

# Two US Sailors Dead After Fukushima Radiation Exposure

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[Tahlequah Daily Press](#), Aug 7, 2014: USS Ronald Reagan... passed through radiation plumes and clouds... the ship and most of those onboard, tested positive for radiation exposure... Serio, now a broadcast journalism major at [CSUN], has recently written a column... [on Breitbart.com](#). "I feel as if people are not realizing how serious the issue is, and I would like to shed as much light on it as possible," said Serio.

[California State University, Northridge](#), Nov 12, 2014: Little did [U.S. Navy veteran Kelli Serio, 25] know her service would change the way she viewed the system she vowed her loyalty to... Serio may have been affected by radiation during what she calls her "final and most personally sacrificing deployment" in Japan... at 18, she enlisted in the U.S. Navy [and] was deployed off Japan's coast... to assist with the cleanup of the Fukushima nuclear plant. While there, her carrier acted as a floating fuel station... Serio said she'll never forget the day her captain said their water filtration system had been compromised... "I feel like we were done so wrong," Serio said. "We were drinking the water." Serio said she and the other 70,000 first responders have been dismissed by the government as if nothing happened out there. She wants justice... Serio's team-like mentality has also led to her modeling with organizations like Pin-Ups for Vets... to help bring up the morale of veterans and current soldiers [and] bring awareness to the men and women who've served their country through speaking engagements and visiting patients at veteran hospitals... [E]arlier this year... she met her friend and mentor, Fox News reporter Hollie McKay [who recommended] Serio for a reporter position at [Breitbart.com]... Her first piece for the website was a first-hand account of and a look back at Operation Tomodachi.

[Breitbart](#), by Kelli Serio, Jul 23, 2014: I was onboard the USS Ronald Reagan [and went] directly through a radiation cloud. The commanding officer warned us that our water and ventilation systems had been contaminated, posing a critical health risk to all of us onboard. We were advised to refrain from showering or drinking water... Sailors worked tirelessly... while being left vulnerable to dangerous levels of radiation... most of us onboard the ship were tested for radiation exposure and many came back positive, resulting in full-body scrubdowns... [W]e were issued gas masks... myself and other junior sailors were asked to don protective garments in an effort to decontaminate the ship... Proper medical care for the victims of radiation exposure [is needed, it's a] dire situation for many... Many of us are enduring the unfortunate consequences [and] hoping for care from the VA that appears to never arrive... we are reassured of our good health, despite the presence of mysterious and unexplained symptoms... A lack of coverage by the mainstream media has left victims without a voice... We do not want to be forgotten.

[CBS San Francisco](#), Nov 21, 2014: Rare cancers, blindness, birth defects and now, two deaths. Hundreds of U.S. sailors... say they were exposed to dangerous levels of radiation... [Steve] Simmons... began feeling weak and sick with uncontrolled fevers... Soon he was in a wheelchair, unable to walk. He says military doctors would never tell him what was wrong. "Every one of them wanted to discredit radiation as a possible cause," Simmons said... "[There's] evidence that the doses that were assumed to be on board the USS Reagan may have been under-reported," said Dr. Robert Gould, a former Kaiser pathologist... "Given that there is more information that has come out, I think you would have to re-look at the entire situation," said Dr. Gould. >> [Watch the CBS broadcast here](#)

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