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MEMORANDUM FOR Millennium Cohort Study Service Member and Veterans Participants

SUBJECT: Request for Participation in Military Health Research

- 1. You have been invited to participate in or continue your participation in the Department of Defense (DoD) Millennium Cohort Study. Your involvement represents a significant contribution to the largest study of health and well-being in military history. I am grateful for your decision, and hope you will continue to remain an active participant in this important study over the years to come.
- 2. The Millennium Cohort Study now includes more than 200,000 Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard Service Members and Veterans from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard. The goal is to follow these Service Members and Veterans throughout their lifetimes (up to 67 years) in order to identify the impact of specific occupations, deployments, and other military exposures on long-term health and well-being. Identifying and understanding these factors is key to designing and implementing preventive measures, healthcare interventions, and policies to improve the health and quality of life of current, former, and future Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen.
- 3. As a participant, the valuable information you provide will help the Millennium Cohort Study Team, DoD, and Veterans Affairs understand the health concerns and needs of Service Members and Veterans. Your continued participation is critical, whether or not you are still serving in the military, and the information you provide will be confidential whether or not you are still serving.

4. I thank you for your time, dedication and selfless service to our Nation.

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