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DOLE ANNOUNCES NEW TOLL-FREE NUMBER FOR GULF WAR VETERANS

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole today announced that the Department of Defense has established a new 1-800-number for veterans of Operation Desert Storm suffering from Gulf War Syndrome. Veterans calling the toll-free 1-800-number with health concerns will be added to the Department of Defense Registry of those with Persian Gulf illness symptoms and directed to Veterans Affairs centers for assistance. The number is 1-800-796-9699.

"I am pleased that the Department of Defense has taken this important step in meeting the needs of our Gulf War veterans," Dole said. "I strongly encourage any veteran from Desert Shield or Desert Storm who may be suffering from Gulf War Syndrome or who has any questions related to their health to call 1-800-796-9699."

Senator Dole also announced that the Department of Defense today released the Lederberg Defense Science Board Report on Gulf War Syndrome to examine all aspects of the Gulf War illness.

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