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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Request for Compliance Report on Personality Disorder
(PD) Separations

Per USD Memo dated January 14, 2009, a detailed report on FY08 PD separation compliance for the Marine Corps is attached. In FY08, 409 Marines were separated for personality disorder (PD) and 60 had served in an imminent danger pay area since September 11, 2001.

The Marine Corps achieved 90% compliance of only item 5. Items 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8 are medical requirements and the Marine Corps defers further comments on these items to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED). For those sample separations occurring after August 28, 2008, items 6, 7, and 8, it should be noted that the BUMED memorandum, *Implementation of Enlisted Administrative Separation Policy-Personality Disorder* (attached), was not issued until December 19, 2008.

To correct these compliance deficiencies, the Marine Corps will further educate all commands of the requirements for PD separations emphasizing the changes in DoDI 1332.14 dated August 28, 2008. A checklist of these new requirements will be a component of PD separation documentation and the General Court Martial Convening Authority will certify in their endorsement that the requirements of DoDI 1332.14 have been met.

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Attachments:
As stated

ENCLOSURE (7)

USMC FY08 PERSONALITY DISORDER DISCHARGE STATISTICS

409 PERSONALITY DISORDER DISCHARGES TOTAL in FY08
60 OF 409 MARINES SERVED IN IMMINENT DANGER PAY AREAS
10% OR 41 PERSONALITY DISORDER DISCHARGES WERE EXAMINED
6 OF 41 MARINES WERE DISCHARGED AFTER 28 AUG 2008

PERCENTAGES OF COMPLIANCE

BLACK=Determined by HQMC

RED=Determined by Health Services/BUMED

ITEM# DOD PERSONALITY DISORDER (PD) SEPARATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Member received formal counseling and was afforded adequate opportunity to improve his or her behavior prior to being separated.

80% compliant 20% information unavailable in records

- 2 Member's PD diagnosis was made by a psychiatrist or Ph.D.-level psychologist.

83% compliant 17% not compliant

- 3 PD diagnosis included a psychiatrist or Ph.D. level psychologist's statement or judgement that SNM's disorder was so severe it impaired SNM's ability to function in military environment.

71% compliant 21% not compliant 2% information unavailable in records

- 4 Member received written notification of his or her impending separation based on PD diagnosis.

88% compliant 12% information unavailable in records

- 5 Member was advised that PD diagnosis does not qualify as a disability. Only required for PD separations after August 28, 2008.

90% compliant 10% not compliant

SERVED IN IMMINENT DANGER PAY AREAS AFTER 28 AUGUST 2008

- 6 Member's PD diagnosis was corroborated by a peer psychiatrist or Ph.D. level psychologist or mental health professional.

33% compliant 50% not compliant 17% information unavailable in records

- 7 Member's PD diagnosis addressed PTSD and other mental illness co-morbidity.

50% compliant 33% not compliant 17% information unavailable in records

- 8 Member's PD diagnosis was endorsed by the Surgeon General of the Military Department prior to discharge.

0% compliant 83% not compliant 17% information unavailable in records

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DoD PERSONALITY DISORDERS COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST FY08

NAME	SEP DATE	ITEM #1	ITEM #2	ITEM #3	ITEM #4	ITEM #5
	08	c	a	b	a	d
	08	a	b	b	a	d
	08	a	a	a	a	d
	07	a	b	b	c	d
	08	a	a	a	c	d
	08	c	a	a	c	d
	08	c	a	a	c	d
	08	a	a	a	a	d
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	08	c	a	a	a	d
	07	c	a	b	a	d
	08	c	a	a	a	d
	08	a	a	a	a	d
	08	a	b	b	a	d
	08	a	a	a	a	d
	07 (g)(q)	a	a	a	a	d
	08	a	a	b	a	d
	07	a	a	a	a	d
	08	a	b	b	a	d
	07	a	b	b	a	d
	08	a	a	a	a	d
	08	a	a	a	a	d
	08 (g)(q)	a	a	a	a	d

a=Yes
b=No
c=NIA
d=N/A

