

Department of Defense Dishonors Our Soldiers

Joe Biden's Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin sent a memorandum Aug. 9 to all Department of Defense employees, which includes military, civilian and contractor personnel, "strongly encouraging" them to get the COVID shots and not wait for a mandate.

Austin wrote, "I have consulted closely with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Secretaries of the Military Departments, the Service Chiefs, and medical professionals. I appreciate greatly the advice and counsel they provided. Based on these consultations and on additional discussions with leaders of the White House COVID Task Force, I want you to know that I will seek the President's approval to make the vaccines mandatory no later than mid-September, or immediately upon the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) licensure, whichever comes first. By way of expectation, public reporting suggests the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine could achieve full FDA licensure early next month."

Despite the VAERS data that shows 545,337 adverse events, including 12,366 deaths as of July 30, 2021, Austin also wrote, "All FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines are safe and highly effective. They will protect you and your family. They will protect your unit, your ship, and your co-workers. And they will ensure we remain the most lethal and ready force in the world."

This isn't the first time innocent Americans have been treated like human guinea pigs.

From 1932 to 1972, the CDC conducted "The Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment" on African Americans living in Tennessee. Despite being told they would receive free medical care and that the

testing would only last six months, the CDC dragged it out for 40 years. Despite the discovery of a simple and effective cure for the disease discovered in 1947, the CDC did not inform participants and instead let their symptoms kill them in slow, agonizing deaths.

More recently, back in the 1990s, the U.S. Army gave another experimental drug, this time to active-duty soldiers. At the time, the “crisis” was anthrax. Thirty years later, we still have soldiers suffering from drug poisoning from that failed experimental shot.

The COVID shots cannot be mandatory under authorization of emergency use. On March 27, 2020, the Health and Human Services declared that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of drugs and biological products for COVID-19. That means people must be told the risks and benefits, and they have the right to decline a medication that is not fully licensed. All of the COVID-19 shots (Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson) have received only emergency authorization and not full FDA approval. The federal Emergency Use Authorization law and the FDA, including the FDA Fact Sheet, state unequivocally that each person has the “option to accept or refuse” the shots.

Even without the Emergency Use Authorization law, federal workers and people in the armed services cannot be forced to take these shots.

Federal workers may claim religious exemptions under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993. This law applies to all levels of the federal government. In addition to federal law, the FDA includes the Nuremberg Code and the Helsinki Declaration on its website, emphasizing the fact that people cannot be forced to take experimental drugs without their full consent.

Furthermore, COVID shots cannot be mandatory under Title VII.

In general, employee vaccine religious exemption requests must be accommodated, where a reasonable accommodation exists without undue hardship to the employer, under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Many people hold sincere religious beliefs against taking any vaccines, or taking those derived from aborted fetal cell lines or taking those sold by companies that profit from the sale of vaccines and other products derived from abortion. Title VII, as amended, prohibits two categories of employment practices. It is unlawful for an employer: “(1) to fail or refuse to hire or to discharge any individual, or otherwise to discriminate against any individual with respect to his compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of such individual’s race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; or (2) to limit, segregate, or classify his employees or applicants for employment in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect his status as an employee, because of such individual’s race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.”

Liberty Counsel founder and Chairman Mat Staver said, “Those who signed up for military service after 9/11 have been in a continuous war to defend freedom. They voluntarily gave up their youth to defend us. As we approach the 20th year since 9/11, we must honor our heroes and not threaten them with court martial.

“These heroes defended us. Now we will defend them.” {eoa}

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