

SAFETY ALERT 13-009

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IRON 6 SENDS



"NO MORE PREVENTABLE DEATHS"

CONFIRMED WEST NILE VIRUS



THIS WEEK, FORT BLISS CONFIRMED POSITIVE TEST RESULTS FOR WEST NILE VIRUS IN THE WATER OVERFLOW AREA OUTSIDE ONE OF THE UNIT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. MOSQUITOS TESTED POSITIVE FOR THE WEST NILE VIRUS. WEST NILE VIRUS IS PRESENT IN OUR FOOTPRINT AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES NEED TO BE TAKEN TO AVOID EXPOSURE.

CONTROL MEASURES:

- ✓ ENSURE ALL SOLDIERS ARE WEARING INSECT REPELLENT DURING PRT, ESPECIALLY WHEN RUNNING IN AREAS WITH WATER OVERFLOW.
- ✓ USE INSECT REPELLENTS THAT CONTAIN DEET.
- ✓ DRAIN ANY STANDING WATER.
- ✓ DRESS IN LONG, LOOSE AND LIGHT-COLORED CLOTHING.
- ✓ TAKE EXTRA CARE TO USE REPELLENT AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FROM DUSK TO DAWN.

SYMPTOMS: Most people who are infected with the West Nile virus will not have any type of illness. It is estimated that 20% of the people who become infected will develop West Nile fever: mild symptoms, including fever, headache, and body aches, occasionally with a skin rash on the trunk of the body and swollen lymph glands. The symptoms of the severe infection include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, and paralysis. It is estimated that 1 in 150 persons infected with the West Nile virus will develop a more severe form of disease.

YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION AT www.westnilevirusfacts.org

**ENSURE WIDEST DISSEMINATION
BRIEF TO SOLDIERS & POST ON BULLETIN BOARDS!**

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