Thursday, November 29, 2018
BLUE WATER NAVY VETS NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Contact your Senator NOW and ask them to please support
H.R. 299 Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018

Vietnam Veterans of America - Legislative Alert
November 29, 2018
Congress is very close to finally passing Blue Water Navy legislation, but unless the Senate acts in the next two weeks, that effort will fail.
For over a decade, Vietnam Veterans of America has sought legislation to restore presumptive Agent Orange exposure status to members of the Armed Forces, who served in the territorial waters of Vietnam. H.R. 299, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018, passed the House by a vote of 382-0 on June 25, 2018.
When the bill is enacted into law, “Blue Water” veterans who served off the coast of Vietnam,
veterans who served near the demilitarized zone in Korea, and certain veterans who served in
Thailand will again be eligible for compensation for service-connected, disabilities related to their
exposure to Agent Orange.
VVA believes Congress should recognize that these veterans were exposed to Agent Orange and
should authorize presumptive status for VA disability claims associated with this exposure. Now is
the time to contact your Senators to ask them to support this bill.
Take Action enter your zip code, and send the prepared letters to your Senator requesting that
Senator Isakson, Chair, Senate Veterans Affair Committee move H.R. 299, the Blue Water Navy
Vietnam Veterans Act of 2018, out of committee and on to the Senate floor for a vote and passage.
Please follow-up your letter with a call to the Senate switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask to be
connected to your Senator.
These veterans are aging, and the time to help them is now!
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Barney Miller, Season 7, Episode 5 - Agent Orange
Sunday December 2 on FETV Network
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AGENT ORANGE and YOU!
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Reliving Agent Orange: What The Children of Vietnam Vets Have To Say
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What Is Agent Orange? I History
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uJaJbg9aRFI&feature=youtu.be
The Dark Shadow of Agent Orange I Retro Report I The New York Times
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzvTB0mQ50w
The Children of Agent Orange
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3DoCioUubo
Agent Orange and Children Of Vietnam Veterans
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8dz7NZ5Zu4
Impacts being seen in grandchildren of Vietnam War veterans, Is it Agent Orange?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFYCy24ChPM
The Children of Agent Orange
Congress takes steps to expand burn pit research efforts

Veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are becoming increasingly concerned that exposure to toxins produced by burn pits during deployments will mirror the experiences of veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange in Vietnam. In an effort to help address these concerns, earlier this year Congress passed the Helping Veterans Exposed to Burn Pits Act. This Act marks the first major step by Congress to research how burn pits affected veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. However, while this legislation is another step forward in helping veterans suffering from exposure to burn pits, a true solution for burn pit exposure is most likely still years away.

Responding to the increasing concern regarding how exposure to burn pits is affecting veterans, this September, Congress passed the Helping Veterans Exposed to Burn Pits Act. The Helping Veterans Exposed to Burn Pits Act is the second piece of legislation Congress has passed to help veterans suffering from the effects of burn pit exposure, but the first piece of legislation that may finally provide answers regarding what conditions are caused by burn pit exposure.

In 2013, Congress required the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to establish the Burn Pit Registry to identify health conditions possibly related to burn pit exposure. While the Burn Pit Registry provided data for use in research it did not provide funding to carry out research regarding the data collected from the Burn Pit Registry.

Vt. Guard general’s death draws attention to burn pit dangers

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Heston was buried with full military honors at the Veterans Cemetery in Randolph, Vermont, on Saturday. An order from Vermont Gov. Philip B. Scott said flags would be flown at half-staff until sunset Monday.

Heston, the oldest son of Thomas and Dorothea Heston, grew up in Cumberland, graduating from Cumberland High School in 1978 and from Roger Williams College in 1982.
During his 34-year military career, he rose to the second-highest rank in the Vermont National Guard. He was also a trooper in the Vermont State Police for 26 years, retiring as a sergeant in 2010.

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