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Vietnam-Era Veterans Follow-Up Study

This booklet contains questions about your current health and well-being. The purpose of this follow-up study is to better understand changes in Veterans' health status over time. With the information we obtain from this study, we can better understand factors that influence changes in health and well-being over time.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected in accordance with section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Accordingly, we may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB number. We anticipate that the time expended to complete this survey will average 45 minutes. This includes the time needed to follow instructions, gather the necessary facts, and respond to the questions. This information is being collected to better understand civilian and military factors that can affect health and well-being over time. The results of this survey will help inform general knowledge about changes in Veterans' health status and treatment. Participation in this survey is voluntary, and failure to respond will not have any impact on your entitlement to benefits.

Privacy Act Statement: Information gathered will be kept private to the extent provided by law. Data collected will be aggregated, and no information will be attributable to you as an individual. Disclosure of information will involve release of statistical data and other non-identifying data for improving the quality of service delivery by providing additional background information about the participants to better serve them. Participation in this survey is voluntary, and failure to respond will not have any impact on your entitlement to benefits.

Thank you in advance for completing this survey. If you have any questions or suggestions to decrease the burden, you may contact our helpdesk at 877-776-5187.

Questionnaire Instructions

Please answer all the questions on the following pages as completely as possible. We are interested in your opinions. Please remember that you are free to skip any question that makes you feel uncomfortable without any penalty or prejudice.

Information you provide in this questionnaire will be considered privileged and held in confidence; you will not be identified in any presentation of the results. Only your unique study identification number will appear on these questionnaire pages.

- Fill in only one box for each question unless it tells you to "Mark all that apply."
- Please mark an "X" in the box as shown in the box to the right:

Please use pen or dark	pencil to mark an	"X" in the answer box.
EXAMPLES:	Correct X	Incorrect 🗸 🔘 蹇



Return your survey in the postage-paid envelope to receive \$20 cash.

If you do not have the envelope, please send to: VIETNAM VET STUDY C/0 ALTARUM 3520 GREEN CT. STE 300 ANN ARBOR, MI 48105

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A1	Which one of the following best describes your usual daily activities related to moving around? Do not include exercise, sports, or physically active hobbies done in your leisure time.	A6	On days when you do vigorous activities for at least 10 minutes at a time, how much total time per day do you spend doing these activities?
	Sit during most of the day		Hours per day:
	Stand during most of the day Walk around most of the day		OR Minutes per day:
A2	During the past seven days, did you walk for at least 10 minutes at a time for fun, relaxation, exercise or to get somewhere? Yes No	A7	In a usual week, do you do light or moderate activities for at least 10 minutes at a time that cause only light sweating or a slight to moderate increase in breathing or heart rate (such as brisk walking, bicycling, vacuuming, gardening, etc.)?
	res No		Yes
АЗ	During the past 12 months, have you increased your physical activity or exercise?	A8	How many days per week do you do these light to moderate activities for at least 10 minutes?
	Yes No		Number of days:
A4	In a usual week, do you do vigorous activities for at least 10 minutes at a time that cause heavy sweating or large increases in breathing or heart rate (such	A9	On days when you do light to moderate activities for at least 10 minutes at a time, how much total time per day do you spend doing these activities? Hours per day:
	as running, aerobics, heavy yard work, etc.)? ☐ Yes ☐ No → Go to A7		OR Minutes per day:
۸			following questions are about your use obacco and alcohol.
A5	How many days per week do you do these vigorous activities for at least 10 minutes at a time? Number of days	A10	In your lifetime, have you smoked a total of at least 100 cigarettes, cigars, or pipes?
	Inditibel of days		Yes No → Go To A14

A11 Have you ever smoked daily or almost every day for at least 1 year? Yes No A12 Do you smoke now? Yes, daily Yes, occasionaly	A17 How often do you have six or more drinks if you are a man, or five or more drinks if you are a woman, on one occasion? Never Less than monthly Monthly Weekly Daily or almost daily
Not at all A13 What tobacco products do you use? Cigarette Pipe Smokeless (e.g.,dip, snuff)	A18 Please select the statement below which best describes you at present. Former drinker Occasional drinker Light drinker
For the following questions, a drink is a 12 oz beer, a 5 oz glass of wine, or 1.5 oz of liquor	Moderate drinker Heavy drinker
A14 During your entire life, have you had at least 12 drinks of any type of alcoholic beverage? ☐ Yes ☐ No → Go To A18	Teetotaler (I never drank) Other (please specify)
A15 In the past 6 months, how often did you have a drink containing alcohol?	The following question is about your sleep habits.
Never Monthly 2-4 times per month 2-4 times or less a week 4 or more times a week	A19 On average, how many hours do you sleep per night? Less than 2 hours 2 or more hours but less than 4 hours
A16 In the past 6 months, how many drinks of alcohol did you have on a typical day when you were drinking? 1 or 2 3 or 4 5 or 6 7, 8, or 9 10 or more Not applicable	4 or more hours but less than 6 hours 6 or more hours but less than 8 hours 8 or more hours but less than 10 hours 10 hours or more

livit	ng.						
B1	In general, would you s Excellent Very good	ay your healt	th is:	B4	The following items you might do during your health limit you so, how much?	a typical da	y. Does
	Good Fair					limited a lim	res, No, not ited a limited ittle at all
B2	Poor In the past week, how i	much assista	nce did		a. Moderate activities , such as moving a table, pushing a vacuum clear	ner, [
DZ.	you require in the follow to a health condition?				bowling, or playing golf. b. Climbing several flight of stairs	nts [
		I am completely I can do dependent with some on assistance	I do not do				
	a. Bathing	H		B5	During the past 4 we	ooke havo v	ou had
	b. Eating c. Transferring from bed or a chair			ВЭ	any of the following work or other regula result of your physic	problems wi r daily activi	ith your
	d. Using the toilet					Yes, a	
	e. Walking around your home					No, little Ye none bit of sor	
	f.Dressing					time time tin	
	g. Preparing meals				a. Accomplished less than you would like		
	h. Managing your money				b. Didn't do work or other activities as carefully as usual		
	i. Doing household chores				,		
	j. Using the telephone						
	k. Taking medications properly			Do	D. day the court A		
ВЗ	The following questions compare your health or health now.	ne year ago to	Some	В6	During the past 4 we any of the following work or other regular result of any emotio feeling depressed or	problems wi r daily activi nal problem:	ith your ties as a
	a. Compared to <u>one</u> year ago, how would you rate your physical health in	Much -what the better better same v				Yes, a No, little Ye none bit of sor of the the of t time time time	ne most all of he of the the
	general <u>now</u> b. Compared to <u>one</u> year				a. Accomplished less than you would like		
	ago, how would you rate your emotional health in general now				b. Didn't do work or other activities as carefully as usual		

The following questions are about your ability to perform various activities involved in daily

В7	work outside the home and housev		interfere w	ith your no	ormal wo	ork (inclu	ding b	oth
	Not at all							
	A little bit							
	Moderately							
	Quite a bit							
	Extremely							
	Lationery							
B8	These questions are about how you weeks. For each question, please of have been feeling. How much of the	give the or	ne best ans	swer that o	comes cl <u>s</u>	osest to	the wa	ay you
		All of the time	Most of the time	Good bit of the time	Some of t	he A little c: time		lone of the time
	a. Have you felt calm and peaceful?]	
	b. Did you have a lot of energy ?]	
	c. Have you felt downhearted and blue ?]	
	d. How much of the time has your physical health or emotional problems interfered with your social activities (like visiting with friends, relatives, etc.)?]	
В9	In the past 30 days, how much diffi	culty did y	ou have in	 None	Mild	Moderate	Severe	Extreme/ cannot do
	a. Standing for long periods, such as 30 m	inutes?						
	b. Taking care of your household responsil	bilities?						
	c. Learning a new task, for example, learning place?	ing how to g	et to a new					
	d. Joining community activities (for example other activities) in the same way as anyone		s, religious or					
	e. How much have you been emotionally a problems?	iffected by y	our health					
	f. Concentrating on doing something for te	n minutes?						
	g. Walking a long distance such as a kilom	neter (or equ	iivalent)?				Щ	
	h. Washing your whole body?					Ц	Щ	
	i. Getting dressed?						Ц.	
	j. Dealing with people you do not know?					ᆜ	Щ	
	k. Maintaining a friendship?							
	I. Your day-to-day work?							

The following questions are about specific health conditions and your history with these conditions.

C1	Have you <u>ever</u> been told by a confollowing Circulatory System				you had any of the
				Yes	I currently take medication and/or receive treatment for this condition
	a. High blood pressure (hypertension)			
	b. Stroke				
	c. Transient ischemic attack (TIA)				
	d. Heart disease				
	e. Heart attack				
	f. Coronary artery/ coronary heart dis-	ease (includes ang	jina)		
	g. Peripheral vascular disease		,		
	h. High cholesterol				
	i. Congestive heart failure				
	j. Anemia				
C1.1	If applicable, please tell us the	e year that you	were diagno	sed with the	e following conditions.
	a. Stroke	Year Diagnosed:			
	b. Transient ischemic attack (TIA)	Year Diagnosed:			
	c. Heart attack	Year Diagnosed:			
C2	Have you ever been told by a following Mental Health cond		•		
					I currently take medication and/or receive treatment for this
			Y	′es	condition
	a. Panic disorder		L		
	b. Generalized anxiety disorder (GA	D)			Ц
	c. Social Phobia		Ĺ	_	
	d. Other anxiety disorder				
	e. Attention deficit hyperactivity diso	rder		<u> </u>	
	f. Bipolar disorder				
	g. Depressive disorder				
	h. Posttraumatic stress disorder (PT	SD)			
	i. Eating disorder				
	j. Personality disorder				
	k. Schizophrenia				

C3	Have you ever been told be following types of Cancer			th profe	essional tha	t you had any of the
						I currently take medication and/or
					Yes	receive treatment for this condition
	a. Breast cancer					
	b. Prostate cancer					
	c. Testicular cancer					
	d. Colon cancer/ Rectal cancer					
	e. Lung cancer					
	f. Skin cancer					
	g. Brain cancer					
	h. Liver cancer					
	i. Pancreatic cancer					
	j. Respiratory cancers (e.g., lun	g, larynx, throat, tor	sil)			
	k. Urinary bladder cancer					
	I. Soft tissue sarcoma					
	m. Thyroid cancer					
	n. Other cancer:					
			_			
C3.1	If applicable, please tell u	us the year that y	ou wer	e diagn	osed with th	e following conditions.
	a. Breast cancer	Year Diagnosed:				
	b. Prostate cancer	Year Diagnosed:				
	c. Colon/rectal cancer	Year Diagnosed:				
	d. Lung cancer	Year Diagnosed:				
	e. Brain cancer	Year Diagnosed:				
	f. Liver cancer	Year Diagnosed:				
	g. Pancreatic cancer	Year Diagnosed:				
	h. Respiratory cancers	Year Diagnosed:				

	following types of Nervous	System condition	ons? <i>Select a</i>	ll that apply.	
				V	I currently take medication and/or receive treatment for this
				Yes	condition
	a. Migraine headaches				
	b. Memory loss or impairment				
	c. Dementia (includes Alzheimer's	s, vascular, etc.)			
	d. Concussion or loss of consciou	sness			
	e. Traumatic brain injury				
	f. Spinal cord injury or impairment				
	g. Epilepsy/seizure				
	h. Parkinson's disease				
	i. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis AL disease	S or Lou Gehrig's			
	j. Multiple sclerosis				
C4.1	If applicable, please tell us	the year that yo	ou were diagn	osed with the	following conditions.
	a. Dementia	Year Diagnosed:			
	b. Parkinson's disease	Year Diagnosed:			
	c. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	Year Diagnosed:			
	d. Multiple sclerosis	Year Diagnosed:			

C4 Have you ever been told by a doctor or other health professional that you had any of the

C5	Have you ever been told by following Health conditions			th p	rofe	ssional tha	it you had any of the
						Yes	I currently take medication and/or receive treatment for this condition
	a. Enlarged prostate (benign pros	static hyperplasia)					
	b. Asthma						
	c. Chronic lung disease (COPD,	emphysema, or brond	chitis)				
	d. Diabetes/"sugar"						
	e. Liver condition (e.g., cirrhosis)						
	f. Skin condition (e.g., eczema, p	soriasis)					
	g. Sleep apnea						
	h. Thyroid problems						
	i. Fibromyalgia						
	j. Hepatitis B						
	k. Lupus						
	I. Lyme disease						
	m. Cataracts						
	n. Glaucoma						
	o. Macular degeneration						
	p. Blindness, all causes						
	q. Tinnitus or ringing in the earsr. Severe hearing loss or partial of	deafness in one or bot	·h				
	ears						
	s. Tuberculosis						
	t. Hepatitis C						
	u. HIV/AIDS						
	v. Kidney disease without dialysis	5					
	w. Kidney disease with dialysis						
	x. Acute kidney disease with no o	current dialysis					
	y. Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS)						
	z. Ulcerative colitis						
	aa. Crohn's disease						
	bb. Celiac disease / Sprue						
	cc. Osteoarthritis						
	dd. Rheumatoid arthritis						
	ee. Osteoporosis						
C5.1	If applicable, please tell us	s the year that you	were	e dia	agno	sed with th	he following conditions.
	a. Chronic lung disease	Year Diagnosis:					
	b. Diabetes/"sugar"	Year Diagnosis:					

The	following questions are for women only. S	elect all	that apply.
C6	Women's Health Conditions		Not
	a. Have you had a hysterectomy?b. Have you had both of your ovaries removed?c. Have you ever taken female hormones (other than bi reason? (Female hormones include estrogens or proge hormone injections, or postmenopausal hormones).		
	d. During and after menopause, women are sometimes include "Estrogen", "Conjugated Estrogen", "Premarin", Estrogen/Progestin"). Have you ever taken menopausa	"Estrogen al estroger	n Patch", "Combined
	e. During and after menopause, women are sometimes include "Provera, Medroxyprogesterone", etc.) Have you		
Dep	se next few questions ask about your exper artment of Veterans Affairs. This does not in eived while on active duty.		•
D1	Have you used any VA education or training benefits, excluding VA vocational rehabilitation? Yes No	D4	In the last 6 months, did you use any VA health care services, or did you have any of your health care paid for by VA? Yes, I received services at VA, or they were paid for by VA (including the Mission Act) No, I received services, but not from VA and were not paid for by VA No, I did not receive any health care services
D2	Have you ever been enrolled in VA health care?		Don't know/don't remember
	No Don't know	D5	Where do you go to get health care? Select all that apply. VA hospital or clinic that is part of VA Hospital that is not part of VA (emergency room) Urgent care facility Community health center
D3	Have you ever used any VA health care services?		Do not get health care
	Yes → Go to D5	D6	Do you have a VA service-connected disability rating?
	☐ Don't know → Go to D5		Yes No → Go to D10

	P. L.P.C. C. O.	D9	I OI W	hat conditions	•
	disability rating?		F	Physical/medical	conditions
				Mental health co	nditions
				Both physical an	
D 0	Mile and distance and this nation of			conditions	
D8	When did you get this rating?				
	In the past year				
	2 – 5 years ago	D10	Do yo	ou receive a no	n-service-connected
	6 - 10 years ago		disab	oility pension fro	om the VA?
	More than 10 years ago			Yes	No
D11	During the past year, how important was the helping you meet your financial needs?	disability	/ payme	ent benefit you	received from VA in
	Extremely important				
	Very important				
	Moderately important				
	Slightly important				
	Not at all important				
	Don't know				
D12	Indicate whether you have used any of the fo months. If so, please indicate if you received	_	e at a \	VA facility. Received this care	Did you receive this care
D12	months. If so, please indicate if you received	this car	e at a \	VA facility.	
D12	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	this car	e at a \	VA facility. Received this care	Did you receive this care
D12	months. If so, please indicate if you received a. Overnight stay in a hospital for medical or surgical cab. Outpatient care for doctor visits, urgent care, routine	this car are exams,	e at a \	VA facility. Received this care	Did you receive this care
D12	 months. If so, please indicate if you received a. Overnight stay in a hospital for medical or surgical ca b. Outpatient care for doctor visits, urgent care, routine medical tests, or shots c. Overnight stay in a hospital for mental health or substitution. 	this car are exams,	e at a \	VA facility. Received this care	Did you receive this care
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D12	months. If so, please indicate if you received a. Overnight stay in a hospital for medical or surgical care. b. Outpatient care for doctor visits, urgent care, routine medical tests, or shots c. Overnight stay in a hospital for mental health or substreatment d. Prescription medications	this car are exams,	e at a \	VA facility. Received this care	Did you receive this care
D12	months. If so, please indicate if you received a. Overnight stay in a hospital for medical or surgical case. Outpatient care for doctor visits, urgent care, routine medical tests, or shots c. Overnight stay in a hospital for mental health or substreatment d. Prescription medications e. Over the counter medications	this car	use	VA facility. Received this care	Did you receive this care
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D12	a. Overnight stay in a hospital for medical or surgical cab. Outpatient care for doctor visits, urgent care, routine medical tests, or shots c. Overnight stay in a hospital for mental health or substreatment d. Prescription medications e. Over the counter medications f. In-home health care for yourself g. Care for any prosthetics or medical equipment, includy	this care exams, stance abo	use	VA facility. Received this care	Did you receive this care
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D12	a. Overnight stay in a hospital for medical or surgical cab. Outpatient care for doctor visits, urgent care, routine medical tests, or shots c. Overnight stay in a hospital for mental health or substreatment d. Prescription medications e. Over the counter medications f. In-home health care for yourself g. Care for any prosthetics or medical equipment, includy oxygen h. Care for hearing aids or eye glasses i. Overnight stay in a rehabilitation hospital or nursing of j. Dental care	this care exams, stance abo	use	VA facility. Received this care	Did you receive this care

D13	B How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?										
	Neither Completely Somewhat agree nor Somewhat Completely agree agree disagree disagree disagree										
	a. If the cost of health care to me increases, I will use VA more										
	b. I would only use VA if I did not have access to any other sources of health care										
	c. I have a doctor outside VA who I really like and trust										
	d. Veterans who can afford to use other sources of health care should leave the VA to those who really need it										
	e. Veterans like me who use VA are satisfied with the health care they receive										
	f. VA health care providers explain treatment/diagnoses in a way that patients can understand										
	g. There is a VA provider in my area that offers all of the health care services that Veterans like me need	·									
	h. I have one particular health care provider who is in charge of my care										
D14	If you needed long-term Nursing Hom Definitely go to the VA? Maybe go to the VA? Definitely go somewhere else?	e Care, w	ould you .								
D15	What are the ways you plan to use VA	health ca	are in the f	future? S	elect all ti	hat apply.					
	As a primary source of health care										
	Backup to non-VA care for specialize	ed services	i								
	A "safety net" to use only if needed										
	For prescriptions										
	For specialized care										
	Some other way										
	No plans to use VA for health care										

D16	Are you currently covered by any of the folloplans? Select all that apply.	owing typ	oes of health insurance or health coverage
	Not covered by any health insurance or he	alth plan	
	Insurance through a current or former emp	oloyer or u	union (of yours or another family member)
	Insurance purchased directly from an insur	rance cor	npany (by you or another family member)
	Medicare, for people 65 and older, or peop	le with ce	ertain disabilities
	Medicaid, Medical Assistance, or any kind incomes or a disability	of goverr	ment-assistance plan for those with low
	☐ VA		
	TRICARE, TRICARE For Life, CHAMPVA,	СНАМР	JS or other military health care
	Indian Health Services		
	Any other type of health insurance or healt	h covera	ge plan (please specify)
	s section we are going to make a series of		
seiec	t the one answer that best reflects how tru	ie or co	rrect the statement is for <u>you</u> .
D17	How long does it take to travel from your	D20	Do you use the VA Outpatient Facility as
	home to the VA facility nearest your home?		your primary source for medical care?
			Yes No
	Less than 1 hour		
	Between 1 and 2 hours		
	Between 2 and 4 hours		
	More than 4 hours		
D18	Have you ever sought treatment at a VA Hospital or Outpatient Facility?	D21	About how many times have you used the VA Hospital or Outpatient Facility in the past 3 years?
	Yes No → Go to D23		1 - 2 times
			3 - 5 times
D19	When was the last time you used the VA		6 - 10 times
	Outpatient Facility?		11 or more
	Past 3 months		
	Past 6 months		
	Past 1 year		
	Past 3 years		
	Past 5 years		

D22	If you have been treated at a VA facility, how correct or true are the following statements about your actual experiences with the VA healthcare system the last time you used it?										
		Not true	Slightly true	Moderately true	Very true						
	a. I was given an appointment within a reasonable time										
	b. The medical staff of the VA has a positive attitude toward Vietnam veterans										
	c. Vietnam veterans are treated the same as veterans of other wars										
	d. The medical staff is competent										
	e. The staff of the VA is well aware of special Vietnam veteran needs like Agent Orange										
	f. I was asked about the possibility of exposure to Agent Orange										
	g. There is an adequate staff at the VA to meet patient needs										
	h. When I tell the doctor something, I am confident it was completely understood										
	i. The doctor is able to communicate effectively and clearly to me										
	j. The VA service is well organized and smoothly running										
	k. There is a lot of paperwork and "red tape" involved in using the VA										
	I. The staff at the VA is courteous to patients										
	m. The staff at the VA is helpful to me in filling out the required paperwork										
	n. The facilities available for doing the paperwork are private										
	o. I have always been fully informed about the examinations and tests I have undergone at the VA										
	p. Taken all in all, the service at the VA is as good as most other health care facilities I have dealt with										
	q. I am confident the VA will always "be there" for me in the future										

D23	Have you ever seen anyone for advice and help v	vith emoti	onal, nervous or men	tal proble	ms?
	Yes	No	→ Go to next page		
D24	When did you first seek this help? (enter year)				
	Have you seen anyone during the past six mont l problem?	<u>hs</u> for an	emotional, nervous o	r mental	
	Yes	No No			
D26	Did you ever go to a VA facility for help with an en	notional, r	nervous or mental pro	blem?	
	Yes	No	→ Go to E1		
D27	When did you first go? (<i>enter year</i>)				
D28	During your examination at the VA, were you ask	ked			
				Yes	No
	a. Whether you were ever in a life-threatening situation?				
	b. Whether you were ever in combat?				
	c, Whether bad memories from the service come back to y	ou?			
	d, Whether you have nightmares about the service?				
	e. Whether you avoid situations that remind you of the serv	vice?			
	f. Whether you ever experienced military sexual trauma?				

In th Sout	THEAST ASIA MILITARY SERV is section we are going to ask theast Asia. If you did not serv	a serie	-				_				
	I did not serve in Southeast Asia	→Go to	E4								
We are interested in finding out what you remember about whether you were exposed to defoliating herbicides, such as Agent Orange, which were used to kill jungle cover in Southeast Asia. If you believe you were exposed to such a chemical agent, either directly loading it, spraying it, or entering a freshly sprayed area, we would like you to describe how you were exposed, for how long and whether you felt any immediate effects. If you don't remember being directly exposed to herbicides check the box below and go to question E4.											
E1	Exposure situations. Listed be exposed to herbicides. Check	elow a	re some	e ways in	which s				n		
		Did yo hold th	u nis job?	Did you e immediat			were thes	e effects?			
	a. Sprayer on airplane (C-123)b. Sprayer on helicopterc. Sprayer on boatd. Loader/handler of spray for a	No	Yes	No C	Yes	Coughing	Skin irritation	Nausea	Other		
	plane, helicopter or boat e. Job involving clearing vegetation and/or patrolling around camp, roads or clearing fire free zones										
	f. Slept in/walked through sprayed areas. Exposed to herbicides used near camp or on roads you traveled on										
	g. Other jobs or situations involving exposure (please specify below)										
E2	Estimate the total number of we Weeks	eeks yo	ou were	exposed	to herb	icides.					
E3	Did you participate in Operation Yes	Ranch	Hand?	1	No						

E4 Did you have any injury(ies) from any of the following? Please only include injuries from your military service during the Vietnam War era (1961-1975). Select all that apply. Fragment or shrapnel **Bullet** Vehicular (any type of vehicle, including airplane) Fall Blast (Booby trap, RPG, Land mine, Grenade, etc.) Other (please specify) Did you have a concussion or head injury during your service? E5 Yes No → Go to E8 Approximately how many times did this occur? E6 E7 Did you experience any of the following symptoms? Select all that apply. No problems at the time Ringing in the ears Memory problems of the injury Nausea Sleep problems Did not remember what happened immediately Balance problems **Dizziness** before the event Confusion Irritability Headaches Double-vision For the next question, please include any injury, whether or not it was related to your military service. Do not include any injuries you reported in questions E4 and E5. E8 Have you ever had concussions or brain injuries from any of the following? Select all that apply. Military training Accidents (vehicular, falls, etc.) Playing sports Violence (non-military)

For the next two questions, think back to your service during the Vietnam War era (1961-1975).

Life experiences often have some mixture of the desirable and undesirable. The following are experiences that some individuals feel resulted from their military service. From the two lists of desirable and undesirable experiences, please indicate to what extent you experienced each one by selecting the appropriate box to the right of each statement.

F1	<u>Desirable</u> Experiences				
		Not at all	A little	Somewhat	A lot
	a. Lifelong friends				
	b. A broader perspective on things				
	c. Learned to cope with adversity				
	d. Greater self-discipline, dependability				
	e. Became more independent				
	f. Improved life chances through education				
	g. Value life more				
	h. Positive feelings about self				
	i. Became proud to be an American				
	j. Clearer direction and purpose in life				
	k. Better job skills and options				
	I. Rewarding memories				
	m. Learned cooperation, teamwork				
	n. Appreciate peace more				
F2	<u>Undesirable</u> Experiences	Not at all	A little	Somewhat	A lot
	a. Economic problems for me or my family				
	b. Disrupted my life				
	c. Lonely for my family				
	d. Delayed career, put me behind age mates				
	e. Combat anxieties, apprehensions				
	f. Hurt my marriage				
	g. Waste of time, boredom				
	h. Misery, discomfort				
	i. Loss of friends				
	j. Lost my good health				
	k. Separation from loved ones				
	I. Drinking problem				
	m. Bad memories or nightmares				
	n. Death and destruction				

	Not at all	A little bit	Moderately	Quite a bit	Extren
Repeated, disturbing, and unwanted memories of the stressful experience?					
b. Repeated, disturbing dreams of the stressful experience?					
c. Suddenly feeling or acting as if the stressful experience were actually happening again (as if you were actually back there reliving it)?					
d. Feeling very upset when something reminded you of the stressful experience?					
e. Having strong physical reactions when something reminded you of the stressful experience (for example, heart pounding, trouble breathing, sweating)?					
f. Avoiding memories, thoughts, or feelings related to the stressful experience?					
g. Avoiding external reminders of the stressful experience (for example, people, places, conversations, activities, objects, or situations)?					
h. Trouble remembering important parts of the stressful experience?					
i. Having strong negative beliefs about yourself, other people, or the world (for example, having thoughts such as: I am bad, there is something seriously wrong with me, no one can be trusted, the world is completely dangerous)?					
j. Blaming yourself or someone else for the stressful experience or what happened after it?					
k. Having strong negative feelings such as fear, horror, anger, guilt, or shame?					
I. Loss of interest in activities that you used to enjoy?					
m. Feeling distant or cut off from other people?					
n. Trouble experiencing positive feelings (for example, being unable to feel happiness or have loving feelings for people close to you)?					
o. Irritable behavior, angry outbursts, or acting aggressively?					
p. Taking too many risks or doing things that could cause you harm?					
q. Being "superalert" or watchful or on guard?					
r. Feeling jumpy or easily startled?					
s. Having diffculty concentrating?					
t. Trouble falling or staying asleep?					

Please think about your military experience, and what was the most distressing or disturbing event that occurred during that time. Below is a list of problems that people sometimes have in response to a very stressful experience. Please read each problem carefully and then mark one

F4	The following statements ask about your attitudes, experiences, and thoughts about your military service, and how these may have changed compared to when you were younger. Please read each item carefully and mark the choice that best applies. When responding to these statements, think about the war(s) in which you served.											
						Strongly disagre	,	isagree	Neithedisagre or agre	ee	gree	Strongly agree
a. I think about the war more than I used to									Ĺ			
	b. Everyday things have started reminding											
	c. As I get older, I get more upset when talking about the war than I used to											
	 d. My family and friends tell me that I have more emotionally about the war 	e recently	y been	speakir	ng							
	e. I dream about the war more now than v	vhen I wa	as your	nger								
	f. These days, I become more emotional a anniversaries that remind me of the war	around co	ertain d	days or								
	g. Lately, my thoughts about the war bother	er me mo	ore									
	h. I need to talk about the war more now t	han whe	n I was	younge	er							
	i. These days, I think more about my role	in the wa	ır									
	j. When I am faced with stressful events, labout the war	I find my	self thir	nking								
	k. Lately, I think more about friends I lost of	during th	e war									
It is	possible for the same experience	e to be	both	positi	ve	and n	ega	tive.				
F5		Worst 1	2	3	4	1 5	5	6	7	8	9	Best 10
	Considering the <u>very best</u> periods of your life, where would you place military service, on a scale from 1-10, with 1 being the worst and 10 being the best?											
F6		Worst										Best
. 0		1	2	3	4	1 5	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Considering the <u>very worst</u> periods of your life, where would you place military service, on a scale from 1-10, with 1 being the worst and 10 being the best?											
F7		Definite										
Г/		dis- advantage										Definite advantage
		1	2	3	4	1 5	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Overall, would you say that the experience of military service has turned out to be more of a disadvantage or advantage in life, on a scale from 1-10, with 1 being a definite disadvantage and 10 being a definite advantage?											

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F8		Least influentia									Most influential
	Considering the most influential events in your life, where would you place military service as an influence on the person you are now, on a scale from 1-10, with 1 being <i>least influential</i> and 10 being <i>most</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	influential?										
G1	Below are several statements with with each item by selecting the ap		-			disa	gree. Ir	ndicate	your	agree	ement
			Strongly isagree	Disagree	Sligh Disag	tly aç	leither gree nor sagree	Slightly agree	, Agr		Strongly agree
	a. In most ways my life is close to ideal		Ц			_	Ц		L	╛	Щ
	b. The conditions of my life are excellent		Ш								Ш
	c. I am satisfied with my life]					
	 d. So far I have gotten the important thin want in life 	gs I]					
	 e. If I could live my life over, I would char almost nothing 	nge]					
G2	When you were a child, younger tapply.	<u>:han 1</u>	<u>8</u> , did	you exp	eriend	ce the	follow	ving? S	Select	all tha	at
	a. Death of mother							[No		Yes
	b. Death of father										
	c. Permanent separation from mother										
	d. Permanent separation from father										
	e. Have a parent that had problems with	drugs	or alcoh	ol and/or	emotio	nal dif	ficulties				
	f. Sexual abuse by someone in charge o	f your o	care								
	g. Physical abuse by someone in charge	of you	r care					[
G3	Since you were an adult, 18 or old military? Select all that apply.	<u>der</u> , di	d you	experie	nce th	e foll	owing (ever or	while	in the	Э
	Sudden unexpected death (due to suice someone you were very close to	cide, m	urder, c	or sudden	illness)) of	Yes,	ever	Yes,	in the r	military?
	b. Sexual activity against your will because	se of fo	rce or t	hreat of fo	orce						
	c. Separation from your child due to loss	of cus	tody								
	d. Death of a child										
	e. Physical assault (e.g., beat up) by son sustained relationship (e.g., boyfriend)	neone	with who	om you ha	ad a						
	f. Witness someone else being physically	y assaı	ulted								
	g. Serious natural or man-made disaster	(e.g., l	nurrican	e, earthq	uake, fi	re)					
	h. Combat (e.g., incoming fire, physical t	hreat)									
	i. During any of the above-mentioned even did you expect that you would be killed?	ents, in	childho	od or adu	ılthood,						

Thinking about the events reported above, indicate the degree to which the listed changes occurred in your life as a result of the event.

G4 As a result of this event,

	Did <u>not</u> experience	Very small degree	Small degree	Moderate degree	Great degree	Very great degree
a. I changed my priorities about what is important in life						
b. I have a greater appreciation for the value of my own life						
c. I developed new interests						
d. I have a greater feeling of self-reliance						
e. I have a better understanding of spiritual matters						
f. I more clearly see that I can count on people in times of trouble						
g. I established a new path for my life						
h. I have a greater sense of closeness with others						
i. I am more willing to express my emotions						
j. I know better than I can handle difficulties						
k. I am able to do better things with my life						
I. I am better able to accept the way things work out						
m. I can better appreciate each day						
n. New opportunities are available which wouldn't have beer otherwise	J					
o. I have more compassion for others						
p. I put more effort into my relationships						
q. I am more likely to try to change things which need changing						
r. I have a stronger religious faith						
s. I discovered that I'm stronger than I thought I was						
t. I learned a great deal about how wonderful people are						

The following questions are about your health and well-being.

Your Well-Being

H1	Thinking about only the past 7 days						
			Not at a	II A little l	oit Somewhat	Quite a bit	Very much
	a. I have been able to concentrate						
	b. I have been able to bring to mind words that I wanted to us while talking to someone	se					
	c. I have been able to remember things, like where I left my keys or wallet						
	d. I have been able to remember to do things, like take medicine or buy something I needed						
	e. I am able to pay attention and keep track of what I am doir without extra effort	ng					
	f. My mind is as sharp as it has always been						
	g. I am able to shift back and forth between two activities that require thinking	t					
	h. My memory is as good as it has always been						
	i. I am able to keep track of what I am doing, even if I am interrupted						
H2	In the past 7 days						
		Neve	er	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
	a. I felt worthless						
	b. I felt that I had nothing to look forward to						
	c. I felt helpless						
	d. I felt sad						
	e. I felt like a failure						
	f. I felt depressed						
	g. I felt unhappy						
	h I felt honeless						

H3	In the past 7 days						
			Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
	a. I felt fearful						
	b. I found it hard to focus on anything other than anxiety	my					
	c. My worries overwhelmed me						
	d. I felt uneasy						
	e. I felt nervous						
	f. I felt like I needed help for my anxiety						
	g. I felt anxious						
	h. I felt tense						
H4	How much of the time during the past 4 v	weeks di All of the time	d you Most of the time	Good bit of the time	Some of the time	A little of the time	None of the time
	a. Have difficulty reasoning and solving problems? For example, making plans, making decisions, and/or learning new things?						
	b. Have difficulty doing activities involving concentration and thinking?						
	c. Become confused and start several actions at a time?						
	d. Forget, for example, things that happened recently, where you put things, and/or appointments?						
	e. Have trouble keeping your attention on any activity for very long?						
	f. React slowly to things that were said or done?						

Recent Life Issues

Please read each item below. Indicate if you experienced it during the <u>past year or ever in your lifetime</u>. Check both if apply.

I1	Have you experienced		
		Yes, in past year	Yes, in my lifetime
	a. Deterioration of memory?		
	b. Death of spouse?		
	c. Institutionalization of spouse?		
	d. Death of son or daughter?		
	e. Death of a parent?		
	f. Death of other close family member?		
	g. Major personal injury or illness?		
	h. Retirement?		
	i. Divorce?		
	j. Major deterioration in financial state?		
	k. Marital separation?		
	I. Marriage?		
	m. Death of a friend?		
	n. Major deterioration in health or behavior of a family member?		
	o. Major decrease in activities that you really enjoyed?		
	p. Child's divorce or marital separation?		
	q. Decrease in responsibilities or hours at work or where you volunteer?		
	r. Increase in responsibilities or hours at work or where you volunteer?		
	s. Move to a less desirable residence?		
	t. Change to a less desirable line of work?		
	u. Spouse retired?		
	v. Deterioration in living conditions?		
	w. Troubles with the boss or coworkers?		
	x. Worsening relationship with a child?		
	y. Worsening relationship with your spouse or partner?		
	z. Assuming major responsibility for a parent?		
	aa. Institutionalization of parent?		
	bb. Loss of a very close friend due to a move or break in friendship?		
	cc. Being burglarized or robbed?		
	dd. Loss of prized possessions due to move?		

Your Social Support

People sometimes look to others for companionship, assistance, or other types of support. How often is each of the following kinds of support available to you if you need it?

J1	How often is the following support available to you?						
							All of the
	a, Someone to help you if you were confined to bed	tne tir	ne tn]	e time	the time	the time	time
]	H	H	H	H
	b. Someone you can count on to listen to you when you need to talk	F]	H	H	H	H
	c. Someone to give you good advice about a crisis]	H	H	H	
	d. Someone to take you to the doctor if you needed it]	H	H	H	H
	e. Someone who shows you love and affection]	H.	\mathbb{H}	H	
	f. Someone to have a good time with]	H		H	
	g. Someone to give you information to help you understand a situation]	片.	H	H	
	h. Someone to confide in or talk to about yourself or your problems	F]	片	H	井	片
	i. Someone who hugs you	Ļ]	닖.	\perp	\vdash	Н
	j. Someone to get together with for relaxation]	Н.	\square	님	Н
	k. Someone to prepare your meals if you were unable to do it yourself	<u> </u>]	Ц.	\perp	屵	\perp
	I. Someone whose advice you really want	Ļ]	Щ	Щ	닏	Щ
	m. Someone to do things with to help get your mind off things	Ļ]	Ц.	Щ	닏	Щ
	n. Someone to help with daily chores if you were sick			Щ	Щ	\perp	Щ
	o. Someone to share your most private worries and fears with	L		Ш		Ш	
	 p. Someone to turn to for suggestions about how to deal with a personal problem]				
	q. Someone to do something enjoyable with						
	r. Someone who understands your problems						
	s. Someone to love and make you feel wanted						
<u>Abo</u> ı	<u>ut You</u>						
K1	What is your current relationship status? K2 Is there so			or wł	nom yo	ou are	the
	Married primary cal	regiv	ei :	_			
	Divorced				No	→ Go	to K4
	Separated						
	Widowed						
	Single/never married						
	In a romantic relationship and living as a couple						
	In a romantic relationship but not living as a couple						

K3	What is their relationship to you? Select all that apply.	K6	What was your family annual income (before taxes) last year?					
	Spouse/partner		Under \$25,000					
	Parent		\$25,000 - \$49,999					
	Child		\$50,000 - \$99,999					
	Sibling		\$100,000 or higher					
	Grandparent		_					
	Grandchild							
	Other (please describe)	K7	About how tall are you without shoes?					
			Feet					
K4	What is your current employment situation? Select all that apply.		Inches					
	Working for pay full-time (30 hours or more per week)	K8	About how much do you weigh without clothes or shoes?					
	Working for pay part-time (less than 30 hours per week)							
	Working at more than one job		L lbs					
	Working as a volunteer (no pay)							
	Not working but actively looking for work	I/O	Llow do you doorib a your roog/oth rigity?					
	Not working and not looking for work	K9	How do you describe your race/ethnicity? Select all that apply.					
	Disabled		Native American or Alaska Native					
	Homemaker		Black or African American					
	Retired		Asian					
	Other (please describe)		Filipino					
			West Asian/Middle Eastern/North African					
	Which of these best describes your present situation?		Hispanic/Latino					
K5			Native Hawaiian					
	I really can't make ends meet with the income I now have I just about manage to get by with the income I now have		Other Pacific Islander (please specify in first box below)					
			White/European					
			Other race /ethnicity (please specify in second box below)					
	I have enough to get by and even a little extra		Other Pacific Islander					
	I can buy pretty much anything I want with the income I now have		Other race/ethnicity:					

If you are feeling any distress after completing this survey, please call the anonymous VA Crisis Line at 1-800-273-TALK (8255). The Crisis Line can help you find out about additional help in your area, or you can just talk about any concerns. The people who answer the phone are professionals who are trained and experienced in talking with others about various problems and situations. You can all anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This free service has no connection with this study.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. You will be mailed \$20 in cash once the survey is received. Please remember that all the information you have provided is confidential.

Someone may be contacting you in a few weeks to invite you to participate in a telephone interview that is a continuation of this study. You will receive an additional \$20 after completing the telephone interview.

The best phone number(s) to reach you:
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Please indicate the most convenient times to reach you. Select all that apply. Days Evenings Weekends
What time zone do you live in?
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Atlantic Standard Time (AST)
Central Standard Time (CST)
Eastern Standard Time (EST)
Hawaii-Aleutian Standard Time (HST)
Mountaint Standard Time (MST)
Pacific Standard Time (PST)