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Dear <Name>,

We recently contacted you announcing our plans to launch a follow-up survey as part of the ongoing Millennium Cohort Study. This is the largest study in history assessing health and wellness, chronic illness and other physical and emotional issues affecting current and former military members.

The study has launched and we welcome your participation. We have made it as easy as possible to participate. Simply visit our website at www.millenniumcohort.org to get started. It will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

Your Subject ID is <XXXXX>

After you submit your confidential questionnaire online, you will have the opportunity to select a \$5 gift card to one of several popular vendors (Amazon.com, Starbucks, Subway, or Walmart), or a Millennium Cohort hat.

Even if you are no longer on active duty, or are not experiencing any health concerns, your responses are still very valuable. We hope that you consider participating in the study today, as we are attempting to assess study results as soon as possible, better enabling us to create strategies for improving the health and wellness of all military members from all service branches.

Very sincerely,

Rudy Rull, PhD, MPH On behalf of the Millennium Cohort Study Team

For any questions, please contact the Millennium Cohort Team at dod.milcohortinfo@mail.mil or call toll free 1-888-942-5222 or DSN 553-7465, and reference your Subject ID: <xxxxx>

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On this day, we pay our respects and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation, leaving behind an immense legacy. The Millennium Cohort Study team would like to honor all of our fallen service members along with their families and loved ones.

The Millennium Cohort Study is approaching the end of the survey data collection effort. If you have already completed the online questionnaire, please accept our sincerest gratitude. If you have not yet had time to consider our request, we hope you will be able to do so soon.

We ask that you please complete the survey at your earliest opportunity by visiting our website at **www.millenniumcohort.org** and clicking on Start Survey. Your **Subject ID** can be found under the barcode above.

Thank you again for your service and your time.

Very Respectfully, The Millennium Cohort Study Team *******************************AUTO Sample Name Any Street Any Street 2 Any City, State Zip_Code

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Dear <Name>,

As a Millennium Cohort Study participant, you were selected to represent your fellow current and former service members in the largest health study in military history. Your input has been incredibly valuable so far, and your continued participation is more important than ever. Even if you have never deployed or are no longer in service, your contributions are still meaningful to our study.

At this time, only **24%** of our participants have responded to our requests to submit their survey for this current cycle. Therefore, we have enclosed a paper survey, hoping this will make it easier for you to fill out and return.

You also still have the option to complete the survey online by visiting our website at **www.millenniumcohort.org** and entering your subject ID: **<123456>**. The survey will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

Your participation has already encouraged our understanding of how deployments and other military experiences impact service members' and veterans' physical and mental health. Please see the reverse side of this letter for summary information of the survey responders so far. Help us move forward and strengthen our knowledge base, so that we can effect change for the betterment of our military's health and well-being.

We look forward to hearing from you as one of our valued Millennium Cohort members.

Very sincerely, h Rel

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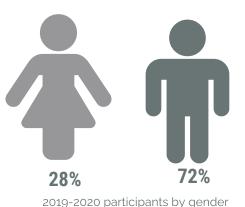
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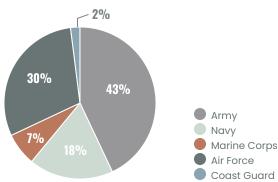
The xxx-xxx Survey Cycle So Far... **ARE YOU BEING REPRESENTED?**



Why should you participate?

The xxxx survey launched in the fall of xxxx. This page shows the breakdown of those that have responded to the survey so far.

In this landmark DoD study, you represent your service branch, gender, and age group, so your participation is incredibly valuable in making this a successful study.



2019-2020 participants by service branch

WHAT DOES A xxxx-xxxx PARTICIPANT LOOK LIKE?



80% of participants who previously smoked have quit

Marital Status



Alcohol



11% of participants drink above recommended limits* *7 drinks/week for women and 14 drinks/week for men



Participants get an average of 6.4 hours of sleep per night



The average BMI is 29.1 for male participants and 27.8 for female participants* *Body mass index, 25-29.9 is overweight

Exercise

83% of both male and female

participants exercise more than 2 times per week

58% of participants have at

least a bachelor's degree* *Data is from the 2014 survey

Education

Separation Status

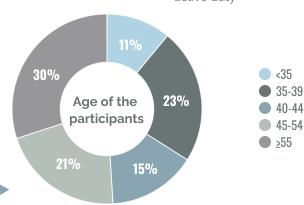


5 most commonly reported health issues

Tinnitus	29%
High Blood Pressure	23%
High Cholesterol	21%
Depression	19%
Sleep Apnea	19%

Over the past xx years, the average age of a study participant has increased from 35 to 47.

Remaining involved with the study as you age is critical to answering many challenging questions about the long-term effects of military service on health and well-being.



Physical Health



Support and Coping



SURVEY TOPIC AREAS

Family and Relationships



Alcohol and Tobacco Use