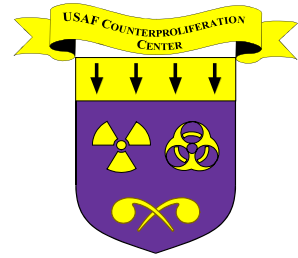


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The Facts On Anthrax

By Tom Cunningham, Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program Agency

When Secretary of Defense William Cohen ordered all 2.4 million military people to take the anthrax vaccine some three years ago, he demonstrated his belief in the program as he rolled up his sleeve – as did other top DOD leaders – and led by example. But rumors started, allegations began and charges were made. Questions came . . . some from people with genuine concerns about health and safety; others, a small minority, accused the DOD of dangerous, reckless conduct. The media capitalized on the controversy, and the Internet was flooded with inaccuracies and

misleading statements. So, to set the record straight, here are the facts – the answers to common questions about the anthrax vaccine immunization program.

Q: Why is the DOD requiring all troops to receive the anthrax vaccine?

A: The biological-warfare threat to U.S. forces is real. Several potential adversaries possess or are pursuing offensive anthrax warfare capabilities. In fact, one of those nations — Iraq — was discovered in the early 1990s to have produced 8,000 liters of anthrax spores — believed capable of killing every man, woman and child on earth. Anthrax tops the DOD biological-threat list. When inhaled, anthrax is highly lethal, much more potent than are deadly chemical-warfare agents. It's almost always deadly among unprotected people. Anthrax spores can be produced in large quantities using basic biology, can be stored for decades without losing potency, and can be spread by missiles, rockets, artillery, aerial bombs and sprayers.

<http://ebird.dtic.mil/May2000/s20000510facts.htm>

Jane's Defence Weekly
May 17, 2000

Ukraine Hosts Disaster-Response Exercise With US

By Scott Gourley, JDW Correspondent

A team that includes over 165 members of the US Army National Guard (ARNG) has arrived in Ukraine for a week's disaster planning and response exercise and workshop.

The ARNG contingent, along with representatives from US civilian emergency medical service agencies, has joined about 250 medical experts from the Ukrainian Ministries of Emergencies and Health.

Training began at Kharkiv, Ukraine, on 15 May. US planners say Exercise 'Rough and Ready 2000' is being conducted "in the spirit of the Partnership for Peace programme and as part of the state partnership programme between California and Ukraine".

Many of the California ARNG participants have been involved in recent domestic training activities focused on civil emergency operations (Jane's Defence Weekly 6 October 1999). During 'Rough and Ready 2000', those military emergency response teams, along with civilian agency representatives, will share emergency planning, medical disaster response, and public health techniques and procedures with their Ukrainian counterparts.

Washington Times
May 19, 2000

Inside The Ring

By Bill Gertz and Rowan Scarborough

Chairman goes nuclear

Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, blew his top last week following a report in The Washington Times that the military service chiefs and the commander of U.S. nuclear forces are opposing further strategic nuclear cuts — cuts proposed by Moscow and favored by the White House.

Gen. Shelton put the word out inside the Joint Staff that he wants "the head" of whoever disclosed internal discussions about the strategic nuclear force that took place inside the Pentagon's secret conference room known as "the tank." A search for the official, dubbed a "witch hunt" for the source, is said to be under way.

Adm. Richard Mies, commander of the U.S. Strategic Command, based at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., informed the chiefs during one secret session that he opposes cutting U.S. nuclear warhead levels below 2,500 — the level agreed to in preliminary U.S.-Russian arms talks.

The four-star admiral explained that the United States would not be able to carry out its nuclear deterrence and war-fighting mission with less. The mission is outlined in the Single Integrated Operating Plan, or SIOP.

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Visions of the 21st Century

Will Everyone Have The Bomb?

It's still tough to deliver a nuclear punch, which is why we really need to worry about other weapons in the arsenal of destruction

By Gideon Rose

When Israel was working on a secret nuclear program in the 1960s, satirist Tom Lehrer captured the rationale succinctly: "The Lord's our shepherd,' says the psalm, but just in case, we better get a bomb." Israel was following the U.S., Britain, the Soviet Union, France and China. India joined the club too, followed eventually by Pakistan. And today North Korea, Iran, Iraq and Libya are knocking at the door.

<http://ebird.dtic.mil/May2000/s20000518will.htm>