Anthrax Vaccine: Five Things You Need To Know About The Leaked Army Memo

While the Army has finally retracted its leaked memo, the agency's assertion that the memo is false warrants an evaluation of what we know to be true about the memo itself. Whenever Army asserts something is false, the American public must engage in intellectual self-defense to discern precisely what is known and what information we still need to know.

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The Army memo about the bad batches of the Anthrax Vaccine circulating the web over the past week caused a great deal of confusion. Myself and another attorney created a video to explain the memo Here are five things you need to know.

DOWNLOAD: Army Anthrax Vaccine Memo

Let's get a few things straight before we jump into the analysis of the authenticated document and its content. The Anthrax Vaccine program was highly controversial since its inception in 1998. The company manufacturing the non-FDA approved vaccine committed many errors in making the vaccine. Numerous batches of the vaccine were known to be bad.

Numerous veterans believe they were harmed by the vaccine. The majority of the injuries were transitory according to the US Army but some were not.

READ: Army Anthrax Memo Authentic

A HISTORY OF FALSEHOODS THAT SURFACE YEARS LATER

First, the US Army has lied to the American public, its soldiers and veterans about a variety of significant issues:

- Edgewood Arsenal Human Experiments, 1948 to 1975: The US Army Chemical Corps conducted classified experiments on soldiers to test protective clothing, pharmaceuticals, and vaccines. The Army covered this up for many decades and classified the experiments which prevented veterans harmed from the experiments from seeking medical attention and disability benefits for exposure to VX and sarin gas, Mustard agents, LSD and reactions to vaccines, to name just a few. This resulted in a lawsuit. That lawsuit concluded the Army had a duty to notify veterans affected by the experimentation with new information affecting their health.
- Agent Orange: The US Army and US Air Force sprayed countless US Army soldiers with dioxin during the Vietnam War with a herbicide concoction commonly referred to as Agent Orange. During the war, soldiers were told the chemicals were harmless and not to worry. After returning home, many of the individuals experienced health problems that included birth defects in newborn children. DOD and VA initially denied claims alleging the herbicide was responsible. By 1993, only 486 claims were granted while 39,419 veterans claimed disabilities from exposure. Since then, VA acknowledged a list of presumptive conditions including various cancers, diabetes and spina bifida in children of soldiers sprayed with the toxin.
- Exposure To Chemical Agents, 1991: During the Gulf War, friendly forces destroyed a cache of the chemical weapons with the wind blowing back over US Army soldiers. In 2015, a Newsweek investigation suggested the Army covered-up the exposure to sarin gas that resulted in many soldiers becoming permanently injured. VA went on to develop a disability compensation scheme that was admonished by IG in 2017 for only granting 1 in 5 claims.
- Iraq War Yellow Cake, 2002: Retired US Army General Colen Powell warned Congress with a vial of Anthrax that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction as part of a broader public relations campaign to entice the American public into supporting an invasion of Iraq despite the country having no provable connection with the 9/11 plane attack of the World Trade Center towers in New York. It later surfaced that Saddam did not have yellow cake and that the run-up to the Iraq War was a production of numerous public relations firms.

- Pat Tillman Cover-up, 2004: Pat Tillman was a pro-football athlete who gave up his career to enlist in the US Army and became a Ranger. His enlistment in the US Army was a significant recruiting tool for the DOD. During his service in Afghanistan, Tillman came to the conclusion that the war was an illegal war being fought for the wrong reasons. He discovered US soldiers were guarding poppy fields used to manufacture heroin and planned to speak out against the war once his commitment ended. Tillman was subsequently killed by friendly fire that removed his head from his body. The Army attempted to cover-up the fact that Tillman was killed by friendly fire and used the death for recruiting purposes. It later surfaces the numerous US Army generals were involved in the cover-up. Retired Major General Gina Farrisee was admonished for her role in the cover-up. She went on as a front person related to US Army's cover-up of its fraudulent discharge scheme investigated by Congress where the military falsely discharged veterans suffering from PTSD by claiming the condition was actually a personality disorder of some kind. At least 160,000 veterans were affected. Farrisee was then selected to run human resources for VA under US Army Retired General Rick Shinseki.
- Madigan Scandal, 2011: Someone recorded a US Army psychiatrist at Madigan stating it was their unit's duty to give false diagnosis against PTSD soldiers to protect taxpayers against paying for disability compensation and health care. The problem of misdiagnosing soldiers with PTSD was previously addressed by Congress and reported on by journalist Michael Kors, starting in 2007. US Army, under Gina Farrisee, promised to clean up the mess but apparently did not.

Okay, so that is a brief history of some of the falsities we are aware of coming from the US Army. Of course, with each of the above incidents came a period of absolute denial from US Army similar to what we see today.

IS USE OF PROPAGANDA LYING?

For those of you unsure or doubtful as to whether our government engages in spin related to topics of warfare, you may want to harken back to our battle cry for invading Iraq in 2002-2003. According to the journal *Public Relations Review*:

> *Techniques of public relations and propaganda were an essential part of the 2003 war in Iraq. The government framed the issues, story line, and slogans to serve its purposes. Embedding journalists, staging showy briefings, emphasizing visual and electronic media, and making good television out of it were all important to fighting the war.*

You may recall many years later, America was told the "yellow cake" issue and related rhetoric was false. We also know the war that was supposed to be quick and cost less than $100 billion, paid for by Iraqi oil money, now costs taxpayers of $4 trillion.

YOUTUBE VIDEO OF PAT TILLMAN COVER-UP

I strongly encourage anyone curious about what happened to Pat Tillman to rent the actual documentary. What I am linking here is an odd replication of it. It's a great documentary covering what our country did to him and the possible motive.

2. ANTHRAX MEMO AUTHENTICATED

Second, the US Army memo addressing bad batches of the Anthrax Vaccine addressed in the news this week is an authentic memo meaning it was digitally signed with a DOD CA and cannot be repudiated. The person signing the memo is essentially indicating his believe the content of the memo was true and accurate at the time he signed the document.

3. SPIN STARTS WITH A BUREAUCRAT

Three, the Massachusetts secretary of the Department of Veterans' Services, Francisco Urena, immediately chimed in on Facebook that the memo was a scam and fake. His position was echoed by numerous trolls through social media. Calling the memo a scam was not accurate whatsoever.

4. ARMY RETRACTS MEMO

Four, the US Army retracted the memo two days in the Army Times after we exposed that the memo itself was authenticated. The Army retraction said the memo contained false information but the Army refused to provide additional details about what the memo should have said.

That same Army Times article omitted one sentence from the Army's statement that was published elsewhere indicating:

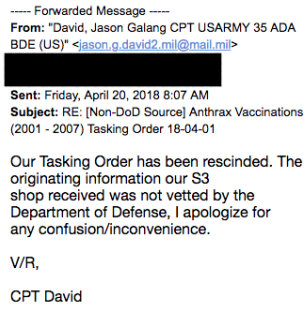
> *"While the risk of serious harm is extremely small, there is a remote chance of a vaccine causing serious injury or death," Wright said. "In those rare cases, VA disability or death benefits may be granted." (emphasis added)*

The underlined portion was omitted from the Army publication. As I warned on Facebook, a fair amount of spin now surrounds this memo including the title of a Task & Purpose article on the submitted stating, "Army Memo Saying Soldiers Got Bad Anthrax Vaccinations Is Horsesh*t". What evidence do they have?

The US Army submitted a statement saying the "information is false and completely without merit… Once the brigade discovered the error, the correct information was published to their soldiers."

What was the "horsesh*t" information in the memo? Not sure because the US Army chose to basically pull the "just trust me" card and Task & Purpose accepted that position.

5. ANTHRAX MEMO PUBLISHED WITHOUT VETTING



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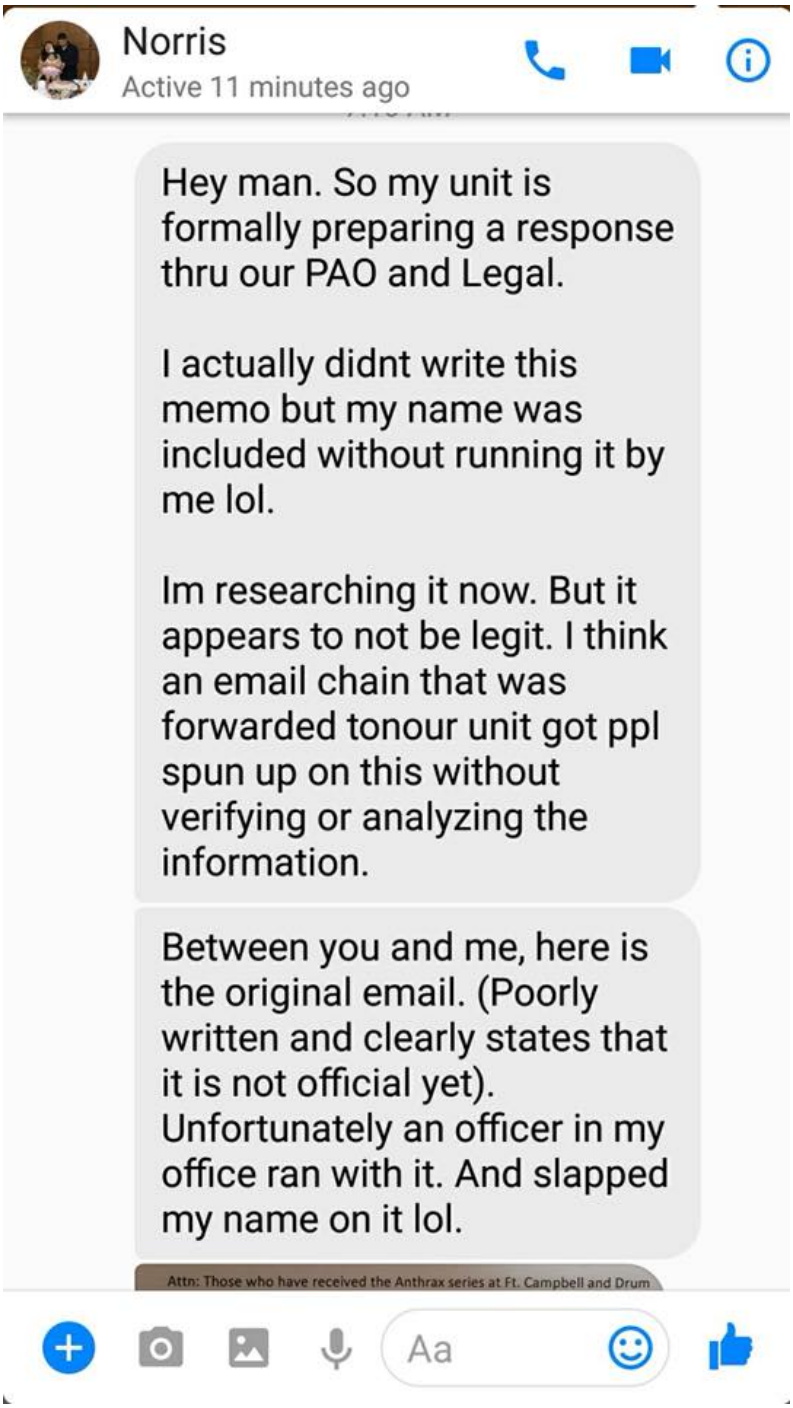
Our Tasking Order has been rescinded. The originating information our S3 shop received was not vetted by the Department of Defense, I apologize for any confusion/inconvenience.

V/R,

CPT David

Fifth, a follow-up email from US Army indicates the information in the ***leaked*** memo was published within being "vetted" by DOD prior to being circulated online. It certainly seems like the main problem US Army has with the memo is that it was leaked to the public.

If you read an earlier text message with a careful eye that also leaked to the press about the leaked memo, it certainly reads like the US Army's position is that since it was leaked without permission and poorly written that the information is totally false and all of America should disregard any possible harm alleged by veterans concerning the forced US Army inoculation program.



SHOULD WE BELIEVE US ARMY NOW?

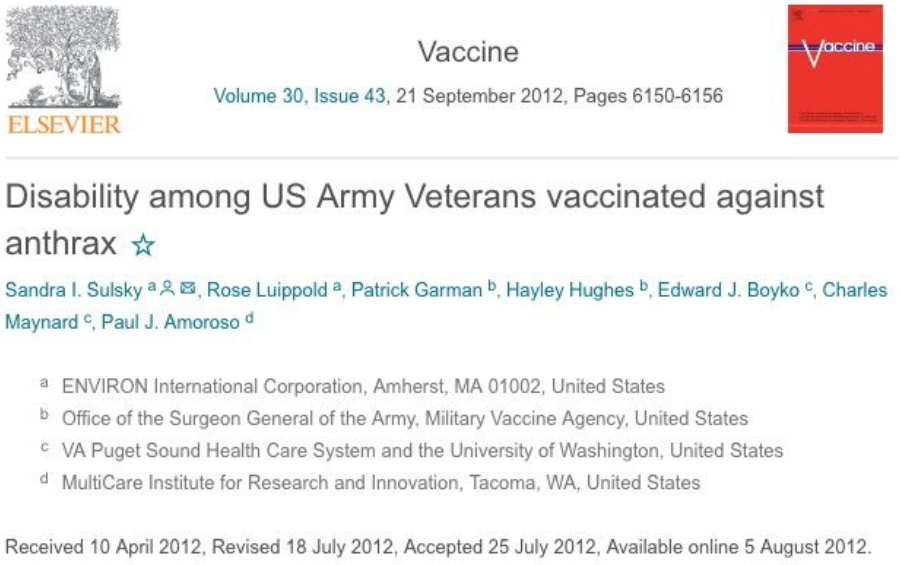
If you still believe we should put our full faith and trust in the US Army every time it denies an event or injury, then I wish you great success in your life.

For the rest of us, I plan to continue evaluating this matter because something was underlying this communication and veterans have a right to know what it is.

One thing we do know is the memo is authentic and it addresses serious matters that I intend to dig into.

ONE LAST THING – AN ANTHRAX STUDY

I want to leave this topic for the weekend by providing some of the researchers out there with a 2012 study into any connection between the Anthrax Vaccine and long-term disability, *Disability among US Army Veterans vaccinated against anthrax*.



Vaccine
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Disability among US Army Veterans vaccinated against anthrax ☆

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Would you ever rely on data from an insurance company to make a conclusion about whether an exposure resulted in disability in fact rather than disability only because we say so?

That seems to be what a group of researchers did when telling the public it reached the conclusion "This study provides evidence that vaccination against anthrax is not associated with long term disability."

You might be wondering how this panel of government researchers and vendors reached such a conclusion?

It is simple.

They asked the Veterans Benefits Administration for the number of disability compensation claims it granted to reach their conclusion, "To investigate the association between Anthrax Vaccine Adsorbed (AVA) received while on Active Duty and subsequent disability determined by the Veterans Benefits Administration."

Would it surprise you to know that whenever a veteran claimed disability from residuals of the anthrax vaccine that their disability rating award would go

down?

"Vaccination was negatively associated with receiving VA disability benefits for those with HFP (OR=0.66, CI: 0.65, 0.67), but there was little or no association between vaccine and receipt of VA disability benefits for those without HFP (OR=0.95, CI: 0.93, 0.97)."

So, apparently, all the veterans experiencing complications are malingering or mistaken leading me to wonder if the vaccine even has some magical disability healing powers?

Seriously, though, we know VA frequently denies all claims of veterans whenever a hot-button issue is listed in the claimed conditions. The agency is known for lowballing veterans with Burn Pit exposure and Gulf War Illness. The agency also lowballs veterans who claim PTSD or experience residuals of a traumatic brain injury.

And, we should expect nothing else from the agency previously knowns as the Bureau of War Risk Insurance. Folks, VA is an insurance company.

The renaming function similarly served to skew public perception of the agency in the same way propagandists rebranded the War Department into the Department of Defense.

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