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MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL
AND READINESS
COMMANDER, UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY
SURGEON GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
SURGEON GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
SURGEON GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: The Evaluation of the DoD's management of Traumatic Brain Injury
(Project No. D2022-DEV000-0020.000)

We plan to begin the subject evaluation in October 2021. The objective of this evaluation is to determine the extent to which the Defense Health Agency (DHA) and Military Service medical departments implemented policies and procedures, and provided oversight, to ensure that Service members who sustained a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) were identified and screened to determine their appropriate level of care. In addition, we will determine the extent to which the U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) Service Components screened, identified, and documented signs and symptoms of TBIs. We may revise the objective as the evaluation proceeds, and we will consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives.

We will perform the evaluation at Headquarters USCENTCOM at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida; Eglin Air Force Base, Ft. Walton, Florida, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio; Camp Arifjan, Kuwait; Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany; Fort Campbell, Clarksville, Tennessee; Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Maryland; Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fort Bliss, El Paso Texas; Naval Medical Center San Diego, California; Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California; Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville, North Carolina; and Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. We may identify additional locations during the evaluation.

Please provide us with a point of contact for the Evaluation within **5 days** of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent or military equivalent. In addition, to expedite information gathering and reporting, please provide us with a point of contact for each of the offices listed in the attachment within **7 days** of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact should be an individual who can adequately speak to the DoD's policies and procedures on TBIs. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and e-mail addresses [REDACTED]

You can obtain information about the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD),"

August 19, 2014, and DoD Instruction 7050.03, "Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense Access to Records and Information," March 22, 2013. Our website is www.dodig.mil.

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

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