

Complicated Family Reintegration of OEF/OIF Veterans:

The **VALOR** Study



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Iraq and Afghanistan War Veterans & Partners needed for a research study to learn about family readjustment after a combat deployment.

Readjustment of a Veteran in the time after deployment involves change and adaptation and is a little stressful to all family members. Few studies have examined the functioning of families in the post-deployment period and very few have attempted to understand the role of trauma related psychiatric symptoms on functioning of families.

Study Information:

Purpose of research:

To understand how war-related stress symptoms may interfere with family readjustment

Reasons to participate:

- The findings could help us learn how to help Veterans readjust to civilian life
- You may be compensated for your participation

Requirements for participation:

- Served a combat deployment in Iraq or Afghanistan
- Separated from service within the last 3 years
- Married or living with a relationship partner

What you will do as a participant:

- Veteran and partner will participate in interviews upon enrollment and again 12 months later
- Some couples will be asked to do an additional interview

Confidentiality and Safety:

- Your information is kept confidential and safe and your participation will in no way affect your treatment
- Study has been reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board of the Philadelphia VA Medical Center

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