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Genesis Farm

November 6, 2014



Grace and assurances in a time of unknowing

Dear Friends of the Farm,

It is the day after elections. Although we now face the possibility that our country will continue down a dark path of perpetual war-making, it is deeply rewarding to share a story that is a very bright light in this corner of northwestern New Jersey.

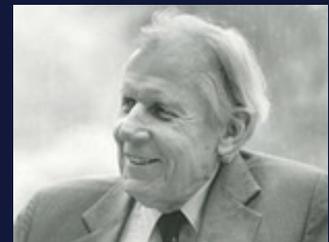
Last March, we wrote to you about our friend and neighbor Jim Durholz, a Vietnam War veteran whose disability benefits had been unjustly revoked. You may remember that many years ago Jim had been placed on permanent disability because he suffered from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Because he served in the Navy during the Vietnam War and was exposed to Agent Orange, it had been determined that his disability was service related.

This past Friday, October 31, Jim received a lengthy letter from the Veterans Administration. They apologized for losing his records and medical history, for unjustly cutting his disability payments on the grounds that he was no longer ill, and for ignoring for months the information that medical caregivers and many others had submitted. Jim's benefits have now been completely restored. The VA offered a sense of genuine and deep regret, especially in light of the sacrifices Jim made in the service of his country.

Those of us who have lived close to the situation are so grateful for the outpouring of words, letters, and financial and volunteer assistance. So many of you offered support, and most of you were strangers to Jim and his family. They tell us that over the past eight months, your care kept them alive in body and especially in spirit.

Thank you so much for your generosity and compassion,

The 100th Anniversary of Thomas Berry's Birth



On Tuesday, November 11th at 7 p.m., Genesis Farm will celebrate the life and vision of Thomas Berry. We will host the gathering in the library. Seating is limited, so please be sure to RSVP by calling or [email](#).

Resist Enlist



Miriam MacGillis

(below: The Genesis Farm kitchen, designed and built by Jim in 1984.)



Outrage continues over the newly approved GMO Enlist corn and soybeans, and Enlist Duo pesticide. Read more about NRDC's lawsuit [here](#).

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