

This was forwarded by a brother Marine in response to Dixie Miller's letter of earlier this week. Bill is a member of the VVA Agent Orange/Dioxin Committee.
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To: senator_jim_webb@webb.eneews.senate.gov

Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 9:47 PM

Subject: Re: New Profile

Sir, I admire your Vietnam Service, and all your service to this Country and your distinguish war record. Yet I too am a combat wounded Vietnam Veteran and have multiple problems associated with Agent Orange/Dioxin (AO/D) and I'm only getting worse. I was very active after 4 years in the USMC and got out after 4 years at the age of 21. I was also an Airborne Marine and use to jog (when jogging wasn't even a word) around my neighborhood. That was all well and good till one day my right leg went out from me and I fell flat on my face on the black top and ended up with road rash but my jogging days were over. Our country was still spraying AO/D till 71' 4 years after I got out. Like most Vietnam Vets I became a closet vet and didn't want anything to do with the VA or Government. Hence I now have about 18 conditions I'm fighting the VA on and I believe it's a slow death for me and my claims as the one year comes into play. The Veteran Community is not happy with you Senator Webb, you may be one of us but your not with us. Your stance on AO/D is on thin ice. Please don't go down the path of Chuck Robb and do nothing or your re-election could possibly be a shame like what happen to Senator Kerry from Mass.

I ask that as a Virginian you support one of the country's largest veteran populations and those that fought along side you (do you remember those, their names and where they are now?). There aren't that many boots on the ground that are still alive if the static's are correct, more than one half have pass away. We are dying at a faster rate than any other modern war starting with WW1. Other than The First Gulf War Vets we are the only ones that were openly sprayed on, had dust come through our lungs either by walking or on the back of sixbys, washing from AO/D barrels to take showers and not to mention the drinking water both from streams and water buffalo's.

I have had two pacemakers since I was 41 in 91 and just had a Cath done three weeks ago on three arteries that feed the heart. I'm 64 will I see 74? I have Hyper and hypotension, I black out even with a pacemaker, I black out on a motorcycle and rode off the road near Middleberg last year and have metal in my leg and shoulder and I still may need addition surgery on the shoulder. I still work because I'm a Marine and won't quit till it's over. My symptoms and problems are not common in my family, but my family of Brothers in Vietnam are dying monthly. Our Battalion I-1-3 is a dying Battalion our reunions are smaller and smaller. The only ones beating us are the Vietnamese.

Again with all due respect, work for the Vietnam Veteran we need your support and help for all veterans

Sincerely

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