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HEALTH AFFAIRS

The Honorable John W. Warner
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-6050

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am pleased to forward the report prescribed in Section 751 of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Year 2001. Section 751 requests the Department of Defense submit to Congress an annual written report on the number of Service members who have been separated as a result of refusing to participate in the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program (AVIP).

During the January 1 through December 31, 2004 reporting period, ten Service members were separated as a result of refusing to participate in AVIP. Enclosed is a table identifying the Service, Service component, and grade of the Service members separated.

During this same period, 681,872 Service members received 1,456,262 doses of licensed anthrax vaccine. As of December 31, 2004, over 1,716,510 Service members have participated in the AVIP with over 5,192,435 doses administered. During the last quarter of the calendar year, vaccinations were curtailed by an October 27, 2004, injunction by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. At the present time, pending the results of actions addressing that Court decision, mandatory anthrax vaccinations are not authorized.

Thank you for your continued support of the Military Health System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Winkenwerder, Jr." in a cursive script.

William Winkenwerder, Jr., MD

Enclosure:
As stated

cc:
Senator Carl Levin

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
REPORT ON
SEPARATIONS THAT RESULT FROM A REFUSAL
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANTHRAX VACCINE
IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM**

| 7-Mar-05 | | CY 2000 Separations | | CY 2001 Separations | | CY 2002 Separations | | CY 2003 Separations | | CY 2004 Separations | |
|--|-----------|---------------------|--|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Service | Component | Separations | Rank | Separations | Rank | Separations | Rank | Separations | Rank | Separations | Rank |
| Army | Active | 14 | E1, E3(4), E4(6), E5(2), O2 | 0 | NA | 0 | NA | 1 | E4 | 1 | O1 |
| | Guard | 0 | NA | 0 | NA | 0 | NA | 10 | E2,E3(3), E4(4), E5(2) | 6 | E2,E3(2), E5(1),CW2, O3 |
| | Reserve | 0 | NA | 0 | NA | 0 | NA | 1 | E5 | 0 | N/A |
| Navy | Active | 13 | E1, E2(3), E3(5), E4(2), E5, O1 | 0 | NA | 0 | NA | 0 | NA | 0 | N/A |
| | Reserve | 0 | NA | 0 | NA | 0 | NA | 0 | NA | 0 | N/A |
| Air Force | Active | 48 | E1(16), E2(15), E3(14), E4(16), E5(7), O1, O4 | 0 | NA | 1 | E4 | 10 | E1, E3(5), E4(3), E5 | 2 | E5, E4 |
| | Guard | 22 | | 1 | O4 | 0 | NA | 1 | E4 | 0 | N/A |
| | Reserve | 0 | NA | 0 | NA | 0 | NA | 0 | NA | 1 | O4 |
| Marines | Active | 12 | E1(3), E2(5), E3, E4(3) | 1 | E3 | 0 | NA | 3 | E3, E5, O2 | 0 | N/A |
| | Reserve | 0 | NA | 0 | NA | 0 | NA | 1 | E4 | 0 | N/A |
| DoD Totals | | 109 | | 2 | | 1 | | 27 | | 10 | |
| # of People Vaccinated: | | 109,466 | | 28,852 | | 72,744 | | 436,513 | | 699,571 | |
| For Each Separation, # of People Vaccinated | | 1 per 1,004 | | 1 per 14,426 | | 1 per 72,744 | | 1 per 16,167 | | 1 per 69,957 | |
| Separations as % of Vaccinations | | 0.0996% | | 0.0069% | | 0.0014% | | 0.0062% | | 0.0014% | |