

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
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St. Louis, Missouri

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One of two resolutions re EYE DAMAGE FROM RADAR

Resolution # 505 Re FUNDING VA EYE STUDY

TO: Hospital and Medical Services Committee

WHEREAS: Cataract eye damage leading to blindness has been caused by radar which emits both X-ray and microwave radiations AND

WHEREAS: Radiation-induced cataracts have been found in the eyes of increasing numbers of radar-veterans. AND

WHEREAS: Radiation-cataracts can be the precursor of other long-term, delayed effects of radar radiations on the heart, thyroid, blood, liver, central nervous system and brain AND

WHEREAS: Radiation-cataracts are recognized as an OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE by the U.S. Public Health Service, Division of Occupational Health AND

WHEREAS: The U.S. Bureau of Radiological health recognizes the urgent need for, and recommends epidemiological studies of radiation-induced cataracts among radar workers AND

WHEREAS: Medical researchers consider radar-veterans ideal subjects for such epidemiological studies because of exposure potential and value to medical science as predisposed guinea-pigs AND

WHEREAS: Senate bill S. 3487 proposes \$10 million dollars for research in damage to public health from microwave radiation AND

WHEREAS: Funding for research in long-term, delayed effects on victims of World War 2 "A-bomb" blasts in Japan was appropriated AND

WHEREAS: Radar-veterans were ordered into hazardous radiation duty exposing them to health damage they were not aware of, so we now have a moral obligation to search them out for studies in long-term, delayed effects THEREFOR

BE IT RESOLVED: That the DAV urge Congress to provide funds for the VA to seek out radar-veterans for epidemiological studies of radiation-induced cataracts and other long-term, delayed effects of exposure to radar radiations in cooperation with the Bureau of Radiological Health.

NOTE:

DAV resolutions 504 & 505 were adopted by the NATIONAL CONVENTION in August 1972. Similar resolutions re eye damage from radar were also adopted by NATIONAL CONVENTIONS of the VFW, AMVETS and Blind Veterans Association in August 1972.

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Resolution # 504 Re PRESUMPTIVE SERVICE CONNECTION

TO: Committee on Veterans Rights

WHEREAS: Cataract eye damage leading to blindness has been caused by radar which emits both X-ray and microwave radiations AND

WHEREAS: Radiation-induced cataracts have been found in the eyes of increasing numbers of radar-veterans AND

WHEREAS: Radiation-cataracts can be the precursor of other long-term, delayed effects of radar radiations on the heart, thyroid, blood, liver, central nervous system and brain AND

WHEREAS: Radiation-cataracts may not appear for months, or as many as twenty (20) years after exposure. AND

WHEREAS: Radiation-cataracts are recognized as an OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD to radar workers by the U.S. Bureau of Radiological Health. AND

WHEREAS: Radiation-cataracts are recognized as an OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE of radar workers by the U.S. Public Health Service, Division of Occupational Health AND

WHEREAS: VA recognition of radiation-cataracts as an OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE of radar-veterans is long overdue AND

WHEREAS: VA claims for radiation-cataracts require complex technical and medical documentation which is not readily available to the average radar-veteran, THEREFOR

BE IT RESOLVED: That the DAV strongly urge the Veterans Administration to simplify criteria for proof of radiation exposure and grant presumptive service connection to radar-veterans who have radiation-induced cataracts.

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RESOLUTIONS

Re: BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF RADAR RADIATIONS

Resolution #74 Re Research

WHEREAS: It is known that radar emits both X-ray and microwave radiations which are harmful to humans and

WHEREAS: Thousands of servicemen may have been exposed to these radiations from radar in the past 30 years and

WHEREAS: Twenty-five years of research by doctors, scientists and research biologists shows that radiations from radar produce cumulative, delayed effects which may not appear for months, or years, after exposure.

WHEREAS: Funds for research in this field have been severely curtailed recently

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED that the Disabled American Veterans go on record to take action strongly urging Congress to provide funds for the Veterans Administration to conduct expanded, intensive research into the total biological effects of radar radiations.

Resolution #75 Re Service Connection

WHEREAS: X-ray and microwave radiations from radar are known to cause cumulative, delayed effects which may not appear for months, or years, after exposure and

WHEREAS: Thousands of veterans may have been exposed to these radiations from radar in the past 30 years and

WHEREAS: Thousands of veterans may be suffering from disabilities which could have been induced by radiations from radar

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Disabled American Veterans strongly urge action concerning presumptive service connection for the delayed effects of radiation which researchers recognize as radar induced.

NOTE: These DAV "Radar Resolutions" were adopted unanimously by vote of delegates to the DAV national convention in Detroit on Aug. 13, 1971. Prior to adoption, they had been discussed and unanimously accepted by the Committee on Hospital & Medical Services (Resolution #74) and the Committee on Veterans Rights (Resolution #75).

The resolutions originated in DAV Chapter #93, North Highlands, California. The DAV Department of California adopted them unanimously in state convention (Sacramento, June 1971) prior to submitting them to 352,000 DAV members represented at the national convention.