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INTRODUCTION

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Sandra Davis Collection consists of research on the effects of Agent Orange on Vietnam veterans. It includes print publications, media, and documentation of veteran activism. The materials also touch upon Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Series one includes a paper and letters written by Sandra Davis, letters addressed to Sandra Davis, and a partial collection of Dioxin Drummer Newsletters written and distributed by John and Sandra Davis along with others involved in Agent Orange awareness. Series two consists of Veterans Administration publications, research, and general documents related to Agent Orange and Vietnam veterans. Included in series three are court and congressional documents related to government research, court cases against chemical corporations, subcommittee findings and statements, and house and senate resolutions.

Series four consists of medical studies and reports pertaining to the effects of herbicides and chemicals on human fertility and general health with emphasis on the experience of soldiers in these regards. Correspondence among veterans, activists, and activists as well as academic and medical institutions comprise series five while series six includes documents related to advocacy and education such as informative essays, handouts, event notifications, and veteran organizations' records.

Series seven consists of news articles related to Agent Orange and veterans' experiences as well as the publications of VietNow and other veterans' organizations. Series eight includes official city proclamations announcing Agent Orange Screening Awareness Week, which took place July 8th through July 14th, 1990. Series nine consists of video tapes of Agent Orange seminars and a related documentary.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Sandra Davis began her research into the correlation between severe health problems and Agent Orange exposure as a concerned citizen and wife of a Vietnam veteran. As the result of her knowledge, she became the Agent Orange Committee Chairperson for VietNow, a national Vietnam veterans organization that started in Rockford, Illinois in the early 1980s. Her work consisted of research into the effects of Agent Orange exposure on veterans, organizing awareness and self-help events, maintaining relations with veterans and related organizations, and fomenting political pressure for veterans' compensation. She and her husband, John Davis, also maintained a newsletter to notify veterans and VietNow members of recent developments in the Agent Orange controversy. The bulk of Davis' work occurred in the late 1980s and early 1990s. As a result of her efforts, as well as those of other activists and veterans' organizations similar to VietNow, Vietnam veterans continue to receive compensation for health problems due to Agent Orange exposure.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Agent Orange
Birth Defects
Davis, Sandra
Gonzales, Julio
Herbicides
Post traumatic stress disorder - PTSD
Veterans
Veterans Administration
Veterans-- Services--United States
Vietnam War, 1961-1975
VietNow
VietNow National

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	2	Correspondence from Sandra Davis, 1988-1992
	3	Correspondence to Sandra Davis, 1988-1992
	4	Dioxin Drummer Newsletter, 1990
Series II. Veterans Administration		
	5	Agent Orange Review, 1982-1990
	6	“Synopsis of Scientific Literature,” 1985-1989
	7	Agent Orange Report, Indiana VA, 1986
	8	Directory of Veterans Organizations, 1986-1987
	9	General VA Documents, 1986-1990
	10	Agent Orange Program Fact Sheet, January 1987
	11	Agent Orange Brief, 1988-1989
	12	Accessions List, Central Office Library, 1990
	13	Vanguard, 1990
	14	Environmental Medicine, Agent Orange Program, 1990
	15	Agent Orange Information for Veterans, n.d.
	16	Proportionate Mortality Study, n.d.
Series III. Government Records		
	17	First Defoliation Conference Proceedings, US Army, 1964
	18	Health Effects Study, Congressional Research Service, 1984
	19	Class Action Lawsuit: Product Liability Litigation, 1984
	20	Veteran’s Disability Compensation, Congressional Research Service, 1984
	21	Agent Orange in Vietnam, House Committee, 1984
	22	Testimony Before US Senate: The Oklahoma Agent Orange Foundation, 1988
	23	General Court and Congressional Documents, 1988-1991
	24	Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care (Vietnam Service Benefits), 1989
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	29	V. A. Home Loan Guarantee, 1989	
	30	Senate Resolutions, 1989-1990	
	31	House Resolutions, 1989-1990	
	32	National Vietnam Veterans Coalition at Agent Orange Hearings, 1990	
	33	Agent Orange Act of 1991 (HR 556)	
	34	Proposal of Agent Orange/Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Committee at Dixon Correctional Center, VietNow, 1992	
	35	Case Against Diamond Shamrock Chemicals Company, 1992	
	36	Agent Orange Case Against Diamond Shamrock Chemical Company, Dow, Monsanto, etc., December 23, 1992	
	37	Class Action Lawsuit and Claim Form, n.d.	
	38	The Agent Orange Coverup, Intergovernmental Subcommittee, n.d.	
	39	Testimony Before Congress on Agent Orange Hearings, n.d.	

Series IV. Medical Studies and Reports

40		"Inadvertent Modification of the Immune Response," US Food and Drug Administration, 1978
41		"Herbicides: A Mixed Blessing," <u>Bioscience</u> , 1979
42		"Impact of Hazardous Substances Upon Fertility," Friends of the Earth, 1980
43		General Medical Studies and Reports, (1980-1991)
44		"Results of Pilot Clinical Studies," Texas Department of Health, 1984
45		"Mortality Among Vietnam Veterans in Massachusetts, 1972-1983," Michael D. Kogan and Richard W. Clapp, January 18, 1985
46		"Effects of Toxic Chemicals on the Reproductive System," <u>Journal of the American Medical Association</u> , 1985
47		"Agent Orange and Health Related Studies," Health and Human Services, 1986
48		"Reproductive Abnormality Patterns of Vietnam Veterans," University of Sydney, 1987
49		Medical Record: Autopsy (Wayne Barton: Adenocarcinoma), 1987

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1	50	Disease and Non-Battle Injuries, Naval Health Research Center, 1988	
	51	The Long-Term Effects of Herbicides and Defoliants Used in the Vietnam War: Proceedings of the Second National Symposium, National Committee for Investigation of the Consequences of Chemicals Used in the Vietnam War, 1988	
	52	Testimony on Research Related to Herbicides, Department of Environmental and Community Medicine, 1988	
	53	"Stop That Germ," <u>Time Magazine</u> , 1988	
	54	"Health Status of Vietnam Veterans," <u>Journal of American Medical Association</u> , 1988	
	55	Survey to Study Veteran Needs, American Legion, 1988	
	56	Hodgkin's Disease, Nasal Cancer, Nasopharyngeal Cancer, and Primary Liver Cancer with Executive Summary, The Selected Cancers Cooperative Study Group, March 29, 1990	
	57	<u>Health Effects of Herbicides Used in Vietnam</u> , Institute of Medicine, 1993	
	58	Proportionate Mortality Study of Army and Marine Corps Veterans of the Vietnam War, Patricia Breslin etc., n.d.	
	59	Journal Articles on Agent Orange and Chemical Weapons, n.d.	
	60	The Bio-Toxic Reduction Program, Human Environmental Medicine, n.d.	
	61	"Effects on Sperm," University of Texas Medical, n.d.	
	62	"Vietnam Veterans' Risk for Fathering Babies with Birth Defects," US Department of Health and Human Services, n.d.	
	63	Dioxin Exposure and Health, Michael Gochfeld Ph. D., n.d.	

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64	General Correspondence, 1983-1992, n.d.
65	E. R. Zumwalt, Jr., Admiral: Records and Correspondence, 1993

Series VI. Advocacy and Education

66	"Ecocide in Vietnam," J. B. Neilands, 1970
67	Veterans Leadership Conference Directory, November 1980
68	"Agent Orange Guide," Vietnam Veterans of America, 1984
69	"Tracking Agent Orange," Judith Plantz, 1984

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	73	VietNow Records, 1987-1990	
2	1	National Association of Agent Orange Survivors Newsletters, August 1988	
	2	"Agent Orange Class Assistance Program," Kenneth Feinberg, August 25 1988	
	3	What Every Veteran Should Know (Book Supplement), Patrick L. Murphy, September 1988	
	4	"Competing Paradigms in the Assessment of Latent Disorders," Social Problems, V. 35.2, Wilbur Scott, 1988	
	5	Vietnam Veterans Locator, Report of Personnel, 1988	
	6	"V. V. A. On Agent Orange," Vietnam Veterans of America, 1988	
	7	National Vietnam Veterans Coalition Newsletters, 1988-1989	
	8	Pointman Project, New Jersey Agent Orange Commission, 1988-1990	
	9	Meeting of October 31-November 1, 1989, V. A. Advisory Committee on Health-Related Effects of Herbicides	
	10	The Oklahoma Agent Orange Foundation, Studies and Reports, 1989	
	11	The American Legion and Columbia University Studies on Vietnam and Agent Orange, 1989	
	12	Reunion of Vietnam Veterans, Iowa, 1989	
	13	"Phuoc Vinh: Ground Zero," Gregg Knowlton, 1989	
	14	United Veterans of America Newsletter, 1989-1990	
	15	Association of Birth Defect Children Newsletter, 1989-1990	
	16	Agent Orange Issues Report, Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr., May 5, 1990	
	17	Self Help Guide on Agent Orange, Vietnam Vets of America, 1990	
	18	National Vietnam Veterans Coalition, Leadership List, 1990	
	19	Review of the Scientific Literature, Agent Orange Scientific Task Force, 1990	
	20	Veterans Advisory Council, Attorney General's Office, Roland Burris, April 3 1990	
	21	Poems and Cartoons, n.d.	

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2	22	Agent Orange Questionnaire, Rachel Kuyper, n.d.	
	23	Agent Orange Birth Defects/Learning Disabilities Project Proposal, Association of Birth Defect Children, n.d.	
	24	Agent Orange Assistance Program, American Legion, n.d.	
	25	Pointman Project, New Jersey State Commission, n.d.	
	26	Vietnam Veterans' Birth Defects, Developmental Disabilities Registry, n.d.	
	27	Vietnam Veterans' Reference Guide, New Jersey Agent Orange Commission, n.d.	
	28	Center for Disease Control: Cover-up, Deceit, and Confusion, Citizen's Clearinghouse for Hazardous Wastes Inc., n.d.	
	29	Agent Orange Class Assistance Program Documents, n.d.	
	30	Chapter 2: The Military Use and Application of Herbicides in Vietnam, n.d.	

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39-40	VietNow Newspaper, 1986-1990
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50	"Agent Orange and the Anguish of an American Family," New York Times, 1986
51	"Chemical and Engineering News," Agent Orange, 1987
52	News Conference Transcript, Edward J. Derwinski, March 29 1990
53	"Toxic Nightmare on Main Street, Family Circle," Stephanie Abarbanel, August 1990
54	US Veteran News and Report: Special Agent Orange Edition, 1990
55	National Vietnam Veterans Coalition, 1993
56	Article: The Re-Greening of Vietnam, Elizabeth Kemf, n.d.
57	Articles and News Clippings, n.d.

Series. VIII. Agent Orange Screening Awareness Week, Proclamations, July 8 - July 14, 1990

DeKalb, Mayor Greg Sparrow
 Schaumburg, Village President Al Larson
 Wheaton, Mayor Gwendolyn S. Henry
 San Angelo, Mayor Tim Edwards
 Quincy, Mayor Verne Hagstrom
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