Speaking Outline

Notecard 1
(EYE CONTACT)
CALM DOWN
JUST TALK

INTRODUCTION

I. Biological anthrax weapon real threat (Woodward, The hard facts about anthrax in the Sourdough Sentinel)

II. Immunizations needed (Koenig, RefuseNiks may Have History On Their Side, U. S. Medicine)

III. When learned about? Before 9-11?

IV. I was aware before

V. Learned from husband

VI. Program not perfect, look at problems and solutions

(Transition: First, let’s look at the problems.)
Notecard 2
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BODY

I. When the program first began it was a military issue, but with the recent anthrax contaminated mail in our country it will more than likely become an issue for the entire nation, and when it does we may have some of the same concerns.

A. Problems that cause mistrust
   1. Misinformation = mistrust
      a. Safety questioned
      b. Testing questioned (Maier, The Anthrax Issue, Insight on the News)
   2. Military not taking responsibility = mistrust (Koenig, Refuse Niks May Have History on their Side, U.S. Medicine)
      a. Own body decision (Callander, The Anthrax Issue, Air Force Magazine)
      b. Best interest of individual

B. Concerns that cause mistrust

Transition: now that we have looked at the problem, let’s move on to my solution.
II. Solution military and government action

A. Anthrax Vaccine Education Program
   1. Accurate facts (Callendar 46)
   2. Studies in laymen’s terms
   3. Refute Internet misinformation

B. Commanders lead by example (Koenig 7)
   1. Enhance confidence
   2. Diminish doubts of risk

C. Permanent lifetime health care
   1. Government responsibility
   2. Cost less in long run (Koenig 7)
      a. Agent Orange
      b. Gulf War Syndrome

(Brakelight: Now that you’ve been informed about the problems connected to the possible solutions, I hope you can see the need to perfect this essential program not only for the military’s well being but for our own as well. What can we as individuals do?)
CONCLUSION

I. I know it doesn’t seem like we as civilians have much say in the military, but I hope you understand you do have a voice and that you will use it to help shape the future of our military and our nation.

II. Write to Congressmen

   A. Control money for program
   B. Control money for military

SMILE

HOLD FOR APPLAUSE