

My name is Ralph Stanton and I am applying for VA Disabilities benefits due to herbicide exposure on a Direct Exposure Service Connection basis. While I was stationed at Andersen AFB, Guam in 1969 & 1970 my job (54650) required me to perform maintenance and repairs, daily, on fuel storage and delivery systems including tank farms, cross island pipe line, pump houses, hydrant pits, and filtering systems. These systems were sprayed often with herbicides.



When we were caught up on our more important work we always had painting that needed done. Here is a picture of me painting at the booster station. Sgt. Foster took the picture with my camera. He was there operating the station.



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 spraying. The reason I took the picture is we just got finished painting everything.

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.

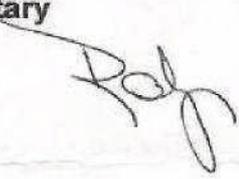
Sgt. Foster used a 5 ton truck to pull the spray rig. It was a yellow 750 gallon tank on a trailer with a gas powered pump and it had a long hose with a wand to do the spraying. Sometimes he would have a driver helping him and sometimes he would be by himself. When he was alone he would spray as far 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.



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I testify that this is accurate and factual. Signed:


Ralph A. Stanton
Notary
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If you have any questions you can reach me any time.

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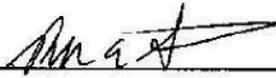


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While I was researching my case I found that the EPA has identified 26 Super Fund Clean-up sites on Guam (the island is only 30 miles by 8 miles) one of them is Anderson Air Force base. On that one site there is 39 separate clean-up sites, one of those is Marbo Annex. There are 6 clean-up sites at Marbo Annex. Marbo Annex was a few miles from the main base and there wasn't much there except a laundry and 6 barracks. I lived in one of the non air-conditioned barracks for about 4 months while I tried to find an off-base residence so I could bring my wife over. The testing by the EPA was first done in 1993 then in 1999 and 2000. The list of contamination has many dangerous chemicals and pesticides besides dioxin that have been found in the soil and ground water. The drinking water for the base comes from wells.

I CERTIFY THAT the statements here are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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