

TOXIC EXPOSURE COMMITTEE REPORT
APRIL 2018

Our committee has been busy these past weeks preparing for our report to the National AVVA board. Tom and Nadine Owen presented at a Toxic Exposure Town Hall meeting at the Portland VA hospital this past March along with the National Agent Orange Committee Member, Sandy Wilson. The focus was to update veteran's and their families of the continued push for legislative action on the research bills passed in December of 2016, as well as, address current issues/concerns that these veteran's and families are experiencing at this time.

I along with Mokie Porter and Marc McCabe were sponsored by the VVA Florida State Council to present Town Hall meetings at Cape Coral, Miami and Manitoba Keys for a week in March and will be presenting at Niagara Community College on the 21st of April with Rick Weidman, VVA Government Affairs Director. Again our focus was and is to educate veterans' and their families on the legislation that was passed as well as preparing for the future of the legislation.

We have been busy with working on the following:

1. A description of the Toxic Exposure Committee for the Policies and Procedure Manual which somehow was deleted.
2. We are working with Mokie Porter for upcoming posters which will reflect current dioxins which the public has been using and alternatives that they may use. Example: Roundup, which contains carcinogens.
3. We currently have been working to educate the medical practitioner of the veteran's exposure to toxins and their long term and generational effects. We are in hopes that this will be a model program. This will include accreditations for the medical practitioners.