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Special Issue

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EDUCATION



Craig Hollins,

National Senior Vice Commanders Message

THIS ISSUE THE STORY OF A VERY
SPECIAL PERSON AND AMERICAN
HERO,

Dr. Henry Lee Norman Anderson

Recently I along with our Supreme National Commander had the grand opportunity to award Dr. Henry Lee Norman Anderson The Honorable Chancellor President (CITY UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES), our organizations highest award, The Supreme National Commanders Award.

Dr. Anderson who is the President and Chancellor of (CITY UNIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES) and the (CITY UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES SCHOOL OF LAW) .

Doctor, Anderson is an Author, Scholar, Educator who founded City University Los Angeles, back in 1974 the University is well known for its independent educational programs that has been adopted by accomplished individuals in such Nations as; Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Hong Kong, India, Korea, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom, West Germany, Israel and throughout the entire United States Of America.

During our interview of the good Dr. Anderson, the questions were raised about affording veterans who are of lower income or on fixed incomes the grand opportunity to at last complete their education and earn their degree in the many subjects City University Los Angeles, has to offer.

IN OPEN COMMUNICATIONS ; With the office of Supreme National Commander of United Veterans of America Dr. Anderson told us that City University Los Angeles, promptly devised a new (SPECIAL PAYMENT PROGRAM) that will afford all veterans the grand opportunity to obtain their education and degree and be within their financial means.

This is a program that all veterans should look into. Dr. Anderson was born in Georgia, and grew up in old Savannah, completed Benjamin Franklin High School in Philadelphia, Dr. Anderson was a very active young man who won five college scholarships.

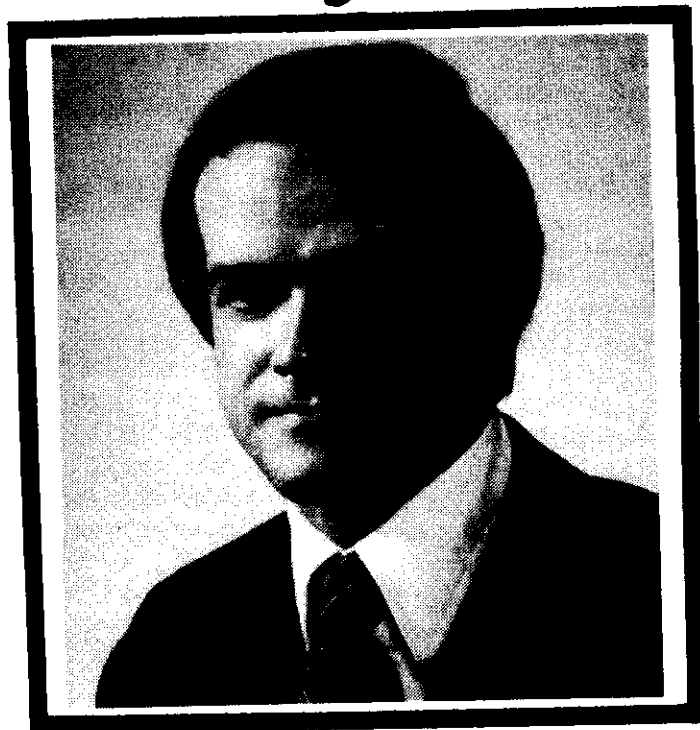
Later Dr. Anderson was a pre-medical student at Earlham College located in Richmond Indiana and later transferred to Cheyney State University of Pennsylvania here Dr. Anderson earned his degree MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGION , the good Dr. Anderson then majored in elementary education and the good Dr. Anderson was a student leader in campus affairs and an officer in student Christian Movement and its affairs, and later became the associate editor of the college newspaper.

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ENDORSEMENT



JOHN THOMAS BURCH, Esq. Attorney at Law



BE IT KNOWN THAT JOHN THOMAS BURCH ATTORNEY AT LAW AND THE NATIONAL GENERAL COUNSEL OF UNITED VETERANS OF AMERICA WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE I HEREBY ENDORSED BY UNITED VETERANS OF AMERICA FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

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Dr. Anderson studied his graduate work in missionary service which earned the good Dr. Anderson his Masters Degree from Yale University, and a Doctor Of Education degree from UCLA, in the area of curriculum and evaluation urban development.

Dr. Anderson is a renowned and well acclaimed worldwide leader and is a proud life member of United Veterans Of America, as Dr. Anderson served our great nation in the U.S. Army and its Reserve from 1953 to 1960 and received his honorable discharge. Dr. Anderson has received over the past 35 years a countless number of awards and degrees to include many honorary doctorate degrees.

Dr. Anderson is also the Author of many books and writings on health and diet programs, his most recent work is his best seller titled (HELPING HAND; 8-DAY DIET PROGRAMS). Truly one of the best selling diet program books in America today. Dr. Anderson is also highly trained and licensed as a marriage, family, child counselor, and an ordained minister a land developer, and having dealt in real estate for many years in the Southern California area.

The fact of the matter is that Dr. Andersons 8 - Day Diet Program is catching America by storm and how people get quick results from Dr. Andersons program, weather they be slim , thin , or obese , the diet program works and gives a person a new sense of new found feeling.

The good Dr. Anderson and we say good because any person who can develop programs that can and will afford all veterans the grand opportunity for a better education should be refered to as good.

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Dr. Anderson is also in strong support of veterans who were exposed to AGENT ORANGE, and other deadly chemicals and pesticides that have and are distroying our lives on this planet we call home Dr. Anderson would welcome your letters and the good doctors staff of highly trained experts and education counselors stand able and ready to assist any veterans and to send you free brochures and application for your enrollment, and to answer any and all your questions about the many kinds of degree programs being offered by CITY UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES ,

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Story By; Craig Hollins

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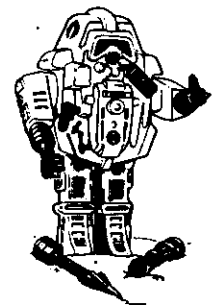
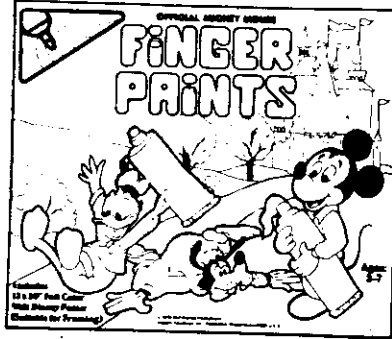
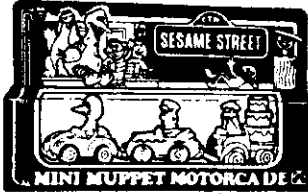
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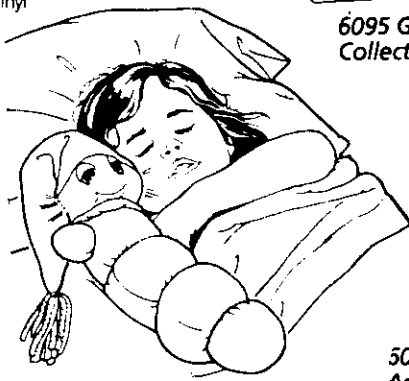
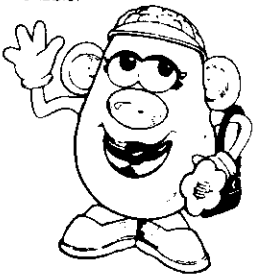
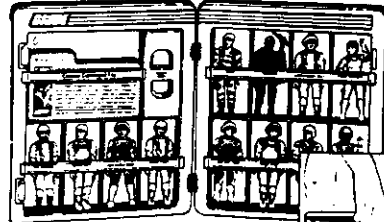
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OPINION

The Horrors Of The Vietnam War

BY; Barry A. Krupkin
Supreme National Commander
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As we start 1989 and the 101st Congress, gets under way with such items as the John Tower Nomination for Secretary Of Defense, and the very heated and bitter battle that took place between the two major parties Democrat and Republican party and as we put behind us such hot items as the Iranscam, we leave behind still a history of many unanswered questions about the Vietnam Conflict such questions as AGENT ORANGE, and our still completely unreturned POW's and our nations MIA's that still remain in Vietnam.

Recently , I received a letter from a fellow veteran who asked what I thought was the real reason for the Vietnam Conflict, and the main reason for Americas long involvement in the Vietnam Conflict.

After many such years of research and witnessing first hand for many of years how our own U.S.Government has abused and mistreated our Nations veterans I was better able to find the true and real reason and to better answer this question.

After viewing a made for t.v.movie titled UNNATURAL CAUSES, which was a movie docudrama about a Vietnam Veteran who died as a result of cancer caused from his exposurer to AGENT ORANGE, while serving in Vietnam and his return home only to die from the deadly chemicals and pesticides that our own U.S.Government exposed seven

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ral million of our troops to without affording said troops with any protective clothing, nor by posting any type of warning labels on the deadly chemicals our U.S.Government unleashed upon our very own troops.

Well for some time I was unable to come up with the real answers for the Vietnam Conflict, and why our own U.S. Government pretends to have done everything within its power to bring home our remaining POW's and MIA's, and to pretend and openly out and out lie to our Nations Vietnam Veterans and their families many of which have children born with all kinds of birth defects caused by Vietnam Veterans who were exposed to deadly chemicals of all kinds.

If you think Watergate or Iranscam is big time COVERUPS, what I,am going to tell you now will make them look like small fish in a giant ocean.

I pointed out to this fellow veteran that during the 60's and 70's that the United States needed a place to test all our Nations Chemical Warfair and to be able to have some place to dump and get rid of all our Toxic and Nuclear Waste.

The leaders and Giant Corporate Executives found such a place in Vietnam, a Nation that is living hundreds of years behind America as a greatly undeveloped nation, so the plans went into motion and America started spraying deadly chemicals all over Vietnam, and dumping billions of tons and gallons of our nations Nuclear Waste,

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AGENT ORANGE REPORT

Agent Orange Report By; William Bennett

1. British Study on Immunosuppression

Eighteen workers were reviewed 17 years after accidental exposure to 2,3,7,8 -tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin.... Antinuclear antibodies [i.e. ANA] and immune complexes were detected significantly more frequently in the peripheral blood of workers exposed to dioxin..... (T)he number of natural killer cells identified by the monoclonal antibody Leu-7 was significantly higher in workers exposed to dioxin....

(T)hree [of the 18 workers] were in the building at the time of the accident, nine were engaged in cleaning up after the explosion, and 16 helped wash and repaint the building. Eight suffered from chloracne. Thirteen had worked in the relevant building regularly before the accident and seven worked regularly in the new building afterwards. All were healthy at the time they were seen....

ANA was detected significantly more frequently in workers exposed to dioxin than in controls when Hep 2 cells were used as substrate.... but not when rat liver was used.

(Jennings, et al., "Immunological abnormalities 17 years after accidental exposure to 2, 3, 7, 8 -tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin," British Journal of Industrial Medicine 1988 45:701).

2. American Legion Study

The American Legion finances a study of 6,810 randomly selected Legionaries, two fifths of whom served in Vietnam and the remainder being era vets:

Heart disease, venereal disease, and benign fatty tumors were reported significantly more often by Vietnam veterans than by controls. Combat intensity was significantly dosage-related to history of high blood pressure, ulcers, arthritis and rheumatism, genito-urinary problems, nervous system disease, major injury, hepatitis, and benign fatty tumors. Agent Orange exposure was significantly dosage-related to history of benign fatty tumors, adult acne, skin rash with blisters, and increased sensitivity of eyes to light. Rates of the latter two conditions and of change in

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skin color were especially elevated in men whose military occupations involved direct handling of herbicides. Five "symptom complex" scales were constructed via factor analysis to measure degrees of feeling faint, fatigue or physical depression, body aches, colds, and skin irritation. Means of all five scales were significantly higher in Vietnam veterans compare to controls, and in herbicides handlers compared to nonhandlers. Both combat and Agent Orange exposure were significant, independent predictors of each of the five scales. Neither combat nor Agent Orange exposure was associated with difficulty in conception, time to conception of first child, or to birthweight or sex ratio of offspring, but maternal smoking was strongly related to reduced birthweight. The percentage of spouses' pregnancies which resulted in miscarriages was significantly higher for Vietnam veterans than controls (7.6% vs 5.5%, $P < 0.001$). Logistic regression analysis showed that Agent Orange exposure and maternal smoking were both independently and significantly associated with miscarriage rates in a dose-related manner.

(Stellman, et al., "Health and Reproductive Outcomes among American Legionnaires in relation to Combat and Herbicides Exposure in Vietnam," Environmental Research 47, 150-174 (1988))

The [research] team discovered that if it had looked at all the men who served in Southeast Asia as a group, rather than focusing on the 19 percent to 20 percent who were in heavy combat (or who were heavily exposed to herbicides), it would have found few differences when comparing them to other veterans.

Classifying veterans by their actual exposures was the key to understanding the effects of the Vietnam experience. Without the exposure breakdowns, studies were likely to produce only negative results, the researchers learned, which is exactly what has occurred in many other studies. (American Legion Magazine, December 1988, p. 41, emphasis added)

Their report and four related Stellman papers in the December Environmental Research "represent a landmark in veteran health research and occupational epidemiology," says Michael Gochfeld of the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Piscataway, N.J. The federal government, he notes in an accompanying editorial, has refused to conduct congressionally mandated health studies of veterans, arguing that "since exposure cannot be well documented, the study was not feasible." The new studies refute that argument, he says. (Science, Nov. 19, 1988)

Unfortunately, the Legion study cannot provide answers to the cancer question.... One disturbing finding was that men who had gone to the VA for mental health assistance reported a very low frequency of being asked questions that relate to possible diagnosis of PTSD. (American Legion Magazine, supra, p. 54, emphasis added).

Times Beach Revisited

In a lawsuit to collect the cost of the Times Beach cleanup, the government is now contending that the contamination resulted from Agent Orange residue in equipment later sold to chemical companies involved with Times Beach, to wit:

Two Missouri companies, in documents filed with the U.S. district court for Eastern Missouri, oppose a government motion for partial summary judgment that would impose more than \$150-million in liability against nine potentially responsible parties for cost associated with six eastern Missouri dioxin contaminated sites. The U.S. expects an out of court settlement despite the fact that there "clearly are sharp differences of opinion associated with the costs."

The government has charged that Syntex USA and Syntex Agribusiness, both by virtue of their independent actions, are successors in liability to Hoffman Taff Inc. - a Missouri company which owned and operated chemical plants in Verona and Springfield, MO, and which also manufactured agent orange in 1968 and also for a brief time in 1969....

Based on government filings, the defendants allegedly arranged or a local waste hauling company headed by Russell Bliss, also a defendant, to remove and dispose of hazardous wastes from facilities statewide. In 1971, Bliss was asked to remove chemical wastes from a plant producing hexachlorophene that was owned and operated by Northeastern Pharmaceutical and Chemical Co. Inc. (NEPACCO) and Syntex Agribusiness Inc. Bliss allegedly combined the waste with oil from numerous filling stations and sprayed the combination on horse arenas and roads to suppress dust. It was in the chemical disposal process at 27 sites, Times Beach among them, that led to the contamination. ...

The government, in its motion for partial summary judgment, argues that Syntex USA and Syntex Agribusiness are liable for arranging the disposal of dioxin and TCP through a "sales and service" agreement for a "black tank" to NEPACCO. The U.S. argues that the two companies are liable along with NEPACCO, IPC and Bliss.

When the company entered into its sales and service agreements with NEPACCO on No. 18, 1969, Hoffman Taff agreed to sell NEPACCO much of the equipment used in its discontinued agent orange process....

The government charges that dioxin remained in Hoffman Taff's "black tank" when it was sold to NEPACCO. Shortly after the sale, NEPACCO hired IPC to dispose of its wastes, who in turn hired Bliss. It was the waste oil from this tank which Bliss later disposed of, using it to suppress dust on the roads, which

resulted in the Missouri dioxin sites according to government sources.... (Emphasis added)

Syntex Agribusiness ... argues that "it [Syntex Agribusiness] was not responsible for NEPACCO's arrangements to dispose of the wastes" and blasts the government's charges that the tank actually contained dioxin: "Chemical theory and all the available contemporaneous documents show that there was no dioxin in the Hoffman Taff tank." Even if the government could establish that the tank contained dioxin, "none of any such dioxin could have reached the sites at issue because the tank was cleaned before being sold," Agribusiness argues.
 (Environmental Policy Alert, Nov. 16, 1988, pp. 12-13)

Return to Normalcy

Vietnam is starting to see success in its 12-year-old effort to restore some 5.4 million acres of forest and farmland that U.S. and South Vietnamese troops destroyed, Vietnam's main testing ground for tropical-forest replanting is an area some 62 miles northeast of Ho Chi Minh City [formerly Saigon]," Kempf reports. Some 740 acres of the 7,400-acre Md Da Woods are thriving "The experiment offers great promise..., but it also demonstrates how difficult and time-consuming the process of rehabilitating tropical woodland is."

Vietnamese scientists say "it will take decades for other plant species to regenerate."

"Because of postwar lumbering operations, more forests have been lost ... since the ... war ended in 1975 than during it," (World Press Review, Jan. 1989, p.46).

Class Action Lawsuit

1. The Agent Orange Veteran Payment Program, P.O. Box 11D, Hartford, Ct. 06104, can be reached for an Application Kit for applying for benefits, by dialing 1-800-225-4712. The first payments are expected to go out in March or April (Washington Times, Jan. 3, 1989)

2. Class Assistance Foundation The Coalition has endorsed the grant request by Association of Birth Defect Children, Inc. for a birth defects registry, in a December 8, 1988, letter to special master Kenneth R. Feinberg: "The Coalition is of the opinion ... that priority in the disbursement of funds must be afforded to Agent Orange-related projects: The expectations of the veterans who filed the suite mandate this approach; we are also concerned that the degree of favoritism employed in the grants by Welcome Home, whose RFP was very similar to the Fund's, not be repeated."

The assistance program is headed by Dennis Rhoades, a Vietnam veteran who was director of the American Legion's National Economic Commission.

Mr. Rhoades said he is reviewing about 140 proposals from agencies seeking grants from the \$52 million fund. He expects to authorize the first grants in three to six months. (Washington Times, supra)

AGENT ORANGE

1. Advisory Board

Judge Weinstein, on August 16, 1985, appointed "four distinguished Vietnam veterans to serve as members of the Advisory Board to advise the Court on the implementation of the \$150 million Payment Program on the Agent Orange Settlement Fund." They were recommended by Charles T. Hagel, previously appointed Chairman of the five-member Advisory Board.

The four new members are:

- o Donna-Marie Boulay, who served as a nurse in Vietnam, and is currently an attorney specializing in health law in Minneapolis, Minnesota;
- o Albert S. Dandridge III, a Marine Corps veteran of Vietnam, who is currently a corporate lawyer in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
- o Vincent J. Martin, Jr., who served in the infantry in Vietnam and is currently a financial planner in Paramus, New Jersey; and
- o John L. McElrath, who served with the Marines in Vietnam and is currently a project manager for a data processing firm in Fairfax, Virginia.

(Press Release, August 19, 1985.)

2. CDC Study

The study will be of 43,000 Army personnel from E-5 or below who served during the Vietnam Era. Those who served in Vietnam and those who never set foot in the country will make up the 43,000. Of these, 30,000 will be chosen for half-hour telephone interviews. Ten thousand will be chosen for three days of physical and psychological testing at a private hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Success rate so far of more than 70% in contacting the selected veterans indicates researchers will meet their 30,000 goal.

The 30,000 will be divided into five groups: those who served in a specified area of Vietnam in 1967-68 and were likely to have been exposed to Agent Orange; those who served in Vietnam during the same period and were less likely to have been exposed; those who served in the same years in another Vietnam area and exposure was unlikely; those who served in Vietnam during 1966-71, and selected at random; and those who served in

1966-71 in countries other than Vietnam. Army is cooperating by helping identify potential study participants through 201 files and unit records of 1967-68 period when Agent Orange was sprayed most heavily. Findings will be published in September, 1988, for the Agent Orange and Vietnam experience studies. Rare cancers study findings will be published in September, 1989. (UFW Magazine, September, 1985, p. 12.)

Son of admiral who ordered Agent Orange spraying dies

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Elmo R. Zumwalt III, son of the admiral who ordered the spraying of Agent Orange in Vietnam and who was exposed to the defoliant himself, died at his home Saturday of cancer. He was 42.

Zumwalt, a lawyer, said he never blamed his father for his disease. The two co-wrote a book titled "My Father, My Son," which was made into a television movie.

Zumwalt was diagnosed in January 1983 as having stage 4 non-Hodgkins lymphoma. In February 1985, during his ninth biopsy, doctors discovered he had stage 3 Hodgkins disease, another form of lymphoma.

Agent Orange contains highly toxic dioxin. Veterans had contended that exposure to it causes cancer and other illnesses. They said it caused miscarriages by wives of servicemen and birth defects in their children.

Zumwalt's son, Elmo Russell Zumwalt IV, suffers from a congenital dysfunction that confuses his physical senses.

In an article published in the Washington Post on Oct. 7, 1984, Zumwalt said: "My father, Adm. Elmo Zumwalt Jr., was a strong advocate of the use of Agent Orange in the Vietnam War. That doesn't mean that I hold him responsible for any disease I may have incurred. He did what he felt he had to do to reduce casualties. I did what I felt I had to do. I volunteered for service in Vietnam because I felt whatever the risks, that was where I belonged. Even now at the age of 38 I'm confronted by undoubted perils. I am not sorry I went."

On June 30, the U.S. Supreme Court removed the last legal obstacle to a \$180 million settlement between Vietnam veterans and the manufacturers of Agent Orange. The justices let stand rulings that dismissed lawsuits by about 300 veterans who had challenged the 1984 settlement.

The \$180 million settlement now totals about \$240 million with interest. As many as 250,000 people could receive money from the settlement.

AGENT ORANGE Pending New Legislation

The omnibus veterans benefits legislation contains the following new provisions on Agent Orange:

(T)his agreement (i.e. the bill) would extend, from September 30, 1989 to December 31, 1990, the authority to provide basic VA health-care services for veterans' disabilities if it is found that the veteran, during active duty, may have been exposed in Vietnam to any toxic substance in a herbicide or defoliant. . . .

(T)he agreement also includes a provision that states that amounts received as part of the settlement of the agent orange product liability litigation will not be considered as income for purposes of any of the needs-based programs administered by the VA, including nonservice-connected VA pension.

(T)he proposed amendments would require the VA to conduct an outreach program to Vietnam veterans oriented to notifying them of health risks, if any, resulting from exposure to herbicides in

Vietnam, as information on such health risks becomes known. In order to facilitate such an outreach effort, the bill would require the VA to take reasonable actions to organize and update the information contained in the VA's agent orange registry, particularly the addresses of veterans listed in the registry. (Remarks by Rep. G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery, Congressional Record, Oct. 19, 1988, H10353.)

The committee report accompanying the legislation includes the following comments:

Section 1203 of the bill treats Agent Orange payments "as reimbursement for prior unreimbursed medical expenses." (Id., H10338, 10555) (Ed. Note: The bill, however, does not make a similar exception for Social Security disability pensions or food stamp eligibility.)

After February 28, 1989, not less than one-third of the total number of members of the Ranch Hand Advisory Committee shall be individuals selected by the Secretary of Health and Human Services from among scientists who are recommended by veterans' organizations (Id., H10334, H10339)

The House . . . rejected a Senate bill that, for the first time, would award disability benefits to veterans exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War [i.e., for soft tissue sarcoma, no-Hodgkins lymphoma] (Rep. Sonny) Montgomery said further studies were needed to prove a connection between various diseases and Agent Orange. (Philadelphia Inquirer, Oct. 20, 1988)

"Sprayed and Betrayed" - Round II

More newly declassified documents emerge from the National Archives:

The State Department was involved in policy-making re spraying operations. "On 14 April 1969, the U.S. Embassy suspended its policy requiring the use of WHITE herbicide on certain restricted defoliation targets and will now allow use of ORANGE herbicide in all defoliation targets. For economic reasons, the use of ORANGE is preferred We respectfully request that you assure WHITE stocks are kept available for use should the policy be deinstiuted." (Memorandum for Col. Tran Dinh Tho from Col. Harold C. Kerne (?), Jr., "Use of Defoliants

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ORANGE and WHITE (V), 17 April 1969). LTC John A. Sullivan, CONVSNAVCV notes in a memo to CINCPAC "Ambassador Sullivan's approval has been requested for the use of CS in those areas of Laos approved for spray operations. ("Use of Riot Control Agent CS," undated)

MIAs. During the week ending 4 Feb. 67, the following defoliation missions were flown in Laos with C-123 aircraft:

31 Jan 3 sorties . . . Acft 611 lost to ground fire. 5 KIA (Ed. Note: the five men are now on the MIA list) (Memorandum from Maj. Philip L. Boster, COMUSMACV to NMCC, "Herbicide Report (V)," undated. Access Number (?) 0380818)

The Empty Drums. The New Jersey Agent Orange Commission interprets other reports:

"It seems that as far as the US Government was concerned, "empty" Agent Orange drums were the property of the ARVN, and they could dispose of them anyway they chose. The problem was the drums weren't really empty, and each contained about 2.2 gallons of Agent Orange that was not pumped out. The ARVN, in their constant quest to turn an extra buck, sold the drums to anyone who wanted them, generally civilians for about \$2 each. The creative Vietnamese civilians used them for all sorts of things, spilling the residual Agent Orange all over the place and seriously damaging plants and shade trees throughout the city of Danang. The defoliant was even killing the civilians' vegetable gardens. Since we were using about 1000 gallons per day of herbicide out of Danang at the time, about 20 "empty" drums of Agent Orange were hitting the streets of Danang every day!! to compound this lunacy even more, it seems that the Vietnamese Navy compound purchased some of the drums to store gasoline for their generators. The result is that they ended up fogging their entire compound through the generator exhaust with Agent Orange, effectively killing all vegetation in sight!!

"The report recommended that the practice of allowing the ARVN to sell the drums be discontinued, but we're not sure that ever happened. It also should be mentioned that Agent Orange was also stored at Bien Hoa, Phu Cat, Nha Trang, and in Saigon and was presumably disposed in the same manner." (NJAOC, Agent Orange Update, Oct. 1988)

Miscellaneous

1. From studying the injuries among the tens of thousands of Kurdish refugees, the doctors believe the Iraqis are using a mixture of herbicide and a form of tear gas known as CS to drive the Kurds from their mountain villages. (Edmonton Journal, (?) Sept. 21, 1988)

2. (Vietnam veteran Ron Heiman) was 38 years old when he died in January of this year The doctor put as the cause of death, on his death certificate, the type of cancer that killed him, and added that it was a direct result of Agent Orange poisoning. This is the first time such a statement appeared in an official record.

Well, the Death Certificate on file at the County Medical examiner's office has been changed! Any reference to Agent

Orange has been removed from the official files! (Attachment to letter from George L. Claxton, Oct. 19, 1988)

3. Was the morbidity of women Vietnam-era veterans affected by assignment in Vietnam? . . . (N)o remarkable differences (between a control group of 720 U.S.-based Vietnam-era veterans and a study group of 28 Vietnam veterans) are seen in the percentage of those who had an acute illness, GYN condition or miscarriage.

However, three interesting differences are observed. First, a higher percentage of those who were assigned in Vietnam have chronic conditions and disabilities, and they have more of them. Second, a higher percentage have been told they have cancer. Third, although a smaller percentage of Vietnam-assigned women ever had a baby, a higher percentage of those who did have children born with defects and/or die before their first birthday. (Le Donne, Trends in Morbidity and Use of Health Services by Women Veterans of Vietnam, Navy Medicine, May-June 1988, p. 24)

4. What's Evidence?, by Joe Cole (Mahess Productions, Inc. states: "blows the lid off") Send \$15.00 to Joe Cole, 6806 36th Ave., S.E., Olympia, Washington 98503

5. As part of a budget austerity program in Massachusetts, the state's funding of its prestigious Agent Orange Commission has been reportedly "substantially reduced."

AGENT ORANGE

Voila!

The findings of the New Jersey Agent Orange Commission are published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, March 18, 1988, vol. 259, No. 11, pp. 1661 et seq. Inter alia:

Summary:

Vietnam veterans who were heavily exposed to Agent Orange exceeded matched control subjects in both blood and adipose tissue levels of 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD) but not in the levels of the 12 other 2,3,7,8-substituted dioxins and dibenzofurans that were detected. Since only TCDD among those compounds was present in Agent Orange but all are present in the population of the industrialized world, it is likely that the elevated TCDD levels arose from wartime exposure. . . .

Methodology:

Twenty-seven men were studied. Ten were heavily

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exposed Vietnam veterans, nine of whom handled herbicides regularly while in Vietnam. We emphasized spray handlers at this stage of the investigation rather than ground troops who served in sprayed areas to maximize the likelihood of finding 2,3,7,8-TCDD. Ten Vietnam veterans who had little or no exposure served as Vietnam control subjects. Seven veterans who served during the time of the Vietnam War but who did not go to Southeast Asia served as Vietnam-era control subjects. Era control subjects were included to ensure that if something in Vietnam other than herbicide exposure led to elevated 2,3,7,8-TCDD levels we would be able to detect it.

Five of the men were members of Operation Ranch Hand A sixth man was an Air Force freight handler who handled drums of defoliants. Two men were Army chemical corps specialists. One man was an Army helicopter crew chief who filled defoliant tanks and flew spray missions. The tenth man was an army light infantry combat soldier with a reported history of herbicide exposure.

Groups of three to six subjects were admitted to the hospital for 3-1/2 days of medical testing, during which they were examined by specialists in occupational and internal medicine, dermatology, neurology, psychology, and psychiatry. A battery of clinical test also was done, including a study of immune function, and samples of adipose tissue and blood were taken for analysis, as described later herein.

Results:

The levels of 2,3,7,8-TCDD in the exposed men exceeded those in the pooled control subjects by a wide margin in both blood ($P_{.01}$) and adipose tissue ($P_{.001}$) Although TCDD levels in the Vietnam control subjects exceeded those in the Vietnam-era control subjects, the difference was . . . not significant. . . .

One of the most striking results is that Vietnam veterans who were heavily exposed to Agent Orange exceed matched control subjects in 2,3,7,8-TCDD levels 15 to 20 years after exposure (Table 2 and Fig 1). A comparison of their 2,3,7,8-TCDD levels with the levels found for other isomers (Fig 2), moreover, makes it highly likely that the elevated TCDD levels in the exposed men are due to their wartime exposure to the defoliant

Adipose tissue and blood levels are highly correlated (Figs 3 and 4), making it likely that blood sampling will ultimately replace the fat biopsy in tests of body burden.

In our experience minimally exposed men can be identified with considerable rigor by a combination of techniques, including questionnaires, military records, interviews in cases where

WARNING

Will Vietnam veterans receiving compensation from the Agent Orange class action lawsuit actually get to keep it? Or will state public assistance agencies in your state seize the money or refuse services?

If you live in Pennsylvania or New Jersey, you're safe. But otherwise, are you?

Has your state legislature passed a law exempting the payments from income computations for purposes of public assistance benefits? Act now or be sorry!

AGENT ORANGE LAWSUIT MONEYS ARE AN ILLUSION

By William Bennett

The final chapter of the Agent Orange class action lawsuit is now being written. What I have read so far tells me that, ten years of effort later, almost no money will be spent to alleviate Agent Orange suffering.

The settlement fund is split into two parts: a payment program (\$180 million or so) and a class assistance program (45 million or so). The payment fund was structured to make direct payment to veterans (or their survivors) who are totally disabled. Unfortunately, totally disabled people usually draw on public assistance, and most state laws on the subject provide that if any assistance recipient receives money from another source, then either the money must be paid to the state or the benefits must be reduced.

In other words, all moneys to disabled veterans from the class action lawsuit will be directly, or indirectly, transferred to state governments. The money could also affect entitlement to Social Security, disability, and food stamps.

When the special master published the Request for Proposals for distribution of the class assistance program money, it became apparent that that money would be steered away from Agent Orange relief, for the most part. True, the RFP does pay lip service to assistance for birth defected children but is willing to fund only "a limited number of programs." The real concern of the RFP is to provide funding to supplement existing benefits counseling, PTSD counseling and employment pro-

jects. Family counseling is eligible, a are "concept papers" for "undoubtedly worthy projects that are not covered by the RFP"

One specific "unworthy" project is large scale basic research.

In other words, it's a field day for the professional grant writers. Expect to see a lot of rationalizing that money should be spent on job counseling, for example; because Agent Orange Victims may be unemployed. It's going to be interesting to see what small percentage of this money winds up being spent on Agent Orange-related projects.

No one questions that most of these ideas are worthy in and of themselves. But the whole purpose of the lawsuit was to benefit Agent Orange victims - don't rob Peter to pay Paul. Use money as intended.

Solutions:

1. Get your state legislature to enact the following New Jersey law or a variant: "The fact that an applicant for public assistance or any of his dependents shall be receiving, or entitled to receive, income from other sources or compensation for part-time or casual services shall not make such person ineligible to receive public assistance if such income or compensation is insufficient to support him and his dependents properly but the amount of such income or compensation shall be taken into consideration in determining the amount of his public assistance by deducting from the amount of public assistance which he otherwise would be entitled to receive, the amount of such income or compensation; except that any money received because of a settlement agreement or judgment in a lawsuit brought against a manufacturer or distributor of "Agent Orange" for damages resulting from exposure to "Agent Orange" shall not be subject to a lien or be available for

repayment to the State or municipality for public assistance received by the applicant. This act shall take effect immediately."

2. Get your friendly newspaper reporter interested in how the funds are going to be spent

The Honorable Jack B. Weinstein
United States District Court for the
Eastern District of New York
255 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn New York 11201
Re: (MDL381/Dennis Rhoades)

Dear Judge Weinstein

The December 22, 1988 issue of Newsday, Long Island, New York, quotes Mr. Dennis Rhoades, (the courts appointed Executor of the \$52 million social service fund), as saying, that the funds would cover such areas as psychotherapy, job programs and problems of homelessness among Vietnam veterans.

It was my understanding that these funds were designated initially for the purpose of dealing with the problems of those veterans whose children are suffering from birth defects. While I support the contention the P.T.S.D. (Post-traumatic Stress Disorder) is related to chemical exposure as well as trauma, I cannot support the distribution of class assistance funds which were to aide the children being used for such purposes.

Based on Mr. Rhoades actions on the Agent Orange issue, while acting as Executive Director for Vietnam Veterans of America, I would also question his ability to act faithfully in behalf of the true victims of Agent Orange exposure.

I would appreciate a clarification on this matter as soon as possible. Thank you.

Cordially
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AGENT ORANGE NETWORK



PARENTS OF AGENT
ORANGE CHILDREN

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In this process our U.S. Government developed what was called the single troop in single troop out policy this policy was adopted as a front and coverup so that as years passed by not even our own troops who would slowly die off would know what was the cause as many veterans would not remember the names times, and dates of fellow veterans they served alongside with so that nobody would be able to figure out what was wrong with so many of the Vietnam Veterans who were exposed to such deadly Toxic Chemicals while serving in Vietnam.

The Giant Chemical Corporation got rich and still are getting rich during the Vietnam Conflict the United States operating as the official agent for the giant U.S. Corporations who Manufactured Toxic Waste and Nuclear Waste Conspired with the Leadership of our Nation many who became very rich from the behind the closed doors big giant Corporation and Government Wheeling and Dealing to dispose of the already large buildup of Toxic and Nuclear Waste, so thus this Conflict was kept going so the grant opportunity would be there for our nation to get rid of our Toxic and Nuclear Waste.

In part this is one of the reasons why we as a Nation will not have any dealings with North Vietnam, and our Government on the surface makes it appear that due to our remaining POW's and MIA's which is a Governmental excuse to show the American Public that that's the reason why the United States will not deal with North Vietnam.

Some food for thought we deal now with China, and Russia, but not North Vietnam, stop and think about that, therefore what I, am telling you our reader must in fact be true.

Richard Nixon Former President
And Commander-In-Chief ;

In 1969 the former President And our then Commander-In-Chief, was told and informed by his Joint Chief of Staff,

and informed by the leading War Chemical Manufacturers how very deadly such war chemicals like AGENT ORANGE, was that we being used in Vietnam, that said chemicals would cause death and damage to our own U.S. ground troops, Nixon, our 37th U.S. President did not order our military to stop the use of such deadly chemicals but in fact ordered that its use be greatly increased, in late 1971 or 1972, Nixon, then ordered our military to stop the use of the deadly war chemicals such as AGENT ORANGE, however unknowing to the American public the remaining stock piles were transferred over to the South Vietnam Armed Forces, and the deadly spraying was still being greatly used.

The second important reason that the United States will not deal with Vietnam, is because our Government knows that our Nation will be sued in the World COURT for our illegal wide spread, use and abuse of deadly Toxic and Nuclear Waste Chemicals, that our Nation left behind for the South Vietnamese people to wallow in and die.

Today the very South Vietnamese People and their children, our former allies are doomed to death, and so are their children hundreds of thousands who are in fact born with birth defects from the deadly chemical warfare that past administrations ordered unleashed upon our own allies homeland that of South Vietnam.

WATERGATE WAS A COVERUP BUT NOT
THE KIND YOUR THINKING OF;

It is the opinion of this writer, that Richard Nixon, planned Watergate, and knowing in advance that at the Watergate Conspiracy and plot, as illegal as it was would be Richard Nixon's only way out from the Vietnam Conflict, as Richard Nixon, knew by his selection of former President Ford, that upon the very day Richard Nixon would leave his office as President he would receive a full unconditional absolute pardon from then incoming President Ford.

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The new administration then set out on a plan and scheme, to withdraw all U.S. troops in 1975, from South Vietnam, thus abandoned our very allies the South Vietnamese people and not so much as ever providing this allie with the arms to fight off the communist advancing forces from the North.

This of course being all part of the giant plan, that the United States would have used and greatly abused our own veterans who served in Vietnam.

That since the communist forces took over South Vietnam, that the United States would not deal with Vietnam at all and use the POW and MIA, issue as its reason for not having any relations with Vietnam.

During that NBC, Movie you noticed the hard time the Veterans Administration gave to Maude De Victor, who was a veterans administration benefits counselor who attempted to assist Vietnam Veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange, she was fired by the V.A.

Now during the 80's we see more toxic and nuclear waste than ever before with major accidents all over our great nation many plants greatly unsafe and having to close down, perhaps what I told you is true, since we have no more Vietnam to trash our waste and test our chemicals its surfacing in front of our very eyes, all over our great nation as we all witness on the t.v. news reports each day.

WAYS OUR GOVERNMENT GETS RID OF VIETNAM VETERANS.

Our U.S. Government gets rid of Vietnam Veterans in V.A. Hospitals or they lock them up in jails all over our great nation so their voices will not be heard and with hopes they just die from the v-ery system that made them sick.

SCHOOLS AROUND OUR NATION TREAT VIETNAM VETERANS VERY BAD, AND HAVE FAILED TO PROVIDE A PROPER EDUCATION FOR VIETNAM VETERANS WHO'S CHILDREN SUFFER FROM BIRTH DEFECTS CAUSED BY AGENT ORANGE.

It is to be noted as fact that Vietnam Veterans children who are born with birth defects from their fathers exposure to Agent Orange are treated very bad and in some documented cases abused, within the school systems around our nation.

Our Government, has failed to address the needs of the handicapped and disabled children of Vietnam Veterans, the United States Government made Vietnam Veterans Children handicapped and disabled from having exposed Vietnam Veterans to deadly chemicals.

SUPREME COURT DENIES APPEAL TO VACATE AND SET ASIDE THE SO CALLED AGENT ORANGE SETTLEMENT ORDERED BY THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT COURT OF BROOKLYN NEW YORK BACK IN MAY 1984.

That this writer who himself is a combat disabled vietnam veteran, who was exposed to Agent Orange and other deadly Toxic chemicals, while in Vietnam, and who has three of his four sons his last three born after his return home from Vietnam were in fact born with birth defects.

That this writer did have his attorney file his appeal directly to the U.S. Supreme Court praying upon said court to review the so called settlement ordered by the lower court in the Federal District Court of New York, that the money ordered for said settlement was grossly inadequate, and a insult and Judicial Sham, upon all Vietnam Veterans who are suffering from their exposure to deadly AGENT ORANGE, that the sum of One Hundred and Eighty Million Dollars

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was INSUFFICIENT, to address the needs of the millions of Vietnam Veterans Exposed to deadly AGENT ORANGE.

That as a result of this writers attorneys, efforts the Government and this writers attorneys home state Bar, Association suspended for three years this writers attorney.

THEREFORE; We veterans should know that our Government will do almost anything to suppress Vietnam veterans from receiving justice or their day in court.

This FACELESS GOVERNMENT , has broken our minds , hearts, and spirits, and no judge, nor government leader has the right to do that to us, all the National Monuments onto those who perished in the battle - will not take away the scars of our living Vietnam Veterans who are the legacy of the Vietnam War, it will be the Vietnam Veterans that will be paying for the rest of their lives for the Chemical Warfair damages we did to our own and former allies the South Vietnamese people.

WHAT WE AS VETERANS EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE CAN DO TO OBTAIN JUSTICE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR CHILDREN DAMAGED FROM OUR EXPOSURER TO AGENT ORANGE.

I want all my fellow veterans to know that I, am personally propairing a Lawsuit representing myself against the following individuals and as soon as I file the suit, I'll submit a copy to any veteran who would like to use it as a model copy.

VETERANS ARE WARNED NOT TO HIRE ANY LAWYER, AS VETERANS MUST FILE AS THEIR OWN PERSON IN WHAT IS CALLED (Propria Persona).

Buttressed by my personal knowledge and experience through the courts, that I have been traveling in for years now, it, s quite evident to me that we Veterans have all been Victims, of a Judicial Conspiratorial Deceit and we can now recognize , that the real ENEMY of America, are all of the members of the BAR - ASSOCIATIONS , Throughout the land, and throughout the world and linked internationally.

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* THE NAMED DEFENDANTS SHOULD BE

1. Richard M. Nixon,
2. All members of Congress, during the period of time Agent Orange was used on us veterans.
3. All former member of Nixons, Joint Chiefs of Staff, who ordered this spraying.
4. Any and all other, John/Jane Does ONE TO AD, INIFITUM,

I would welcome any and all letters from our veterans and readers who are interested in obtaining justice for our our veterans.

THINK ABOUT IT ! IS IT TREASON ?

Are the most heinous crimes in the world being committed in the courtrooms by LAWYERS and LAWYER JUDGES, against the people in Un-constitutional Courts ? it is now apparent that WE THE PEOPLE must PROTECT OURSELVES where we need the most protection, in the courtrooms from the LAWYERS and LAWYER JUDGES.

The record shows that the courts are always ruling AGAINST THE PEOPLE, as the LAWYERS, and their BAR ASSOCIATIONS, which are affiliated with each other Internationally, are joined in an international conspiracy against the people of the United States, to destroy the United States from within, (IT IS TREASON ?)

THEY HAVE ALREADY TAKEN OVER THE COURTS (judiciary) and in the process have EXCLUDED the SOVEREIGN CITIZEN, from being able to participate in the JUDICIARY not withstanding the fact that CITIZENS, have forever been RESTRICTED from participating on a committee that has the POWER TO DISCIPLINE JUDGES (LAWYERS) and LAWYERS.

CITIZENS being RESTRICTED from the JUDICIARY, can only enter the other TWO branches of GOVERNMENT they are the (Legislative and the Executive)

However the record shows that MEMBERS OF THE BAR ASSOCIATIONS, across the UNITED STATES, possess the HIGHEST PERCENTAGE (Over 65%) of the positions in both the LEGISLATIVE and EXECUTIVE branches of the United States Government.

The record shows that they have taken over the COURTS and the GOVERNMENT and all Political Parties.

MAKING A ONE - PARTY SYSTEM - THAT OF THE (BAR ASSOCIATIONS PARTY)

WE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ORDAINED OUR GOVERNMENT INTO EXISTENCE, ARE NOW RELAGATED TO THE STATUS OF 2nd CLASS CITIZENS, Due to the insidious encroachment and usurption of our Government.

By THE BAR ASSOCIATION PARTY

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The situation of Government in its PRESENT FORM , heralds the NEED, for the FORMATION OF A NEW POLITICAL PARTY, which could appropriately be named;

THE ANTI - LAWYER PARTY

The record shows that there are approximately (675.000) members enrolled in the BAR ASSOCIATIONS in these United States. That leaves approximately 240 million Sovereign Americans being held hostage to the CAPRICIOUS NOTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION.

Think about that 675.000 LAWYERS Holding 240 - Million Sovereigns in BONDAGE. The structure of their control is UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Vets, I would welcome your letters and full input and once and for all lets stand tall together and fight for our rights we wore a uniform for this right.

Write; UNITED VETERANS OF AMERICA
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UNITED VETERANS OF AMERICA

PLANNING A CHAPTER MEETING

A successful Chapter meeting meets these requirements:

- a. It starts on time.
- b. It is kept short.
- c. It is interesting.
- d. It is informative.
- e. It accomplishes something.
- f. It should follow the Ritual and the general rules of Parliamentary procedure.

The success of the meeting depends on the Commander. He/she controls the start of the meeting; he/she can keep the meeting short by keeping it moving; he/she can make the meeting interesting and informative by a little advance planning and, he/she can make sure something is accomplished by pre-planning what he/she wishes to accomplish.

The commander should meet with his Adjutant prior to the meeting to make certain that their records are in order for their part in the meeting. This includes reading and referring of membership applications; reading of minutes; reading of bills; and reading of communications, etc.

The Commander should know what unfinished business is left to transact. He/she should have a reminder list on new business which should be discussed.

At any time a lag develops in the meeting, the Commander can bring up the next subject and ask that action be taken.

A Chapter meeting is a business meeting. One of the responsibilities of the Commander is keeping discussion on the subject. If the Commander will adhere to parliamentary law and require that a motion be made before the subject is discussed, and that the discussion be confined to that motion, he/she will find that most items can be disposed of quickly and quite efficiently.

Allow anyone who wishes to speak, but be certain they stick to the subject that is being discussed.

The Commander should never be arbitrary.

He or she should host the membership prior to the meeting and make each member feel most welcomed.

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DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Elected and appointed officers shall perform the duties specifically prescribed by their Chapter Bylaws, those set forth in the Bylaws of the U.V.O.A. National Organization, those summarized in Roberts Rules of Order (Newly Revised) and any other related duties to their respective offices, and any duties that may be lawfully delegated to an Officer by the Chapter and its Executive Board, when empowered to do so.

DUTIES OF THE COMMANDER

The Commander, or in his or her absence, the next highest officer (Sr Vice Commander) shall preside at all regular or special meetings of the Executive Board and of the Chapter. He or she shall maintain order and dispatch such business as may legally come before him.

The Commander is responsible for making all appointments of the appointive officers - Adjutant, Service Officer, Legislative Officer, Publicity/Historian Officer, Cor-

poration Registered Agent, Blood Bank Officer, Chapter Liaison Council Representative, Officer of the Day, Sergeant-at-Arms, 2 Color Guards, and any other officers as may be necessary to operate the Chapter. These appointments are made with the approval of the Executive Board.

Any resignation of a appointed officer shall be addressed to the Commander and must be accepted by the Executive Board before the Commander can make another appointment to fill the vacancy.

The Commander, as the Chief Executive officer and legal head of the Chapter, exercises supervision over the officers and is responsible for insuring that the duties assigned to each officer are properly and timely carried out.

The Commander will give the Oath of Obligation to all new members who have not received such in accordance with National By-laws.

Commander attends and conducts funeral or memorial services as requested by survivors of a deceased veteran in accordance with Ritual stated in the National Bylaws of U.V.O.A.

The Commander will introduce all guests attending his chapter meetings.

Commander countersigns all Chapter checks or vouchers issued by the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer.

The Commander shall appoint the membership of each committee and designate its Chairman, with the approval of the Executive Board.

DUTIES OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

The Sr. Vice Commander will conduct Chapter meetings in the absence of the Commander.

Assist Commander and other officers in any and all projects programmed by the Chapter.

The Sr. Vice Commander will encourage friendship among the members of his Chapter, discourage discord, and promote harmony.

The Sr. Vice Commander shall act as Chairman of the Membership Committee, see that every eligible may become a member. With the approval of the Chapter, he or she may appoint one or more members to assist him in any membership activities.

DUTIES OF THE FIRST JR. VICE COMMANDER

The First Jr. Vice Commander shall, in the absence of the Sr. Vice Commander assume the duties of the Sr. Vice Commander at the Chapter meetings.

He or she accepts the duties as Chairman of most fund raising activities of the Chapter.

Assist all appointed officers, and elected officers of the Chapter.

He or she shall see that every member is given a responsible opportunity to state his or her views on any subject under discussion in a meeting of his or her Chapter, not inconsistent with the Chapter Bylaws or Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

The First Jr. Vice Commander shall at all times encourage loyalty to the United States of America, to the United Veterans of America and to the members of his or her Chapter.

DUTIES OF THE SECOND JR. VICE COMMANDER

The Second Jr. Vice Commander assists the First Jr. Vice Commander in the performance of his or her duties.

The Second Jr. Vice Commander shall be responsible for the conduct of the annual "Collection Drive" and for promoting maximum participation by the membership in this project.

He or she shall also assist the Chairman of the Program and Entertainment, Aid & Assistance Committee and Hospital Committee.

The Second Jr. Vice Commander assists the Chapter Chaplain in notifying Chapter members when a Chapel Service or Burial is to be conducted.

He or she shall see that the U.V.O.A. Charter, Altar Cloth Bible, Colors, and other ceremonial accessories are properly arranged, furnishings in proper order, in any place where a regular or special meeting of any kind is to be held by his or her Chapter.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive and immediately deposit all funds in a bank account in the name of the Chapter without any deductions or offsets.

He or she shall issue receipts for all cash funds received.

The Treasurer shall make authorized disbursements only by checks or vouchers signed by himself and countersigned by the Commander.

He or she shall keep a system of accounts approved by the Chapter and shall preserve all receipts and checks or vouchers for payment made in accordance with rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service, and the applicable statutes of the State for non profit charitable corporations.

The Treasurer shall render a quarterly report of receipts and expenditures to the Chapter, not later than the first regular Chapter meeting following the last day of each quarter. Such reports shall have been audited and approved by the Auditing Committee.

The Treasurer shall render reports covering the annual "Collection Drive", and any other fund raising projects under-taken by Chapter to the Department, or National as instructed.

He or she shall also be responsible for preparing and submitting necessary forms and financial statements when required to do so by the Secretary of State of the State therein in order to qualify and retain status as a charitable organization.

Also, the Treasurer is responsible for preparing and submitting any and all reports required by the Inter-

nal Revenue.

DUTIES OF JUDGE ADVOCATE

The Judge Advocate upon the request of the Commander or The Executive Board, shall render an opinion of all matters directly concerning the Chapter, and on parliamentary questions, or any question arising out of any dispute during the course of a meeting or concerning the interpretation of the Chapter Bylaws, or the Bylaws of the Department or National Organizations.

Upon receipt of his opinion (if the Commander is not in the Chair) shall announce his decision, which need not be in accordance with the opinion of the Judge Advocate, and the decision of the Commander shall be final and binding upon the Chapter.

DUTIES OF CHAPLAIN

The Chaplain shall perform the duties of his or her station as set forth in the Official Ritual.

He or she shall visit the sick and comfort the families of those members who, are called to the "Great Beyond".

The Chaplain encourages attendance at Veterans conducted Chapel Services and Burials.

He or she shall send get well cards to members sick in the hospital, nursing homes, and sick at home. Also, send sympathy cards to members of the family of the deceased veteran.

The Chaplain attends funeral services for deceased members of his or her Chapter.

Keep the Commander informed of all needed welfare and assistance of any member, widow or dependents.

DUTIES OF ADJUTANT

The Adjutant keeps record of all business conducted by himself or herself and other officers of the

Chapter, including the minutes of each Executive Board and Chapter meetings.

He or she shall conduct the general correspondence of the Chapter, that is, correspondence which is not a function proper to other officers or committees.

Keeps an up-to-date file of membership in good standing.

Collect all dues and other income insuring that proper receipts are issued for all cash funds received and remit all such sums, without deductions, to the Treasurer immediately upon receipt.

Adjutant keeps all committee reports on file. Make minutes of Chapter meetings and records available to members upon request.

Furnish committees with whatever documents are required for the performance of their duties, and to have on hand, at each meeting, a list of all existing committees and their members.

Adjutant shall furnish delegates with credentials.

He or she shall prepare and submit an Annual Report for Corporations to the Secretary of State.

Adjutant shall maintain a record book containing a copy of the Amended Articles of Incorporation of the Chapter, Chapter Bylaws, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Department and National Organization, minutes of the previous meetings, and shall have this Record book on hand at every meeting together with a copy of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised.

The Adjutant shall be responsible for sending out to the membership a notice of each meeting.

He or she submits a report to Department Headquarters and National Headquarters of all newly elected Chapter officers as soon as possible after the annual elections.

Adjutant will submit request to Department Headquarters for fund raising activities approved by members present at a Chapter meeting.

Keep Commander up-to-date on all correspondence received.

DUTIES OF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER

The Legislative officer shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining a Chapter Legislative Action Program in support of the Department and National Programs.

He or she shall seek to coordinate his or her activities with those of the Chapter's Auxiliary Unit, working together toward common goals.

When a "Call to Action" is received from either the Department or National, the Legislative officer shall immediately notify the Chapter membership, requesting immediate action in the form of letters, telegrams, and telephone calls, as appropriate, to area lawmakers in Washington, D.C. to secure favorable and needed legislation for veterans and their dependents, as well as blocking any proposal intended to deprive the veterans of benefits already granted.

The Legislative officer must use every opportunity to pass on information that will be needed by all members whose support is crucial.

The Legislative office shall exert every effort possible to arrange for personal visits locally with the area member of Congress in Washington and State Legislators especially when these Legislators are not in session.

DUTIES OF OFFICER OF THE DAY

The Officer of the Day shall welcome all visitors and see that each is properly introduced at Chapter meetings.

The Officer of the Day takes down the names, Chapter affiliation and office, if any, of visiting Veterans.

DUTIES OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

The Sergeant at Arms shall, on the floor of the meeting shall, assist in preserving order as the Commander may direct.

He or she also serves as bookkeeper of all meetings, check the eligibility of those arriving, and deny entrance to unauthorized persons.

The Sergeant at Arms shall see that the Charter, Altar Cloth, Bible, Colors, and other ceremonial accessories are properly arranged, furnishings in proper order, in any place where a regular or special meeting of any kind is to be held by his Chapter.

DUTIES OF SERVICE OFFICER

The Service Officer shall advise and assist veterans and their dependents, in technical preparations of their equitable claims for benefits from any governmental agency, and in securing suitable gainful employment.

DUTIES OF PUBLICITY OFFICER/HISTORIAN

The Publicity Officer/Historian, Upon approval of the Commander or Executive Board, shall furnish proper publicity materials to local newspaper, radio stations, and official publications of the Department and National Organizations.

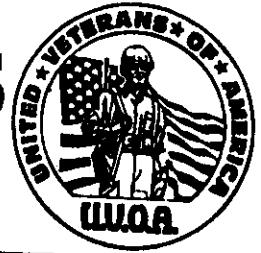
This officer shall also keep a brief history of the activities of the Chapter during His or her term of office to be kept as a permanent record of the Chapter.

OBLIGATIONS OF ALL OFFICERS

Each member, by accepting any elected or appointive office, promises and agrees to perform the duties of such office or appointment to the best of his or her ability; to act and conduct himself or herself in such a manner, at all times and places, as will only affect the good of the organization; to enforce and sustain the Chapter Bylaws, and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Department and National Organizations; and when his successor has been duly elected or appointed, to surrender to him or her, without notice or demand, all the records and other property of the Chapter or of this organization in his possession or under his or her control.



UNITED VETERANS OF AMERICA



National Headquarters P.O. Box # 460 Excel Alabama 36439 (205)765-2609

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NATIONAL SENIOR VICE COMMANDER



HOW TO START A LOCAL CHAPTER OF UNITED VETERANS OF AMERICA



1. Any member in good standing may form a local chapter. They must be a member of United Veterans of America, and dues must be paid at the time of making application.
2. Any member who declares that their desire to form a local chapter will complete the Charter application form and return it to National. Any member may start the proposed chapter and serve as the chapters Pro-temp commander until enough members are signed up as new members or transfers to be able to hold election for the chapters officers. They need ten members in good standing. No person will be
3. allowed to be a member or hold elected or appointed office unless their membership dues are paid. Upon the approval of National Headquarters, the Pro-temp chapter commander will be issued a certificate of Charter from the National Headquarters, and a letter of authorization. The Pro-Temp chapter will be authorized to issue press releases for his or her local chapter so veterans and their families may join. The press release should include the chapters founder or founders names, time and date of meetings and location and who to call for membership application.
4. Each chapter will work under and within the frame work of the National By-Laws of United Veterans of America.
5. Each chapter will receive back from National 25% of the dues paid for each and every member. Example annual dues National total is \$20.00, chapter receives back \$5.00 - National Partial Paid Life \$50.00. Chapter receives back \$12.50, National Life dues \$150.00 Chapter \$37.50 any chapter may set it's own dues above the National dues with the approval from National.

CHARTER APPLICATION FORM

We the undersigned (HONORABLY Discharged Veterans) here by unite ourselves together for the purpose of forming a local Chapter within our State or Country. We submit this application for Charter of the UNITED VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC. Ten new members in good standing are required to form a local chapter. Please have all new members complete the membership application form on the rear of this brochure. All new members \$20.00 dues must be paid in full before a charter certificate will be issued. Return this application along with all new members applications.

Proposed Chapter Name _____

Location _____

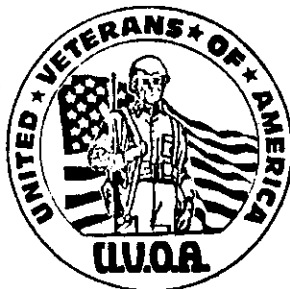
City _____ State _____ Country _____

Telephone # _____ Founder _____

Founders Names _____

Person Making this Application _____

Sign by Founder or Founders



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Any veteran with an Honorable Discharge may join, to include family members and allied forces of the United States.

Annual Dues only \$20.00, Life Dues \$150.00

Each new member receives:

* Certificate of membership in four colors made out in your name you will be proud to display.

* Hertz, 10% membership discount card for U.V.O.A. members only, Hertz the official car leasing company of all the United Veterans of America Worldwide.

U.V.O.A. has produced its own video that consists of news releases and montage program on Agent Orange, if you would like a copy on VHS, only send \$19.95 check or money order to: U.V.O.A. Box 460, Excel, Alabama, No. 36439.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 APPLICATION OF MEMBERSHIP UNITED VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.

United Veterans Of America, P.O. Box 460, Excel Alabama Zip 36439

Yes I want to join the United Veterans of America. I want my rights and benefits protected. I will receive a membership certificate and I.D. card and Bi-Monthly newsletter from National.

CHECK ONE BOX U.S. ARMED FORCES ALLIED FORCES OF THE U.S.

Tel # Home _____ Office _____ Other _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Country _____

Amt. Paid \$ _____ New Life \$150.00 New Life Minimur \$50.00
 New Annual \$20.00 Two years to pay balance

ANY AND ALL VETFRANS ARE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE ORGANIZATION WITH HONORABLE DISCHARGE REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, CREED, AGE OR RELIGION.

Sponsor _____ Date _____ Social Security # _____

Chapter # _____ State _____ Applicant Sign Here _____

To Join Make Checks or Money Orders payable to
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