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P.O. Box #273
Thorofare, NJ 08086

17 June 1991

Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN (Ret.)
Chairman, Agent Orange Coordinating Council

Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

I was very honored by our National Commandant's appointment to the Council. I look forward to serving in whatever capacity that I can. For your records, my office telephone number is (609) 530-8185; my home telephone number is (609) 853-5728; and, my FAX number is (609) 530-8188.

Also, for your information, I'm enclosing a copy of my "bio."

I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully;


Paul D. Sutton
National Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: R. R. Berling, National Commandant

**PAUL L. SUTTON, MANAGER
OFFICE OF GRANTS DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF LOANS, GRANTS AND SERVICES
NJ DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY**

Presently responsible for accessing governmental and non-public grants programs for the purpose of providing a more viable revenue stream supporting the multiplicity of veterans' entitlements mandated by New Jersey Statute. His office seeks to not only provide a source of funding for existing programs; but, also to obtain off-budget monies for supplemental services enhancing New Jersey's commitment to her 950,000 veterans.

He previously served as Executive Director of the New Jersey Agent Orange Commission (September 1984-1991), specializing in a multi-service outreach effort. Engaged, also, in directing the historic POINTMAN PROJECT, a ground-breaking scientific research effort designed as a series of pilot projects investigating human exposure to the most toxic dioxin contaminant ever developed. He also served as Deputy Director for Outreach. Designed and implemented agency's nationally recognized outreach program. As part of that effort, appeared in radio and television interview formats; as a presenter at college seminars and symposiums; before civic groups; virtually every veteran organization in existence in the United States, on both the state and local level; and, at reunions, conferences, Conventions, state and county fairs. Each presentation included a discussion of the Agent Orange Product Liability Litigation (MDL-381) which is now in the process of distributing the settlement fund; advances in the POINTMAN PROJECT research; and, an historical perspective of exposure to defoliants in Vietnam.

Has offered testimony on many occasions before committee hearings held by the New Jersey Legislature and the United States Congress. Prepared material for and reviewed the revised edition of The Tragedy of Agent Orange - Waiting for An Army to Die, by Dr. Fred A. Wilcox, PhD. Worked closely with the VA Vet Center program in several states. Conducted prison outreach in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Assisted in the formation of and submission of grants proposals by both the National Association of Agent Orange Survivors and the National Association for Birth Defect Children.

EDUCATION

Educated in public schools in West Virginia and Michigan. Attended the University of Maryland, the University of Michigan, and received an Associates Degree in Accounting from Jacksonville University; Jacksonville, Florida, in December 1967.

MILITARY SERVICE

Enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in September 1961. Augmented to the regular United States Marine Corps in July 1962. After completion of basic training, joined the First Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, CA. Transferred to the Third Marine Division on Okinawa, Japan, in May 1964; went to Vietnam in November 1964. Served as a gunner in an 81mm Mortar Platoon participating in two (2) operations, "Starlight" and "Harvest Moon." Returned to the United States in June 1965 and was stationed at Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL. Returned to Vietnam in January 1968 with Headquarters Battalion, First Marine Division as an intelligence analyst. Returned to the United States in November 1968, and was transferred to the Fourth Marine Corps District at Philadelphia, PA. Was Honorably discharged in May 1969 with the rank of Staff Sergeant. Is a recipient of the Navy Commendation Medal, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (w/second award) and numerous campaign medals.

VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATIONS

He has been a member of the Marine Corps League since 11 June 1970. He was a member and past Commandant of the Semper Fidelis Detachment, Wenonah, NJ. Since October 1983, he has been a member of the Salem County Detachment, Pennsville, NJ. He has held Life Membership since August 1980.

He held various positions in both Detachments and in the Department of New Jersey, Marine Corps League. He has served on both the National Americanism Committee and the Vietnam Veterans Affairs Committee, having served as Chairman of the latter since 1985. He has been a member of the Military Order of Devil Dogs, the Fun and Honor Society of the League, since 1973, having served as the 37th Honorable Chief Devil Dog, 1982-1984. He remains active on the Pound, Pack and Kennel levels of that organization.

He is life member of Vietnam Veterans of America, a life member of the First Marine Division Association, a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., the American Legion, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Marine Corps Association, New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Civic Council, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation and the U.S. Army Fourth Infantry Division Association.

He was honored by President Carter in 1979 for Outstanding Community Achievement by a Vietnam Veteran, by the Legion of Honor of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, by Governor Kean in 1987 with a heroism award, as 1990 Citizen of the Year by the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., as 1990 Marine of the Year by the Salem County Detachment, with a Special Appreciation Award by Vietnam Veterans of America; and with the Distinguished Citizens' Medal (Silver) by the Department of New Jersey in 1984.

He is a New Jersey Exempt Fireman; and, served as Deputy Fire Marshall for both the Borough of Pitman and the county of Gloucester, NJ. He attended numerous fire service related training courses and seminars, including the prestigious Delaware State Fire College, the New Jersey State Police Heavy Rescue School, and the National Fire College.

He and his wife, Carolyn, the parents of six (6) grown children and one (1) granddaughter, reside in West Deptford Township, NJ.