



*“Cutting Through the Fog of War”*

## Soldier Health Scare Back in News

*By Audrey Parente*

Lori Brim cradled her son in her arms for three months before he died at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.

Dustin Brim, a 22-year-old Army specialist had collapsed three years ago in Iraq from a very aggressive cancer that attacked his kidney, caused a mass to grow over his esophagus and collapsed a lung.

The problems she saw during her time at Walter Reed, including her son screaming in pain while doctors argued over medications, had nothing to do with mold and shabby conditions documented in recent news reports. What this mother saw was an unexplainable illness consuming her son.

And what she has learned since her son’s death is that his was not an isolated case.

Lori Brim has joined other parents, hundreds of other sick soldiers, legislators, research scientists and environmental activists who say the cause of their problems results from exposure to depleted uranium, a radioactive metal used in the manufacture of U.S. tank armor and weapon casings.

Health and environmental effects of depleted uranium are at the heart of scientific studies, a lawsuit in the New York courts and legislative bills in more than a dozen states (although not in Florida).

News stories claiming negative signs of depleted uranium’s impact, including death and birth defects, are surfacing from Australia to England to the Far East. The controversy rages within government bodies and underlies the theme of TV shows like a recent episode of the medical series “House.”

While the military continues to deny the connection of depleted uranium to sicknesses plaguing returning servicemen and women, a newly mandated study stemming from legislation signed by President Bush in October is just getting under way

### Opposition

The new study, which began in March, follows several that have been completed by the military into depleted uranium, a byproduct left when enriched uranium is separated out for use in nuclear power and atomic weapons. The Department of Energy gives it to arms makers, where its extreme density is valuable in the manufacture of armor and casings.

Despite a 1996 U.N. resolution opposing its use because of discovery of health problems after the first Gulf War, the military studies have concluded there was no evidence that exposure to the metal caused illnesses.

To the military, the effectiveness of weapons and armor made with depleted uranium outweighs any residual effects. Their bottom line: Depleted uranium saves soldiers’ lives in combat.

Robert Holloway, president of Nevada Technical Associates Inc., a firm that specializes in radiation safety training, disputes any concern over depleted uranium.

“I have no financial interest in promoting depleted uranium,” Holloway wrote in an e-mail to *The News-Journal*. “There really is no substitute for depending on the judgment of professionals in this field.”

Holloway and others who believe depleted uranium is safe to use say the best authority in the scientific community would be individuals connected to the Health Physics Society.

Doug Craig of Ponce Inlet, a retired radiation biophysics scientist, is such a person. He doesn’t believe low doses of radiation from depleted uranium are a problem.

“Uranium occurs in a lot of places,” Craig said, “and man has been exposed to low concentrations of uranium for a long time.”

### Laws and Lawsuits

But Brim and others think there will not be enough known until soldiers are tested for exposure. They compare the debate over depleted uranium to the controversy surrounding Agent Orange, the toxic herbicide used to defoliate the jungles of Vietnam. Speculation over its effects continued for more than two decades before the Defense Department agreed to compensate veterans who suffered from ailments linked to its use.

Brim often comforts other mothers whose sons and daughters are suffering from unexplainable, aggressive cancers, like a Michigan mother Brim met on the Internet.

The Michigan mom says she believes malignant tumors that resulted in removal of her Marine son’s ear, ear canal and half his

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# No Wonder We're Ready for Revolution

By Dave Berman, Op-ed published in

*Eureka Reporter*

I would like to caution my fellow community residents. If you happen to be in the vicinity of Jonathan Ashbach's place in Fortuna, please do not stop for a drink at his Kool-Aid stand.

Ashbach (May 4) is peddling the same false claim of "progress" that we have heard literally dozens, if not hundreds of times from Mr. Bush over the past four years. Ashbach is selling the lie that violence has decreased since the start of the "surge" (escalation), when in fact April was the deadliest month since December 2006 (an easy fact to check, dear editor).

Perhaps worst of all, Ashbach has gotten himself so turned around and twisted that he is now taking the position offered by John Kerry during the 2004 presidential debates. Namely, that the goal is not to eliminate the violence in Iraq, but rather to reduce it to a tolerable level. This may be a fine objective, provided you don't first choke on the hypocrisy of the condemnation Kerry received for this position. It also might be a useful way to gauge progress, but this requires the honesty to admit that the U.S. presence is the greatest cause of violence in Iraq and our troop withdrawal the step most likely to reduce the killing.

This debate is so old and tiresome now. Ashbach, if you think the mission is so worthwhile, go to Iraq. Everyone else still supporting this genocide needs to understand they are enabling war crimes and propping up nothing less than a fascist regime that has taken over America (yes, dear editor, look up the characteristics of fascism to confirm accuracy here too).

The Bush administration has no legitimacy, other than the backing of folks still willing to accept the shredding of our Constitution, the loss of our inalienable rights, the willful and knowing destruction of our environment and economy, and the charade of our electoral process. Your passive consent is complicity in the destruction of our country and planet. On behalf of the refusing-to-be-silent majority, I invite you to join us in saying we do not consent. And to our "elected" officials, at every level from City Council to Congress, I remind you of your oath of office. You swore to protect and defend the Constitution from enemies both foreign and domestic. There is nothing in your oath about potholes, easements or festival tickets. Bush, Cheney, Gonzalez, Rice, Rove and the rest have damaged us all immeasurably and continue to be a direct threat not only to Iraq but to America. The inalienable right given primacy in the Declaration of Independence says we all share a duty to alter or abolish our government when it stops serving our needs. Without the intervention of those sworn to protect us, can it really be that difficult to understand why so many of us are ready for peaceful revolution?

## 2ND ANNUAL NORTH COAST STAND DOWN JUNE 8,9,10TH, 2007



**All veterans, their families and caregivers welcome! Humboldt County Fairgrounds, 1250 5th Street, Ferndale, CA**

**Fairgrounds will be open at 0800 hrs Friday and close 1200 hrs Sunday. Veteran status will be verified at the Command Tent upon entry.**

**Absolutely no weapons, alcohol, or other drugs allowed.**

### A HAND UP NOT A HAND OUT

**There will be over 35 service providers offering informational tables that range from benefit assistance to PTSD counseling. There will be free haircuts and a place to stay overnight. Join us, in support of our veterans and their families; North Coast Stand Down is a non-profit group supporting military veterans.**

**Anyone interested in making cash donations may send their tax-deductible donation to: The Humboldt Area Foundation, 373 Indianola Road, Bay-side, CA 95524. Please note on the memo line: Nort Coast Stand Down.**

**The organizers are putting out a last-minute call for peace keepers on the busses. Anyone wishing to volunteer call 826-1766, to donate/ sponsor call 839-9490, E-Mail: [volunteers@northcoaststanddown.org](mailto:volunteers@northcoaststanddown.org), [donations@northcoaststanddown.org](mailto:donations@northcoaststanddown.org).**

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face may be linked to depleted uranium. But the woman asks that her name not be used because her son still is a Marine — battling cancer, not bullets. And he has not been tested for DU exposure, she says.

In addition to consoling other mothers, Brim has tried unsuccessfully to raise awareness of the issue either through legislation or a lawsuit.

She recently traveled to Tallahassee with cancer lobbyists and left plate-size booster buttons with her son’s image, trying to raise the consciousness of Florida legislators. But she says she has not been able to interest anyone in creating a bill similar to one passed last year in Connecticut — the first state law in the nation aimed at helping National Guard personnel returning from Iraq to get tested for exposure to depleted uranium.

Other veterans are seeking help from legislators in states around the country, like Melissa Sterry, 44, of Connecticut, who served during the Persian Gulf War and suffers from multiple symptoms, including chronic headaches, infections and multiple heart attacks.

Sterry is an activist who keeps track of more than a dozen states that have introduced bills. That includes her home state, where a veterans’ health registry is being created as a database for the federal government. Among the current list of states working on individual legislation, Arizona has state Rep. Albert Tom, a Democrat. For three years he introduced the issue of testing National Guardsmen, each time a bit differently. He patterned a bill after the Connecticut law this year.

“Again it was heard (in committee), but it just didn’t go anywhere,” Tom said.

Veterans might have better luck in court. Brim is closely following a trial in New York, where — despite a precedent that prevents military personnel from suing the government for injuries resulting from their service — eight National Guard veterans have won the right to be heard about their depleted uranium exposure.

One veteran in that suit, Gerard Matthew, says not only is he sick, but contends his little girl’s birth deformities are related to his exposure to depleted uranium. The deformity, Matthew said, is similar to many being reported within the Iraqi population since the first Gulf War.

**Depleted Uranium News Update**

Oct. 2006: President George W. Bush signed the Department of Defense Authorization legislation. The House amendment was authored and introduced by Rep. Jim McDermott (D-Wa.) ordering a comprehensive study — with a report due in one year - on possible adverse health effects on U.S. soldiers from the U.S. military’s use of DU - Depleted Uranium. The Senate companion bill was backed by Joe Lieberman of Conn., a democrat at the time. (McDermott’s Web site: [www.house.gov/mcdermott](http://www.house.gov/mcdermott))

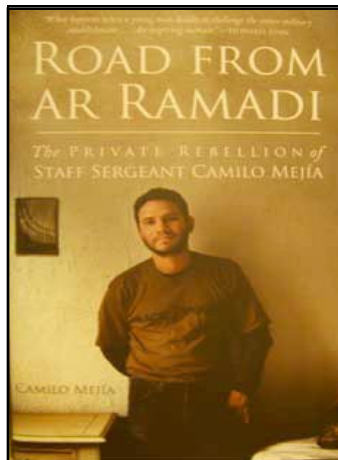
Feb. 6, 2007: *The New York* newspaper, *The Post Chronicle*, reported that U.S. government scientists at the Ames Laboratory in Iowa say they are close to developing nanostructured material of

tungsten and metallic glass to eliminate the use of depleted uranium in ammunition. In a recent phone call by The News-Journal to senior scientist Dan Sordelet, reported to be leading the research team, he said he is “no longer working on that” and declined to give any further information.

March 23, 2007: *The Tico Times* of San Jose, Costa Rica, reported that the U.S. and Costa Rican activists are lobbying to enlist Costa Rica’s Nobel Peace Prize winner and disarmament defender to lead their uphill battle against the military use of a popular radioactive weapon.

April 3, 2007: *ABC News Online*, Australia, reports that the Australian Veterans Affairs Minister Bruce Billson says he is concerned the group “Depleted Uranium Silent Killer,” which is opposed to the use of depleted uranium weapons, is using Gulf War veterans to run an anti-uranium scare campaign. The group says overseas tests confirm two Sunshine Coast veterans from the first Gulf War - one in the Army and the other in the Navy — were exposed to the heavy metal during their service 15 years ago.

April 10, 2007: *Star Tribune* (Minneapolis, Minnesota) reports a state Senate committee OK’d a bill providing for testing veteran national guardsmen returning from Iraq to see if dust from spent-uranium munitions has harmed them.



**CAMILO MEJIA VISITS EUREKA**

On May 16th Camilo Mejia visited Eureka for a speaking engagement at the Labor Temple in Eureka. Camilo was here to speak about his new book *Road from ar Ramadi*, which will be in the bookstores on June 2nd, and to give his impressions on what it felt like to be a soldier on

the ground in Iraq.

For over an hour Camilo held a standing room only crowd mesmerized by his comments and insights concerning the conflict in Iraq and his reasons why he could not continue to support the illegal and immoral course our nation in now engaged in the Middle East.

After his presentation Camilo fielded several questions from the audience about why he had chosen the path that he has in his resistance to military service. His answers were concise and went to the heart of the immorality of killing innocent civilians in a war of aggression perpetrated by the policies and influences of big business supported by our government. *Road from ar Ramadi* is a book all should read to get a real view of the war from the perspective of the fighting men and women.



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 provided by local groups, camaraderie and a good time. All Vets Day, Saturday, June 9th, 2007 will feature a tri-tip and salmon bar-b-que.

Transportation will be provided. Shuttles from Eureka from 8th and E. St. every other hour from 9:00 pm until 3:00 pm, as well as from McKinleyville totem Pole and Arcata bus circle.

#### WELCOME HOME

### MERCENARIES IN IRAQ

By Larry Hourany, Ph.D., McKinleyville CA

As we all know, it is not just our own military that conducts operations and contributes to the chaos in Iraq. Along with the many civilians working in that violated country, we have private armies that are accountable only to the corporations that hire them. These mercenaries are not just independent of the constraints regulating our military, there is no accountability enforced on them by the Bush administration. But their contributions to the chaos in Iraq may pale in comparison to what they will create when they return to the U.S.

It must be remembered that these mercenaries are “defending” nothing vital to our country. These are not the truck drivers and translators that fill a crucial role. They are armed adventurers completely in violation of international treaties. They are there because, first, they get to fulfill personal fantasies, and, second, because of the huge salaries they make—salaries ten to thirty times higher than the soldiers who unwillingly put their lives on the line for a mere pittance. These are salaries paid for by the corporations and passed on to the taxpayers. (Did you vote for this?)

Now, as noted by John Broder and James Rison in the *New York Times* (5-19-07), contractor deaths have reached new highs, almost equaling the number of military deaths during the first three months of this year. This has received so little attention because it is consistent with this administration’s policy of conducting business while keeping the nation in the dark.

In addition to the problems they contribute to in Iraq, are the burdens they indirectly impose on this country. During the first quarter of this year, 3,430 contractors have filed insurance claims. This becomes just one more cost borne by the American taxpayers. It should be abundantly clear that privatized armies are not in the best interests of our nation. This is another facet of “outsourcing,” one that most egregiously perpetuates the reduction in accountability so essential to Bush policies.

**THURSDAY, JULY 5TH**  
 Author and lecturer, Dr. Will Tuttle,  
 (www.willtuttle.com) at Senior Dining  
 Room of Arcata Community Center,  
 presenting his book, **WORLD PEACE DIET**,  
 at 7:00 p.m., preceded by a community  
 vegan (plant-based) potluck at 5:30. For  
 further info,  
 call 825-1198.

## Vets For Peace Chapter 56 at Summer Arts and Music Festival June 2nd & 3rd

By Gordon Anderson

VFP Chapter 56 is doing a food booth at the 31<sup>st</sup> Summer Arts and Music Festival at Benbow Lake. There are several opportunities to get involved and help out, and to definitely come by and have some good food if you plan to take in the festival. The festival is Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30 am to 11:00 pm and Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 am to 7 pm. We will have shifts of about 4 hours starting at 9 am each day. A set-up crew plans to be down there on Friday at 3 pm. Anyone who would like to volunteer for any block of time should call Peter at 442-3009 or Gordy at 498-5889.

We plan to do all the food prep and cooking on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 4 pm to 10 pm at the Foodworks kitchen in Arcata. We could use about five people or more and plan to get everything done that evening. We are serving as a dinner chili relleno, rice beans, and green salad. The main work to be done in the kitchen will be to prepare and cook the rellenos and create the dressing for the salad.

Things we need: Two food processors and an electric juicer that can press just the juice out of limes cut in half. These are needed at the kitchen Thursday afternoon. A couple portable propane tanks, and a tray or cash box that is made for sorting currency.

We also need people to get involved and take in the beauty of the space, the music and the arts and crafts. For more info on the event and the line up on all the stages for each day, go to <http://www.mateel.org/summerarts.php>. Anyone wanting more information or wanting to help out, call Peter or Gordy. We will coordinate the specific scheduling and also help arrange carpooling. We have one campsite that can hold 8 people at Richardson State Park. And could always get another.



# “The Best Public Speaker in the Country”

*(Los Angeles Times)*

Dr. Bob Bowman  
Lt. Col. USAF, ret (101 Combat Missions as fighter Pilot in Vietnam)  
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Dr. Robert Bowman, Lt. Col. USAF, ret. is President of the Institute for Space and Security Studies, Executive Vice President of Millennium III Corporation, and retired Presiding Archbishop of the United Catholic Church. The recipient of the Eisenhower Medal, the George F. Kennan Peace Prize, the President’s Medal of Veterans for Peace, the Republic Aviation Airpower Award, the Society of American Military Engineers’ ROTC Medal of Merit (twice), the Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal, and numerous other awards, he is one of the country’s foremost authorities on national security.

Colonel Bowman flew 101 combat missions as a fighter pilot in Vietnam and directed all the DoD “Star Wars” programs under presidents Ford and Carter. He has been an executive in both government and industry, and has chaired 8 major international conferences. Professor Bowman taught at 5 colleges and universities, serving as Department Head and Assistant Dean. His Ph.D. is in Aeronautical and Nuclear Engineering from Caltech. He has lectured at the National War College, the United Nations, Congressional Caucuses, the Academies of Science of six nations, and the House of Lords.

Dr. Bob founded “The Patriots”, a group devoted to government, which follows the Constitution, honors the Truth and Serves the People. As part of this campaign, he has been a major speaker at 9/11 Truth Conferences in Toronto, New York City, (twice), Washington, DC (twice), Chicago, Los Angeles, Melbourne, Boston, Detroit, and Phoenix.

Dr. Bob Bowman ran for President in the Reform Party in 2000 and was the Democratic candidate for the US Congress from the 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Florida in 2006. Bob and his wife of 51 years, Maggie, have 7 children and 21 grandchildren.

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## Who's Afraid of Jimmy Carter? George Bush

By John Nichols

*The Nation, May 20, 2007*

How touchy is the Bush administration about criticism? Very touchy, indeed, especially if the source of that criticism is a certain former president.

When Jimmy Carter, whose approval ratings dwarf those of George Bush these days, gets to talking about what's wrong with the current president the White House spin machine goes into overdrive.

And Carter has been talking.

He told the conservative *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* newspaper Saturday that, "I think as far as the adverse impact on the nation around the world, this administration has been the worst in history."

Suggesting that the president has presided over an "overt reversal of America's basic values," Carter drew a clear line of distinction between the current Bush policies and those of another Bush who has occupied the Oval Office, former President George Herbert Walker Bush.

With his misguided approach to the war in Iraq, Carter said, Bush made a "radical departure from all previous administration policies," including those of the president's father.

"We now have endorsed the concept of pre-emptive war where we go to war with another nation militarily, even though our own security is not directly threatened, if we want to change the regime there or if we fear that some time in the future our security might be endangered," explained Carter, who has long been a critic of the Bush administration but whose comments in recent days have been particularly pointed.

In another interview late last week, with the BBC, Carter effectively referred to outgoing British Prime Minister Tony Blair as Bush's poodle.

Carter criticized Blair's "blind" support of Bush's war in Iraq, suggesting that the British prime minister had been "subservient" to the American president. Noting that Blair's "almost undeviating" allegiance to Bush's Middle East dogmas had done much to legitimize them at precisely the time when they should have been challenged, Carter argued that the prime minister's promotion of "the ill-advised policies of President Bush in Iraq had been a major tragedy for the world."

Lest there be any doubt about his assessment of Blair's contribution to global stability, the Nobel Peace Prize winner termed the prime minister's failure to counter Bush's messianic march to war "abominable."

It is difficult to argue with Carter, not just on the basis of his stature but on the basis of his astute read of the current circumstance. And that's what scares the Bush White House. When a well regarded former president gets specific about the current president's dramatic failures - and about the damage that is done when foreign leaders align with Bush - this embattled White House gets tense.

So the president's aides are hitting back, with all the muscle they can muster, at Carter.

"I think it's sad that President Carter's reckless personal criticism is out there," griped White House spokesman Tony Fratto, as part of an unusually bitter and specific response issued Sunday from Bush's compound in Crawford, Texas.

In what the Associated Press correctly referred to as "a biting rebuke," Fratto said of Carter's observations: "I think it's unfortunate. And I think he is proving to be increasingly irrelevant with these kinds of comments."

The irony is that there is nothing unfortunate about Carter's remarks for the United States. By making it perfectly clear that Americans are unsettled by their president's reckless disregard for the rule of law and common sense at home and abroad, Carter helps to separate Bush from America in the eyes of the world, which is a very, very good thing for the American people.

Of course, then, the Bush White House is not attacking Carter's comments on their merit. Rather, the attack boils down to a suggestion that, even though they represent a rare example of a former president bluntly criticizing a sitting president, Carter's remarks of a little or no consequence.

What is fascinating is that the White House is claiming that Carter is "increasingly irrelevant" by going out of its way to attack him on one of the current president's many days of rest.

It seems that, if Carter really was as "irrelevant" as the Bush White House would have us believe, the president's aides would not be attacking the former president in such immediate and aggressive terms.

The truth is that Carter is relevant, perhaps more so now than ever. Even as Bush's fortunes decline, the need of dissenting voices is great. And Carter's dissents go to the very heart of the darkness that this administration has brought down upon the United States. For a body politic

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sorely in need of the tonic of truth, Jimmy Carter's comments are not just relevant, they are an essential to the renewal of a country and a planet badly battered by the madness of a 21st-century King George.

## The End of Military Blogs?

"The U.S. Army has ordered soldiers to stop posting to blogs or sending personal e-mail messages, without first clearing the content with a superior officer, Wired News has learned. The directive, issued April 19, is the sharpest restriction on troops' online activities since the start of the Iraq war. And it could mean the end of military blogs, observers say."

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*Some comments about the proposed order, made from the soldiers in the field, are as follows:*

- Aint hypocrisy grand?
- It's because this administration has lost the support of the military...and because they can't keep saying "Things are peachy over there" with evidence to the contrary.
- Republicans don't support the troops!
- Secrecy is the beginning of tyranny
- Actually, I'm surprised it took them this long to figure out they should silence the troops;
- How are our troops supposed to get the good news out that the MSM ignores?
- It's looking more and more like communist Russia in this country every day.
- The British found how hard it was to take away freedoms from people. The military will be more successful at first but this will only create diaries and logs that will be more damning than the blog itself.
- I believe you are right. The personnel in the military give up certain freedoms so others may keep theirs but if the leaders have lost the respect of their subordinates, they have lost effective control.
- Calling all military bloggers. put the following on your next post: "as soon as the US Army can tell me why the foxtrot I am fighting in the WRONG GODDAMM COUNTRY I will gladly quit telling the truth about what is going on here
- Either Bush doesn't want the soldiers being influenced by the growing discontent from all Americans over the

war, or more interesting, perhaps he is trying to cut off any sign of growing discontent in soldiers serving in Iraq. Perhaps the only way he can control things is to cut off all communications..

- I can't imagine how the soldiers keep up their morale realizing how hopeless this situation is, that there is no military solution yetting they are continually put out there anyway. They see their fellow soldiers blown up or shot and live with an extremely heightened stress level day after day after day. The only support they get from this president is to extend their tours of duty and causing even greater hardship on their families and increasing the risk to the soldiers. I can see where there just might start being a heightened sense of discontent beginning to take root.

- Brother... The president extends their tours yet again AND cuts off communications with families and their country back home... That sounds like a recipe for disaster.

- I think Bush has lost support of the American people on this horrible war. Once he loses support from the military and the soldiers, then I think this war will finally be over.

- Is this what you mean by a positive sign the surge is working, George?

- With no way to express oneself, even greater frustration will take its place, and I wonder what form it will take?

- This is a desperate attempt to control information but the loss of total control is permanent.

- Why would they need to do something like this? Aren't we showing signs of progress?

- Where are the trolls? I want someone to explain to me the spin of why we need to silence our troops. If progress is being made, wouldn't the military on the ground be the first to know? What are they afraid the troops will say? Are they going to start restricting the mail too?

- Baghdad—"Six days ago, I was in an armed convoy driving through the McCain-safe streets of Baghdad when a non-existent rocket, made right here and not in Tehran, blasted into a truck carrying fifteen GIs. We had to stop, could not turn around because there were vehicles behind us, frantically trying to flee in all directions, and so I saw what were the shredded remains of all fifteen soldiers the street and smoldering. Not the sort of thing to look at, or smell, after breakfast or before lunch. There was not a word of this in our media at home and the official casualty lists.





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# LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

If you would like to submit an article, opinion, comment or response to anything you have read which might interest the members of VFP-56, please e-mail it to [turtldncer@aol.com](mailto:turtldncer@aol.com), in word format, or mail to Jim Sorter at 1762 Buttermilk Lane, Arcata, CA 95521. Submissions will be included on a first come basis until the newsletter is full. Late arriving submissions will be archived for future issues.

## GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

*On Thursday, June 7th our general meeting will be starting at 6:00. We will be conducting regular business from 6:00 until 7:00. At 7:00 we will begin discussions on organizational issues of VFP-56, our mission, goals and objectives and what we want to see our organization accomplish during the next year.*

*We have chosen this time for these activities as we hope that we can have more input from the members present who are normally in attendance at scheduled monthly meetings, rather than setting aside a different day where we may not have as many people attend.*

*Our goal is to have members bring ideas to the planning session which can be discussed and hopefully implemented to make our organization more viable to our community.*



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### **Next VFP 56 Meeting**

**Thursday, June 7, 2007**  
**6:00 - 10:00 pm**  
**Marsh Commons**  
**101 H Street, Arcata**  
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