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Some Information About You

1. **Zip Code You Live In:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. **Year of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. **Gender (what would you describe yourself as):**

Male Female Transgender None of these Prefer not to answer

1. **Active Duty Period of Service (indicate years only): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. **Branch [check all that apply]:**

Army Navy Air Force Marines Coast Guard Reserve Component National Guard

1. **Reserve or National Guard Period of Service (indicate years only): \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. **Rank (at discharge) [check all that apply]:** Officer Enlisted
3. **Did You Serve in a Combat Theater?** Yes No
   1. **If yes, please specify the location(s)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
4. **Current Marital Status**

Single, never married Married Divorced Separated Widowed

Prefer not to answer

1. **Household income before taxes in 2018:**

 Under $20,000

 $20,001 - $30,000

 $30,001 - $40,000

 $40,001 - $50,000

 $50,001 - $60,000

 $60,001 - $75,000

 Greater than $75,000

 Prefer not to answer

1. **Ethnicity:**

Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino Prefer not to Answer

1. **Race:**

American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Some other race

Two or more races White

1. **Last Grade Completed in School:**

 Did not complete High School  High School graduate  G.E.D.  Some College

 Associate’s Degree  Bachelor’s Degree  Graduate or Professional Degree

 Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Current Employment Status [check all that apply]**

Employed Full-time Employed Part-time Disabled, unable to work

Unemployed – Seeking Employment Unemployed – Not Seeking Employment

Retired Full or Part Time Student

1. **Do you have a VA- recognized service-connected disability?** Yes No
2. **If you are eligible to receive your mental health care through the VA, do you receive care or services from a Department of Veterans Affairs health facility? This includes care at CBOCs and Vet Centers.**

All Most Some None  I don’t know

1. **How much of your mental health care do you receive from a Department of Veterans Affairs health facility? This includes care at CBOCs and Vet Centers.**

All Most Some None  I don’t know

1. **Do you receive any care or services for mental health conditions in the community through the VA Choice program?**

Yes No Maybe I don’t know

# \*THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND CONTRIBUTION\*

Suggestions to decrease the burden for this survey and other questions or comments can be sent to [CoverCommission@va.gov](mailto:CoverCommission@va.gov).