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Good Afternoon Gentlemen,
[REDACTED]

In the email, if true, is a clear admission that what was presented to us was not in fact the COVID-19 shot that was explicitly and legally mandated.

Please keep for your records and verify.

I've removed the names and email address of whom I received this from.

Very Respectfully,
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Subject: COVID Vaccinations

General Journey –

Sir, Good morning. Yesterday we offered completely voluntary vaccinations for the flu and COVID going into the 96. A Capt asked to see the vial and stated "this is not the approved vaccination"...he was right! You have got to be kidding me...

Wanted to share amongst the Team some lessons we learned Friday about the COVID vaccination as we soon enter mandatory vaccinations.

Background:

- The vaccine has been known as the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine; the military doses are labelled BioNTech.

- Pfizer used all BioNTech data in its submission for FDA approval...but called it Comirnaty (koe-mir'-na-tee). It is molecularly exactly the same. SECDEF's press release states: On Aug. 23, the FDA gave full approval to the Comirnaty vaccine — previously known as the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine — for individuals 16 years of age and older. Why they would change the name (for marketing) is beyond me.

- The confusion that was generated Friday comes in part from the Pfizer Information Fact Sheet, 23 August (www.cvdvaccine.com <<http://www.cvdvaccine.com>>). A footnote in that Fact Sheet states that: "The licensed vaccine has the same formulation as the EUA-authorized vaccine and the products can be used interchangeably to provide vaccination series without presenting any safety or effectiveness concerns. The products are legally distinct with certain differences that do not impact safety or effectiveness." Throughout this document, the two brand names are mentioned interchangeably when describing formulation, ingredients, side effects, and how the product is administered.

- The MARADMIN states: "3.b. COVID-19 vaccines that have received Food and Drug Administration (FDA) licensure are mandated for all DoD service members by ref (b). FDA Licensed vaccine(s) are the only vaccine(s) that can be mandated for DoD personnel at this time." As currently written/directed, the vials should be labelled Comirnaty when it comes time for mandatory vaccinations.

- Working with the MEF Staff, we have sought refinement to the MARADMIN/guidance with words to the effect that there is only one Pfizer vaccine, marketed under two names (Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and Comirnaty), and that it is FDA Approved/a mandated vaccine per the MARADMIN and ALNAV. We understand this is being discussed at the DMCS and HQMQ SJA level with Navy and DoD counterparts to clarify or eliminate the distinctions. Based on calls to HQMC (by MEF SJA), we would have guidance on Tuesday next week. We have also asked our COMMSTRAT to cross-level with HQMC/MEF COMSTRAT so that they are tracking and incorporating those considerations into their messaging guidance. Why this wasn't done before in such a highly charged/visible issue is beyond me as well.

Bottom line: BioNTech and Comirnaty are molecularly the same. Technically, Comirnaty is the only one approved for mandatory vaccinations (right now). Just wanted you all to have the background our great COS flushed out Friday.

Hope you have a GREAT Weekend!

Very Respectfully,

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