles.

I've had some conversations about this "spitting" thing with my good friend Horace C., out in California, when I lived out there and if I remember right he, well help me, Horace, I do not remember your exact words.

I know, at that time in my life, I was radical before I joined the military, and I admit I hated you guys because of the war and all that you stood for. But as I grew in my mind and heart and learned from my early association with VVAW people that were back from Nam and living in Kent in the early 70's, my outlook changed to a more positive thought for all of you. And when I was meeting and letting some vets from the Milwaukee area, that came to Kent, OH, late 70's, the exact year escapes me, stay at my house, because there was a plenary here Kent State, concerning Agent Orange and it's affect on them and their off-spring, all I could do was to cry, as I cry now remembering this now. My feelings changed so much in that decade of the 70's and continues to change everyday, today.

Peace and Justice

Brian Slease

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Tom Wetzler