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WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1200

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The Honorable Ike Skelton
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am pleased to forward the report prescribed in Section 751 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001. Section 751 requires the Department of Defense to submit 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).

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We have enclosed a table identifying the Branch of Service, duty status, and grade of the Service members separated from calendar year 2003 to calendar year 2008.

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

Sincerely,

S. Ward Casscells, MD

Enclosure:
As stated

cc:
The Honorable John M. McHugh
Ranking Member



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The Honorable Ben Nelson
Chairman, Subcommittee on Personnel
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

APR 14 2008

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The Honorable Susan Davis
Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Military Personnel
Committee on Armed Services
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Washington, DC 20515

APR 14 2009

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

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

Service	Component	CY 2003		CY 2004		CY 2005		CY 2006		CY 2007		CY 2008	
		Separations	Rank	Separations	Rank	Separations	Rank	Separations	Rank	Separations	Rank	Separations	Rank
Army	Active	1	E4	1	O1	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA
	Guard	10	E2,E3(3), E4(4), E5(2)	6	E2,E3(2), E5(1), CW2, O3	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA
	Reserve	1	E5	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA
Navy	Active	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	1	E4
	Reserve	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA
Air Force	Active	10	E1,E3(5)	2	E4,E5	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA
	Guard	1	E4	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA
	Reserve	0	NA	1	O4	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA
Marine Corps	Active	3	E3,E5,O2	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA
	Reserve	1	E4	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA
DoD Total		27		10		0		0		0		1	
# of People Vaccinated in That Year		436,513		699,571		78,038		61,731		323,810		254,026	
For Each Separation, # of People Vaccinated		1 per 16,167		1 per 69,957		0 per 78,038		0 per 61,731		0 per 323,810		1 per 254,026	
Separations as % of People Vaccinated		0.0062%		0.0014%		0.0000%		0.0000%		0.0000%		0.0004%	
Comments:		Injunction, Oct 04-Dec 05					EUA, APR 05-14 JAN 06 Continuation of Policy, 15 JAN-DEC 06			8 Feb 07, ASD(HA) approves Services AVIP plans			