

Sat, 12/31/11, Chuck Dannheiser <ccd1943@hotmail.com> wrote:
From: Chuck Dannheiser <ccd1943@hotmail.com>
Subject: FW: Request For Information IPF disease / fighter pilots
To: cliff_jensen@1stwave553rdreconwing.com
Date: Saturday, December 31, 2011, 10:02 AM

Cliff, this info might not only be useful to pilots and navigators, but also some maintainers, i.e., engine shop and crewchiefs who came from or went on to working on these aircraft.

Chuck Dannheiser, 7399 S. Shore Dr., Newburgh, IN 812-853-9282

My name is B.V. Johnson and along with some other F-100 pilots I am afflicted with a fatal lung disease called Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF). This is a nasty disease that is usually fatal in 3 -5 years after one is diagnosed and there is currently no known cause or a medical cure for the condition.

**THE VA AND DOD REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT OUR
IPF IS THE RESULT OF EXPOSURE TO CONTAMINATES
DURING OUR MILITARY SERVICE!!!**

ONE of the possible causes of IPF that fit our back ground is,
**“PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO OCCUPATIONAL OR
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATES OR DUSTS.”** Some civilian
aircraft engines use MIL 7808 engine oil. One of the civilian
warnings concerning MIL 7808 oil, states this **“Oil gives off
fumes that can cause injury to personnel. Use oil in a well
ventilated area.”**

A military Technical manual, TM 1-1500-204-23-3, gives this very same warning. The F-100 pilot Flight Manual T.O 1F-100D-1 contains **no warnings for flight crews about MIL-L 7808 oil!!!!** Most of us who have this disease have flown from 2,000 to 3,200 hours in the F-100. An informal networking check of many friends that were military aviators found that a significant number of them are afflicted with IPF and MANY of them have already died as a result of this disease. We strongly believe that our IPF was caused by the exposure we had to the **unfiltered** toxic fumes of MIL-L-7808 Synthetic oil in our cockpits caused by the leaking bearings in the J-57 engine. We also strongly believe that many, if not all of the military aviators that we know of, and the many that we do not know of, were likewise affected by these **unfiltered** toxic oil fumes in the cockpit. The Pratt and Whitney J-57 was used in the USAF, F-100, the F-101 and RF-101, the F-102, the USN, F4D, F5D, F-8, and the A3-B. The J-57 without Afterburner was also used in the KC-135. The US Government purchased more than 21,000 J-57's for military use.

We URGENTLY need to have contact with any of you that:

Now have Pulmonary Fibrosis.

Know an aviator (USAF, USN, ANG, USAFR, USA or Coast Guard) that has it. Think you may have it, and are awaiting a diagnosis.

Know of someone who had PF and died from it like our friend Al Bache.

Call Ron Williams at Cell 785-452-8899, Home 785-825-7645 or e-mail at mig29pilot@cox.net

OR

Call B.V. Johnson at Cell 775-530-7237, Home 615-396-8458 or e-mail at bvjfrplt@comcast.net

PLEASE HELP US GATHER THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO CONVINCING THE DOD AND VA THAT THIS DISEASE IS SERVICE CONNECTED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!