

TESTIMONIES

My son SSG Steven Ochs served with 101st Airborne. He completed 3 different deployments with a total of 40 months. 9-07 was diagnosed with Leukemia, Dr's said he's young and healthy he will get through this no problem...the cancer was so aggressive...Dr's could not explain. He fought for his life...as hard as he fought for our country. We lost a part of us when he passed 7-12-08. A nurse whispered in my daughter's ear "he is not the only one".

-Jo Ann Ochs
Mother of the late SSG Steven Ochs

When they told me I had a progressive, untreatable lung disease due to toxic exposure from my deployment during OEF. I went from being a ...physically fit person to having to give up my career as a police officer. Instead of giving up I started listening to and reading about the thousands of other veterans who are suffering...there is no reason to wait decades to provide the care and treatment needed...these people who put their lives on the line to fight for our country...held up their end of their promise no questions asked.

-Cynthia Aman, Veteran

As a US Army Reservist, my husband deployed several times after 9/11. On October 2, 2010 we ran a half-marathon at Disney World. Seven days later, our world drastically changed. A biopsy confirmed that David had Glioblastoma Multiform (GBM), a statistical anomaly considering he was 45, in outstanding physical shape with no hereditary conditions. He died 11 months later. David's last words to me were: "Did I do a good job?" I told him yes and kissed him goodbye.

-Tammy McCracken
Wife of the late Colonel David McCracken

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Wounds of War.



WHAT IS A BURN PIT?

During the OEF and OIF wars, government contractors burned up to 227 metric tons of hazardous waste per day at forward operating bases using jet fuel in open air burn pits.

ITEMS BURNED

Batteries, medical waste, amputated body parts, plastics, ammunition, human waste, animal carcasses, rubber, chemicals, & more. Exposure to these toxins, have caused a traumatic impact on the lives of our service members and their families. Some of the devastating health conditions suffered by Veterans exposed include: lung disease, neurological disorders, pulmonary diseases, rare forms of cancer, and many unexplained symptoms. There have been thousands of deaths resulting from the invisible wounds of war.

CHEMICALS DETECTED

- 2,3,7,8 TCDD
- Benzene
- Acrolein
- anthracene
- pyrene
- Toluene and hundreds more
- In April 2010, VA issued a training letter indicating that burn pit exposures may be associated with respiratory, cardiopulmonary, neurological, autoimmune, and/or skin disorders and noted **“possible adverse synergistic health effects** might be caused by a combination of (1) high levels of particulate matter; (2) numerous Toxic Organic Halogenated Dioxins and Furans; (3) known and unknown Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons; and (4) known and unknown Volatile Organic Compounds” in burn pit plumes.

"There are short and long-term health consequences associated with exposures to fire, smoke and fumes.. The variety of materials burned at the burn pits in Iraq produces an enormous array of chemicals which may plausibly combine when burned to produce unknown dangers."

Dr. Anthony Szema

MISSION

Our mission is to connect service members and families affected by toxic exposure. Together through our own experiences, we will set the pathway to justice through outreach, advocacy, education, and research.

We are here to educate, empower, and provide direct action advocacy to our constituents affected by deployment related exposures.

These are few of the many faces of America's Fallen Heroes who have lost the battle against the invisible toxic wounds of war. Each one leaving behind a legacy of heroism and honor. We stand alongside their families, raising awareness & bringing these issues to the forefront.



IMPACT SUMMARY

Burn Pits 360 is a 501 C3 non-profit veterans organization advocating for those suffering from deployment related toxic exposures. In the past 10 years we continue to manage an independent health registry of over 6,000 affected Veterans. We lobbied for the national burn pit registry bill which was signed by former President Obama in January of 2013. We currently advocate at the state and national level. We work closely with health and legal experts specializing in deployment related exposures. The delay and denial of specialized health care, death benefits, and service connected compensation are an injustice to Veterans and their families.

SIGN UP FOR THE BURN PITS 360 REGISTRY

<http://www.burnpits360.org/BURN-PIT-REGISTRY.html>

DONATE TODAY

Those affected by deployment related toxic exposure, so selfless and courageous, fought for our freedoms...It is now **OUR TURN** to **#Fightfortheforgotten** and get **INVOLVED IN** their fight!

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