

AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE AS A RESULT OF BEING STATIONED ON GUAM

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Each time I read the VW-1 Tracker I am amazed at how poorly our country and the VA are treating our friends. I personally had no difficulty with the VA at all. I walked into the VA Clinic in Elgin, IL and showed them my DD-214 and they said, "...you are automatically covered for Agent Orange because you received a Vietnam Service Medal." Their care has been outstanding.

However, there are a lot of you who have not been so fortunate. After the last reunion in Orlando, I received several e-mails from a friend outlining the use of Agent Orange in Guam and the subsequent contamination of the water supply in Guam and particularly on military installations. These e-mails included the scientific document about water tests, Blue Ribbon Panel reports, Congressional Hearing minutes, well testing data, Lake Fena EPA testing results and VA appeal hearing results showing that the GI was entitled to disability benefits as a result of being stationed on Guam.

Therefore, it appears that our friends don't need buddy letters, or TAD orders, although they would certainly help. We should only have appeal on the basis of being in VW-1 on Guam. That may not be easy but I can give you the websites that will get you doing your own homework so that you can approach one of the several veterans appeal firms that work on a contingency basis. Start by doing a search on the following ideas and sites:

Guam: Water Contamination (read everything)

Guam and Agent Orange – the Sanderson Research

Guam: Agent Orange Water Contamination

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Notice the Agent Orange VA claims. Pay particular attention to the Sample Cases! Also the several cases for service on Guam!

Guam: Naval Air Station water contamination

List of contaminated military installations.

Search for firms that specialize in VA/SSA appeals that will work on a contingency, some as low as 20 per cent.

This will give you some direction for your appeals to the VA. I wish that I could help you more, but this is all that I have.

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(Note: Thank you, Scott, for this information on the Agent Orange situation. It was refreshing to hear that your experience with the VA office in Elgin was so rewarding. Nice to know that there is somewhere where it is being done RIGHT.)

Agent Orange in Guam and in the Water Supply at NAS Agana, Guam

I want to give you an additional helping hand in your research regarding Agent Orange on Guam. This is a list of just SOME of the web sites relating to AGENT ORANGE contamination of the water supply on Guam over the time that VW-1 was headquartered on Guam.

www.guamagentorange.info

Start here. There are a lot of congressional inquiry minutes, and a lot of personal experiences and opinion, but this brings all of the bits and pieces into one central site. Be sure to read "DANGERS OF FORMER MILITARY BASES." Anderson and NAS were directly above the main aquifer on Guam.

http://guamagentorange.info/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/Point_paperFont.118230730.pdf

http://guamagentorange.info/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/Some_History_of_Agent_Orange_on_Guam.238144444.pdf

Unfortunately this vet doesn't include his name or outfit, but apparently he was at NAS. Read the e-mails from other people.

www.veteransinfo.org/guam.html

This site brings together a lot of information found in the other sites that I have found a well as a whistle blower report by a MD, PhD from the University of Guam (Agent Orange 3 Guam)

www.veteranstoday.com/2010/06/22/rainbow-colored-chemical-agents-on-guam/
www.bluewaternavy.org More data
<http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/Herbicide/AOno3.htm>

Here is a list of the diseases attributed to AO exposure. This is the official VA info.
<http://www.landscaper.net/agent2.htm>

Follow this site to AGENT ORANGE for Statistics; and then further to the AGENT ORANGE website (www.lewispublishing.com/orange) for VA claim and benefit info.

I hope that what I compiled will help you in your fight with the VA to get the care that we all so richly deserve, and perhaps the disability payments that some so desperately need.

When I enter the Hines Veteran Hospital in Maywood, IL, I see a sign that states: "The cost of freedom is evident here." Please feel free to call or E/mail if I can be of further help.

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