

Spina Bifida Association of America

TO: ADVOCATES/INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: Roberta Carlin, SBAA Associate Executive Director

RE: Agent Orange Outreach Campaign

DATE: August 15, 1997

*Re: Betty Ford
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Last September, President Clinton signed into law unprecedented legislation establishing a benefits package for Vietnam war veterans' children with spina bifida associated with their parents' military service.

Vietnam veterans' children with spina bifida will receive health care, vocational training, and up to \$1,200 in monthly financial assistance under the "Agent Orange Benefits Act of 1996."

SBAA is implementing a national outreach campaign to locate families that will benefit from this landmark piece of legislation.

SBAA is asking you to help us in this challenging endeavor. The government estimates there are approximately 3,000 families that are eligible for the benefits under "The Agent Orange Benefits Act." However, to date, only 700 have been identified.

Please copy and distribute the one page flier enclosed in this mailing. Try and be creative by utilizing methods to reach consumers and professionals in your community. You may print this flier or summarize it for your association newsletter. Possibly, a story in your local newspaper, posting a sign in your local pharmacy or grocery store, or even by having fliers available every time you attend a meeting would be great ways to reach your community members.

If you have any questions, please call Roberta Carlin at the SBAA national office.

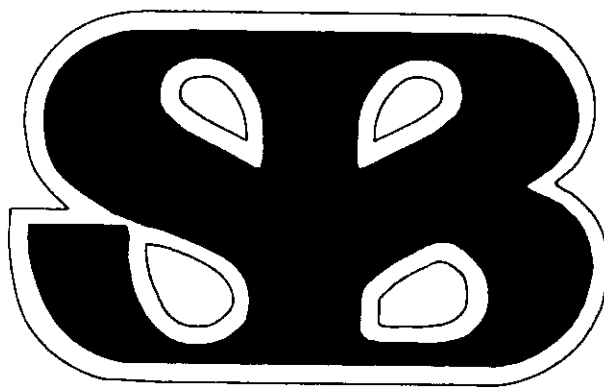
THANK YOU!!!!

AGENT ORANGE BENEFITS ACT OF 1996

ATTENTION ALL VIETNAM VETERANS!

PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD...

THE SPINA BIFIDA



ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

1. Are you a Vietnam Veteran?
2. Do you have a Child with Spina Bifida?

On September 26, 1996, President Clinton signed into law the *Agent Orange Benefits Act of 1996*. This legislation provides children of Vietnam veterans who were born with spina bifida with

- A Monthly Allowance
- Lifetime Healthcare Benefits
- Vocational and Rehabilitation Training

If you answered "yes" to both of these questions above, please call:

The Spina Bifida Association of America at

Compensation is scheduled to begin October 1, 1997