

## Finding help at VA over 30 years later

**Bob:** I had a problem with the frostbite on my feet. They, it was, it was miserable. I couldn't go out. For instance, if I went to a night football game where my son was playing or I'd go with some of the neighbor guys and watch the local team play, my feet would just be giving my fits. And I thought it was just maybe some poor circulation. I had no idea I had frostbite. And this is, this is—in fact, I even worked high school and college football as an official. And night games would drive me up the wall, because I, I thought I had, you know, bad circulation. And I was stamping my feet and everything else out there on the field, trying to get some feeling back in my feet.

And it wasn't till 1980, oh, 1990, I would say, that it came to the surface that those people that were up at the reservoir have a frostbite problem. And the VA was looking into it. And it was the early '90s there that they finally found out that the frostbite was a combat injury.



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