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***The Book the U.S. Department of Defense Doesn't Want You to Read:***

## **VACCINE A**

**The Covert Government Experiment That's Killing Our Soldiers—  
And Why GI's Are Only the First Victims**

**Gary Matsumoto**

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“A shocking exposé of experimenting with anthrax vaccine on unsuspecting members of the military. Investigative journalism at its best. A must read for any concerned citizen.”

—James C. Goodale, former Vice Chairman, *The New York Times*

“I thought we stopped using grunts as guinea pigs decades ago. Even the Nazis didn't run medical experiments on their own troops in combat. This book explodes like a grenade in the Pentagon's privy. Read it and weep; better yet, get mad.”

—Col. David H. Hackworth (U.S. Army, ret.),  
America's most decorated living soldier,  
Author of *About Face* and *Steel My Soldiers' Hearts*

The worst friendly-fire incident in military history may not have been caused by a bomber pilot's navigational error or a poorly targeted artillery bombardment. There is scientific evidence that it came from something no soldier had any reason to think would harm him: a vaccine administered by the military's own medics. When troops went to the Middle East to fight the Gulf War in 1991 and the Iraq War in 2003, they were immunized with the only FDA-approved anthrax vaccine in existence—at least they were supposed to be. A number of them, perhaps thousands, received an experimental vaccine instead. Without their consent, they were used as human guinea pigs in a massive medical experiment. An experiment that went disastrously wrong—and yet continues today.

In **VACCINE A: The Covert Government Experiment That's Killing Our Soldiers—and Why GI's Are Only the First Victims**, award-winning investigative journalist Gary Matsumoto combines skillful narrative with a deep understanding of the history and science of vaccines to explain just what went wrong, and why. The vaccine in question contains a substance called squalene. Matsumoto reveals the scientific and medical evidence that when injected, squalene can cause chronic and sometimes life-threatening autoimmune diseases like lupus, rheumatoid arthritis and multiple sclerosis in animals. Military personnel injected with squalene have developed these same diseases. Squalene is an “adjuvant,” a kind of booster that was added to the experimental vaccine to improve its effectiveness.

Matsumoto has been researching this story for over six years and has conducted hundreds of interviews with scientists, government officials and military personnel. He has reviewed tens of thousands of declassified government and military records as well as peer-reviewed scientific papers and patient medical charts to support his revelations. (See **“Breaking News from Vaccine A” for a thorough highlight of the book’s contents.**)

“This is a book that the U.S. Department of Defense does not want you to read,” writes Matsumoto in the book’s introduction. “It is about human medical experimentation—not that undertaken by Japanese and Nazi doctors of World War II more than 60 years ago, but human experimentation being conducted on U.S. citizens by U.S. doctors and scientists working for the U.S. military. The unethical experiments detailed in this book are ongoing, with little prospect of being self-limiting. Why? Because they have been shielded from scrutiny and public accountability by national security concerns.”

Matsumoto reveals:

- how, contrary to its public pronouncements, the Pentagon knew its licensed anthrax vaccine might not protect soldiers from every strain of anthrax as far back as the early 1960s
- how, after the death of 66 people from an accidental release of an anthrax weapon in the former Soviet Union in 1979, the Pentagon suddenly became aware that it needed a new anthrax vaccine
- how Army scientists, equating purity with safety, developed a new anthrax vaccine that was even weaker than the original one
- that having discovered its weakness, military scientists added an oil called squalene to their new anthrax vaccine in order to stimulate a more vigorous response from the immune system
- that Army scientists chose to boost its new anthrax vaccine with squalene because in the 1980s their counterparts at the National Institutes of Health were promoting this oil’s use in all of their new generation, genetically engineered vaccines
- that even at that time there was scientific evidence that injecting squalene into animals induced chronic and even life-threatening diseases like rheumatoid arthritis and multiple sclerosis
- that military doctors during Desert Shield and Desert Storm — most of them without knowing it — secretly injected the Army’s new vaccine, code-named “Vaccine A” into military personnel
- that Army scientists hoped its new anthrax vaccine would provide more immunity in less time with just one shot, two shots at the most [the old vaccine requires six shots, and—according to the conventional wisdom at the time of Desert Storm—six months to induce a desirable level of immunity]

- clinical evidence that the experiment to test to the efficacy of the new vaccine, presumed safe, became a series of experiments carried out in the 1990s through Operation Iraqi Freedom
- how, as a result, these experiments have led to an unknown number of formerly healthy young men and women — possibly tens of thousands of them or more — having their lives ruined by chronic illness
- how the connection between Gulf War illness and an unlicensed, experimental anthrax vaccine was made through scientific tests conducted at Tulane University Medical School: the blood of four Air Force reservists tested positive for antibodies to squalene after injections with anthrax vaccine confirmed by the FDA to contain squalene
- that the FDA, and later a laboratory contracted by the Department of Defense, discovered trace quantities of squalene in six lots of anthrax vaccine in response to Matsumoto's 1999 *Vanity Fair* article, which revealed that military personnel were developing anti-squalene antibodies and autoimmune diseases after injections with specific lots of anthrax vaccine; after the Pentagon's refusal to test the vaccine for the presence of squalene, the FDA carried out tests proving squalene was present in both vaccine batches that Matsumoto identified by lot number in his article
- that British military personnel have also tested positive for anti-squalene antibodies
- how in 1998, the National Institutes of Health formed the NIH Working Group with the Department of Defense and the FDA to "fast track" the licensure of the new anthrax vaccine called rPA102
- that beginning in 1987, most of the prototypes of the new vaccine that would later become rPA102 have contained squalene
- evidence that squalene — first injected into U.S. military personnel because there was a perceived need to develop a new and improved anthrax vaccine — is still being given to troops today when there is no verifiable battlefield threat from anthrax
- that troops given anthrax vaccine for Operation Iraqi Freedom have now tested positive for anti-squalene antibodies
- that NBC cameraman Craig White developed a transient pneumonia after his second anthrax vaccination and subsequently tested positive for antibodies to squalene
- that military scientists and physicians, as well as the pharmaceutical companies working with them in "strategic partnership" to develop new drugs and vaccines, are shielded by law from medical malpractice lawsuits
- that the only venue where physicians can still test experimental drugs on humans without informed consent, and with impunity, is the U.S. military

Matsumoto introduces readers to the victims of this experiment: an Army sergeant whose cerebellum literally shrank until he could no longer walk straight or write his name legibly; a Navy nurse who learned that not only she but also her mother—a Navy nurse as well—was the subject of a medical trial; a Green Beret colonel, a fitness fanatic and orienteering expert, who began to suffer walking blackouts that left him unable to find his way home; and many others. The Green Beret, who had a textbook case of lupus, was for years misdiagnosed with a mental disorder instead. Others were told that they had psychiatric disorders or were accused of malingering. Matsumoto introduces readers to the doctors, Dr. Pamela and Kevin Asa, Robert Garry, and others, who uncovered the truth about these illnesses, and tells how they had to fight through Pentagon and FDA stonewalling to do it.

Finally, Matsumoto warns us what is about to happen. While scientists with the Department of Defense and the Department of Health and Human Services still refuse to admit that an experiment took place or that they are responsible for its devastating effects, more and more troops have become

sick. There is now evidence that military doctors — most of them probably unaware that they were doing so — injected squalene-laced anthrax vaccine into military personnel deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. The National Institutes of Health continues to fund research into recombinant DNA vaccines with squalene for civilian use. If these new generation vaccines — for HIV, anthrax, malaria, influenza, herpes simplex virus, cytomegalovirus and human papillomavirus — ever become widely used, the result could be a man-made epidemic of autoimmunity unprecedented in size.

**VACCINE A** is a story of betrayal—betrayal of some of America’s finest citizens, the men and women who serve in the armed forces; betrayal of most fundamental rules of medical ethics; and betrayal of the basic duty of military and civilian leaders to protect the people they govern.

### **About the Author**

Gary Matsumoto, a journalist based in New York City, has reported from 32 different countries on five continents, covered two wars and five popular uprisings, and won 10 journalism awards. He has been the London Bureau Manager and Chief Foreign Correspondent for NBC Radio News, a National Correspondent for NBC’s *Weekend Today Show* and Senior Correspondent for the Fox News Channel. As a broadcaster, he has covered events ranging from the toppling of the Communist Party in Eastern Europe to Desert Storm, from the Tiananmen Square massacre to the death of Princess Diana. He has written about the anthrax letter attacks for the *Washington Post* and *Science* magazine. His 1999 article in *Vanity Fair* was the first to draw the connection between the anthrax vaccine and Gulf War Syndrome.

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