

Agent Orange on Guam Affidavit

My name is Brian Moyer and my date of birth is March 31, 1955 and I was born in Detroit, Michigan. When I was 18 years old after graduation from high school I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps after going through Basic Training at MCRD San Diego, California and more training at infantry Training School in Camp Pendleton. It was back to MCRD San Diego to attend Sea Duty Indoctrination School where we trained on ships protocol and ships security issues with regards to nuclear weapons.

After completion of Sea Duty School I was ordered to Marine Detachment USS Proteus AS-19 which was home ported at Apra Harbor, Guam and arrived at my duty station in February 1974 and rotated back to the US mainland in February 1976. The crew from the Proteus also participated in Operation New Life and sailors and marines from the Proteus worked in the Orote Pointe refugee camp that housed thousands of Vietnamese national who fled from South Vietnam when Saigon fell to North Vietnam in April of 1975.

When we got time to get away from our duties on the Proteus we would go to various points on Guam such as Talafofo Falls, swimming at Natural Pools, snorkeling in any of the many bays around Guam. We would also go exploring in the jungle and go up to the top of Mount Lamlam. On one of our adventures of exploring we ended up at the above ground fuel lines that ran from Apra Harbor which is in the lower central, southern part of Guam all the way to Andersen AFB which is at the far north end of Guam.

Three other marines and I had to climb over the double stacked pipelines to keep going on our walk through the jungle but what I remember is that there was no thick dense vegetation growing there and I wondered how that was maintained. I found out from M/Sgt Leroy Foster in conversation approximately six months ago that he sprayed herbicides (Agent Orange) along the fuel line route for ten years on Guam.

I also was sent to Andersen AFB, Guam to attend a firefighting school in the first three months of my arrival to Guam and the Proteus where we were taught by Air Force staff how to extinguish fires with fire extinguishers all the way up to entering and fighting fires in a concrete block house that burning tires in it. The small fire were set ablaze in split 55 gallon oil drums and we put out the fires with a regular ABC rated fire extinguishers. I later found out that the fuel that was lit on fire for us to extinguish was the remnants of the fuel and Agent Orange mixture from the 750 gallon tank trailer that M/Sgt Foster used for vegetation control around Andersen AFB, Guam.

I also remember being told by one of the instructors at the Fire Fighting School that there was a "slight contamination problem with one of the wells and that if the water in the drinking fountain smelled or tasted like aviation fuel not to drink it." I was getting a drink and could taste and smell something like gasoline and spit it out and if I recall correctly the training staff had someone bring coolers of water out to the training site.

One of my other duties on the Proteus was "driver" and I was issued a military driver's license and I would end up driving up to Andersen AFB at least twice on average four times a month to pick up new personal or drop off outgoing personal who were returning to the mainland. I remember driving

through the main gate at Andersen AFB and looking to my left and seeing all these densely packed trees that stood about six to eight feet tall which appeared to be impenetrable.

The thing that sticks the most in my mind is that those dense growing trees were all brown in color and there were no leaves on them which didn't make sense because Guam is a tropical island approximately 400 mile north of the Equator and everything is green on Guam because of the climate and rainfall. I thought maybe the trees were intentionally burned and then Air force staff would come through with a bulldozer and plow everything away from the security fences. I found out many years later that was where M/Sgt Foster had sprayed Agent Orange type herbicides.

One other thing that I recall about going through Andersen AFB whether to go to the terminal or going to Tarague Beach is that the area that I described by the main gate fence line never "greened up" never ever did see that thick tangle of trees grow leaves on them.

Another marine named James Kuiken who resides in Vienna, Virginia and I also walked across a big field where there was hardly any grass growing to go look and climb around inside a gutted out B-52 Bomber at Andersen AFB, Guam. I found that that field had also been sprayed with herbicides by M/Sgt Foster.

At Apra Harbor I remember seeing a work party of sailors from the Proteus walking along the inner fence line and picking up trash and litter and a small trailer spray rig attached to small tractor moving along the fence line and out on the perimeter areas were the tree line started. I don't know who was driving the tractor or what was being sprayed but again years later a former crew member would state that it was Agent Orange being deployed.

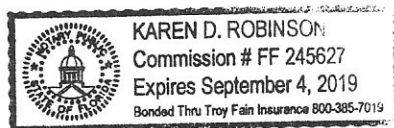
I swear this affidavit is accurate and true to the best of my memory and if I am telling any lies, falsehoods or fabrications that I will be held accountable in a court of law in any jurisdiction of the United States and its Territories.

Respectfully Submitted on 24th of January, 2017

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Signed & Sworn to me this Day January 24th 2017

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