

To whom it may concern:

My name is Kirt Love, disabled combat veteran from the 1990 Gulf War. I'm a veteran advocate since 1997. Have attended a plethora of government events, meetings, and presentations and such related to the Gulf War.

In the early years of the RAC I was a regular attendant and tried to get on the record as much as possible. Of which I ended up being the most focal critic of the committee when things seem to stray.

By 2008 I was successful in getting a healthcare benefits advisory committee with VA by letter to congress submitted to the Secretary of VA. Was in turn appointed to that committee and till 2009 tried to mold the committees agenda until the final report and our premature disbanding.

The committee was then suppressed by VA, and our website with materials was summarily buried. It is not listed on the VA Gulf War webpage and our committee final report was ignored by VA these last 7 years.

My health issues have worsened, and the Temple VAMC was so rude to me that I only go in for emergencies.

I've tried all sorts of regiments, and have found that my food allergies are not necessarily the foods but the additives / non-organic compounds added to them are my issues.

I had found that dark chocolate did help with some of my issues, however prolonged exposure to it created a reverse reaction to it over time. Even with organic chocolate. Later I found that even the organic chocolate nibs had some chemical residuals that were not natural to them. Expectable levels are not for someone with chemical sensitivity. So I benefit from raw chocolate I cannot take it for prolonged periods.

MSG, nitrates, and even synthetic oils in Ramen have strong negative impacts on me. Most soups have enough of these compounds that one serving can set off a cardiological and endocrine response to them.

At this point the only counter to this is harsh physical activity to lower the effects, which is hard to do with limited mobility and skeletal issues.

So I'm trying to elude that a dietary study should also be done with chemical analysis of the foods to show if Gulf War veterans have heightened sensitivity to artificial element in the food supply. Above background norm compared to general population.

The New Jersey WRIISC will be conference calling me later this

week to discuss this and other elements with its staff.

I still would like to see the cryo stored blood samples at UT Southwestern sequenced, and the genomes compared for genetic anomalies versus the public sector. As I feel fairly certain minor genetic insults from the Gulf War that impede normal cell function.

Also, we need a non-Wramc study to verify that Gulf Era veterans are not long term carriers of Leishmaniasis. Over a 25 years pattern there are at least 1,500 or more diagnosed veterans and I strongly suspect a under reported disease rate of a factor of 10 loose donating blood in America. That without a proof of sterile cure to date, the chances of dormant carriers upto 40 years exist at this time. A permanent blood ban should be imposed on all soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan until clinical proof shows absolute sterile cure among them. Something I tried to address on my former committee was voted down.

At this time DOD has no desire to release the records from the Gulf war 25 years after the war. They are in violation of security law related to government documents. OSAGWI itself 15 years ago stated it had 1.5 million medically relevant records to the war, of which to date only 47,00 have been released. If nothing happened during the Gulf War then why is it still 99% classified top secret, if you follow release protocol standards. Oh, much of it is confidential or secret, they have treated the bulk top secret with no desire to release any time soon. I think this is most certainly a smoking gun of guilt when it comes to medical information that would help Gulf War veteran medical issues.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely
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