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# SERV Study Newsletter

Survey of Experiences of Returning Veterans



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## SERV Study progress

Thanks to all Veterans who have participated in the study so far— your input is extremely helpful to us. We have spoken to male and female Veterans of all ages and from all branches of military service. We now have 445 male and 163 female Veterans enrolled all 50 states. **We desperately need more female Veterans.** 30 month follow up surveys have begun and are going very well.

**We are at 51% of our goal of 1200 Veterans.**

### ***We have a raffle winner!***

Congratulations to Michael from Texas! His name was chosen from a random drawing on June 2nd, 2014. He won a \$100 Visa gift card to spend as he chooses. Our next drawing will take place on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2014. Good luck to all our Veteran participants! The winner will be notified by email and phone.



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### ***Other research opportunities coming soon:***

Some of you may have been invited to participate in an online web survey involving Veterans' sexual health and well-being. The study was begun because there is little knowledge at VA on how to properly treat Veterans with sexual problems. We hope that the information obtained from this survey will help inform the VA on the current problems experienced by our Veterans so that the VA can design and implement better health care. All SERV participants are eligible to participate in this project, and the survey is a one-time online questionnaire. This survey is online, confidential, and can be completed in the privacy of your home.

***Please do not feel obligated, though; your participation in any research is voluntary. If you choose not to participate, this will have no effect on your regular participation in SERV.***

## **National Resource Directory:**

***www.nrd.gov***

This is a website that connects wounded warriors, service members, Veterans, families and caregivers to programs and services. Visitors to this site can find a variety of topics including: benefits and compensation, employment, caregiver support, housing assistance, health services and other resources. Veterans may search for services in their local area. The NRD is a partnership between the Departments of Defense, Labor, and Veterans Affairs.

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### **Survey of Experiences of Returning Veterans**

### ***Social media presence!***

Please visit our Facebook page Gender in the Military. Our Twitter account is /GenderMilitary. Both of these are managed by Reelgood Productions due to privacy/confidentiality concerns. SERV Study can also be found on Linked In —See *miscellaneous section below*.

### **Miscellaneous**

**Linked In**– Please don't feel pressured to "connect to" or "endorse" the SERV Study if you feel uncomfortable. Linked In is similar to Facebook, but more geared toward working professionals looking to make connections. Our only reason for joining Linked In is just to get our name out there in cyberspace.

**Response booklets**– please have your booklet handy at the time of the interview. We know that our survey is a long one, and the booklet allows you to finish your telephone call more quickly and get on with your day.

**BLUE** Booklets: Baseline (first) interview only

**YELLOW** Booklets: 3-, 6-, 9-, and 12-month follow ups only

**PINK** Booklets: 18-, 24-, 30-, 36-month follow ups only

### **Useful links:**

National PTSD website:

<http://www.ptsd.va.gov/>

PTSD Program Locator:

[http://vaww1.va.gov/directory/guide/PTSD\\_flash.asp?isFlash=1](http://vaww1.va.gov/directory/guide/PTSD_flash.asp?isFlash=1)

[Ptdshelp.net](http://ptsdhelp.net)

IAVA (Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America)

<http://iava.org>

For a VA facility near you:

<http://vaww1.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isFlash=1>

**We're on the web!**

<http://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn1/serv/>