

Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Association



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The Honorable Johnny Isakson
Chairman, Senate Veterans Affairs Committee
Via Fax

Dear Chairman Isakson,

I feel things can be simplified on the issue of the Blue Water Navy Vietnam veterans and their exposure to toxic herbicide while serving offshore Vietnam.

It doesn't matter whether we are talking about a separation of 30 feet or 30 miles between the men offshore and the troops on ground. Both groups have the SAME DISEASES. If the entire range of diseases is identical, then the CAUSE must have been identical. If not, then there were TWO TOXIC AGENTS that were involved. But in the 50 years of studying this issue, no one has ever come up with a second causal agent. Therefore, it must have been exposure to the same herbicide that poisoned both groups. There is no other way it could have happened.

That, sir, is valid science, medicine and logic, all combined into one. Please move S-681 out of Committee and to the Senate floor for a vote. The surviving Vietnam veterans of the US Navy and Marines who served offshore are depending on you for your support in this matter.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Paul Rossie".

John Paul Rossie, Executive Director
USNR, USS Radford (DD-446), RVN 1969
A Proud Tin Can Sailor