

GULF WAR SYNDROME

Letters from Gulf War Syndrome Victims

In last month's issue of **Health Freedom News**, we saw our troops were subjected to Iraqi SCUD chemical warfare attacks along with other Iraqi chemical weapons exposure during the initial ground invasion and some sixty or more thousand troops have come down with apparent chronic biological infections after the war. In Part I of the Gulf War Syndrome series of articles we saw Professor Garth L. Nicolson's letter in which he confirmed, that half or more of those troops coming down with what has become known as Gulf War Syndrome are infected with a contagious, deadly mycoplasma fermentans (incognitus strain) bacteria.

Our sick and dying veterans have been abandoned by their generals, who are now without honor. Below is a letter, which typifies the treatment received by our sick veterans and tells the true story of how veterans have been betrayed by a corrupt military and civilian chain of command that is without honor or integrity. The second letter indicates the depth of misconduct, betrayal, and corruption involved in this massive cover-up by the generals and the defense department officials. — Gary Wade, Physicist

Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.
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Dear Senator Levin:

I am asking that you initiate a Congressional Investigation concerning my medical treatment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center following the Gulf War. Senator Levin, you, with the help of your aide Aaron, were instrumental in helping me to get a Physical Evaluation Board (PEB). Now I believe that I am being labeled for speaking out against the way soldiers and their families are being treated for Gulf War Illness.

I returned from the Gulf in April 1991, and within six (6) months after my return, my wife began noticing changes in my demeanor. She wondered if I had a chemical imbalance because I was irritable and moody. I made appointments at the Mental Hygiene Clinic at Kimbrough Army Community Hospital at Fort Meade, Maryland. After seeing three (3) psychiatrists and psychologists, they all determined

that I was mentally fine and fully fit for duty.

It was only after I spoke the words "Gulf War Syndrome" and entered the Comprehensive Clinical Evaluation Program (CCEP) at Walter Reed did I suffer from psychological disorders. During the course of numerous appointments and evaluations, the doctors at Walter Reed, and subsequent evaluation at Fort Meade, found a list of PHYSICAL problems (all documented):

- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
- Fibromyalgia
- Degenerative Disc Disease
- Mycoplasma Incognitus Infection
- Irritable Bowel Syndrome
- Benign Rectal Polyps (removed twice)
- Chronic Prostatitis
- Dermatitis and other Fungal disorders
- Bunions
- Spina Bifida
- Joint Pain (Arthritis)
- Migraine-like headaches
- Gastroenteritis

This is in addition to abnormal lab results, such as abnormal monocyte and lymphocyte counts, elevated protein in my Cerebral Spinal fluid, and a positive EBV result. All of these results and findings have been discounted based upon a total of ONE HOUR seeing a psychiatrist, Dr. Giza.

In this one-hour period, Dr. Giza said that I suffered from a Somatoform disorder and alcohol abuse. Subsequently, a year after these findings, a Multi-Disciplinary Review Board added that I suffer from a Personality Disorder. Also, I was "evaluated" by a Neuropsychologist, whom I had never seen, as suffering from a "lack of self-esteem" and being "chronically unhappy." Even after I completed the CCEP, they continued to make accusations about my character and cited psychiatric problems as the cause of my ailments. All these disparaging statements because I used the phrase Gulf War Illness and demanded treatment. If I was evaluated as being mentally sound a year earlier, and my demeanor and disposition had not changed, why was it determined