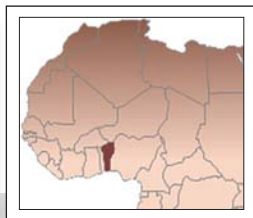




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Update: Malaria, U.S. Armed Forces, 2009

Malaria is a serious, often life-threatening, mosquito-transmitted parasitic disease. Four *Plasmodium* species are responsible for the overwhelming majority of human malaria infections: *Plasmodium falciparum* (the most deadly), *Plasmodium vivax* (the most common), *Plasmodium ovale*, and *Plasmodium malariae*.

Malaria is endemic in more than 100 countries throughout tropics and in some temperate regions. In 2006, malaria accounted for nearly 250 million acute illnesses and nearly one million deaths worldwide; most deaths were due to *P. falciparum* infections of young children. Malaria's health and economic impacts are relatively most severe in the poorest and least developed countries – particularly in Africa.

For centuries, malaria has been recognized as a disease of military operational significance.^{1,2} U.S. service members are at risk of malaria when they are permanently assigned to endemic areas (such as near the Demilitarized Zone [DMZ] in Korea^{3,4}); when they participate in operations in endemic areas (e.g., Afghanistan⁵, Africa, Central/South America); and when they visit malarious areas during personal travels. The U.S. military has effective countermeasures against malaria, including chemoprophylactic drugs, permethrin impregnated uniforms and bednets, and DEET-containing insect repellents. When cases and outbreaks of malaria do occur, they are generally due to non-compliance with indicated chemoprophylactic or personal protective measures.

In the 1990s, there was a general increase in malaria incidence among U.S. service members, primarily due to *P. vivax* infections acquired near the DMZ in Korea.^{3,4,6-8} Since 2001, U.S. service members have been exposed to malaria risk (particularly due to *P. vivax*) while serving in Southwest and Central Asia (particularly in Afghanistan).⁵ This report summarizes the malaria experiences of U.S. service members during calendar year 2009 and compares it to recent experience.

Methods:

The surveillance period was January 2002 through December 2009. The Defense Medical Surveillance System was searched to identify inpatient medical encounters and reportable medical events that included primary (first-listed) diagnoses of malaria (ICD-9-CM: 084.0-084.9, except 084.7) among active and Reserve component members of the U.S. Armed Forces during the surveillance period. For this summary, only one episode of malaria per service member was included. When multiple records documented a single case, the date of the earliest encounter was considered the date of clinical onset, and the most specific diagnosis (typically from an inpatient record) was used to classify the *Plasmodium* species.

Presumed locations of malaria acquisition were estimated using a hierarchical classification algorithm: (1) cases hospitalized in a malarious country were considered acquired in that country; (2) case reports (submitted as reportable medical events) that listed exposures to malaria endemic locations were considered acquired in those locations; (3) cases diagnosed among service members during or within 90 days of deployment to a malarious country were considered acquired in that country; (4) cases diagnosed among service members who had been deployed to Afghanistan or Korea within two years prior to diagnosis were considered acquired in those countries; (5) all remaining cases were considered acquired in unknown locations.

Results:

In 2009, 60 U.S. military members were diagnosed and/or reported with malaria. The number of cases in 2009 was lower than in any other calendar year since 2002 (Figure 1). In 2009, as in prior years, most U.S. military members diagnosed with malaria were males (92%), younger than 30 years old (60%), in the Army (53%), and in the active component (85%) (Table 1).

Table 1. Malaria cases by plasmodium species and selected demographic characteristics, U.S. Armed Forces, 2009

| | <i>P. vivax</i> | <i>P. falciparum</i> | Unspecified or other | Total | Percent of total |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Total | 11 | 25 | 24 | 60 | 100 |
| Component | | | | | |
| Active | 10 | 20 | 21 | 51 | 85.0 |
| Reserve/Guard | 1 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 15.0 |
| Service | | | | | |
| Army | 10 | 8 | 14 | 32 | 53.3 |
| Navy | 0 | 10 | 6 | 16 | 26.7 |
| Air Force | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 8.3 |
| Marine Corps | 0 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 11.7 |
| Gender | | | | | |
| Male | 8 | 23 | 24 | 55 | 91.7 |
| Female | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 8.3 |
| Age group | | | | | |
| <20 years | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3.3 |
| 20-24 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 16 | 26.7 |
| 25-29 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 18 | 30.0 |
| 30-34 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 16.7 |
| 35-39 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 10 | 16.7 |
| 40+ | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6.7 |
| Race/ethnicity | | | | | |
| White non-Hispanic | 7 | 13 | 14 | 34 | 56.7 |
| Black non-Hispanic | 1 | 7 | 7 | 15 | 25.0 |
| Other | 3 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 18.3 |
| Total | 11 | 25 | 24 | 60 | 100.0 |

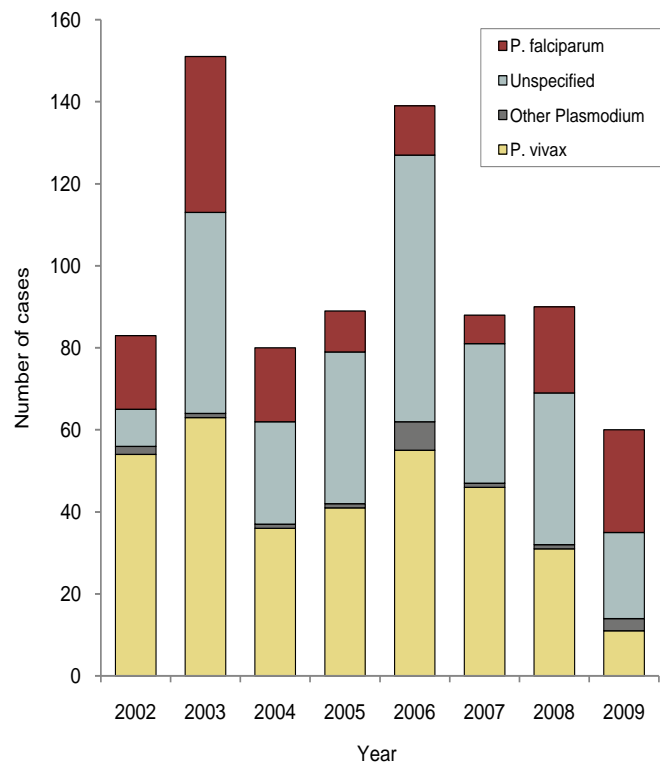
Table 2. Number of malaria cases by geographical locations of diagnosis or report and presumed location of acquisition, U.S. Armed Forces, 2009

| Location of diagnosis/report | Presumed location of infection acquisition | | | | | Location total | % of total 2009 cases |
|------------------------------------|--|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| | Korea | Afghanistan | Africa | Central/South America | Unknown location | | |
| Fort Benning, GA | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 8.3 |
| Fort Campbell, KY | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6.7 |
| Wuerzburg, Germany | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6.7 |
| Landstuhl, Germany | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5.0 |
| Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5.0 |
| Fort Carson, CO | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5.0 |
| Portsmouth, VA | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5.0 |
| Eastern Louisiana ^a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 5.0 |
| Fort Knox, KY | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3.3 |
| Maxwell Air Force Base, AL | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3.3 |
| Keelser Air Force Base, MS | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3.3 |
| Tennessee ^a | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3.3 |
| Other locations (with 1 case each) | 1 | 7 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 24 | 40.0 |
| Total | 2 | 21 | 25 | 0 | 12 | 60 | 100.0 |
| % of total | 3.3 | 35.0 | 41.7 | 0.0 | 20.0 | 100.0 | |

^aNon-military facilities

Of all 2009 cases, more than two-fifths were caused by *P. falciparum* (n=25, 42%) and fewer than one-fifth by *P. vivax* (n=11, 18%) (Table 1). In 2009, there were more cases attributed to *P. falciparum* and fewer cases attributed to *P. vivax* than in any other year of the reporting period. The

Figure 1. Malaria cases among U.S. service members, by plasmodium species, by calendar year of diagnosis/report, 2002-2009



responsible agent was “unspecified” for more than one-third (n=21) of 2009 cases (Table 1, Figure 1).

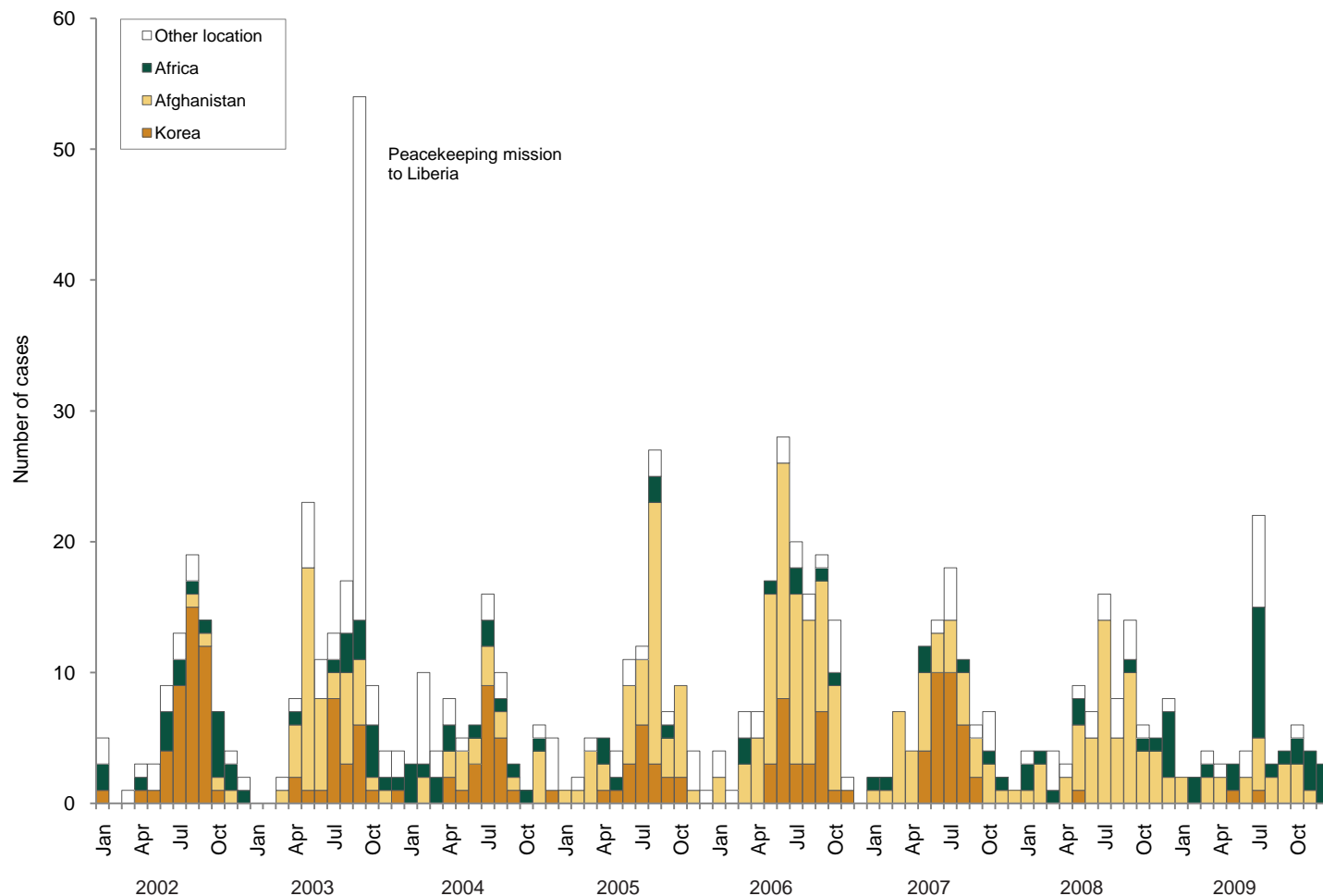
Of the 60 cases reported in 2009, most were considered acquired in Africa (n=25, 42%) or Afghanistan (n=21, 35%); only two cases (3%) were presumably acquired in Korea. One-fifth (n=12, 20%) of all malaria cases had unknown areas of infection acquisition (Table 2).

Of the 25 infections considered acquired in Africa, 12 were likely acquired in West Africa (Ghana: 3; Liberia: 3; Benin, Nigeria, Togo: 2 each); four were considered acquired in Uganda; and three each were considered acquired in countries in Central Africa, the Horn of Africa, and Southern Africa.

In 2009, malaria cases were diagnosed/reported from more than 30 different medical facilities in the United States, western Europe, and the Pacific Islands; also, three cases were diagnosed and reported from a U.S. military medical facility in Afghanistan. During the year, only three facilities treated/reported at least four cases each: Martin Army Community Hospital, Fort Benning, GA (n=5); Blanchfield Army Community Hospital, Fort Campbell, KY (n=4) and Bavaria Medical Department Activity, Germany (n=4); 24 facilities diagnosed/reported only a single case each (Table 2).

In 2009 as in most prior years, malaria cases were diagnosed among U.S. military members during each month of the year; however, in 2009, there was less distinct seasonality than in past years. In 2009, there were at least two cases in every month and only two months with more than four cases (Figure 2). The finding likely reflects the relatively higher number and proportion of cases acquired in tropical

Figure 2. Malaria cases among U.S. service members, by estimated location of infection acquisition, U.S. Armed Forces, 2002-2009



regions of Africa compared to temperate regions of Korea and Afghanistan.

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Editorial comment:

In 2009, there were fewer cases of malaria diagnosed/ reported among U.S. military members than in any other year since 2002. The finding reflects negligible malaria acquisition in Korea since 2008 when it sharply declined from a trend of much higher annual incidence. Also in 2009, there were fewer Afghanistan-acquired cases than in any other year since 2004.

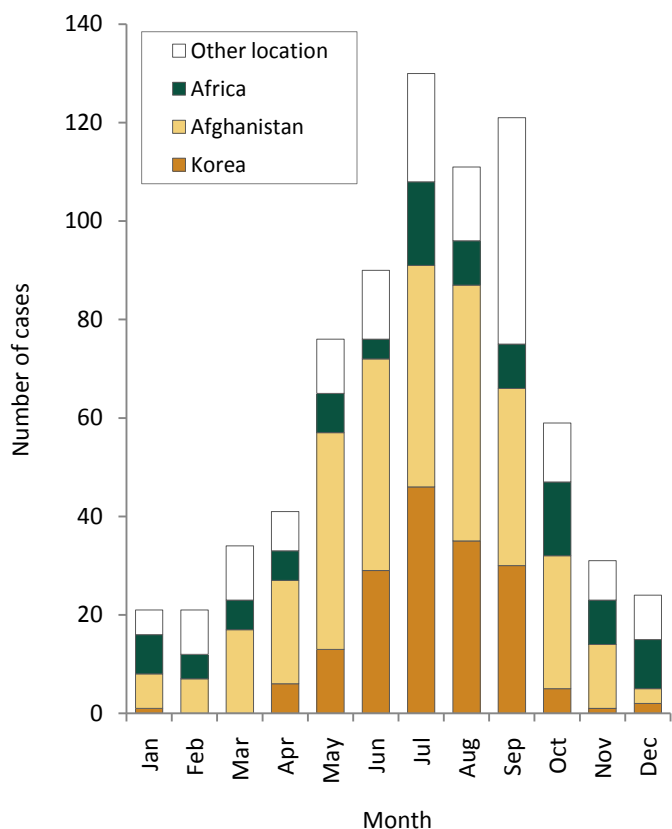
There are significant limitations to the report that should be considered when interpreting the findings. For example, the ascertainment of malaria cases is likely incomplete (e.g., cases treated in deployed or non-U.S. military medical facilities may not be specifically reported or otherwise ascertained). Also, the locations of infection acquisition were estimated from reported relevant information. Still, some cases had

reported exposures in multiple malarious areas, while nearly 20% of the cases had no relevant exposure information.

Although there were relatively few cases overall in 2009, the number of cases likely acquired in Africa, and the number and percent reported as *P. falciparum*, were all higher in 2009 than in any other year included in this report. In October 2007, the U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) was formally established to provide “sustained security engagement” with African partners. AFRICOM’s activities include the conduct of civil-military and crisis response operations; such activities may increase exposures of U.S. service members to falciparum malaria risk.

Prior to 2009, most malaria cases among U.S. military members were caused by *P. vivax* infections acquired in Korea or Afghanistan; such infections are generally acquired and clinically manifested during warm months in the northern hemisphere (i.e., April through October) (Figure 3). In tropical areas, malaria is transmitted and clinically expressed during all seasons. If in the future higher proportions of malaria cases among U.S. military members are caused by *P. falciparum* acquired in Africa, there may be more severe

Figure 3. Clinical presentation/diagnosis of malaria, by cumulative month and location of acquisition of infection, U.S. Armed Forces, January 2002-December 2009



clinical manifestations and less distinct seasonality of malaria among U.S. military members — even if overall incidence remains stable or continues to decline.

As in prior years, in 2009, most malaria cases among U.S. military members were treated at medical facilities remote from malaria endemic areas; and 24 medical facilities treated only one malaria case each. Providers of acute medical care to service members (in both garrison and deployed settings) should be knowledgeable of and vigilant for the early clinical manifestations of malaria — particularly among service

members who are currently or were recently in malaria-endemic areas (e.g., Afghanistan, Africa, Korea). Care providers should be capable of diagnosing malaria (or have access to a clinical laboratory that is proficient in malaria diagnosis) and initiating treatment (particularly when falciparum malaria is clinically suspected).

Most important, all military members at risk of malaria should be informed in detail of the nature and severity of the risk; they should be trained, equipped, and supplied to conduct all indicated countermeasures; and they should be closely monitored to ensure compliance. Personal protective measures against malaria include the proper wear of permethrin impregnated uniforms; the use of bed nets and military-issued DEET-containing insect repellent; and compliance with prescribed chemoprophylactic drugs before, during, and after times of exposure in malarious areas.

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Case Report: Fatal Outcome of Falciparum Malaria Acquired in Liberia, U.S. Navy Member, 2009

A male in his early twenties was deployed as a member of a Navy detachment to Liberia, near the capital city of Monrovia on the west coast of Africa. Approximately four months into the deployment, the sailor presented to his battalion aid station (BAS) with fatigue, malaise, and temperature of 101°F. He was treated for heat illness and responded well to intravenous (IV) fluids with complete resolution of symptoms. He reportedly ate dinner that night and continued to feel well the following morning; later in the day, however, he was found “walking through camp like he was drunk.” He was brought to the BAS with a temperature of 104°F. His fever continued despite direct cooling and IV fluids (Table 1).

The detachment corpsman contacted the unit’s medical officer and initiated medical evacuation procedures. The sailor was transferred to a local hospital outside Monrovia. At the local hospital, the sailor responded to voice “most of the time;” his urinalysis showed granular casts. By that evening, an American missionary physician had initiated antimalarial treatment with an IV quinine preparation.

The following day, while awaiting medical evacuation from Liberia, the patient developed jaundice; his mental status waxed and waned; and intermittent fevers continued. By the time he was evacuated to Dakar, Senegal, his mental status had declined, e.g., he responded only to pain. On arrival in Senegal, he received dialysis; he was then evacuated to the U.S. military’s Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

En route to Landstuhl, the patient required endotracheal intubation due to his worsening mental status. Upon arrival, he was unstable and severely acidotic. On admission, he had anemia (Hct 19%), leukocytosis (WBC 31.5 x 10³/mL) and thrombocytopenia (platelets 25 x 10³/mL); blood smears and a rapid diagnostic test were positive for *Plasmodium falciparum*. The parasite burden was 1.8%, and a single blood culture ultimately grew out Gram positive cocci (speciation was not available; the isolate was deemed to likely be skin contaminant). He was started on IV quinidine and oral malarone in addition to broad spectrum antibiotics. Soon after admission, he developed disseminated intravascular coagulation and hepatic failure and was treated with pressors.

Within his first 36 hours at Landstuhl, his condition improved substantially. He was weaned off pressors and his mental status improved to the point where sedation was required for continued ventilator support. The following evening, his mental status declined despite a parasite burden approaching zero. Physical exam indicated fixed and dilated pupils with loss of brain stem reflexes. A CT scan

demonstrated cerebral edema. Imaging studies indicated no cerebral blood flow. The sailor succumbed to his illness eight days after initial presentation in theater. (Results of autopsy were not available at the time of this report.)

The sailor’s compliance with antimalarial chemoprophylaxis is unknown. He was prescribed doxycycline prior to deployment; when he initially presented at the BAS, he reportedly affirmed that he had been taking it. Directly observed therapy (DOT) was not in practice at the time (since then, it has been instituted for the unit). Prior to deployment, all personnel in the unit, including the leaders, were briefed at least twice by the medical officer. All were issued two permethrin treated uniforms, and DEET insect repellent was supplied. Bed nets were not issued prior to deployment; the unit had been informed they would receive them from their predecessors upon turnover. When no bed nets were turned over, they were procured locally within a few weeks of arrival. The permethrin status of these locally obtained bed nets is unknown.

The unit’s living conditions in Liberia were described as “austere at best.” Berthing spaces are in an uninsulated steel-framed, plastic-covered building with individually partitioned rooms; there was no air conditioning at the time

Table 1. Summary of clinical course, by day

| | |
|--------|---|
| Day 0: | Initial presentation with fatigue/malaise, T = 101°F Treated for heat illness Symptoms resolved entirely with IV fluids |
| Day 1: | Second presentation to BAS, now febrile to 104°F, and with mental status changes Transfer to local hospital Signs of acute renal failure Mental status changes persist IV quinine |
| Day 2: | Developed jaundice |
| Day 3: | Transfer to hospital in Senegal Dialysis Medevac to LRMC Endotracheal intubation en route to LRMC |
| Day 4: | Arrival to LRMC Unstable, acidotic Smear and rapid test positive for <i>P. falciparum</i> Antimalarials and broad spectrum antibiotics |
| Day 5: | Initial improvement in mental status |
| Day 6: | Decline in mental status (PM) CT shows cerebral edema Pupils fixed/dilated, loss of brain stem reflexes Parasite burden near 0% |
| Day 7: | Imaging indicates no cerebral blood flow |
| Day 8: | Brain death declared |

the case developed. Living quarters are within one quarter mile of a saltwater lagoon; there was no obvious standing water in the camp (the case occurred during the dry season). An Environmental Health Officer reportedly visited the camp recently to set mosquito traps and test water; results are pending.

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Editorial comment:

This report highlights the severity of the *P. falciparum* threat to U.S. military members who conduct operations in falciparum malaria endemic areas. The case is a tragic reminder that preventing, diagnosing, and treating falciparum malaria are life-saving activities for deploying service members in all military occupations and grades.

The nature and intensity of the threat, and the potential medical and military operational consequences, of falciparum malaria in Liberia are well known to the U.S. military. In 2003, there was a large outbreak of falciparum malaria among members of a U.S. peacekeeping force in Liberia. Of 290 individuals who spent any time ashore in Liberia, 80 (clinical attack rate: 28%) were treated for malaria (positive smears and/or clinical indications); 43 were evacuated to U.S. military medical centers; several required intensive medical care; and at least two were diagnosed with cerebral malaria. There were no deaths.^{1,2}

The avoidance of severe medical and military operational consequences when operating in high falciparum malaria

risk areas requires comprehensive planning, thorough preparations, and uncompromising execution of prevention, diagnosis, and treatment regimens. For example, before deployment, all individuals (i.e., commanders, supervisors, and service members at all levels) must be informed in detail regarding the nature of the threat, personal and unit protection policies and practices, and the potential consequences of prevention failures. Before deploying, all individuals must initiate prescribed malaria chemoprophylaxis. All deployers must be provided the equipment (e.g., permethrin impregnated uniforms and bed nets) and supplies (e.g., DEET insect repellent) necessary to prevent the potentially lethal bites of malarious mosquitoes; and they must be trained to properly and consistently use all indicated personal protective measures. Before deploying, medical care providers should receive formal/refresher training to clinically detect, diagnose, and begin treatment of falciparum malaria in its earliest stages. During deployment, supervisors must ensure 100% compliance with all indicated chemoprophylactic and personal protective measures.

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Outbreak Report: Malaria in a U.S. Marine Reserve Unit Deployed to Benin

Military operations and personal travel in malaria endemic countries expose U.S. service members to the risk of malaria infection. During World War II, there were more casualties from malaria than from battle injuries.¹ More recently, large malaria outbreaks affected U.S. soldiers deployed to Somalia (n=112) in 1993² and members of a U.S. peacekeeping force (n=80) in Liberia in 2003.³ Since 2002, more than 300 U.S. service members have been diagnosed or reported with malaria that was likely acquired in Afghanistan (see page 2).

This report summarizes preliminary findings from an investigation of a malaria outbreak among a U.S. Marine Reserve unit that conducted a humanitarian exercise in Benin in June and July of 2009. The majority of the 370 service members were Reservists from four companies located in Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, and Oregon. Most members of the unit deployed to Benin during the first three weeks of June and remained for an average of 20 (\pm 7) days.

Within a few days after returning to the U.S, three cases of malaria were suspected and later confirmed among unit members. Soon afterwards, 12 additional malaria cases were reported among deployers. A questionnaire was administered to unit members to assess compliance with chemoprophylaxis and personal protective measures (PPM), the presence of clinical symptoms of malaria, and uses of medical care during and after deployment. At the time of this report, analyses of questionnaire responses were not completed; however, this report summarizes preliminary results regarding compliance with antimalarial chemoprophylaxis and PPMs.

Methods:

Malaria cases were initially identified and reported through the U.S. Navy's medical event reporting system. A confirmed case was defined by observation of malaria parasites in the blood of a suspected case. A probable case was defined

by clinical signs and symptoms consistent with malaria in an individual with recent travel in a malarious country.

An anonymous, self-reported questionnaire administered to members of the unit assessed use of chemoprophylaxis and PPMs. Responses were categorized as either "compliant" or "non-compliant" with prescribed antimalarial medications and indicated uses of protective clothing, permethrin-treated uniforms, mosquito nets and DEET insect repellent. For example, while deployed in Benin, applications of DEET insect repellent are indicated three or more times per day; thus, for this analysis, respondents were considered compliant if they reported applications of DEET three or more times per day "most or all of the time".

Results:

From 27 June (the date of diagnosis of the index case) through 12 August, 15 malaria cases were reported among members of all four companies of the recently deployed unit (**Figure 1**). Of the 15 cases, 12 were confirmed by blood smear; 11 of the confirmed cases were caused by *Plasmodium falciparum* and one by *Plasmodium ovale*. The three probable cases were treated presumptively.

Of the 370 service members who deployed to Benin, 260 (70%) returned questionnaires. The questionnaire respondents were predominately male (98%), in the Marine Corps (92%), 21 to 25 years old (55%), and white race; 7% of the respondents were in the Navy.

All questionnaire respondents affirmed having received antimalarial medications. Self-reported compliance with doxycycline (daily) and primaquine (terminal) prophylaxis overall were 17% and 83%, respectively. However, compliance with chemoprophylaxis sharply varied across the four companies (chemoprophylaxis, by company: doxycycline, 0-44%; primaquine, 71-88%). Among malaria cases that completed questionnaires, none (of two) reported compliance

Figure 1. Dates of report/diagnosis of malaria among members of a Marine Reserve unit deployed to Benin during June and July 2009

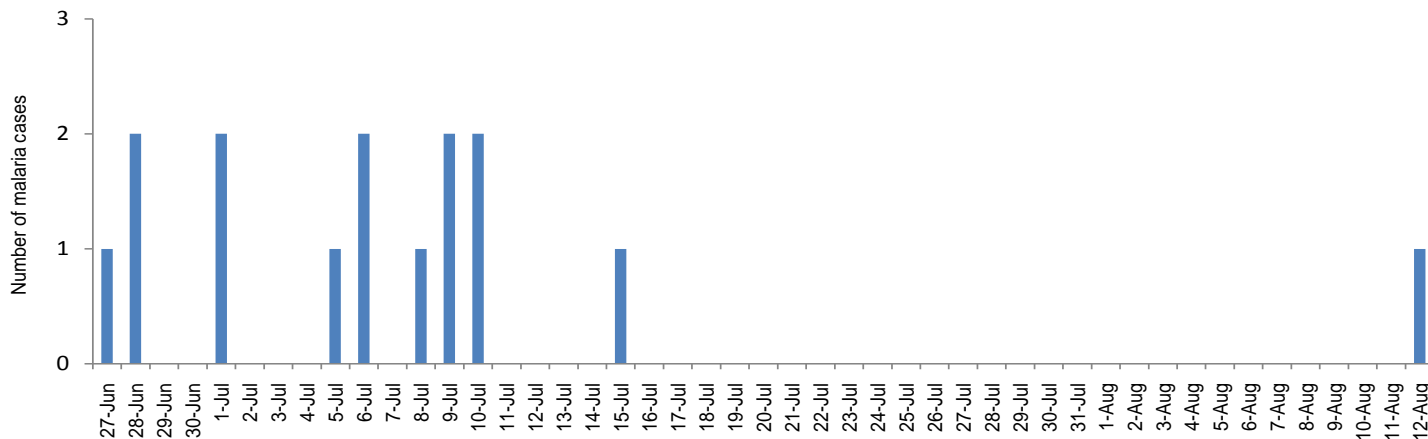


Table 1. Compliance with chemoprophylaxis and personal protective measures among members of a U.S. Marine Reserve unit deployed to Benin, April-July 2009

| | Malaria cases (n=15) | All respondents (n=260) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| | % compliant | % compliant |
| Chemoprophylaxis | | |
| Doxycycline (daily) | 0 (0/2) | 17 (16/97) |
| Primaquine (terminal prophylaxis) | 100 (4/4) | 83 (48/58) |
| Personal protective measures | | |
| Applied appropriate amount of DEET | 63 (5/8) | 38 (92/241) |
| Used a mosquito net | 63 (5/8) | 57 (138/243) |
| Wore treated uniforms exclusively | 75 (6/8) | 86 (210/244) |
| Pant legs down at all times | 88 (7/8) | 85 (204/240) |
| Sleeves down at all times | 100 (8/8) | 97 (236/243) |

with daily doxycycline while deployed and four (of four) reported compliance with post-exposure primaquine (Table 1).

Regarding uses of personal protective measures, 86% of questionnaire respondents reported wearing pretreated uniforms exclusively; most respondents reported wearing their uniforms with the sleeves (97%) and pant legs (85%) pulled down at all times. Most (86%) respondents reported access to DEET-containing repellent; however, just 38% applied the repellent as often as indicated. Similarly, most (80%) respondents reported possession of a mosquito net; however, fewer than three-fifths (57%) reported use of the mosquito net as indicated. Most (81%) respondents reported that their mosquito nets were not treated with permethrin or other insect repellent. Of respondents who had but did not use mosquito nets, one-third (34%) reported the main reason for noncompliance as “it was too hot”.

Of note, of eight malaria cases that completed questionnaires, most reported compliance with indicated PPMs: sleeves down at all times; 100%; pant legs down at all times; 88%; pretreated uniforms exclusively: 75%; use of mosquito net: 63%; use of DEET as indicated: 63% (Table 1).

Editorial comment:

The U.S. military employs many measures to protect its members from malaria. When used together and as indicated, the measures are very effective. This report documents again that outbreaks of malaria occur when military members in high-risk settings are less than fully compliant with all indicated malaria countermeasures.

In the unit that is the subject of this report, fewer than one-fifth of members reported taking doxycycline every day while deployed to prevent malaria. Mosquito nets and DEET insect repellent were widely available to unit members; however, fewer than two-thirds used them consistently. Some protective measures were used by most members and as indicated; however, the use of most indicated countermeasures by most deployed service members is not

sufficient to prevent cases and outbreaks of potentially life- and mission-threatening illnesses when operating in high malaria risk areas.

This report has several limitations that should be considered when interpreting the findings. For example, all deployed members did not complete questionnaires; and all respondents did not answer all of the questions. It is possible, perhaps likely, that the responses of self-selected questionnaire respondents do not reliably reflect the experiences of all unit members. Also, among completed questionnaires, descriptive information such as race, duty status, and rank were often missing; although the questionnaires were anonymous, some respondents further masked their identities – perhaps, fearing repercussions from reported nonadherence with prescribed preventive measures. After malaria was diagnosed in some unit members (and before questionnaires were distributed), terminal prophylaxis was emphasized by the unit’s leaders and medical staffs. The high compliance with self-reported use of primaquine is likely related to increased awareness of the risk and heightened command emphasis. Finally, investigators were not able to interview the malaria cases or match questionnaires to each case.

Service members at risk of malaria should be monitored to ensure compliance with protective measures. It is advisable for medical personnel who are responsible for service members deploying to infectious disease risk areas to consult their local Navy Environmental Health and Preventive Medicine Unit (NEPMU) for the latest recommendations. Such information is often obtained by the Senior Medical Officer (SMO) or by local Reserve units. If the SMO at the U.S. Marine Corps Headquarters contacts the local NEPMU for the most current recommendations, Reservists may receive prophylaxis and PPM instructions directly from their SMO (rather than from their local Reserve unit). This practice enables the SMO to implement strict prophylaxis monitoring (directly observed therapy) beginning with the first indicated dose.

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Update: Deployment Health Assessments, U.S. Armed Forces, December 2009

Since January 2003, peaks and troughs in the numbers of pre- and post-deployment health assessment forms transmitted to the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center generally corresponded to times of departure and return of large numbers of deployers. Since April 2006, numbers of post-deployment health reassessments (PDHRA) transmitted per month have ranged from 17,000 to 43,000 (Table 1, Figure 1).

During the past 12 months, the proportions of returned deployers who rated their health as “fair” or “poor” were 8-11% on post-deployment health assessment questionnaires and 10-14% on PDHRA questionnaires (Figure 2).

In general, on post-deployment assessments and reassessments, deployers in the Army and in reserve components were more likely than their respective counterparts to report health and exposure-related concerns (Table 2, Figure 2). Both active and reserve component members were more likely to report exposure concerns three to six months after compared to the time of return from deployment (Figure 3).

At the time of return from deployment, soldiers serving in the active component were the most likely of all deployers to receive mental health referrals; however, three to six months after returning, active component soldiers were less likely than Army and Marine Corps Reservists to receive mental health referrals (Table 2).

Finally, during the past three years, reserve component members have been more likely than active to report “exposure concerns” on post-deployment assessments and reassessments (Figure 3).

Table 1. Deployment-related health assessment forms, by month, U.S. Armed Forces, January-December 2009

| | Pre-deployment assessment DD2795 | | Post-deployment assessment DD2796 | | Post-deployment reassessment DD2900 | |
|--------------|----------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Total | 450,805 | 100 | 361,738 | 100 | 311,509 | 100 |
| 2009 | | | | | | |
| January | 43,225 | 9.6 | 31,799 | 8.8 | 26,089 | 8.4 |
| February | 36,894 | 8.2 | 28,379 | 7.8 | 28,488 | 9.1 |
| March | 40,622 | 9.0 | 23,856 | 6.6 | 32,116 | 10.3 |
| April | 43,463 | 9.6 | 18,837 | 5.2 | 31,307 | 10.1 |
| May | 36,249 | 8.0 | 28,140 | 7.8 | 24,976 | 8.0 |
| June | 44,370 | 9.8 | 28,325 | 7.8 | 26,885 | 8.6 |
| July | 39,833 | 8.8 | 25,843 | 7.1 | 22,590 | 7.3 |
| August | 38,959 | 8.6 | 43,742 | 12.1 | 21,604 | 6.9 |
| September | 30,372 | 6.7 | 37,667 | 10.4 | 26,068 | 8.4 |
| October | 36,252 | 8.0 | 30,920 | 8.5 | 23,786 | 7.6 |
| November | 31,629 | 7.0 | 31,572 | 8.7 | 20,002 | 6.4 |
| December | 28,937 | 6.4 | 32,658 | 9.0 | 27,598 | 8.9 |

Figure 2. Proportion of deployment health assessment forms with self-assessed health status as “fair” or “poor”, U.S. Armed Forces, January-December 2009

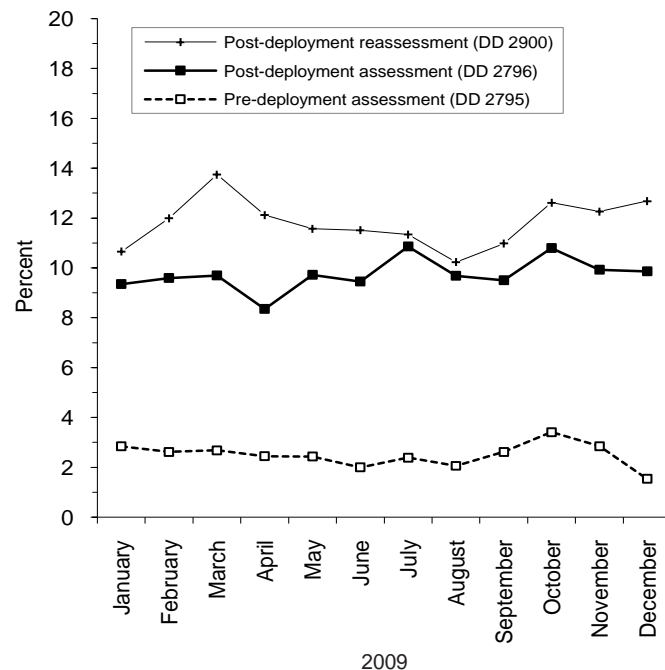


Figure 1. Total deployment health assessment and reassessment forms, by month, U.S. Armed Forces, January 2003-December 2009

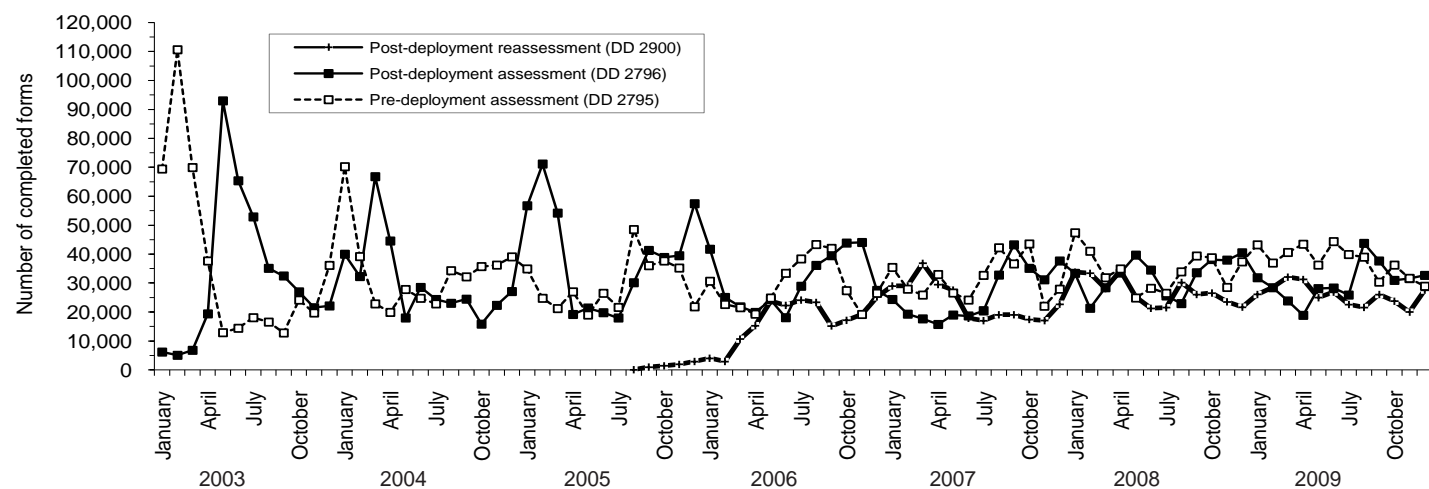


Table 2. Percentage of service members who endorsed selected questions/received referrals on health assessment forms, U.S. Armed Forces, January-December 2009

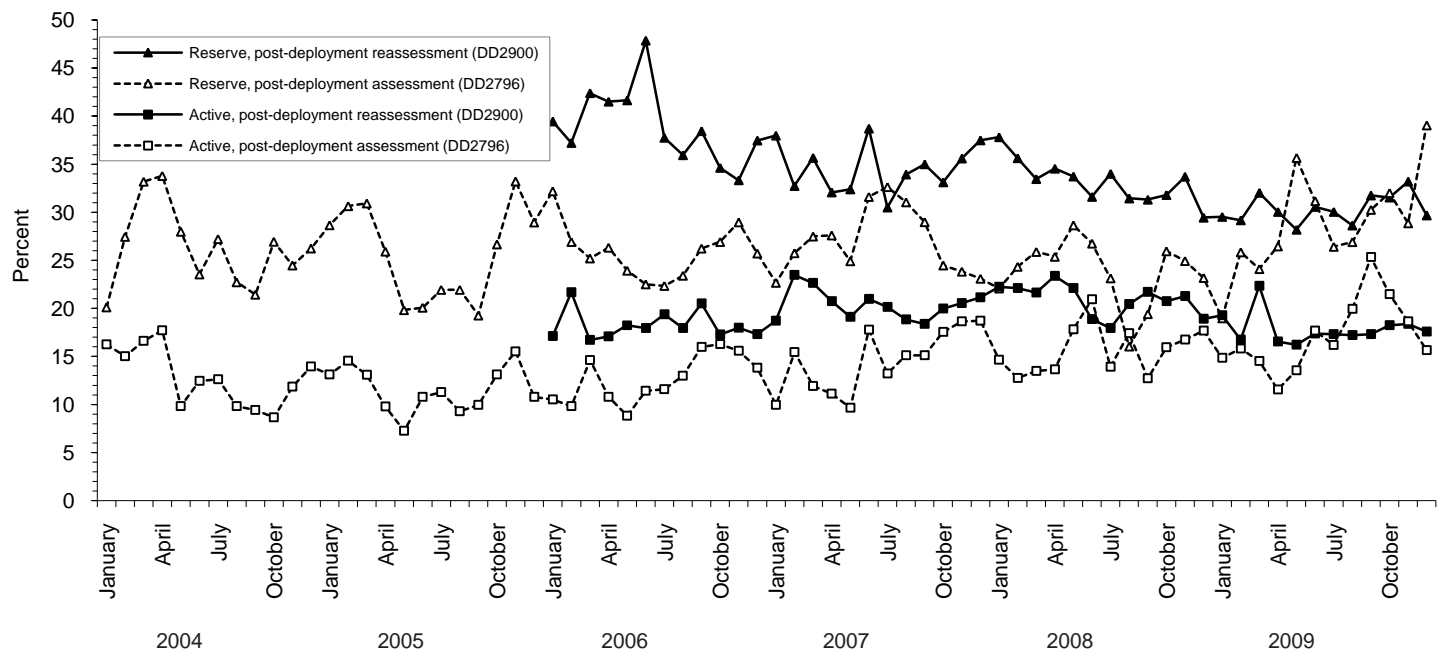
| Active component | Army | | | Navy | | | Air Force | | | Marine Corps | | | All service members | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | Pre-deploy DD2795 | Post-deploy DD2796 | Reassess DD2900 | Pre-deploy DD2795 | Post-deploy DD2796 | Reassess DD2900 | Pre-deploy DD2795 | Post-deploy DD2796 | Reassess DD2900 | Pre-deploy DD2795 | Post-deploy DD2796 | Reassess DD2900 | Pre-deploy DD2795 | Post-deploy DD2796 | Reassess DD2900 |
| | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= |
| | 150,937 | 139,532 | 118,826 | 19,183 | 8,760 | 15,103 | 59,170 | 51,610 | 52,578 | 35,629 | 15,048 | 36,805 | 264,919 | 214,950 | 223,312 |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| General health "fair" or "poor" | 4.1 | 10.7 | 14.6 | 1.3 | 4.3 | 6.0 | 0.5 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 1.8 | 6.9 | 9.4 | 2.7 | 8.5 | 10.7 |
| Health concerns, not wound or injury | 21.2 | 25.9 | 24.0 | 3.7 | 12.8 | 13.7 | 1.4 | 5.7 | 10.5 | 3.3 | 12.1 | 17.4 | 13.1 | 19.5 | 19.1 |
| Health worse now than before deployed | na | 23.3 | 26.1 | na | 12.1 | 13.4 | na | 8.6 | 8.5 | na | 14.9 | 18.2 | na | 18.7 | 19.8 |
| Exposure concerns | na | 18.2 | 18.6 | na | 18.0 | 18.3 | na | 11.5 | 14.7 | na | 18.3 | 20.4 | na | 16.6 | 17.9 |
| PTSD symptoms (2 or more) | na | 9.5 | 12.4 | na | 4.3 | 6.5 | na | 2.2 | 2.4 | na | 5.5 | 8.3 | na | 7.2 | 9.0 |
| Depression symptoms (any) | na | 31.9 | 32.3 | na | 19.7 | 23.0 | na | 13.1 | 13.7 | na | 25.6 | 29.6 | na | 26.4 | 26.9 |
| Referral indicated by provider (any) | 4.9 | 34.3 | 20.8 | 5.4 | 22.1 | 15.8 | 1.7 | 10.5 | 6.6 | 3.5 | 20.6 | 24.9 | 4.0 | 27.1 | 17.8 |
| Mental health referral indicated* | 0.9 | 7.3 | 6.6 | 0.7 | 3.2 | 5.9 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 2.2 | 4.7 | 0.7 | 5.3 | 5.1 |
| Medical visit following referral† | 96.7 | 99.6 | 98.0 | 92.5 | 86.1 | 91.5 | 81.8 | 96.4 | 98.5 | 64.0 | 74.9 | 90.0 | 91.8 | 97.2 | 95.8 |

| Reserve component | Army | | | Navy | | | Air Force | | | Marine Corps | | | All service members | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | Pre-deploy DD2795 | Post-deploy DD2796 | Reassess DD2900 | Pre-deploy DD2795 | Post-deploy DD2796 | Reassess DD2900 | Pre-deploy DD2795 | Post-deploy DD2796 | Reassess DD2900 | Pre-deploy DD2795 | Post-deploy DD2796 | Reassess DD2900 | Pre-deploy DD2795 | Post-deploy DD2796 | Reassess DD2900 |
| | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= | n= |
| | 79,556 | 62,443 | 54,791 | 5,790 | 2,023 | 5,669 | 15,595 | 14,791 | 17,333 | 4,739 | 1,368 | 6,618 | 105,680 | 80,625 | 84,411 |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| General health "fair" or "poor" | 1.6 | 12.0 | 17.7 | 0.5 | 9.7 | 8.3 | 0.3 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 1.1 | 8.8 | 10.2 | 1.3 | 10.6 | 13.8 |
| Health concerns, not wound or injury | 16.4 | 34.5 | 44.1 | 1.8 | 36.2 | 30.1 | 0.6 | 8.5 | 15.1 | 3.3 | 24.0 | 35.1 | 12.7 | 29.6 | 36.5 |
| Health worse now than before deployed | na | 26.7 | 33.4 | na | 22.4 | 20.9 | na | 13.4 | 11.2 | na | 19.6 | 26.5 | na | 24.0 | 27.5 |
| Exposure concerns | na | 30.1 | 32.5 | na | 34.2 | 31.4 | na | 21.2 | 22.9 | na | 25.3 | 30.5 | na | 28.5 | 30.3 |
| PTSD symptoms (2 or more) | na | 8.8 | 20.1 | na | 5.9 | 10.7 | na | 2.2 | 3.0 | na | 4.5 | 13.9 | na | 7.4 | 15.5 |
| Depression symptoms (any) | na | 31.4 | 35.9 | na | 25.3 | 24.4 | na | 14.0 | 13.8 | na | 29.7 | 28.1 | na | 28.0 | 30.0 |
| Referral indicated by provider (any) | 3.6 | 36.6 | 34.1 | 3.4 | 30.4 | 17.9 | 0.4 | 13.2 | 5.6 | 3.5 | 30.2 | 27.4 | 3.1 | 32.1 | 26.6 |
| Mental health referral indicated* | 0.4 | 4.7 | 12.8 | 0.3 | 3.4 | 4.9 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 2.9 | 8.7 | 0.3 | 3.9 | 9.5 |
| Medical visit following referral† | 95.8 | 97.9 | 36.7 | 90.8 | 96.6 | 40.7 | 60.5 | 64.3 | 42.2 | 39.4 | 67.7 | 28.5 | 93.6 | 94.1 | 36.5 |

*Includes behavioral health, combat stress and substance abuse referrals.

†Record of inpatient or outpatient visit within 6 months after referral.

Figure 3. Proportion of service members who endorsed exposure concerns on post-deployment health assessments, U.S. Armed Forces, January 2004-December 2009



Sentinel reportable events among service members and beneficiaries at U.S. Army medical facilities, cumulative numbers^a for calendar years through 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2009



Army

| Reporting locations | Number of reports all events ^b | | Food-borne | | | | | | Vaccine preventable | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|------------------------|----------|
| | | | Campylobacter | | Salmonella | | Shigella | | Hepatitis A | | Hepatitis B | | Varicella ^c | |
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 |
| NORTHERN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD | 33 | 45 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Belvoir, VA | 231 | 247 | 8 | 9 | 14 | 4 | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Bragg, NC | 1,480 | 1,702 | . | 6 | 20 | 20 | 4 | . | . | . | . | 3 | . | . |
| Fort Dix, NJ | 0 | 0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Drum, NY | 239 | 54 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Eustis, VA | 261 | 264 | 1 | . | 2 | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . |
| Fort George G Meade, MD | 78 | 38 | . | 1 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Knox, TN | 282 | 245 | 3 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Lee, VA | 292 | 595 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 4 | . | 2 | . |
| Fort Monmouth, NJ | 25 | 49 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2 | 1 | . |
| Walter Reed AMC, DC | 204 | 162 | 2 | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | . | 1 | . | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| West Point Military Reservation, NY | 67 | 116 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | 1 | . | . |
| SOUTHERN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fort Benning, GA | 348 | 410 | 2 | 1 | 5 | . | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Campbell, KY | 185 | 526 | 1 | . | . | 1 | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 |
| Fort Gordon, GA | 666 | 680 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 20 | 19 | 3 | . | . | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Fort Hood, TX | 2,156 | 2,079 | 6 | 9 | 38 | 22 | 6 | 19 | . | . | . | 3 | 2 | . |
| Fort Jackson, SC | 383 | 593 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | 2 | . | . |
| Fort Polk, LA | 172 | 621 | 1 | . | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | . | 1 | . | . | 1 | . |
| Fort Rucker, AL | 90 | 80 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 5 | . | . | . | . | 1 | 1 | . | . |
| Fort Sam Houston, TX | 550 | 591 | . | 1 | 14 | 9 | 12 | 2 | . | . | . | 1 | . | 1 |
| Fort Sill, OK | 126 | 647 | . | . | 3 | . | . | 4 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . |
| Fort Stewart, GA | 955 | 1,173 | 6 | . | 27 | 35 | 3 | 15 | 1 | . | 8 | 1 | . | . |
| WESTERN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fort Bliss, TX | 567 | 299 | . | . | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | . | 5 | . | . |
| Fort Carson, CO | 654 | 761 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 3 | . | . | 1 | 1 | 1 | . | . | . |
| Fort Huachuca, AZ | 110 | 82 | . | 1 | 2 | . | 2 | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . |
| Fort Leavenworth, KS | 54 | 68 | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Leonard Wood, MO | 276 | 364 | 2 | 2 | 1 | . | 1 | . | 2 | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | 1 |
| Fort Lewis, WA | 1,193 | 1,068 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Riley, KS | 445 | 421 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | . | . | . | . | 2 | . | . | . |
| Fort Wainwright, AK | 297 | 213 | 6 | . | 2 | . | . | . | 2 | . | . | . | . | . |
| NTC and Fort Irwin, CA | 73 | 130 | . | . | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| PACIFIC | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hawaii | 797 | 830 | 39 | 33 | 16 | 17 | 3 | 6 | 1 | . | 5 | 4 | . | . |
| Japan | 29 | 3 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Korea | 475 | 539 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . |
| EUROPEAN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Heidelberg | 263 | 194 | 9 | 13 | 9 | 6 | 1 | . | . | 1 | 2 | . | 1 | . |
| Landstuhl | 385 | 904 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 2 | . | 1 | . | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Bavaria | 446 | 497 | . | 6 | 9 | 9 | . | . | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . |
| OTHER LOCATIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OTHER | 0 | 0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Total | 14,887 | 17,290 | 111 | 115 | 220 | 175 | 71 | 58 | 9 | 8 | 33 | 29 | 18 | 6 |

^aEvents reported by Jan 8, 2009 and 2010

^bSixty-seven medical events/conditions specified by Tri-Service Reportable Events Guidelines and Case Definitions, June 2009.

^cService member cases only.

Note: Completeness and timeliness of reporting vary by facility.

Sentinel reportable events among service members and beneficiaries at U.S. Army medical facilities, cumulative numbers^a for calendar years through 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2009



| Reporting location | Arthropod-borne | | | | Sexually transmitted | | | | | | Environmental | | | | Travel associated | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| | Lyme disease | | Malaria | | Chlamydia | | Gonorrhea | | Syphilis | | Cold ^c | | Heat ^c | | Q Fever | | Tuberculosis | |
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 |
| NORTHERN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD | 3 | . | . | . | 25 | 37 | 5 | 5 | . | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Belvoir, VA | . | . | . | . | 188 | 216 | 14 | 18 | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Bragg, NC | 1 | . | 10 | . | 1,088 | 1,309 | 211 | 255 | 2 | 4 | . | 1 | 142 | 104 | . | . | 2 | . |
| Fort Dix, NJ | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Drum, NY | 4 | . | . | . | 212 | 51 | 23 | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Eustis, VA | . | . | . | . | 216 | 221 | 36 | 39 | 4 | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . |
| Fort George G Meade, MD | 1 | 1 | . | . | 70 | 35 | 6 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Knox, TN | 2 | 1 | . | 2 | 220 | 210 | 49 | 31 | 3 | . | 1 | . | 2 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . |
| Fort Lee, VA | 2 | 1 | 1 | . | 210 | 540 | 67 | 52 | 1 | 2 | . | . | 5 | . | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Monmouth, NJ | . | 15 | . | . | 6 | 29 | 3 | 2 | . | 1 | . | . | 14 | . | . | . | . | . |
| Walter Reed AMC, DC | 17 | 10 | 1 | . | 136 | 120 | 24 | 17 | 9 | 11 | . | . | . | . | 3 | . | 1 | 1 |
| West Point Military Reservation, NY | 36 | 35 | . | . | 28 | 74 | 2 | 5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| SOUTHERN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fort Benning, GA | . | . | . | 6 | 236 | 289 | 83 | 68 | 1 | 2 | . | 1 | 20 | 40 | . | . | . | 1 |
| Fort Campbell, KY | 1 | 5 | . | 1 | 162 | 373 | 14 | 98 | 1 | 1 | . | . | 4 | 46 | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Gordon, GA | . | . | . | . | 515 | 549 | 111 | 91 | . | . | . | . | 1 | 9 | . | . | 1 | . |
| Fort Hood, TX | 1 | . | 1 | . | 1,701 | 1,628 | 399 | 367 | 1 | 11 | . | . | . | 19 | 1 | . | . | 1 |
| Fort Jackson, SC | . | . | . | . | 321 | 330 | 41 | 52 | 1 | 2 | . | . | 19 | 207 | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Polk, LA | . | . | . | . | 111 | 410 | 36 | 68 | 2 | 1 | . | . | 19 | 136 | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Rucker, AL | 3 | . | . | . | 64 | 62 | 10 | 4 | 2 | . | . | . | 2 | . | . | . | 1 | . |
| Fort Sam Houston, TX | . | . | 2 | . | 402 | 459 | 96 | 89 | 19 | 11 | 1 | . | 4 | 17 | . | . | . | 1 |
| Fort Sill, OK | . | . | . | . | 92 | 576 | 21 | 45 | . | 1 | . | . | 9 | 21 | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Stewart, GA | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 731 | 888 | 136 | 136 | 6 | 7 | . | . | 30 | 82 | 1 | 6 | . | 1 |
| WESTERN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fort Bliss, TX | . | . | . | . | 455 | 248 | 89 | 37 | 7 | 5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | 1 |
| Fort Carson, CO | . | . | . | 2 | 582 | 677 | 59 | 69 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . |
| Fort Huachuca, AZ | 1 | . | . | . | 87 | 75 | 14 | 4 | . | 1 | 1 | . | 2 | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Leavenworth, KS | 1 | 4 | . | . | 48 | 55 | 5 | 5 | . | 2 | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Leonard Wood, MO | . | . | . | . | 223 | 318 | 32 | 32 | 1 | . | 3 | 1 | 7 | 8 | . | . | 2 | 1 |
| Fort Lewis, WA | . | . | 6 | . | 1,067 | 967 | 98 | 81 | 1 | 2 | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | 1 | 2 |
| Fort Riley, KS | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 369 | 362 | 51 | 49 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 2 | . | . | . | . |
| Fort Wainwright, AK | 1 | . | . | . | 239 | 189 | 30 | 18 | 1 | . | 14 | 2 | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| NTC and Fort Irwin, CA | . | . | . | . | 49 | 115 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | . | . | 11 | 5 | . | . | . | . |
| PACIFIC | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hawaii | . | . | 1 | 1 | 653 | 680 | 69 | 71 | . | 7 | . | . | 2 | 3 | . | 1 | 8 | 7 |
| Japan | . | . | . | . | 24 | 3 | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Korea | . | . | . | . | 420 | 509 | 48 | 22 | 3 | 2 | . | 1 | 2 | 5 | . | . | . | . |
| EUROPEAN | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Heidelberg | 17 | 11 | . | . | 184 | 143 | 39 | 19 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 |
| Landstuhl | 9 | 25 | 15 | 4 | 250 | 726 | 39 | 92 | 5 | 9 | 8 | . | 18 | 30 | 25 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Bavaria | 17 | 16 | 5 | 6 | 343 | 410 | 69 | 46 | 1 | 2 | . | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . |
| OTHER LOCATIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Total | 126 | 126 | 46 | 24 | 11,727 | 13,883 | 2,042 | 1,996 | 77 | 89 | 30 | 8 | 323 | 739 | 32 | 11 | 22 | 23 |

Sentinel reportable events among service members and beneficiaries at U.S. Navy medical facilities, cumulative numbers^a for calendar years through 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2009



Navy

| Reporting locations | Number of reports all events ^b | | Food-borne | | | | | | Vaccine preventable | | | | | |
|------------------------------|---|--------------|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|----------|-------------|------------|------------------------|----------|
| | | | Campylobacter | | Salmonella | | Shigella | | Hepatitis A | | Hepatitis B | | Varicella ^c | |
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 |
| NATIONAL CAPITOL AREA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NNMC Bethesda, MD | 264 | 171 | 4 | 5 | 16 | 2 | 2 | . | . | 3 | 6 | 7 | . | . |
| NHC Annapolis, MD | 34 | 10 | 1 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NHC Patuxent River, MD | 51 | 28 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NHC Quantico, VA | 222 | 110 | . | 1 | . | 1 | . | 3 | . | . | 3 | . | . | . |
| NAVY MEDICINE EAST | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NH Beaufort, SC | 183 | 400 | . | . | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | 1 | . | 5 | . | . |
| NH Camp Lejeune, NC | 1,085 | 605 | 3 | 1 | 33 | 15 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Charleston, SC | 40 | 3 | . | . | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Cherry Point, NC | 178 | 3 | . | . | 8 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Corpus Christi, TX | 19 | 6 | . | . | . | . | 2 | . | 1 | . | . | . | 2 | . |
| NHC Great Lakes, IL | 752 | 481 | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | 1 | 7 | 12 | 2 | . |
| NH Guantanamo Bay, Cuba | 10 | 0 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Jacksonville, FL | 597 | 252 | . | . | 93 | 18 | 7 | 1 | . | . | 5 | . | 2 | . |
| NH Naples, Italy | 62 | 1 | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | 2 | . | 2 | . | . | . |
| NHC New England, RI | 40 | 0 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . |
| NH Pensacola, FL | 375 | 248 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 8 | 3 | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NMC Portsmouth, VA | 655 | 206 | . | . | 2 | . | 2 | . | . | . | 6 | 2 | . | . |
| NH Rota, Spain | 29 | 0 | 6 | . | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Sigonella, Italy | 54 | 1 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | 1 |
| NAVY MEDICINE WEST | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NH Bremerton, WA | 77 | 6 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Camp Pendleton, CA | 250 | 6 | 3 | . | 5 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Guam-Agana, Guam | 159 | 31 | . | . | . | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 6 | . |
| NHC Hawaii, HI | 170 | 22 | . | . | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . |
| NH Lemoore, CA | 73 | 48 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Oak Harbor, WA | 176 | 108 | . | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | . | 1 | 6 | 4 | . | 1 |
| NH Okinawa, Japan | 47 | 39 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NMC San Diego, CA | 1,418 | 885 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 1 | . | 67 | 65 | 2 | 1 |
| NH Twentynine Palms, CA | 10 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Yokosuka, Japan | 255 | 38 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 11 | 3 | . | . |
| NAVAL SHIPS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| COMNAVAIRLANT/CINCLANTFLEET | 81 | 22 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| COMNAVSURFPAC/CINCPACFLEET | 146 | 79 | . | . | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| OTHER LOCATIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OTHER | 3,987 | 3,570 | 17 | 18 | 35 | 25 | 7 | 5 | . | 1 | 18 | 12 | 8 | 3 |
| Total | 11,499 | 7,380 | 41 | 38 | 229 | 88 | 30 | 14 | 4 | 7 | 132 | 110 | 24 | 6 |

^aEvents reported by Jan 8, 2010^bSixty-seven medical events/conditions specified by Tri-Service Reportable Events Guidelines and Case Definitions, June 2009.^cService member cases only.

Note: Completeness and timeliness of reporting vary by facility.

Sentinel reportable events among service members and beneficiaries at U.S. Navy medical facilities, cumulative numbers^a for calendar years through 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2009



Navy

| Reporting location | Arthropod-borne | | | | Sexually transmitted | | | | | | Environmental | | | | Travel associated | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|----------|--------------|-----------|
| | Lyme disease | | Malaria | | Chlamydia | | Gonorrhea | | Syphilis | | Cold ^c | | Heat ^c | | Q Fever | | Tuberculosis | |
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 |
| NATIONAL CAPITOL AREA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NNMC Bethesda, MD | 22 | 12 | 7 | . | 187 | 132 | 15 | 9 | 3 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2 | . |
| NHC Annapolis, MD | 6 | . | . | . | 23 | 8 | 1 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . |
| NHC Patuxent River, MD | 6 | 6 | . | . | 43 | 18 | 2 | 3 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NHC Quantico, VA | 4 | 1 | 2 | . | 148 | 84 | 21 | 10 | . | . | . | . | 44 | 10 | . | . | . | . |
| NAVY MEDICINE EAST | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NH Beaufort, SC | 1 | . | . | . | 68 | 375 | 5 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 1 | . | 104 | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Camp Lejeune, NC | 8 | 4 | . | 2 | 753 | 424 | 151 | 91 | 2 | . | . | 1 | 133 | 63 | 2 | 2 | . | 1 |
| NH Charleston, SC | 1 | . | . | . | 31 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Cherry Point, NC | 1 | . | . | . | 143 | 3 | 23 | . | . | . | . | . | 3 | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Corpus Christi, TX | 1 | . | . | . | 6 | 5 | 7 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NHC Great Lakes, IL | . | 1 | . | . | 693 | 429 | 47 | 33 | 3 | . | . | . | . | 3 | . | . | . | 1 |
| NH Guantanamo Bay, Cuba | . | . | . | . | 9 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Jacksonville, FL | . | 1 | . | 1 | 442 | 210 | 40 | 21 | 8 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Naples, Italy | . | . | . | . | 52 | 1 | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NHC New England, RI | 8 | . | . | . | 26 | . | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Pensacola, FL | 3 | . | . | . | 272 | 194 | 31 | 24 | 9 | 2 | . | . | 42 | 14 | . | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| NMC Portsmouth, VA | 2 | . | 1 | 4 | 526 | 158 | 110 | 34 | 4 | 6 | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | 1 | 2 |
| NH Rota, Spain | . | . | . | . | 19 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Sigonella, Italy | . | . | 1 | . | 41 | . | 5 | . | 1 | . | . | . | 4 | . | . | . | . | . |
| NAVY MEDICINE WEST | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NH Bremerton, WA | . | . | 1 | . | 70 | 6 | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Camp Pendleton, CA | 2 | . | 2 | . | 209 | 6 | 25 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | 1 | . |
| NH Guam-Agana, Guam | . | . | 6 | . | 118 | 24 | 29 | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 |
| NHC Hawaii, HI | . | . | . | . | 158 | 20 | 8 | 2 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Lemoore, CA | 4 | 1 | . | . | 68 | 42 | 1 | 5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Oak Harbor, WA | . | 1 | . | . | 151 | 93 | 10 | 2 | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Okinawa, Japan | . | . | 1 | . | 33 | 39 | 8 | . | . | . | . | . | 5 | . | . | . | . | . |
| NMC San Diego, CA | 12 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1,164 | 650 | 136 | 95 | 17 | 19 | . | . | 5 | 21 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| NH Twentynine Palms, CA | . | . | . | . | 7 | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | 3 | . | . | . | . | . |
| NH Yokosuka, Japan | . | 1 | . | . | 211 | 34 | 30 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2 | . |
| NAVAL SHIPS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| COMNAVAIRLANT/CINCLANTFLEET | . | . | . | 1 | 70 | 21 | 10 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| COMNAVSURFPAC/CINCPACFLEET | . | . | . | . | 113 | 68 | 29 | 10 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| OTHER LOCATIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | 89 | 34 | 11 | 8 | 3,281 | 2,912 | 356 | 369 | 24 | 13 | 1 | 9 | 138 | 155 | 1 | . | 1 | 6 |
| Total | 170 | 65 | 34 | 19 | 9,135 | 5,958 | 1,116 | 731 | 83 | 46 | 2 | 10 | 483 | 266 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 16 |

Sentinel reportable events among service members and beneficiaries at U.S. Air Force medical facilities, cumulative numbers^a for calendar years through 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2009



Air Force

| Reporting locations | Number of reports all events ^b | | Food-borne | | | | | | Vaccine preventable | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|------------------------|----------|
| | | | Campylobacter | | Salmonella | | Shigella | | Hepatitis A | | Hepatitis B | | Varicella ^c | |
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Air Combat Cmd | 1,511 | 1,333 | 5 | 5 | 24 | 16 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 34 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Air Education & Training Cmd | 949 | 1,465 | 3 | 5 | 20 | 22 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 13 | . | . |
| Air Force Dist. of Washington | 204 | 174 | . | . | 2 | 1 | . | . | 1 | . | 3 | 3 | . | . |
| Air Force Materiel Cmd | 625 | 533 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 15 | 12 | . | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 | . | . |
| Air Force Special Ops Cmd | 198 | 171 | . | 1 | 4 | 13 | . | . | . | . | 3 | . | . | . |
| Air Force Space Cmd | 287 | 330 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 1 | . | . | 1 | 3 | 2 | . | . |
| Air Mobility Cmd | 814 | 705 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 2 | 5 | . | 1 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Pacific Air Forces | 701 | 517 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 6 | . | . | 3 | . | 10 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| U.S. Air Forces in Europe | 547 | 548 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 7 | . | . | . | . | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| U.S. Air Force Academy | 53 | 66 | 2 | 1 | . | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Other | 584 | 86 | 4 | 1 | 16 | 4 | 8 | . | 1 | . | 2 | . | . | . |
| Total | 6,473 | 5,928 | 31 | 28 | 113 | 104 | 37 | 14 | 17 | 8 | 74 | 43 | 7 | 6 |

| Reporting location | Arthropod-borne | | | | Sexually transmitted | | | | | | Environmental | | | | Travel associated | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| | Lyme disease | | Malaria | | Chlamydia | | Gonorrhea | | Syphilis | | Cold ^c | | Heat ^c | | Q Fever | | Tuberculosis | |
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 |
| Air Combat Cmd | 4 | 11 | 1 | . | 1,303 | 1,176 | 114 | 98 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 5 | . | . | 1 | 1 |
| Air Education & Training Cmd | 5 | 7 | . | 4 | 818 | 1,256 | 76 | 133 | 7 | 7 | 1 | . | 4 | 8 | . | . | . | . |
| Air Force Dist. of Washington | 3 | 5 | . | . | 169 | 155 | 24 | 10 | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Air Force Materiel Cmd | 13 | 9 | 1 | . | 512 | 457 | 66 | 40 | 3 | 2 | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | 2 | . |
| Air Force Special Ops Cmd | . | 1 | 1 | . | 176 | 144 | 13 | 10 | . | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . |
| Air Force Space Cmd | 1 | . | . | . | 256 | 300 | 17 | 14 | . | 1 | . | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | 1 |
| Air Mobility Cmd | 20 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 679 | 602 | 71 | 49 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Pacific Air Forces | . | 1 | . | 1 | 634 | 434 | 32 | 46 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 9 | . | 6 | . | . | 1 | . |
| U.S. Air Forces in Europe | 21 | 19 | 3 | 2 | 465 | 465 | 36 | 41 | 1 | 2 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | 2 |
| U.S. Air Force Academy | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | 48 | 57 | 1 | 3 | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| Other | 6 | . | 2 | 5 | 505 | 43 | 29 | 7 | 2 | . | . | 1 | 5 | 23 | 4 | 1 | . | 1 |
| Total | 74 | 72 | 9 | 14 | 5,565 | 5,089 | 479 | 451 | 23 | 24 | 16 | 23 | 16 | 44 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 6 |

^aEvents reported by Jan 8, 2010

^bSixty-seven medical events/conditions specified by Tri-Service Reportable Events Guidelines and Case Definitions, June 2009.

^cService member cases only.

Note: Completeness and timeliness of reporting vary by facility.

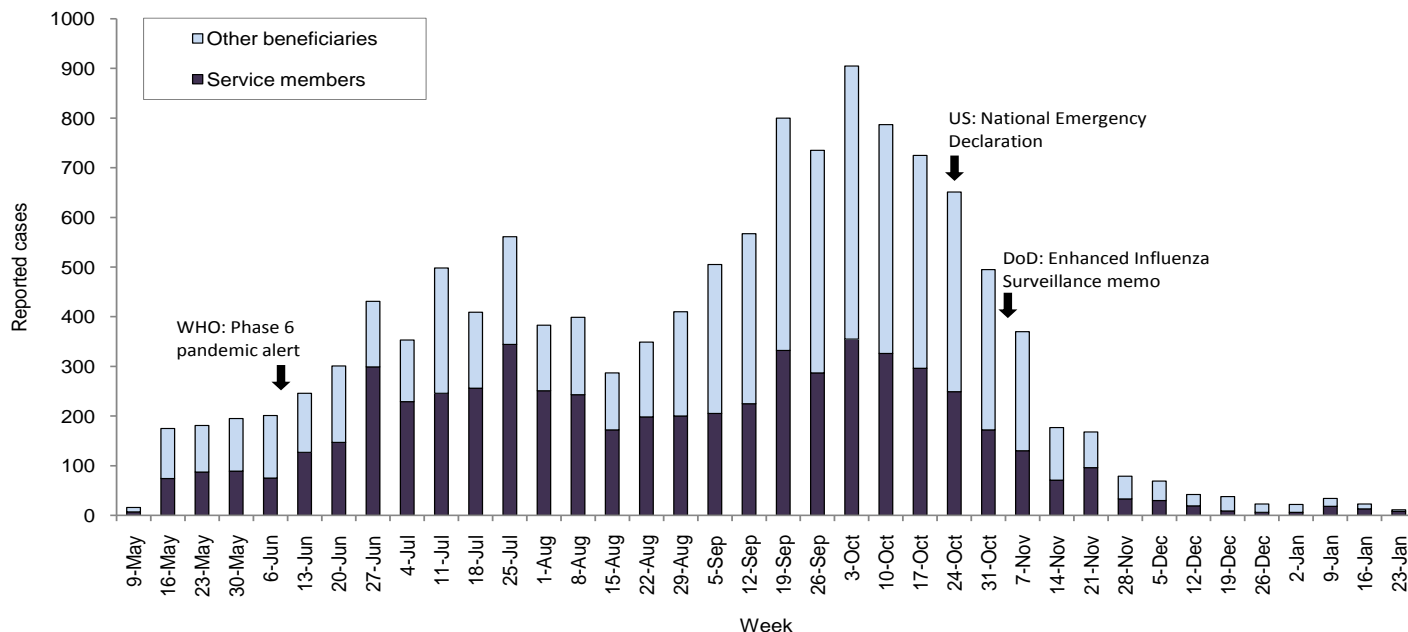
Acute respiratory disease (ARD) and streptococcal pharyngitis rates (SASI)

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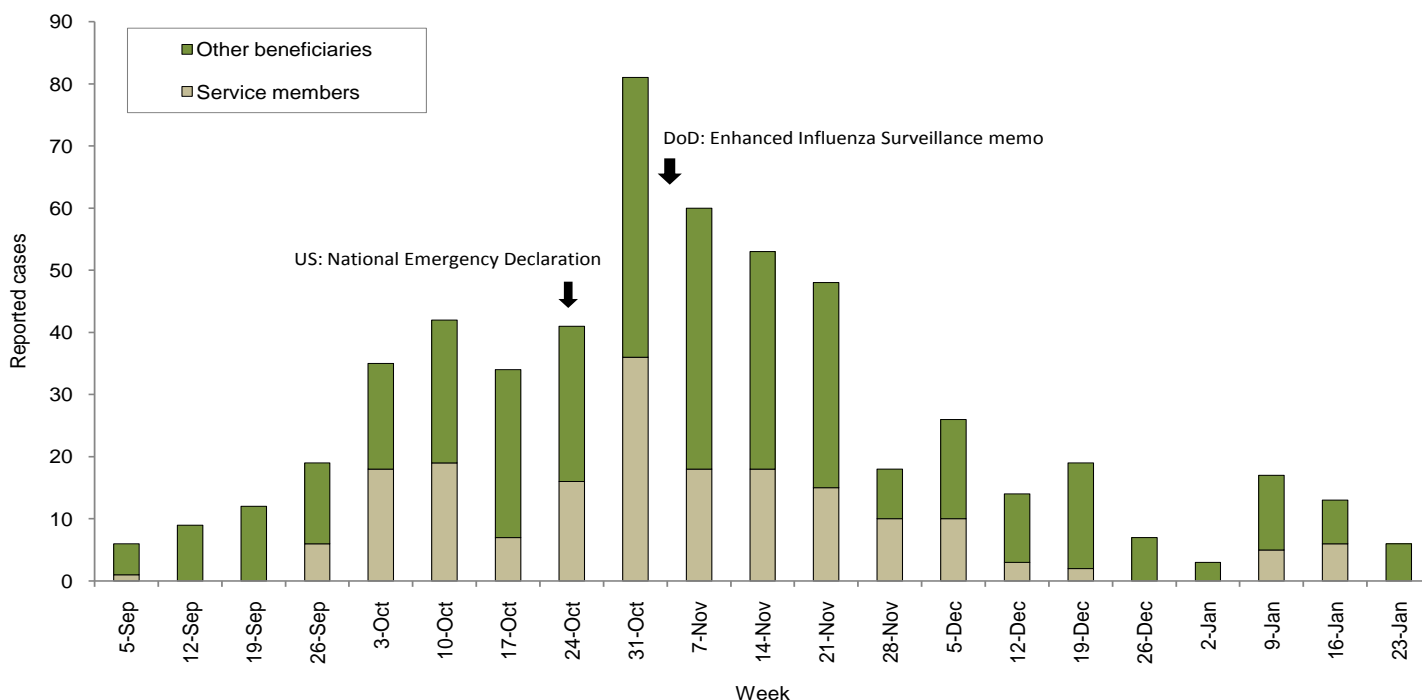
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Influenza reportable events, service members and other beneficiaries, 2009-2010

Reported non-hospitalized cases of influenza, service members and other beneficiaries of the military health system, U.S. Armed Forces, 9 May 2009 - 23 January 2010



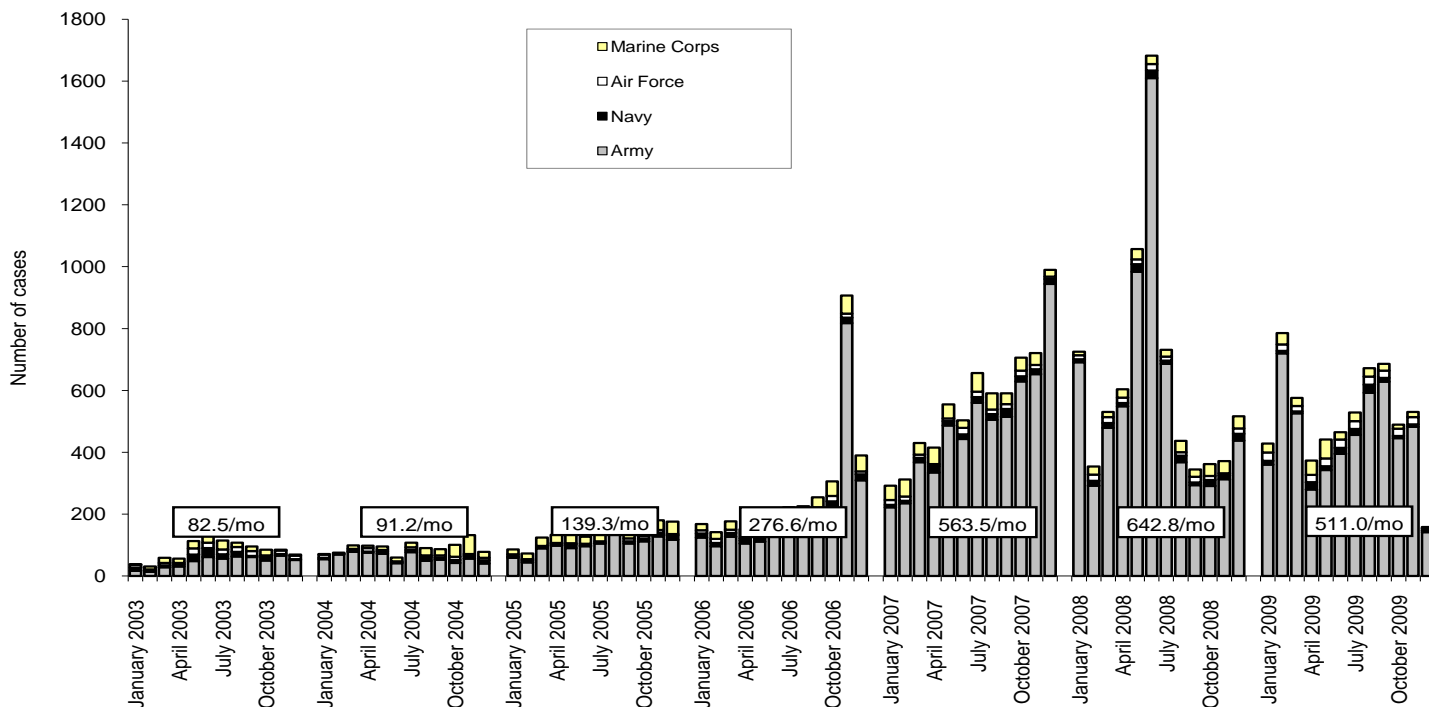
Reported hospitalized cases of influenza, service members and other beneficiaries of the military health system, U.S. Armed Forces, 5 September 2009 - 23 January 2010 (no hospitalized cases were reported between May and August 2009)



According to the Tri-Service Reportable Events Guidelines and Case Definitions adopted in June 2009, “a reportable event may represent an inherent, significant threat to public health and military operation.” With increased attention to the burden and severity of influenza due to the novel strain detected in April, the Military Health System enhanced surveillance of influenza-associated hospitalizations using electronic public health reporting tools to provide timely data on inpatients at military treatment facilities and hospitalized active duty members.

Deployment-related conditions of special surveillance interest, U.S. Armed Forces, by month and service, January 2003 - December 2009 (data as of 28 January 2010)

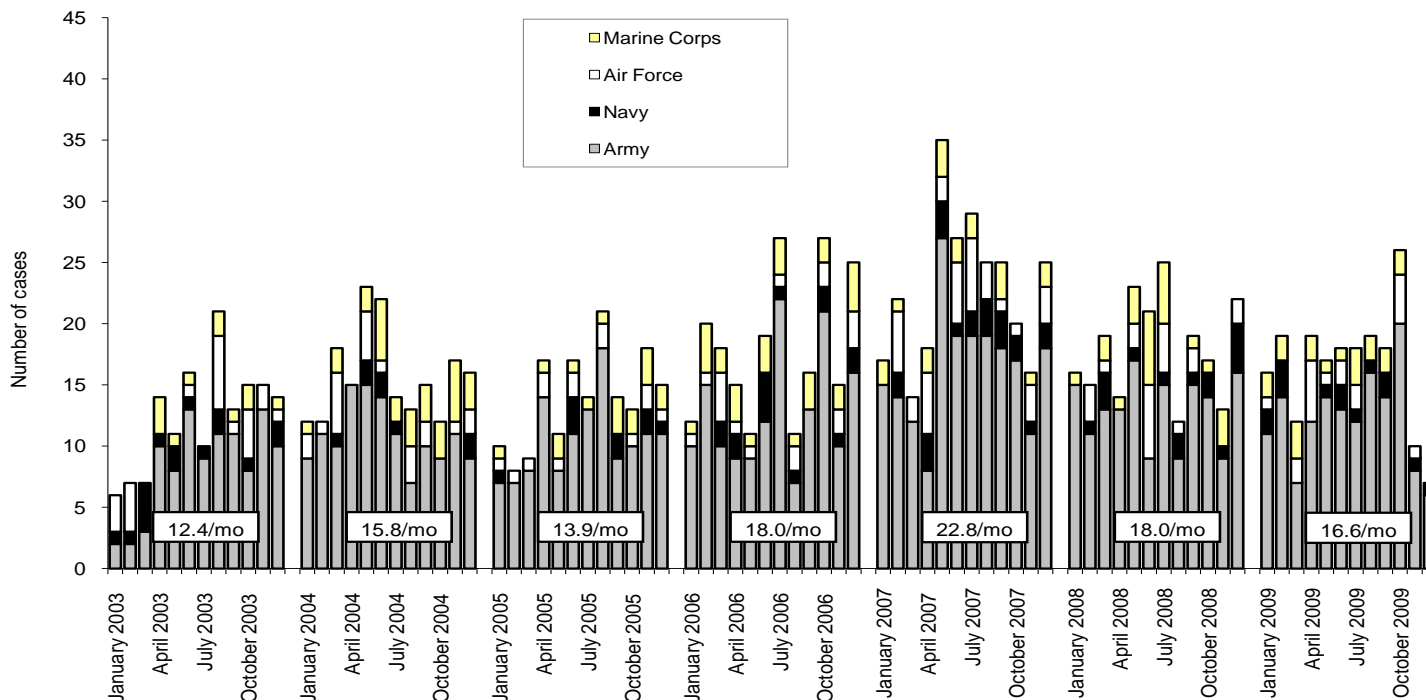
Traumatic brain injury (ICD-9: 310.2, 800-801, 803-804, 850-854, 907.0, 950.1-950.3, 959.01, V15.5_1-9, V15.5_A-F, V15.59_1-9, V15.59_A-F)^a



Reference: Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center. Deriving case counts from medical encounter data: considerations when interpreting health surveillance reports. *MSMR*. Dec 2009; 16(12):2-8.

^aIndicator diagnosis (one per individual) during a hospitalization or ambulatory visit while deployed to/within 30 days of returning from OEF/OIF (includes in-theater medical encounters from the Theater Medical Data Store [TMDS]); 1,901 individuals had a previous TBI-related medical encounter.

Deep vein thrombophlebitis/pulmonary embolus (ICD-9: 415.1, 451.1, 451.81, 451.83, 451.89, 453.2, 453.40 - 453.42 and 453.8)^b

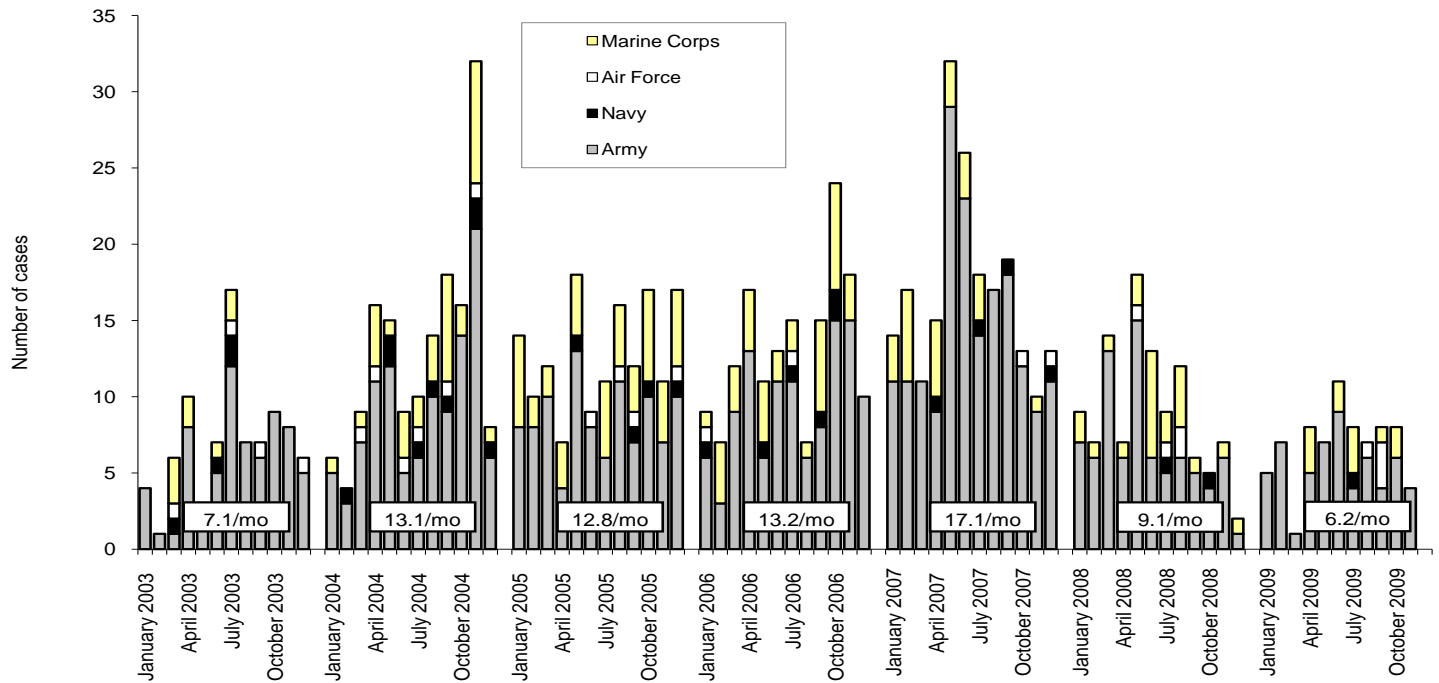


Reference: Isenbarger DW, Atwood JE, Scott PT, et al. Venous thromboembolism among United States soldiers deployed to Southwest Asia. *Thromb Res*. 2006;117(4):379-83.

^bOne diagnosis during a hospitalization or two or more ambulatory visits at least 7 days apart (one case per individual) while deployed to/within 90 days of returning from OEF/OIF.

Deployment-related conditions of special surveillance interest, U.S. Armed Forces, by month and service, January 2003 - December 2009 (data as of 28 January 2010)

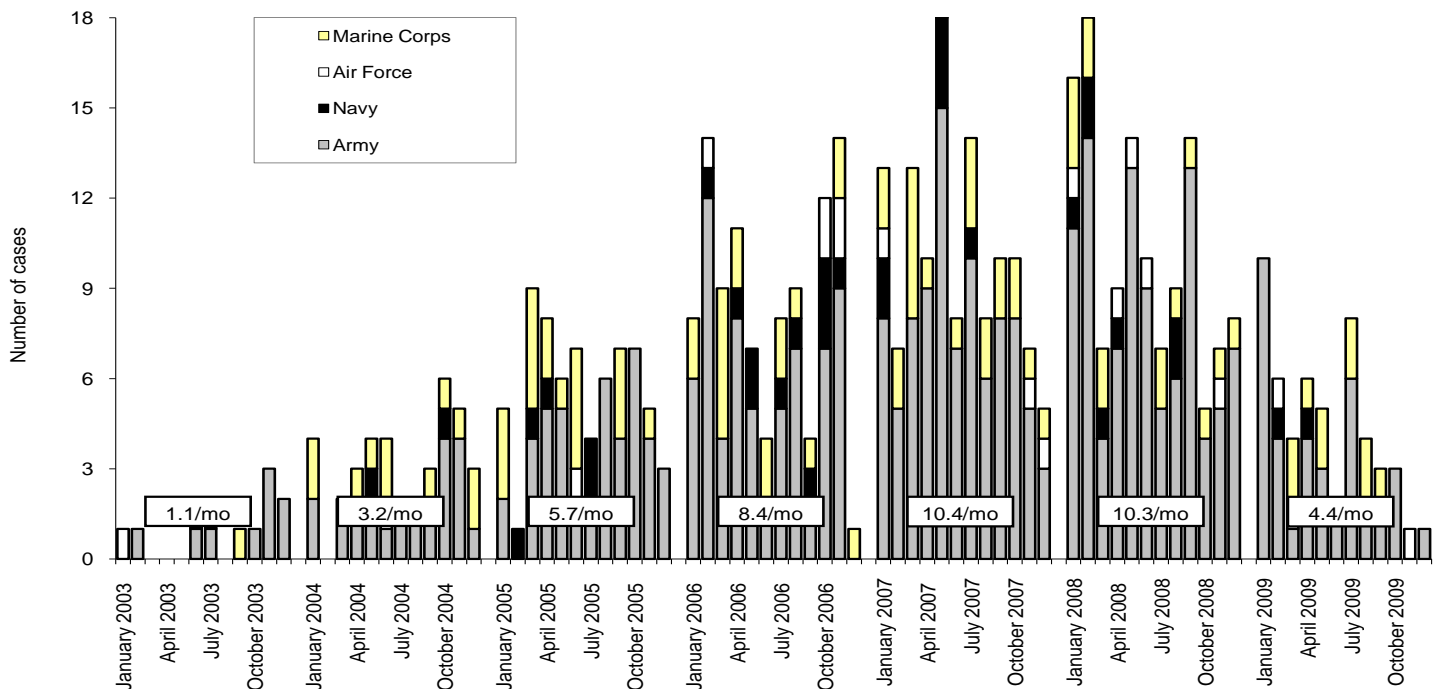
Amputations (ICD-9: 887, 896, 897, V49.6 except V49.61-V49.62, V49.7 except V49.71-V49.72, PR 84.0-PR 84.1, except PR 84.01-PR 84.02 and PR 84.11)^a



Reference: Army Medical Surveillance Activity. Deployment-related condition of special surveillance interest: amputations. Amputations of lower and upper extremities, U.S. Armed Forces, 1990-2004. *MSMR*. Jan 2005;11(1):2-6.

^aIndicator diagnosis (one per individual) during a hospitalization while deployed to/within 365 days of returning from OEF/OIF.

Heterotopic ossification (ICD-9: 728.12, 728.13, 728.19)^b



Reference: Army Medical Surveillance Activity. Heterotopic ossification, active components, U.S. Armed Forces, 2002-2007. *MSMR*. Aug 2007; 14(5):7-9.

^bOne diagnosis during a hospitalization or two or more ambulatory visits at least 7 days apart (one case per individual) while deployed to/within 365 days of returning from OEF/OIF.

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