

I, Ernest K. Reed, do solemnly swear the following as true, so help me GOD. I was an A1C, service number AF 3349778 and was assigned to the 4258th Field Maintenance Squadron, U-Tapao AF, Thailand. I was a Jet Engine Mechanic, AFSC 43230. My first assignment at U-Tapao was 67 - 69, 70 - 72, 72 - 73 (temporary duty assignment).

Many times during my tour of duty at U-Tapao I would have to assist the jet engine mechanics that worked on the flight line. Since we had to work on B-52 and KC-135 many were parked on the revetments that were near the perimeters of the base. Particular the B-52s parking areas spot V-1 and along J row towards the runway were barren without any foliage which I thought was quite unusual. One day while working on a B-52, I felt a mist of some kind falling on my forearms. Not thinking much of it, I continued working. Several minutes later the mist dried and turned a milky white. After we finished our work of removing and replacing a jet engine I got on our van/truck and was heading back to the shop. On the way back I saw a fogger sprayer vehicle spray the foliage around the perimeter of the base. I later realize that the milky white mist was Agent Orange spray.

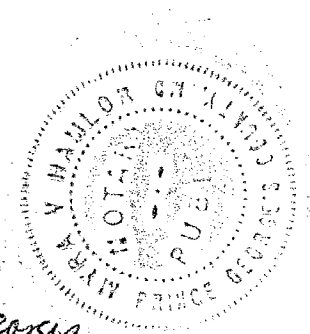
While stationed at U-Tapao, I was assigned to the modular barracks, which were pre-fabricated, 2 story structures. This area around the perimeter of the barracks was always barren dirt. This was odd considering the tremendous amount of rain fall we received at U-Tapao. In addition, other areas were defoliated including the baseball field, the klong near the barracks.

I was diagnosis with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) in 1993. A condition that the VA presumes is service-connected as the result of exposure to Agent Orange. However, I have been denied compensation because I severed duty in Thailand for over 4 years and not Vietnam.


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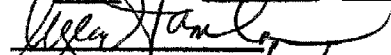
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Sworn to and subscribed before me on
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