

## Land Warrior System

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This report provides my assessment of Land Warrior demonstrated performance in testing, in accordance with the provisions of Section 231 of the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act (modifying Title 10, United States Code, Section 2399).

In this assessment, I find the following key points:

- Performance suggests that deploying the Land Warrior to Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry should provide a force multiplier by improving situational awareness and facilitating command and control.
- Land Warrior testing was adequate to support the planned Milestone C Low-Rate Initial Production Decision.
- Land Warrior system performance is on track to be operationally effective.
- Land Warrior system performance is on track to be operationally suitable.
- Operational survivability has not yet been thoroughly evaluated. Performance to date indicates that the Land Warrior-equipped soldier has the same operational survivability as the non-Land Warrior-equipped soldier.

Before deploying the system to combat, the Army should resolve the following issues:

- Obtain Communications Security certification from the National Security Administration and system-level accreditation under the DoD Information Technology Security Certification and Accreditation process because of known Information Assurance vulnerabilities in theater.
- Develop “quick release” procedures for the Land Warrior battery so that soldiers will be able to immediately remove the Land Warrior system should it catch fire.

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