

Senate Democratic Policy Committee Hearing

“An Oversight Hearing on Whether Halliburton Has Failed to Provide Clean Water to United States Troops in Iraq”

Witness Biographies

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Jeffrey K. Griffiths is an infectious diseases physician and Associate Professor of Public Health and Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine. He is an internationally known drinking water and diarrheal diseases expert with many years of national and international experience. Dr. Griffiths serves on the National Drinking Water Advisory Council and the Science Advisory Board of the Environmental Protection Agency. He attended Harvard College, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and Tulane University, and completed his clinical training at Yale, Harvard, and Tufts.

Matthew Harrison

Captain, U.S. Army Dental Corps (ret'd)

Matthew Harrison is a dentist in Rogers, Arkansas. From June 2002 to June 2005, he served as a captain in the U.S. Army Dental Corps. In October 2003, he was assigned to the 101st Forward Support Battalion of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division out of Fort Riley, Kansas. In December 2003, Dr. Harrison was assigned to Camp Ar Ramadi, Iraq, to replace the brigade dental surgeon. His deployment ended in September 2004, and he separated from the Army in June 2005.

Richard Murphy

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America

Following the attacks of September 11, 2001, Richard Murphy took a leave of absence from George Washington Law School to enlist in the U.S. Army Reserves, serving as a Specialist with the 372th Military Police Company of Cumberland, Maryland. In February 2003, Mr. Muphy was sent to Iraq, where his unit was assigned to conduct combat patrols, law and order operations, and the training of Iraqi police recruits. His company later ran prisoner of war detention facilities at Abu Ghraib, where Mr. Murphy created a “safe cell” for elderly and infirm prisoners.

After a year on the ground, the unit’s tour was extended three months, and it was assigned to guard Kellogg, Brown & Root civilian truck convoys in and around Baghdad.

After conducting more than 100,000 miles of convoy security — facing IEDs, RPGs, and small arms fire — the company returned home in August 2004. Murphy was later awarded two Army Commendation Medals for his service.

Murphy was released from active duty on September 9, 2004. He has returned to his law studies, and has become actively involved with the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), the nation's first and largest organization of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. IAVA's mission is to ensure the enactment of policies that properly provide for our troops and veterans, keep the military strong, and guarantee national security for the purpose of a stronger America.