



NEXT VFP 56 MEETING

March 2, 2006
7:00 pm at the
Marsh Commons
101 H Street, Arcata

TOM HARPER MEMORIAL Potluck Planned for March 24th

VFP Chapter 56 will be holding a Potluck to celebrate the life of Thomas Sinclair Harper on the evening of Friday, March 24 (Tom's birthday) at the Marsh Commons. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m., right after our weekly 5-6 vigil.

Planning will take place at our March 2 meeting. Please attend and be prepared to sign up for a task (food, decorations, cleanup, music?, readings?) Or, call Carl at 616-6405.

— Carl Stancil

When Will We Discover Our Humanity?

by S. Brian Willson

My friend Dick Underhill, a member of Veterans For Peace from Texas, recently sent out an email with the following message:

“If the Household Survey published in the Fall 2004 issue of *The Lancet* is correct, and if the rates of death in Iraq have continued at the rates of the first 18 months of this war, by March 18, 2006, nearly 200,000 ADDITIONAL Iraqis [5,500/month] will have died as a result of this war. [*The Lancet* is the world's leading independent general medical journal published weekly from editorial offices in London and New York].

“That is in addition to the underlying death rate that resulted in the 1.5 million plus who died between 1991 and 2003 as a result of Gulf War I and sanctions—about 115,000 per year or 9,500/month. This death rate is ongoing underneath the additional deaths predicted by *The Lancet*.

“Thus our combined killing rate...may be nearly 15,000 Iraqis/month, or almost 180,000 per year and the total number of Iraqis killed due to U.S. interventions/

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Respect All Scriptures: They Come from a Single Source

by Kindrick Ownby

Religion plays a significant role in the life of the world's peoples. For this reason, those of us who work for peace, even if we do not follow a specific religion, should manifest the utmost respect for religious and mystical traditions. In particular, we should both discourage and avoid blaming any religion for worldly strife.

These days we see Christian pastors openly calling for the assassination of a nation's leader, or blaming the Islamic religion for terrorist acts, and we see Islamic clerics calling for death to Westerners. The alleged desecration of the Koran at Guantanamo Bay, and the grief over the publication of cartoons about the prophet Muhammad, clearly point out the result of disrespect. And our country's treatment of Iraq has been both illegal and unethical. Such behavior is diametrically opposed to the teachings of any religion.

This essay supports the posture that we, especially the peacemakers, should respect all mystical and religious traditions, and suggests that they sprang from a common source.

Writings of religious and mystical traditions are generally deemed to be scriptural, that is, they are considered to be the word of God. This is true of Christian writings as well as others.

A careful reading of the world's scriptures shows that their basic teachings are essentially the same. We are encouraged to follow the ethical teachings and become better human beings, to know that all life forms sprang from the same source, and to learn how to return to our Creator.

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sanctions in Iraq in the last 15 years is approaching 2 Million. And this does not take into account injuries, stunted development of children due to malnutrition, birth defects from DU and other contaminants, and those living with PTSD, cancer, etc.

“Two million is about 8% of Iraq’s population of about 25 million. A proportionate number for the US population would be about 22 Million Deaths over the last 15 years—this would require 7,000 9-11s—about Nine 9-11s per week—for 15 years.”

My response:

The fact that this massive killing goes on every day with so little response from the media and the people of the U.S. is extraordinarily pathological. But the pathology has been with us for some time.

One of the major aspects of my Vietnam experience that I have yet to deal with is the *totality* of the killing that went on there. As part of my security and *de facto* intelligence functions working out of Binh Thuy along the Bassac River, I was monitoring three major ground and air support operations conducted by the U.S. 9th Infantry Division, and three ARVN Infantry Divisions, in about seven provinces in the Mekong Delta. This was in the spring of 1969, as “Vietnamization” was taking off after Nixon’s election. Every week those three campaigns were reporting an *average* of 1,200 KIAs, which did not include the daylight bombings of numerous villages by the South Vietnam Air Force which amounted to “turkey shoots.” I personally witnessed the aftermaths of bombings by a new crew of Vietnamese pilots recently trained in Louisiana in order to assess their “success” at hitting their targets. I found that the bombing of five inhabited fishing/farming villages within one seven-day period in one small area of Vinh Long Province, among dozens being targeted throughout the Delta, resulted in somewhere between 700 and 900 deaths.

At that rate—between 1,200 kills from ground operations every week and 800 from air turkey shoots (just what I saw)—I figure 2,000 Vietnamese were being killed every week in six or seven provinces. South Vietnam had 45 provinces. I was privy to this body count policy in just one little area of Vietnam. During the nine years of the war, beginning with the bombings of Laos in mid-1964 until the conclusion of bombings in mid-1973, there were an estimated minimum of 5 million [some estimates are as high as 7 million] Vietnamese, Laotians and Cambodians killed—

really, murdered, since they were killed by a foreign aggressor: the U.S. So in nine years, which is 108 months, which is 465 weeks, there was an average of 10,750 farming people killed EVERY week.

Five million deaths was about 12 percent of the 1964–65 total, cumulative population of Cambodia, Laos, North and South Vietnam of about 42.5 million. The U.S. population at the time was about 191 million. A similar percentage of killing on the U.S. would have amounted to nearly 23 million deaths.

It seems that we have never addressed the origins of our own Eurocentric “civilization” which annihilated hundreds of communities of Indigenous with an estimated combined population of 12-15 million people such that by 1900 there were less than 250,000 remaining. Our existence has been and remains dependent upon mass killing to gain access to lands, resources, and cheap markets. Addressing this fact requires an earnest attempt to comprehend it, to know about it, to acknowledge it.

Are we willing to face the shame that our nation of sheep, governed by a plutocratic/oligarchic political-military structure disguised as a “representative democracy” legitimized by us taxpayers and voters, has been responsible for as many as 15,000 Iraqi murders a month for 15 years? This is but one-third the rate of killing over the duration of the nine years of the intense U.S. war against the people of Southeast Asia.

The totality of the policy of atrocity, of genocide, of killing on top of killing, of body counts, and of treating a people’s actions of self-defense (such as the Iraqi resistance) as further criminal behavior justifying ever more firepower, is virtually incomprehensible to one’s psyche. Yet it has been going on since our country’s founding, and long before that. We are monsters, and only with a leap in our archetypal human consciousness—a leap that is totally possible—only when we realize that empathy and equity are as indispensable to our survival as food, air and water, can we become *homo humanus* rather than *homo ignominus* and foreseeably *homo extinctus*.

This phenomenon of the killing and torture occurring in Iraq with the complicity of the political machinery and the U.S. American public is barbarism beyond description. And because history, karma, and consciousness seem to operate in a cyclical, rather than in a linear pattern, the poison emanating from brains disconnected from hearts will likely circle back to contaminate every cell in our beings. Unless we “Get it!” we will pay dearly. As one of my radical missionary friends commented after we witnessed the after effects of a Contra attack on a small village in

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“Marlboro Man” Turns Against War He Symbolized

by Andrew Buncombe

A cigarette hung from his mouth in the manner of John Wayne or Humphrey Bogart, his grime-covered face showed the exhaustion of battle.

This image of US Marine Lance-Corporal Blake Miller, taken during the battle of Fallujah, instantly captured the public imagination and for a while he was known simply as Marlboro Man.

But 15 months after that photograph appeared in more than 100 U.S. newspapers, the 21-year-old is back from Iraq, back on civvy street and he is talking about the trauma of what he experienced and the scars he still bears, physical and mental. The once unquestioning Marine is now also questioning whether U.S. forces should be in Iraq.

The mental health experts who are treating him call his condition post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) but Mr. Miller describes it in more immediate language: nightmares, sleeplessness and periods when he will “blank out,” not knowing where he is or what he is doing. “I could tell you stories about Iraq that would make the hair stand up on the back of your neck,” he said. “And I could tell you things that were great over there. But that would still not tell you what it was actually like. You had to be there and go through it to really understand.”

Mr. Miller is not alone. The federal Veterans Affairs (VA) department revealed last week that up to a third of U.S. troops returning from Iraq or Afghanistan—about 40,000—suffer mental health problems. It is to spend an extra \$29m on troops who have PTSD. Days ago, The Independent reported the suicide of another veteran of the Iraq war, Doug Barber, a National Guardsman who took his life after struggling with his experiences of the war after he returned to civilian life.

Mr. Miller, who received an honorable discharge last November after military psychologists decided he would be a threat to himself or his colleagues if he continued to serve, said there remained a stigma about mental health issues. He told Knight Ridder Newspapers: “I want people to know that PTSD is not something people come down with because they are crazy. It’s an anxiety disorder, where you’ve experienced something so traumatic that you’re close to death.” Mr. Miller’s photograph was taken in November 2004 during the battle for Fallujah, the insurgent stronghold. The two-week operation resulted in the deaths of up to 50 U.S. troops, an estimated 1,200 insurgents and an unknown number of civilians.

The former Marine says he now questions the U.S. tac-

tics and believes troops should have been withdrawn some time ago. He said: “When I was in the service my opinion was whatever the Commander-in-Chief’s opinion was. But after I got out, I started to think about it. The biggest question I have now is how you can make a war on an entire country when a certain group from that country is practicing terrorism against you. It’s as if a gang from New York went to Iraq and blew some stuff up and Iraq started a war against us because of that.”

Mr. Miller’s image was captured by the Los Angeles Times photographer Luis Sinco. At the time, he smoked five packs a day. Now, recently married and looking to make a fresh start, he has cut down to just one.

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Nicaragua that left a number of dead and maimed, “Sooner or later God will balance the books.”

It is important that we not confuse “support our troops” with our mission to address the root causes of war, both within our own psyches, and within our nation’s political-economic greed structures, risking reputation, ostracization, limb, and life. Dignity trumps longevity, and there is no dignity when our fellow and sister human beings are being murdered in our name, by our military, by our politicians, by our silence.

Great Spirit, guide us with courage to exercise our dignity in this moment!

Again, it is worth repeating archaeological historian V. Gordon Childe’s conclusion, to be remembered over and over again: “Man [sic] Makes Himself,” which was the title of his 1936 book. His last paragraph:

But just because tradition is created by societies of men and transmitted in distinctively human and rational ways, it is not fixed and immutable: it is constantly changing as society deals with ever new circumstances. Tradition makes the man, by circumscribing his behavior within certain bounds; but it is equally true that man makes the traditions. And so, we can repeat the deeper insight: “Man makes himself.”

Let us proceed!



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

Occupation: Dreamland

HSU Associated Students presents this special film screening at 8:00 p.m. at the Van Duzer Theatre on HSU Campus. Admission is \$5 general, \$1 for HSU students.

Occupation: Dreamland is an unflinchingly candid portrait of a squad of American soldiers deployed in the doomed Iraq city of Falluja during the winter of 2004. A collective study of the soldiers unfolds as they patrol an environment of low-intensity conflict creeping steadily towards catastrophe. Through the squads activities *Occupation: Dreamland* provides a vital glimpse into the last days of Falluja. The film documents the city's waning stability before a final series of military assaults began in the spring of 2004 that effectively destroyed it.

Filmmakers Garrett Scott and Ian Olds were given access to all operations of the Army's 82nd Airborne. They lived with the unit 24/7, giving voice to soldiers held under a strict code of authority as they cope with an ambiguous, often lethal environment. The result is a revealing, sometimes surprising look at Army life, operations and the complexity of American war in the 21st century.



A scene from *Occupation: Dreamland*

Occupation: Dreamland won the Working Films CONTENT + INTENT = CHANGE award at the 2005 Full Frame Documentary Film Festival, in recognition of the film's potential to engage audiences to meaningful action that results in concrete impact and social change. The award, sponsored by Working Films with support from the Ettinger Foundation and Tides, is now the largest given at Full Frame.

An after-film Q&A with film co-director Ian Olds will be moderated by VFP members Rob Hepburn and Steve Stammes.



VFP-56 members led the 2004 march.

[PHOTO BY DON MADDOX]

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

Eureka Peace March

Communities for Peace is organizing a Humboldt County peace march that will bring us together once again with people around the country to stand in opposition to the invasion and continued occupation of Iraq. We do this with little excitement for what has become a yearly event for the last four years. We do this because it's important and empowering to speak out en masse, to raise our voices and our spirits. It's one of the few ways we have of defining ourselves as a community committed to peace.

This year, the event is scheduled for March 18th. People will gather at the Eureka Municipal Auditorium at 11:30 a.m. to listen to speakers and musicians before the noon march. We encourage you, your family and your friends to join your neighbors to once again to say NO to war. We are resolved to make this our last march; we are calling for an "S.O.S."—reaching thousands locally and joining millions across this country in building the grass-roots strength so critically needed.

Communities for Peace is a volunteer organization but this event is not without costs; street signs and blockades, sound system, portable toilets, posters and advertising, permits and insurance all must be paid for. We need your help. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Please send donations to Communities for Peace, P.O. Box 5075, Eureka, CA 95502.

And please join us in organizing: We meet Fridays at 6:30 p.m. in the Education Building at the Methodist Church at F and Del Norte Streets in Eureka.

Thank you. Hope to see you there!

—Eileen McGee, *Communities for Peace*



SUNDAY, MARCH 19

“What I Heard About Iraq”

The Peter Weiss Foundation for Art and Politics—responsible for the international literature festival Berlin—is organizing a worldwide Reading of “What I Heard about Iraq,” written by Eliot Weinberger, on March 20, 2006, to mark the third anniversary of the outbreak of the war. The text is a collage of the actual statements made by American administration officials and their allies leading up to the war, and then, after the war began, of these same officials, as well as American soldiers and ordinary Iraqi citizens. It is a history of the Iraq war in “sound bites,” from 1992 to January 2005. After its publication in the *London Review of Books*, the text was the most-visited article ever on the magazine’s website, and was reproduced or linked on some 100,000 other websites. It has been translated in many languages. A sequel, “What I Heard about Iraq in 2005,” was published by the LRB on Jan. 5, 2006 and can be found on their website at http://www.lrb.co.uk/v28/n01/wein01_.html.

The Events Committee of VFP-56 is pleased to announce that we will be co-sponsoring, with WILPF Humboldt, a reading of “What I Heard About Iraq”—not on March 20th but the day before, Sunday, March 19th—at the D Street Neighborhood Center in Arcata. Five actors from Dell’Arte’s MFA group will perform a “pure voices” reading (minimal stage props) of a 50-minute script adapted by The Fountain Theatre in Los Angeles, which has developed several script versions of the essay, including a longer multi-media piece, and has staged extensive readings in L.A., to rave reviews.

The exact time of the Arcata performance is not yet pinned down, but will most likely be at 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon. We will keep you posted!

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Tom Harper Memorial Potluck

A potluck for Veterans For Peace will begin at 6 p.m. at the Marsh Commons. See front page for more details.

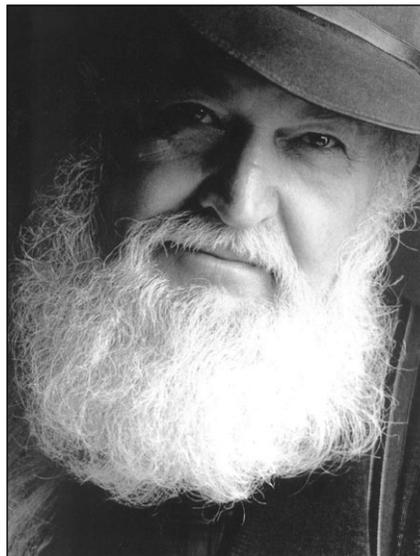
SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Community Involvement Day

Community Involvement Day is an event created in memory and honor of beloved community member Edilith Eckart, VFP Chapter 56 member and long-time peace activist. Before she passed away in 2004, Edith told Maureen McGarry that instead of a funeral or a wake she wanted an event at which people would “sign up” to become active in making the world a better place.

Sponsored by the City of Arcata’s Nuclear Free Zone and Peace Commission, the second annual Community Involvement Day takes place at the Arcata Community Center, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

This year’s entertainment headliner is U. Utah Phillips. For those not familiar with Utah, the following was lifted from the U. Utah Phillips Appreciation and Information website: “Described by himself as the Golden Voice of the Great Southwest, U. Utah Phillips is described by others as a true eclectic, archivist, historian, activist, philosopher, hobo, tramp, member of the IWW, and just about everything in between. Utah’s memory contains a wide-ranging wealth of lore, which he lets us romp through by way of his shows and recordings. U. Utah Phillips is a nationally known folk artist, singer/story teller, Grammy Award Nominee for his work with Ani DiFranco,



U. Utah Phillips headlines at the Community Center on March 26

and hosts his own weekly radio show, *Loafer’s Glory: The Hobo Jungle of the Mind*. He gets out now and then to do a live concert or program, and if he should be appearing in your area, you absolutely have to go see him, as it will be a memorable night.”

Besides a chance to experience the magic of Utah Phillips, there will be tabling by many local non-profit organizations and action groups. Food and beverages will be sold to benefit a local youth program. Films and workshops will be ongoing throughout the afternoon in two or three adjoining rooms, with entertainment and speechifying taking place at various times in the main room.

Many details have yet to be worked out, so keep an eye on local papers for more information. Veterans For Peace Chapter 56 will surely be tabling at the event and will need members to sign up for shifts throughout the afternoon.



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From Lao Tsu (6th century BC):

*“One begot Two,
Two begot Three,
And Three begot the ten thousand things.”*

One begot Two—The source of our consciousness expressed as a vibrational force, manifesting as light and sound, sustaining the entire creation. Most religions have symbols for light and sound similar to the candle and the bell of the Christians. Scientists perceive that vibration is at the heart of the physical universe. This source of sound and light is called by different names in scriptures. Some are:

Word — Christianity
Logos — ancient Greeks
Nad or *Akash Bani* — Hinduism
Sraosha — Zoroastrianism
Nam or *Shabd* — Sikhism
Sultan-ul-Azkar or *Bang-i-Ilahi* — Islam

The Word is the first-born, or the only begotten, of the Creator.

Two begot Three—The Three is the manifestation of the Word in the creation. One interpretation of this is ‘God would not send the created beings where He Himself would not go.’

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...”
—John 1:14

And Three begot the ten thousand things—The Trinity created the planes of existence, down to this physical plane. A conclusion here is that a perfect man, a Saint, has always been on this physical plane, and lives on this earth today. Many people sincerely believe that a Saint has always been with us, and that the Saint is the same as God.

“I and my Father are one.” —John 10:30

Other scriptures have similar pronouncements. The words of the Master Christian support the notion that a Saint existed before Him, and will exist after Him.

*“Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day:
and he saw it, and was glad.”* —John 8:56

*“Verily, verily, I say unto you,
Before Abraham was, I am.”* —John 8:58

*“... and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end
of the world.”* —Matthew 28:20

The “I” here is the Word or Christ Power, speaking through the man, Jesus. This does not mean that Jesus himself was both before and after, but that the Christ Power appeared, and will appear, manifesting in different human bodies. A simple analogy: a light bulb manifests light from the electrical source, and when a bulb is broken or wears out, a new one is inserted in its place.

*There is a Water that flows down from Heaven
To cleanse the world of sin by grace Divine.
At last, its whole stock spent, its virtue gone,
Dark with pollution not its own, it speeds
Back to the Fountain of all purities;
Whence, freshly bathed, earthward it sweeps again,
Trailing a robe of glory bright and pure.*

*This Water is the Spirit of the Saints,
Which ever sheds, until itself is beggared,
God’s balm on the sick soul; and then returns
To Him who made the purest light of Heaven.*

—Rumi, Poet and Mystic
(Reynold A. Nicholson, trans.)

The world seldom treats the Saint kindly. Jesus was crucified. Others were imprisoned, made to sit on red-hot iron, dismembered from joint to joint, etc. Yet the Saint appears again and again to help struggling souls return to their Creator.

We are familiar with many names of Saints from the past. Some, other than Jesus, are Farid Ud-din Attar, Baha’u’llah, Buddha, Dadu, Dariya Sahib, Hafiz, Kabir, Muhammad, Guru Nanak, Pythagoras, Rumi, Zoroaster.

Scriptures are based on teachings of Saints. Sometimes the Saint actually writes much of a scripture, and sometimes it is written by others after He has left. The Adi Granth of the Sikh tradition contains writings of several Saints. A scripture does not always spawn a recognizable religion.

Why do scriptures seem at odds with one another? Here are some possibilities:

1. Saints appear in different times and places, with their own culture and climate, and speak using terms the populace can readily understand.



2. Esoteric aspects of the teachings are often expressed through parables.
3. Writings often contain material not necessarily directly related to the basic teachings of the Saint.
4. The text may have been interpreted, translated, and even 'corrected' by individuals who possibly did not understand the meaning of the teachings.
5. Those who make their living promoting one religion are seldom ready to point out similarities with other traditions.

We should get as close to the source as possible, and focus primarily on the words of the principle Saint behind the scripture.

This world is a troubled place for sure. Often a religion is held to be responsible for the strife, but it is the individual adherents who are to blame. Each religion has essentially the same ethical teachings and, if followers actually obeyed the ethical teachings of their own religion, the world would be a more peaceful place!

From the Master Christian:

*"But I say unto you, Love your enemies,
bless them that curse you,
do good to them that hate you,
and pray for them which despitefully use you,
and persecute you."*

—Matthew 5:44

There is no wiggle room here! It does not allow for different behavior in different situations. It is the mind of man that readily supplies the 'but' to excuse action outside the teachings.

Recent news about desecration of the Koran prompts the quote:

*"Read out aloud
from what has been
revealed
to thee as Scripture
and establish
(congregational) service;
verily, regular prayers
keep men away
from evil and indecency.*

*And dispute not with those
who have been given
other Scriptures—
unless it be with utmost courtesy—
but (avoid argument)
with the aggressive
amongst them
and say to them:
'We do believe as much
in what has been
revealed to us
as in what
has been revealed to you.
Our Deity and yours
is one, the same,
to Him we do submit.'*"

—The Message of the QUR'AN, Hashim Amir-Ali

Respect all scriptures—they come from a single source!

Four influential Latino peace activists lead a 241-mile quest for peace!

Beginning March 12, 2006 Fernando Suarez del Solar, Pablo Paredes, Camilo Mejia and Aidan Delgado will lead a coalition of the willing on a 241-mile quest for peace that aims at raising the Latino voice in opposition to the War in Iraq. The march will run from Tijuana, Mexico all the way to the Mission District of San Francisco making strategic, symbolic, and ceremonial stops along the way; it is a loud cry for an end to the bloodshed in Iraq.

Latinos represent nearly 15% of the U.S. population, 11% of the U.S. military, and an estimated 20% of the fallen service members in the first months of the invasion of Iraq. The Latino population is a growing force in the U.S. and their voice must be an active part of the more than 60% of U.S. citizens that oppose the war in Iraq.

Fernando Suarez del Solar is the father of one of the first Latinos to die in Iraq: Jesus Suarez del Solar. Fernando discov-

ered that Jesus was the victim of an illegal U.S. cluster bomb. Pablo Paredes is a Navy war resister who refused to board an Iraq bound ship on Dec. 6, 2004. He was court-martialed, sentenced and eventually discharged. Camilo Mejia served one tour in Iraq and then became a National Guard war resister. He was jailed for nine months for his opposition to the war. Camilo was a key participant in the "No More War: Remembrance and Resistance" teach-in co-sponsored by VFP-56 in April 2005. Aidan Delgado is a Conscientious Objector of the Iraq war. He served at Abu Ghraib and now tours the country with slide shows of the prison abuses.

Gandhi's 241-mile Salt March was one of the most impactful nonviolent acts of protest and civil disobedience in pursuit of social justice in history. Fernando, Pablo, Camilo and Aidan wish to rekindle this tradition by putting Gandhi's spirit into practice in their search for peace.

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LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

If you would like to submit an article, opinion, comment or response to anything you have read that might interest the members of VFP-56, please email it to turtldncer@aol.com in Word format, or mail to Jim Sorter at 1762 Buttermilk Lane, Arcata, CA 95521. Submissions will be included on a first come basis until the newsletter is full. Late arriving submissions will be archived for future issues.

DU Legislation Update

by Fred Hummel

Senator Chesbro's bill providing access to DU screening tests and medical services for eligible California National Guard members who served in the Gulf Wars and other Middle East-based service since 1991 has been drafted and submitted to Legislative Counsel for review. We do not have a bill number at this time but expect to have that shortly.

We are seeking support for this legislation from VFW Chapters and plan to ask for the same from American Legion Posts. While the whole DU issue is shrouded in politics, the intent of this bill is to ensure vets are provided in a prompt and compassionate manner all the care, entitlements, and compensation they have earned while serving their country.

Those exposed to DU may pass on health risks to their unborn. Veterans have a right to know if they were exposed to poisonous agents while serving our country. Other states have passed similar legislation. Our prime goal is to recognize and reward sacrifice and service to our dedicated veterans by assisting them with the measures called for in Senator Chesbro's bill.



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