

Presentation 15 – Roger Kaplan

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Gulf War Update

Scientific Merit Review Board

- Approved this month
- Six-eight members to be nominated this summer; will chair or serve on ad hoc subcommittees
- Will begin reviewing proposals beginning with the Spring 2005 merit review round

Gulf War RFA

- Sixty-nine LOIs submitted
- Forty-four proposals received
- Merit review scheduled for July 25
- Funding decisions to be announced in late August
- Will obligate FY 2004 funds

Revised GWVI RFP

- Existing Deployment Health RFP dated October 2002 to be replaced with two separate RFPs: GWVI; Other Deployments
- Will receive dedicated funding
- Allocations TBD

War-Related Illness and Injury Study Center

- Action Office: Office of Public Health and Environmental Hazards
- Proposal submitted to Deputy Under Secretary for Review
- Preference will be given to proposals originating from facilities located in other regions of the US

War-Related Illness and Injury Study Center

- Proposals must focus on:
 - Unique health problems of Gulf War veterans
 - Neurological diseases
 - New treatment modalities
 - Unique health problems of women veterans

Recently Approved Drug Trial

- ALS treatment trial using sodium phenyl butyrate (NaPB)
 - NaPB increased survivability in ALS mice
 - Study will begin with a Phase I trial to determine tolerability in patients
 - Phase II trial to be conducted at multiple sites