



HEALTH AFFAIRS

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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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 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001. Section 751 requires the Department of Defense to submit to Congress an annual written report on the number of members of the Armed Forces 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, 2002 reporting period, separation and appeal procedures ended for one servicemember, who was subsequently separated from the Armed Forces. During this same period, 72,744 servicemembers received 155,886 doses of licensed anthrax vaccine.

During the January 1 through December 31, 2001 calendar year, two servicemembers were separated as a result of refusing to participate in the AVIP. During the same timeframe, over 28,000 servicemembers participated in the AVIP, receiving over 119,000 doses of licensed anthrax vaccine.

As of May 25, 2003, over 875,107 servicemembers have participated in the AVIP, receiving over 3,050,671 doses.

Thank you for your support of the Military Health System.

Sincerely,

William Winkenwerder, Jr.
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Enclosure:
As stated

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Senator Carl Levin

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January 1 through December 31, 2002 Separations

<u>Service</u>	<u>Separations</u>	<u>Component</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Total</u>
Army	0	Active	n/a	0
	0	Guard	n/a	0
	0	Reserve	n/a	0
Navy	0	Active	n/a	0
	0	Guard	n/a	0
	0	Reserve	n/a	0
Air Force	1	Active	E-4	1
	0	Guard	n/a	0
	0	Reserve	n/a	0
Marines	0	Active	n/a	0
	0	Guard	n/a	0
	0	Reserve	n/a	0

Services Total ----->
(January 1 through December 31, 2002)

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	1	Guard	0-4	1
	0	Reserve	n/a	0
Marines	1	Active	E-3	1
	0	Guard	n/a	0
	0	Reserve	n/a	0

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(January 1 through December 31, 2001)