

September 14, 2009

To the Veterans Administration:

For: Sgt Ralph A. Stanton
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My name is Msgt LeRoy Glenn Foster, USAF, Retired. I am writing this letter to testify in support of Ralph A. Stanton's exposure to Agent Orange herbicides which I prepared, mixed and sprayed on Andersen AFB, Guam and all of the off base fuels facilities, cross country pipelines that spanned the island to the Naval Fuel Supply Depot underground storage tanks. I sprayed these herbicides in, on, and around all the places Sgt. Stanton had to work.

I prepared, mixed and sprayed these herbicides to include Agent Orange and Agent Blue herbicides which were packaged in 55 gallon drum containers identified with colored bands and 50 lb dry chemical bags with Monsanto on the bags. I was an A1C and a Sgt during the time frame of 1969 and 1970 and 1971. I worked in the 43rd Supply Squadron Fuels Division and was assigned to on and off base fuels facility operations. I used a five ton blue tractor truck and a yellow 750 gallon tank trailer which was an old MK1 oil and Adi trailer to service C124 Globemaster Aircraft which was converted into a herbicide spraying trailer.

I often would have to spray the entire pipe lines, hydrant pump stations on the flight line, the Quonset huts storing the packaged oil for the B52 bombers, the fuel valve pits, the security fences surrounding the flight line, the fuel storage facilities at Andy I, Andy II, the Liquid Oxygen bldg, the Fuel operations office, the truck refueling hardstands, the refueling fleet checkout area, all of the off base fuel storage facilities at Potts tank farm, Naval Air Station Fuel Booster pump station, Tumon Tank Farm and the entire Cross country pipeline.

I also sprayed at the Yigo and Dededo Packaged Oil warehouse Quonset hut where I operated forklifts to load and unload packaged oil for the B52 bombers jet engine oil. I would work many long hours but sprayed a lot there because of the jungle over growth. Sgt Stanton worked alongside me during the two years we were stationed there together. He often was rebuilding valves, pumps, filters etc. He also had to maintain corrosion control on those fuels systems and was always getting the wind blown spray on him. He would complain to me to keep that shit away from him as it would turn a chalky white on immediate contact.

He and I developed sterility there but never said anything to each other as we both probably thought that was much too personal to talk about. He and I have many serious diseases now and we both probably will not live much longer past 65 if we reach it. I have many friends now that have died in their forties and fifties from these herbicides.

I know that the US Air Force and the Department of Defense know the truth about these herbicides. The denial must end. I am asking our government to be honest now about these Agent Orange herbicides.

I swear to God that all of the above is true and correct.

Signed,



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Witnessed this day of Sept 15, 2009
by.....

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Qualified in Chautauqua County
Commission Expires Sept. 22, 20 11

HEALTH RECORD

CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF MEDICAL CARE

DATE

SYMPTOMS, DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT, TREATING ORGANIZATION (Sign each entry)

USAF DISPENSARY (CLASS B)
ANDERSEN AFB, GUAM

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ANDERSEN AFB, GUAM

I am adding this to show that Sgt. Foster is a "Creditable Witness". This medical record shows that Sgt. Foster was being treated for herbicide exposure while on Guam. He was never in Vietnam.

16 OCT 1968

Clone

R

Foster

Unit A

Tekacycline 250 BID

RT 2 wks

W

Some improvement, but still new lesion
Foster RF

Astringent BOP

Acne lotion 1/2

RTC 2 wks to Dr. Widge

Saley

18 NOV 1968

Clone

R

Tekacycline 250 BID

Foster

W

SEX

RACE

GRADE, RATING, OR POSITION

ORGANIZATION UNIT

COMPONENT OR BRANCH

SERVICE, DEPT. OR AGENCY

PATIENT'S LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME

DATE OF BIRTH (DAY-MONTH-YEAR)

IDENTIFICATION NO.

Foster, Leroy G.

050 38 8104

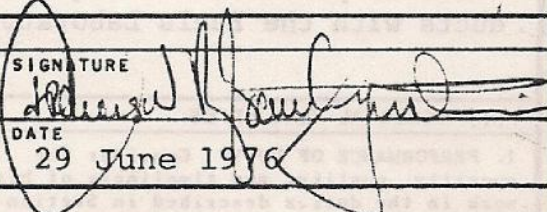
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Standard Form 600 2

FACTS AND SPECIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS: SSgt Foster established an effective operator maintenance program which greatly reduced system discrepancies and culminated in his section's ability to support numerous fuel handling operations. He maintained excellent rapport with CE and coordinated ground works for Tumon and Potts Tank Farm. He constantly insured that vegetation control of these two areas were continuously performed on a scheduled basis and because of his efforts, these facilities have always been excellent show-cases of the Fuels Management Branch. His excellent supervision and display of leadership resulted in the high morale and work productivity of his section. He has been very effective in accounting for over 17 million gallons of fuel, insuring that fuel is maintained at the highest quality for aircraft fueling. Right after Super Typhoon Pamela on 21 May 1976, SSgt Foster quickly reported to work and immediately made a comprehensive and complete survey of typhoon damage incurred at NAS Booster Station, the Cross-Country pipeline and the two off-base storage tank farms. He voluntarily worked 12 hours per day for over 10 days to restore off-base pumping capability and assisted at the base's mass restoration effort and clean-up program.

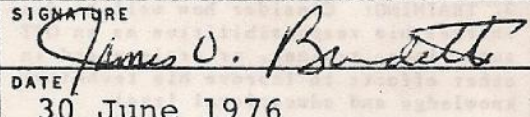
STRENGTHS: Superior management and leadership ability, coupled with his vast technical knowledge of the bulk storage system are SSgt Foster's most valuable assets. OTHER COMMENTS: SSgt Foster fully supports the Equal Opportunity Program. I recommend him for promotion at the earliest possible time.

VI. REPORTING OFFICIAL		
NAME, GRADE AND ORGANIZATION FRANCISCO R. SAN AGUSTIN, TSgt, FR458-66-1719, 43d Supply Squadron (SAC)	DUTY TITLE NCOIC Bulk Storage	SIGNATURE  DATE 29 June 1976

VII. INITIAL INDORSING OFFICIAL

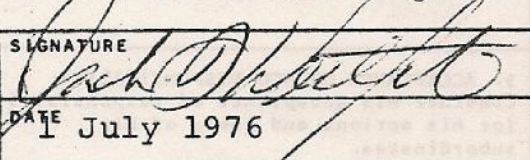
I concur. SSgt Foster has performed outstandingly since his assignment to Andersen. He has established support with support agencies and maintains the off-base areas in an immaculate condition. He has proven himself to be an outstanding technician as well as a manager.

I am adding this performance report record to show Sgt. Foster duties and that he is a "Creditable Witness".

NAME, GRADE AND ORGANIZATION JAMES O. BURDETTE, SMSgt FR259-52-6292, 43d Supply Squadron (SAC)	DUTY TITLE Fuels Management Officer	SIGNATURE  DATE 30 June 1976
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VIII. ADDITIONAL INDORSEMENT

I concur. I observed the efforts of SSgt Foster at least weekly. He is indeed an asset to this organization. His areas of responsibility are maintained in such a manner that promotes harmonious community relations and creates a favorable image for Andersen Air Force Base.

NAME, GRADE AND ORGANIZATION JACK D. WESTFALL, Colonel 235-54-0545FR, 43d Supply Squadron (SAC)	DUTY TITLE Commander	SIGNATURE  DATE 1 July 1976
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IX. ADDITIONAL INDORSEMENT		
NAME, GRADE AND ORGANIZATION	DUTY TITLE	SIGNATURE
		DATE

Rating Decision		<i>Department of Veterans Affairs</i> <i>VA Regional Office</i>		Page 1 01/24/2011
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ACTIVE DUTY			
EOD	RAD	BRANCH	CHARACTER OF DISCHARGE
08/11/1967	03/25/1983	Air Force	Honorable
03/26/1983	11/30/1987	Air Force	Honorable

LEGACY CODES			
ADD'L SVC CODE	COMBAT CODE	SPECIAL PROV CDE	FUTURE EXAM DATE
	1		None

I am presenting this record to show that Sgt Foster is a "Creditable Witness". The VA has approved his agent orange exposure case for his disabilities caused by his exposure on Guam.

JURISDICTION: Reopened Claim Received 09/22/2009

ASSOCIATED CLAIM(s): 023; New/Reopen; 09/22/09
291; Specially Adapted Housing; 07/29/10
290; Automobile Allowance; 07/29/10

SUBJECT TO COMPENSATION (1. SC)

7017-7005 **ARTERIOSCLEROTIC HEART DISEASE**, S/P CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS, CLAIMED AS ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE DUE TO **EXPOSURE TO AGENT ORANGE**
Service Connected, Peacetime, Incurred
Static Disability
100% from 08/14/1995
100% from 09/25/1995 (38 CFR 4.30)
100% from 12/01/1995
30% from 12/01/1996
100% from 09/22/2009

5242 DEGENERATIVE CHANGES OF THE LUMBAR SPINE
Service Connected, Peacetime, Incurred
Static Disability
40% from 11/05/2004

5299-5242 DEGENERATIVE DISC DISEASE AT C5-C6 AND C6-C7
Service Connected, Peacetime, Incurred
Static Disability
10% from 08/12/1992
20% from 11/25/1996
30% from 09/22/2009

7804 SCAR, CHEST AREA, CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS DONOR SITE
Service Connected, Peacetime, Incurred
10% from 09/27/1995

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5215 RESIDUALS, FRACTURE RIGHT WRIST
Service Connected, Vietnam Era, Incurred
0% from 12/01/1987
10% from 07/11/2001

7828-7800 **RESIDUAL SCARRING FROM ACNE VULGARIS, CLAIMED AS
CHLORACNE DUE TO EXPOSURE TO AGENT ORANGE**
Service Connected, Peacetime, Aggravated
Static Disability
10% from 09/22/2009

5227 RESIDUALS, FRACTURE RIGHT RING FINGER
Service Connected, Peacetime, Incurred
0% from 12/01/1987

7805 SCAR, RIGHT LEG, CORONARY ARTERY BYPASS DONOR SITE
Service Connected, Peacetime, Incurred
0% from 09/27/1995

COMBINED EVALUATION FOR COMPENSATION :

0% from 12/01/1987
10% from 08/12/1992
100% from 08/14/1995
100% from 09/25/1995 (38 CFR 4.30)
100% from 09/27/1995
50% from 12/01/1996
60% from 07/11/2001
70% from 11/05/2004
100% from 09/22/2009
Individual Unemployability Granted from November 5, 2004

SPECIAL MONTHLY COMPENSATION :

S-1 Entitled to special monthly compensation under 38 U.S.C. 1114, subsection (s) and 38 CFR 3.350(i) on account of arteriosclerotic heart disease, s/p coronary artery bypass, claimed as ischemic heart disease due to exposure to Agent Orange rated 100 percent and additional service-connected disabilities of degenerative changes of the lumbar spine, degenerative disc disease at C5-C6 and C6-C7, independently ratable at 60 percent or more from 09/22/2009.

S-1 Entitled to special monthly compensation under 38 U.S.C. 1114, subsection (s) and 38 CFR 3.350(i) on account of arteriosclerotic heart disease, s/p coronary artery bypass, claimed as ischemic heart disease due to exposure to Agent Orange rated 100 percent and additional service-connected disabilities of degenerative changes of the lumbar spine, degenerative disc disease at C5-C6 and C6-C7, residual scarring from acne vulgaris, claimed as chloracne due to exposure to agent orange, residuals, fracture right wrist, scar, chest area, coronary artery bypass donor site, independently ratable at 60 percent or more from 09/22/2009.

September 14, 2009

To the Veterans Administration.

This is in regards to my knowledge about:

Leroy G Foster, MSgt, USAF, Retired

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My name is Ralph A. Stanton. I was stationed at Andersen Air Force Base on Guam in 1969 and 1970. I was assigned to the 43rd CES Fuels Maintenance section. I performed maintenance on the fuel storage and delivery systems including tank farms, cross island pipe line, pump houses, hydrant pits, and filtering systems. That is where I met Le Roy G. Foster. He was in the 43rd Supply Squadron, Fuels Division. Their job was to operate the facilities that I worked on. These facilities were spread all around the island and our duties varied, so I didn't see Sgt. Foster every day but our paths crossed often.

One of the duties Sgt. Foster performed was vegetation control. The climate on Guam is a tropical jungle, so he sprayed often. The spray made me sick at my stomach, so I hated to see him coming our way. My words are still stuck in my mind after all this time "Here Comes That Little Bastard Spraying Again". Sgt. Foster probably weighed 125 lbs. soaking wet back then. When we could, we would move to another location but often we would be working on a high priority job that we had to finish so we couldn't leave.

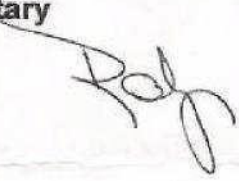
Sgt. Foster used a 5 ton truck to pull the spray rig. It was a yellow 750 gallon tank on a trailer with a gas powered pump and it had a long hose with a wand to do the spraying. Sometimes he would have a driver helping him and sometimes he would be by himself. When he was alone he would spray as far as the hose would let him then he would get in and move the truck up, then start spraying again. I felt sorry for him because it was so hot and humid and he had to breathe that spray. He had on rubber boots up to his knees, rubber gloves up to his elbows, a rubber apron down to his ankles, a clear face shield and no breathing protection.

He and I were diagnosed with very low sperm count and we both have developed severe health problems, heart disease, high blood pressure, chloracne, hypertension, thyroid problems, memory loss, severe arthritis spondiolysis and spinal stenosis, etc. We both lived in the Marbo Annex Barracks area, Sgt. Foster in the Supply Barracks and me in the CES Barracks across from each other. This area has been identified by EPA and the Government of Guam with extremely high dioxin levels. Sgt. Foster also sprayed there too, as the Fuels Package Oil warehouse was near there in Yigo and Dededo.



Here is a picture of the cross island pipeline booster station. As you can see there is NO vegetation. Sgt. Foster did a good job.

I testify that this is accurate and factual. Signed:

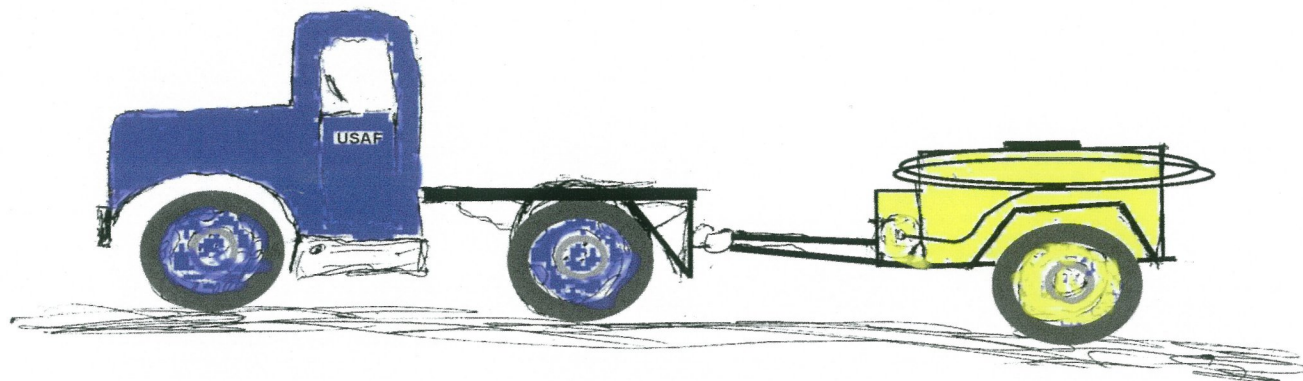

Ralph A. Stanton
Notary
 Robyn K. Rogers 9-14-09


If you have any questions you can reach me any time.

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Andersen AFB, Guam 1969 - 70

The picture above shows what the POL herbicide spray rig looked like. The pictures below show what the equipment looked like that Sgt. Foster wore while spraying herbicides at all the POL locations on and off base. I felt sorry for him because it was so hot and humid on Guam, and he had to breathe the fumes all the time. About half the time when I would see him he would have a driver helping him. He would sometimes ride on the spray tank and sometimes he would walk while he was spraying. When he was by himself he would drive while spraying from the cab. Sometimes he would stop the truck and get out to spray larger areas.

file photos



Rubber Boots



Rubber Gloves



Face Shield



Rubber Apron

I swear that everything on this page is accurate and factual to the best of my ability.

Ralph A. Stanton

1-22-2013

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