

How the Blue Water Navy Association got Started

A true Sea story By Mike Yates (2015)

I must tell you this True Sea Story that I heard while I was in Washington DC. This is how the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Agent Orange Act got started.

Now so the person who this is about won't kill me, I won't use a Little old Lady, I'll use Princess instead. I'd like to stay on her good side.

Now this is a True Sea Story. Back a few years ago there was this Princess whose Prince was suffering from a disease that is associated with Agent Orange exposure. Now the Prince who had served the country in their Navy, filed a claim with the VA to receive benefits and was denied. Luckily, he was able to file a claim under the Boots on the Ground rules and received his benefits.

No this upset the Princess because she realized that there were others that served their country in the Navy but was not getting benefits from the VA and she knew this wasn't right and decided to do something about it, so she started a crusade to make things right. Every time her Congress Person was near her at a function she would ask them, "What about these Blue Water Navy Veterans, Why are they not covered." She did this so many times that the Congress person decided they had to do something about it, so the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Agent Orange Act was borne.

The Princess decided she needed others to help her, so she ASKED, well actually Strong-Armed others such as Military-Veterans Advocacy® into the crusade. Now this Princess that has not given up, in fact she is well known in the Kingdom of Capitol Hill and some fear her, while most respect her.

The people that the Princess recruited into the crusade have great respect for her.

I have to say is always dealing with the Members of the Kingdom of Capitol Hill and us Blue Water Navy Veterans owe her so much that none of us will ever be able to repay her for all the hard work she has done.

The only thing I can say is Thank You Susie for all that do for all of us Veterans, you are a very special person.

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