



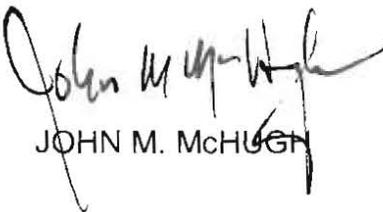
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Study to Assess Risk and Resilience in Servicemembers—Privacy Parameters

1. The Army Study to Assess Risk and Resilience in Servicemembers (Army STARRS) is the largest study of mental health risk and resilience ever conducted among military personnel. Army STARRS will identify factors that protect or pose risks to Soldiers' emotional well-being and mental health. The study will directly benefit the Army's ongoing health promotion, risk reduction and suicide prevention efforts. Participation in the study is strictly voluntary.
2. It is critical that the Army STARRS researchers obtain open and honest answers to the questions they will ask Soldiers, some of which will be very personal. It is not the Army's intent to seek individually identifiable information about the subjects of the study from the Army STARRS researchers to support any criminal investigation by the Army for the purpose of prosecution, or disciplinary or adverse administrative action. To ensure that Soldiers are able to provide open and honest answers, it is essential that their responses to researchers be kept confidential.
3. The Army STARRS researchers are subject to a Certificate of Confidentiality, issued under the statutory authority of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Certificate of Confidentiality provides that, pursuant to the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 241(d)), Army STARRS researchers "may not be compelled in any Federal, State, or local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other proceedings" to identify study participants.
4. To ensure that every potential participant Soldier understands the Army STARRS program and the Army's intent, this memorandum should receive wide distribution among your subordinate commands.
5. Questions concerning Army STARRS should be directed to the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Army (DUSA). The DUSA point of contact is Mr. Scott Ludtke, 703-588-6814 or scott.ludtke@conus.army.mil.


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