OVERVIEW: The Sexual Violence Support and Experiences Study (SVSES) is a confidential, non-probability, and longitudinal study of military sexual assault survivors. Service members will be able to join the study at any time. Once participants join the study, they will take an "initial survey" of up to 64 questions (determined by skip logic) and will be invited to continue participating in the study on a quarterly basis by taking substantially shorter follow-up surveys (about 10 minutes to complete, depending on the endorsement of case/reporting status items).

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#### **KEY TERMS/CONCEPTS:**

- Confidential: participants will confirm their eligibility to join the study by logging-in with their individual DoD Identification Number. Accordingly, the study is not anonymous. However, reporting of the survey results will only be at the aggregate level. OPA has strict procedures in place to protect against the accidental disclosure of participants' personal information. OPA has also obtained a Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to further protect the privacy of study participants.
- Non-probability: No sampling process will take place to invite participants to the study. Accordingly, data from the study will only reflect the experiences and perceptions of those individuals who participate in the study and will not be generalizable to all Service members.
- Longitudinal: Study members will complete an initial survey and then receive invitations to complete follow-up surveys on a quarterly basis until they leave the study or the study ends.
- Hover Text: Text that participants will only see by tapping on a specific word (on mobile devices) or hovering over the word on computers. This text provides additional information to help the participant interpret and respond to the question.
- Skip logic: Refers to OPA's standard practice of limiting questions to the appropriate individuals (based on prior responses). Skip logic is reflected in the grey text for each question.
- Piping: Content in brackets denote changes to question wording based on answers to previous questions. Some participants will see the question with the bracketed text and some will see the question *without* the bracketed text.
- Reviewer notes: We provide notes throughout the questionnaire to help explain specific features of the survey or content. It is recommended that reviewers print or view the questionnaire with the "comments" displayed in order to view these notes.

#### ABOUT THE QUESTIONNAIRE:

The <u>initial questionnaire</u> is divided into several sections and aligned to three overarching research questions shown in the callout box to the right:

- Information on demographic characteristics of the respondent (RQ 1, 2, 3)
- Victimization experiences involving sexual assault (SA) or unwanted sexual contact (RQ 1, 2, 3)
- Characteristics of victimization experiences (RQ 1, 2, 3)
- Experiences with the military justice process (RQ 2, 3)
- Barriers to reporting sexual assault (RQ 1)
- Experiences with the sexual assault response system (RQ 1)
- Health & well-being (RQ 2)
- Career outcomes (RQ 3)
- "Journal" (RQ 1, 2, 3)

#### **Research Questions (RQs)**

- 1. How satisfied or dissatisfied are survivors with the support resources available to them?
- 2. How do aspects of the military support system and military justice process impact survivors (e.g., their psychological health and well-being)?
- What aspects of the military support system and the military justice process impact retention intentions, career progression, and separation from military service?

Demographics (7 items) - Respondents are asked about their military status, relationship status, race, ethnicity, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

Sexual Assault (SA)/Unwanted Sexual Contact (USC) Victimization, reporting, & investigations (8 items) – In order to be eligible for the study, participants are limited to those who indicate having experienced sexual assault (or some other unwanted sexual contact), *since joining the military*. Additional questions identify whether the respondent has ever reported the SA/USC they experienced and if an investigation occurred.

Characteristics of SA/USC experiences (8 items) – Respondents are asked to describe the characteristics of the most recent reported or investigated incident; including, the number of alleged offenders, the alleged offender's status, and their relationship to the alleged offender.

Experiences with the military justice process (18 items) – Respondents who made an unrestricted report or experienced a military criminal investigation are asked about the status of their case, their participation in the criminal investigation and military justice proceedings, and their satisfaction with aspects of those processes.

Barriers to reporting sexual assault (1 item) – Respondents who have never reported a sexual assault to military authorities are asked about barriers to reporting.

Experiences with the sexual assault response system (4 items) – Respondents who reported their sexual assault (restricted or unrestricted) or experienced a military criminal investigation are asked about their use of and satisfaction with various response services or resources.

Health/Well-being (13 items) - Respondents are asked about their overall health-related quality of life, perceptions of institutional betrayal, suicidality, barriers to care, social support, and post-traumatic growth.

Career outcomes (4 items) – Respondents are asked about their retention intentions and/or plans for separation from the military.

Journal (1 item) – Open text question at the conclusion of the survey that asks participants to share additional comments/provide additional feedback regarding their experiences with the military justice process and the sexual assault response systems.

<u>SVSES Follow-up surveys (see Tab D2)</u> will occur every 90 days, after the initial survey is completed, and are designed to require about 10 minutes to complete. The base items for the follow-up survey (i.e., questions on every survey) are highlighted in green and include the following sections:

- Demographics (2 questions)
- Status changes (1 question)
- Experiences with the military justice process and sexual assault response systems (2 questions)
- Health and Well-being (5 items)
- Career outcomes (3 items)
- Journal (1 item)

The SVSES follow-up surveys also include respondent-specific items. Respondent-specific items are determined based on responses to the initial or previous surveys and responses to the follow-up survey. For example, for each follow-up survey, individuals who previously indicated they have never reported a sexual assault will see the base questions *and* additional questions regarding their current reporting status.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this important study.

Please answer each question thoughtfully and truthfully. This will allow us to provide a clearer picture of the different experiences that military members have. If you prefer not to answer a specific question for any reason, just leave it blank.

Some of the questions in this survey will be personal. For your privacy, you may want to take this survey where other people won't see your screen.

You may also want to have a pen and paper available as you complete the survey. At the end of the survey you will be given a chance to expand upon your responses or share more about your experiences.

## Are you currently serving in the military? Yes

No, I'm retired or separated (NOT a member of the Active, Reserve, or National Guard)

## 2. What is your current relationship status? *Mark one*.

🔀 Married

- Living with a romantic partner (for example, a boyfriend or girlfriend)
- In a committed romantic relationship, but not living together
- Divorced and not currently in a relationship
  - Widowed and not currently in a relationship
- Never married and not currently in a relationship
- X Other or prefer not to say
- 3. [Ask if Q1 = 2] Suppose that you have to decide whether to stay in the military. Assuming you could stay, how likely is it you would choose to do so?
  - 🗙 Very likely
  - Likely
  - X Neither likely nor unlikely
  - 🗙 Unlikely
  - Very unlikely

#### EXPERIENCES SINCE JOINING THE MILITARY

Please read the following special instructions before continuing the survey.

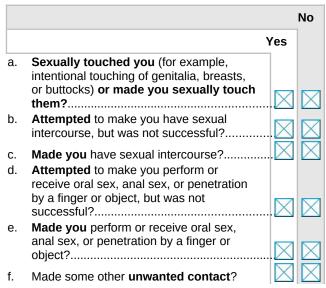
Questions in this next section ask about unwanted experiences of an abusive, humiliating, or sexual nature. These types of unwanted experiences may vary in severity. Some of them could be viewed as an assault. Others could be viewed as hazing or some other type of unwanted experience. They can happen to anyone.

#### When answering these questions, **please** include experiences no matter who did it to you or where it happened.

Please include experiences even if you or others had been drinking alcohol, using drugs, or were intoxicated.

# Remember, all the information you share will be kept confidential.

4. Since joining the military, have you experienced any of the following intentional sexual contacts that were against your will or which occurred when you did not or could not consent in which someone... Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.



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[Ask if Q4f = 2] You indicated that you	🔀 I have not had another unwanted experience
experienced some other unwanted contact.	🔀 Yes, an unrestricted report
Please describe the event. <i>Please do not</i>	Yes, a restricted report that <b>remained</b>
include any personally identifiable	restricted
information.	Yes, a restricted report that I chose to convert to an unrestricted report
	Yes, a restricted report that I did not convert to
	an unrestricted report, but a military criminal
Thank you for answering the questions so far. Remember that your answers are confidential and will not be shared with	investigation occurred anyway
anyone, including your leadership.	No, I did not report <b>BUT a military criminal</b> investigation occurred anyway (for example,
DoD Safe Helpline is a crisis support service specially	because someone else reported it or my sexual
designed for members of the DoD community affected by sexual assault.	harassment complaint was converted to a sexual assault)
To reach the DoD Safe Helpline 24/7 call a hotline number:	No, I did not report <b>and there was no military</b> criminal investigation
Toll-Free: 1-877-995-5247	I'm unsure what kind of report I made, but
	there was a military criminal investigation
5. Since joining the military, please give your	9 [Ack if OF > 1] Paced on your responses
best estimate of how many separate	<ol> <li>[Ask if Q5 &gt; 1] Based on your responses, you may have experienced more than one</li> </ol>
occasions you had these unwanted	unwanted sexual contact or sexual assault
experiences.	since joining the military. Have you
Times	reported <b>any</b> of your previous experiences
6. What was the date of your [MOST	to military authorities? This could have
<b>RECENT</b> ] unwanted experience? If you do	been either a restricted or unrestricted
not remember the exact date, please	report. Mark all that apply.
provide your best estimate.	
Month	Yes, an unrestricted report
	Yes, a restricted report that I chose to convert to an unrestricted report
Year	Yes, a restricted report that I did not convert to
<b>▼</b>	an unrestricted report, but a military criminal investigation occurred anyway
DoD provides two types of sexual assault reports.	Yes, a restricted report that <b>remained</b> restricted
<ul> <li>Restricted reports allow people to get information, collect evidence, and receive medical treatment</li> </ul>	No, I did not report <b>BUT a military criminal</b>
and counseling without starting an official criminal	investigation occurred anyway (for example, because someone else reported it or my sexual
<ul><li>investigation of the sexual assault allegations.</li><li>Unrestricted reports start an official criminal</li></ul>	harassment complaint was converted to a
investigation of sexual assault allegations in	sexual assault)
addition to providing people with the services available in restricted reporting.	No, I did not report and there was NO military criminal investigation
	I'm <b>unsure</b> what kind of report I made, <b>but</b>
<ol><li>Did you report your [most recent]/[most</li></ol>	there was a military criminal investigation
recent or a new] unwanted experience	I'm unsure what kind of report I made but there was NO military criminal investigation
to military authorities? This could have	
been either a restricted or unrestricted	
report. Mark one.	

- ##. [If RESFLAG = "True"] You previously indicated that you made a restricted report, has your reporting status changed? Mark one.
  - X Yes, I chose to convert to an unrestricted report
  - No, my restricted report has remained restricted AND there has been no military criminal investigation.
    - No, I did not convert to an unrestricted report, BUT a military criminal investigation occurred anyway

#### 9. [Ask if RPTFLAG= "True" OR

**RESFLAG= "True"**] What was the date of your [**most recent**] **report** to military authorities? *If you do not remember the exact date, please provide your best estimate.* 

Month	
	•
Year	
	•

The Catch a Serial Offender (CATCH) Program gives people making a sexual assault report (where the name of the suspect is not known by law enforcement) an opportunity to anonymously submit suspect information to help DoD identify alleged serial offenders. Service members who experience sexual assault can make a CATCH entry by contacting their Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) or Victim Advocate (VA).

#### 10. [Ask if RESFLAG= "True" OR

NRPTFLAG= "True" ]Have you submitted the name of the offender(s), or any other identifying information about the offender(s), to the CATCH Program?

- 🗙 Yes
- No 🛛
- 🔀 I do not know

Not applicable/not eligible, the suspect was already identified to military authorities

11. [Ask if Q10= 'No"] Please share your reasons for not using the CATCH program? Please do not include any personally identifiable information.

#### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EXPERIENCE

The following questions ask for additional information about your **most recent** [sexual assault incident that you reported to military authorities] [sexual assault incident that was **investigated by a military criminal investigative organization**]. Please focus on the one **most recent** [sexual assault that you reported] [sexual assault investigation].

#### 12. [Ask if RPTFLAG = "True" OR INVFLAG = "True"] Which of the following experiences happened during the [most recent] event [that you reported] [that was investigated]? Mark "Yes" or "No" for each item.

		Yes
ir O	Sexually touched you (for example, ntentional touching of genitalia, breasts, or buttocks) or made you sexually touch hem.	
	Attempted to make you have sexual htercourse, but was not successful	
c. N	<i>lade you</i> have sexual intercourse	$\square$
re b	Attempted to make you perform or eceive oral sex, anal sex, or penetration by a finger or object, but was not uccessful	
a	<b>flade you</b> perform or receive oral sex, anal sex, or penetration by a finger or bject	
	Some other <b>unwanted</b> : <b>ontact</b>	$\left  \right $

- 13. [Ask if RPTFLAG = "True" OR INVFLAG
  - = "True"] How many people did this to
  - you?

More than one person Not sure

One person

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- 14. [Ask if RPTFLAG = "True" OR INVFLAG= "True"] Was/Were the person(s) who did this to you...
  - All men?
  - 🔀 All women?
  - Another gender identity (for example, trans, gender queer, or nonbinary)
  - A mix of genders (men, women, and/or another gender identity)?

  - 🔀 Not sure
- 15. [Ask if RPTFLAG = "True" OR INVFLAG = "True"] Was/Were the person(s) who did this to you... If you are not sure, please select "Not sure".

	Not sure
	No
	Yes, some were, but not all
	Yes, they all were
a.	The same race as you?
b.	The same ethnicity as you?

- 16. [Ask if RPTFLAG = "True" OR INVFLAG
- = "True"] Was/Were any of the person(s) who did this to you a military member? Yes, they all were
  - Yes, some were, but not all
  - No, none were military
  - X Not sure

- OMB Review Draft as of August 3, 2022 17. [Ask if RPTFLAG = "True" OR INVFLAG= "True"] At the time of the sexual assault, was/were the person(s) who did this to you... Mark all that apply. Military member of the same rank as you in your unit? Military member of the same rank as you NOT in your unit? Your immediate military supervisor? Someone else in your chain of command (excluding your immediate military supervisor)? Some other higher ranking military member in your unit? Some other higher ranking military member **NOT** in your unit? A lower ranking military member in your unit? A lower ranking military member NOT in your unit? DoD/Government civilian(s) working for the
  - Contractor(s) working for the military?
  - None of the above

military?

- Not sure
- 18. [Ask if RPTFLAG= "True" OR INVFLAG = "True"] At the time of the sexual assault, was/were the person(s) who did this to
  - you... Mark all that apply.
    - . Your current spouse?
    - Your former spouse?
      - Someone you have a child with?
      - A romantic partner **you were living with** (for example, a boyfriend or girlfriend)?
    - Someone you were in a committed romantic relationship with, **but not living together**
    - A person you were casually intimate with, but not in an exclusive relationship with?
    - 🔀 A friend or acquaintance?
      - A family member or relative?
      - A stranger?
      - Someone from your military workplace?
      - Someone you met on a dating application or website?
    - 🟹 None of the above
    - X Not sure

19. [Ask if RPTFLAG = "True" OR INVFLAG = "True"] Did your most recent sexual assault investigation occur while...? Mark one

	No
Yes	
aAssigned to your current duty location/installation?	$\ge$
bAssigned to a prior d	$\ge$
cAssigned to your current u	$\ge$
dAssigned to a previous u	$\left \right>$

#### EXPERIENCE WITH THE MILITARY JUSTICE PROCESS

For the following questions, please continue to focus on your **most recent** [sexual assault that you reported to military authorities] [sexual assault incident that was **investigated by a military criminal investigative organization**].

20. [Ask if [Q7=3] OR [Q8 = 3]] You indicated that you converted your report from restricted to unrestricted. What led you to convert your initial report? *Please do not include any personally identifiable information.* 

21.[Ask	if	RPTFL	AG =	= "T	rue"	OR	INVF	LA	G
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# "True"] What is the current status of your case? Mark one An investigation by military and/or civilian law

- An investigation by military and/or civilian law enforcement is currently underway.
- The military criminal investigation is complete and the case is now with a senior military officer to decide how to proceed.
- Court martial proceedings for the subject(s) involved in the sexual assault were initiated or are currently underway.
- Non-judicial punishment proceedings for the subject(s) involved in the sexual assault were initiated or are currently underway.
- The military criminal investigation is complete, but I don't know what's next.
- The military criminal investigation is complete and the case is closed.
- I do not know the status of my case.
- None of the above.

22. [Ask if [RPTFLAG = "True" OR INVFLAG = "True"] AND [Q21 = 1, 2, 7, OR 8]] Do

you plan to, or are you currently, participating in the **military** criminal investigation? For example, being interviewed by law enforcement or providing a statement.

- 🔀 Yes, I plan to participate
- Yes, I am currently participating in the process
- 🔀 No
- 🗙 Not sure
- Does not apply (for example, the case only involves civilian law enforcement)

23. [Ask if [RPTFLAG = "True" OR INVFLAG = "True"] AND [Q21 = 3, 4, 5 OR 6]] Did you choose to...?

#### Does not apply (for example, the case only involved civilian authorities) No Yes a.....Participate in the militan criminal investigation? b.....Participate in the military justice proceedings (for example, testifying at a hearing)?

- 24. [Ask if [RPTFLAG = "True" OR INVFLAG = "True"] AND [Q22 = 3 OR Q23A=1 OR Q23B=1]] What are/were your reasons for declining to participate in the military criminal investigation and/or the military justice proceedings? Mark all that apply.
  - The investigation was/would have been too emotionally difficult.
    - The investigation took too much time.
    - I did not want to appear in court (for example, being in the courtroom or testifying).
    - The court process took too much time.
    - I was not given the choice to file a restricted report (for example, someone else reported the assault).
    - 🔇 Other reason

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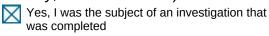
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[Ask if [RPTFLAG= "True" OR INVFLAG	27.	. [Ask if RPTFLA	G= '	"Tru	e" C	R II	IVFI	LAG
= "True"] AND [Q24 = 7]] Please provide		"True"] How satisfied or dissatisfied are						
your other reason(s) for not participating in		you with the following aspects of the						
the investigation and/or military justice		reporting and military justice process?						
proceedings. Please do not include any						<u>.</u>	lot Ap	oply
personally identifiable information.				Ve	ry dis	satis	fied	
		Dissatisfied						
		Neither satisfied	or dis	satis	fied			
25. [Ask if [RPTFLAG= "True" OR INVFLAG			Satis	fied				
= "True"] AND [Q21 = 3, 4, OR 6]] Were		Very satis	fied					
the charges that were preferred against the	a.	Your access to a						
offender(s) consistent with your		SARC or SAPR VA as your point of						
expectations?		contact for						
Yes, they were what I expected		coordinating your care		$\square$	$\square$		$\square$	$\boxtimes$
No, they were less severe than I expected	b.	Your ability to have						
$\bigotimes$ No, they were more severe than I expected		immediate and						
		comprehensive medical and/or						
Not sure, I did not know what to expect		psychological						
		treatment				${\color{black}{\boxtimes}}$		
26. [Ask if [RPTFLAG= "True" OR INVFLAG	C.	Your ability to request a						
= "True"] AND [Q21 = 3, 4, OR 6]] How		temporary or						
satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the		permanent expedited transfer		$\square$	$\square$	$\mathbf{X}$		$\boxtimes$
charges that were preferred against the	d.	Your access to			. 🔼 .			
offender(s)?		legal						
Very satisfied		representation (SVC/VLC/VC)	$\square$	$\mathbf{X}$	$\square$	$\times$	$\square$	$\mathbf{X}$
Satisfied	e.							
Neither satisfied or dissatisfied		transfer process						
	f.	itself Your notification						
Dissatisfied		regarding your						
Very dissatisfied	-	rights				$\square$	$\square$	
	g.	Your ability to request a military						
		protective order	$\square$	$ \times$	$\boxtimes$	$\times$	$\square$	$\times$
	h.	Your ability to						
		request a civilian restraining order	$\boxtimes$	$\times$	$\boxtimes$	$\times$	$\mathbf{X}$	$\times$
	i.	Your protection from						
		retaliation and/or reprisal	$\square$	$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$	$\times$	$\boxtimes$	$\mathbf{X}$
	j.	Your updates on the						
	,	progress of the						
		investigation to include notification						
		about hearings or						
		court proceedings	$\square$	X	$\square$	${\boldsymbol{\smallsetminus}}$	$\square$	$\boxtimes$

I don't know what official action was taken 28. [Ask if [RPTFLAG = "True" OR INVFLAG against the offender(s) = "True"] AND [CLSDFLAG= "True"]] Some other action When was your sexual assault case closed (the investigation, and all legal actions 31. [Ask if [RPTFLAG = "True" OR INVFLAG involving the offender(s), was completed)? = "True"] AND [CLSDFLAG= "True"] If you do not remember the exact date, AND [030 DOES NOT EQUAL 9]] How please provide your best estimate. satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the Month official action(s) taken against the offender?  $\times$ Very satisfied Year Satisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 29. [Ask if RPTFLAG= "True" OR INVFLAG= Dissatisfied "True"] Were you informed about the Very Dissatisfied following rights? Mark one 32. [Ask if RPTFLAG = "True" OR INVFLAG = "True" What outcome(s) are/were you I do not recall **hoping** to see as a result of the military No, I was not told of my rights justice process? Please do not include any Yes, I was informed but my wishes personally identifiable information. were not followed Yes, I was informed and my wishes were followed a.....Your right to express a preference for military or civilian prosecution? b.....Your right to provide referral of charges c.....Your right to provide input pre-trial agreements d.....Your right to provide ingu alternate dispositions 30. [Ask if [RPTFLAG = "True" OR INVFLAG = "True"] AND [CLSDFLAG= "True"]] To your knowledge, what official actions were taken against the offender(s) as a result of the legal proceedings? Mark all that apply. There were no actions taken against the offender(s) An administrative action (for example, a Letter of Reprimand or Letter of Counseling) Non-judicial punishment (for example, loss of pay, rank, or privileges) Administrative separation Discharge or resignation in lieu of courtmartial Court-martial conviction for sexual assault offense Court-martial conviction for some other offense (not sexual assault)

Court-martial acquittal for all offenses

 $\mathbf{X}$ 

- 33. [Ask if [RPTFLAG = "True" OR INVFLAG
  - = "True"] Are/Were you the subject of an investigation for something you allegedly did at the time of the sexual assault incident (for example, drinking underage, adultery, or fraternization)?



- Yes, I'm the subject of an ongoing investigation
- 34. [Ask if [RPTFLAG = "True" OR INVFLAG = "True"] AND [Q33 = 1 OR 2 ]] What was/were the allegation(s) made in the investigation? *Mark all that apply.* 
  - 🔀 Underage drinking
  - X Adultery
  - Fraternization
  - Curfew violation
  - 🔀 Other

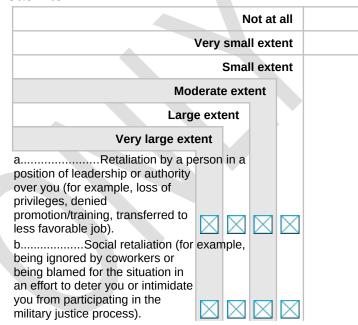
[Ask if Q34 = 5] You selected "Other". Please tell us about the allegation. *Please do not include any personally identifiable information.* 

- - Loss of pay

  - Confinement
  - Restriction
  - 🔀 Extra Duty
  - No, I did not receive non-judicial punishment

36. [Ask if [RPTFLAG = "True" OR INVFLAG

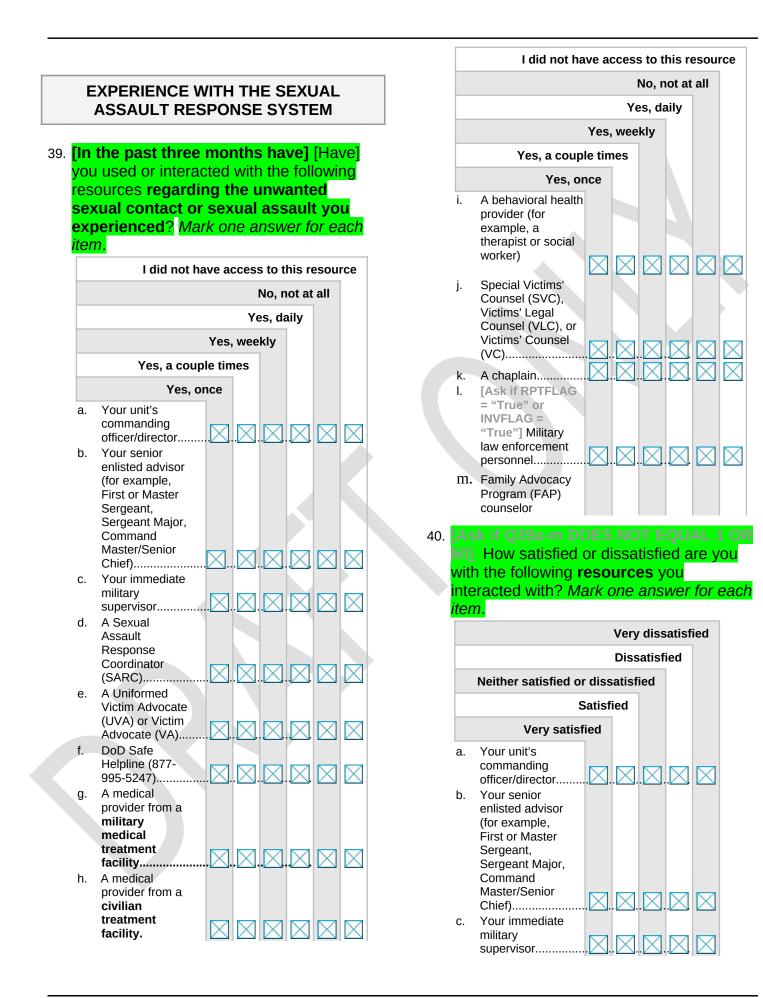
= "True"] Since your most recent [reporting experience] [investigation experience], to what extent did you experience any...? *Mark one answer for each item*.



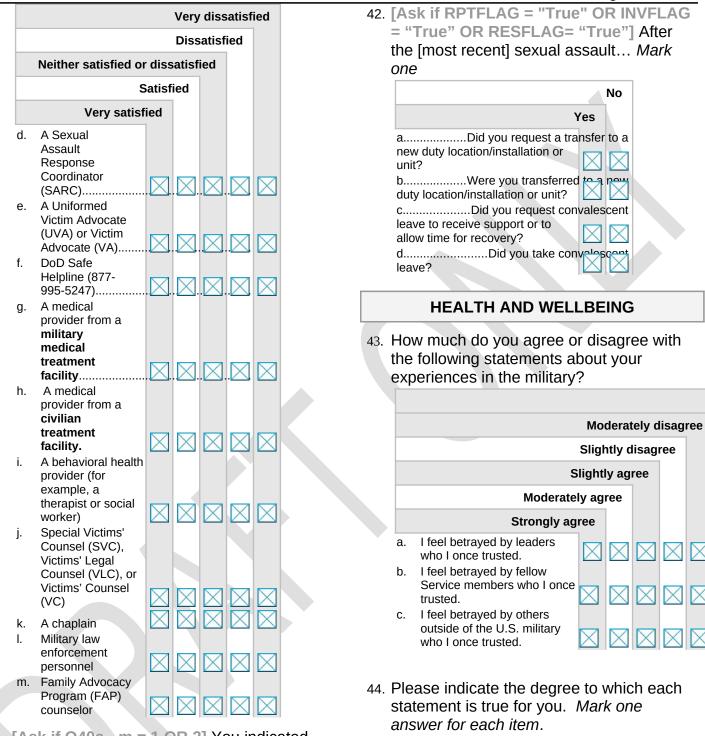
37. [Ask if Q36A OR Q36B DOES NOT EQUAL 1] Please describe the retaliation you experienced. *Please do not include any personally identifiable information.* 

#### BARRIERS TO REPORTING SEXUAL ASSAULT

38. **[Ask if NRPTFLAG= "True"]** What were your reasons for NOT reporting the unwanted sexual contact or sexual assault you experienced to a military authority? *Please do not include any personally identifiable information.* 



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41. **[Ask if Q40a - m = 1 OR 2]** You indicated you are dissatisfied with one or more resources you have interacted with. Please describe the reason(s) you are dissatisfied. *Please do not include any personally identifiable information.* 

Not at all Very rarely Rarely Occasionally Usually Always a.....There is at least one person that I can share most things with.

	Ν	lot at	all
	Ver	y rar	ely
	Rar	ely	
Occasiona	ally		
Usually			
Always			
bWhen I am feeling down there is someone I can lean on.	$\boxtimes$	$\times$	
cThere is someone in my life l can get emotional support from.	$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$	
dIf stranded somewhere there is someone who would get me.			
eI have someone to help me if I am physically unwell.		$\boxtimes$	
fThere is someone who can help me fulfill my responsibility when I am unable.	$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$

45. In general, would you say your health is...?

- Good 🛛 🕅
- Poor
- 46. Thinking about your **physical health**, which includes physical illness and injury, for how many days during the past 30 days was your **physical health** not good?
- 47. Thinking about your **psychological health,** which includes stress, depression, and problems with emotions, for how many days during the past 30 days was your **psychological health** not good?
- 48. During the past 30 days, for about how many days did poor **physical or psychological health** keep you from doing your usual activities, such as selfcare, work, or recreation?

49. At any time **in the past 12 months,** have you had any thoughts of killing yourself? *Mark one* 

X	Yes
$\times$	No

50. **[Ask if Q49 = 2]** During **the past 12 months**, did you work out a plan of how to kill yourself? *Mark one* 

$\times$	Yes
$\times$	No

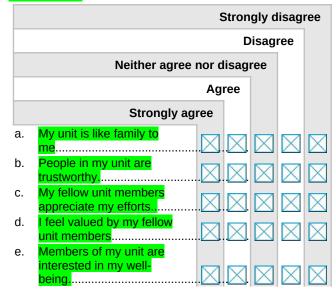
51. During **the past 12 months**, did you make a suicide attempt? *Mark one* 



### If you need immediate help, contact one of the 24-hour crisis hotlines listed below:

Veterans Crisis/Military Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 (press 1) Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: Dial or SMS 988

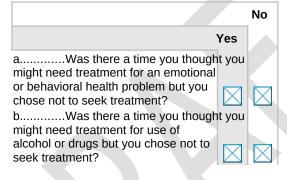
52. [Ask if Q1 = 2] Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about military personnel in your current unit. Mark one answer for each item.



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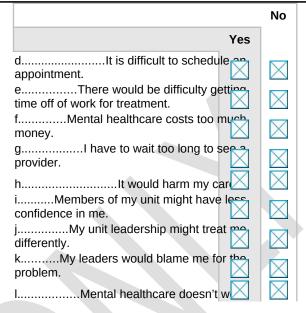
Strongly disagree									
Disagree									
	Neither agree nor disagree								
	Strongly a	gree							
f.	My fellow unit members are interested in what I think and how I feel about things.				$\bowtie$				
g.	My unit leader(s) are interested in what I think and how I feel about things				$\boxtimes$				
h.	I feel like my efforts really count to the leaders in my unit.				$\bowtie$				
i.	My service is appreciated by the leaders in my unit		$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$	$\times$	$\boxtimes$			
j.	I can go to unit leaders for help if I have a problem or concern.		$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$			
k.	The leaders of my unit are interested in my personal welfare.		$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$			
I.	I feel valued by the leaders in my unit.		$\boxtimes$			$\boxtimes$			

#### 53. During the past 12 months...?



54. Please indicate whether or not each of the following are possible concerns that might affect your decision to receive behavioral health counseling or services if you ever had a problem. *Mark one answer for each item*.

No
$\times$
$\times$
$\times$

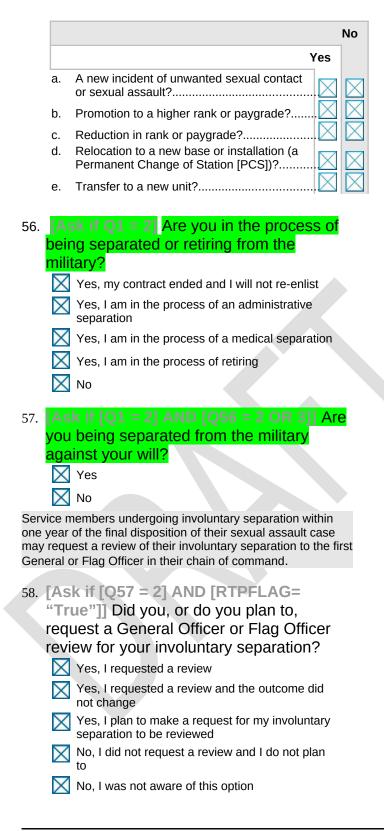


55. Indicate for each of the statements below the degree to which this change occurred in your life since your most recent unwanted event... *Mark one answer for each item*.

Did not experie To a very small degree To a small degree To a moderate degree To a great degree To a very great degree a. I prioritize what is important in life
To a small degree         To a moderate degree         To a great degree         To a very great degree         To a very great degree         A. I prioritize what is important in life
To a moderate degree         To a great degree         To a very great degree         To a very great degree         To a very great degree         a.       I prioritize what is important in life
To a great degree         To a very great degree         To a very great degree         a.       I prioritize what is important in life
To a very great degree         a.       I prioritize what is important in life
<ul> <li>a. I prioritize what is important in life</li></ul>
<ul> <li>important in life</li></ul>
the value of my own life L am able to do good things with my life
things with my life
spiritual matters e. I have a sense of closeness with others. f. I have established a path
closeness with others. f. I have established a path
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
g. I know that I can handle difficulties
h. I have religious faith
i. I'm stronger than I thought I was
i. I have learned a great deal about how wonderful
k. I have compassion for others

#### ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

**##. In the past three months**, have you experienced any of the following...Select all that apply .



- 59. Are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino? No, not Spanish/Hispanic/Latino Yes, Mexican, Mexican-American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino 60. What is your race? Mark one or more races to indicate what you consider vourself to be. American Indian or Alaska Native  $\times$ Asian (for example, Asian Indian, Chinese, X Filipino, Japanese, Korean, or Vietnamese) Black or African American  $\mathbf{\times}$ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (for example, Samoan, Guamanian, or Chamorro) White  $\mathbf{X}$ 61. Do you consider yourself to be... Mark one. Heterosexual or straight? Gay or lesbian?
  - Bisexual?
  - I use a different term:\_\_\_\_\_
  - Prefer not to answer
- 62. What sex were you assigned at birth, on your original birth certificate? *Mark one*.
  - 🔀 Male
  - 🗙 Female
- 63. Do you currently describe yourself as male, female, or transgender? *Mark the option that applies best.* 
  - 🔀 Male
    - 🗙 Female
    - 🗙 Transgender
    - 🔀 I use a different term:\_\_\_\_\_
- 64. In the space below you are invited to share more about your experiences and encounters with the response system and military justice process, including any comments or concerns that you were not able to express elsewhere in the survey. Please do not enter personally identifiable information.

To reach the DoD Safe Helpline 24/7 for secure, confidential, and anonymous crisis support service, Call a hotline number: Toll-Free: 1-877-995-5247 DSN: 877-995-5247 Other: 202-540-5962

Worldwide: https://www.safehelpline.org/

If [USCFLAG] = "False" display: "Based on your answer to the previous question, you are ineligible for this study. If you feel that you have encountered this message in error, click the back button arrow and check your answer(s). To submit your answers, click Submit. For further help, please call our Survey Processing Center toll free at 1-800-881-5301 or e-mail svses-survey@mail.mil."

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