APPENDIX B

Survey Items for Assessing Military Service

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A. Military Demographics

1. Did you ever serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, military Reserves, or National Guard? [NOTE: Active duty does not include training for the Reserves or National Guard, but DOES include activation and deployment, for example, for the Persian Gulf War]

_ No, never served in the military-> SKIP out of this section

_ No, training for Reserves or National Guard only -> SKIP out of this section

_ Yes, on active duty in the past, but not now

_ Yes, now on active duty

2. In what year did you first enter active duty?

Year (YYYY)

3. In what year were you last released from active duty?

Year (YYYY)

4. In which branch of the service did you serve? [Mark all that apply]

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_ Army/Army Air Force

_ Navy

_ Air Force

_ Marine Corps

_ Coast Guard

_ Merchant Marine

_ Nursing Corps

_ Women's Armed Forces

_ Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC)

_ Women's Army Corps (WACs)

_ Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Services (WAVES)

_ Women's Air Force Pilots (WASP)

_ Other (Please specify) _____

5. When did you serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces? [Mark all that apply]

_ September 2001 or later

_ August 1990 to August 2001 (includes Persian Gulf War)

_ May 1975 to July 1990

_ Vietnam era (August 1964 to April 1975)

_ February 1955 to July 1964

_ Korean War (July 1950 to January 1955)

_ January 1947 to June 1950

_ World War II (December 1941 to December 1946)

_ November 1941 or earlier

6. Did you deploy in support of the 1990–1991 Persian Gulf War?

_ Yes

_ No

7. Did you deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), or Operation New Dawn (OND)?

_ Yes -> If YES, how many times were you deployed? _____ times

_ No

8. Where were you stationed? (Mark all that apply)

_ Africa

_ East Asia / South Pacific

_ West, Central, or South Asia (including Afghanistan)

_ Caribbean

_ Eastern Europe

_ United States

_ Mexico

_ Middle East

_ Northern / Central Europe

_ Southern Europe / Mediterranean

_ South Central America

_ Other _____ (please specify)

9. At your last discharge or separation from the military, were you …

_ A commissioned officer

_ A warrant officer

_ Noncommissioned officer

_ An enlisted service member

10. What type of discharge or separation from the military did you receive? Did you end your military service …

_ At the end of a normal period of enlistment with less than 20 years of service [NOT MEDICAL OR DISABILITY]

_ Under general military retirement based on length of service [USUALLY 20 YEARS OR MORE]

_ Under military retirement due to disability

_ Based on medical release

_ Due to marriage, pregnancy, or dependent children

_ Under a dishonorable discharge

_ Under some other kind of discharge (e.g., general)

_ Don't know

B. Exposure

11. Did you ever serve in a combat or war zone? [NOTE: Persons serving in combat or war zone usually receive combat zone tax exclusion, imminent danger pay, or hostile fire pay].

_ Yes -> continue with Q12

_ No -> SKIP to Q13

12. During your war zone deployment, how often did you feel you were in danger of being killed or wounded?

_ Never _ Rarely _ Sometimes _ Often _ Very often

13. During your military service, were you ever exposed to dead, dying, or wounded people?

_ Yes

_ No

14. Were you ever a prisoner of war?

_ Yes

_ No

C. VA Services

15. Do you have a VA service-connected disability rating?

_ Yes -> What is your rating? ____ %

_ No

_ Don't know

16. Are you currently receiving monthly disability payments from VA?

_ Yes

_ No

17. Have you ever been <u>enrolled</u> in VA health care?

_ Yes

_ No

_ Don't know

18. Have you <u>ever used</u> any VA health care benefits?

_ Yes

_ No

_ Don't know

19. Have you <u>ever used</u> any VA education or training benefits, or home loans?

_ Yes

_ No

_ Don't know

Source Information

1. US 2000 Census, longform, Q20. Changed question from "Did this person" to "Did you." Reordered responses so that NO's come first. Added "and deployment" to instructions.
2. National Survey of Veterans 2010, Q A5
3. National Survey of Veterans 2010, Q A6
4. Million Veterans Program (MVP) baseline survey, Q27. Omitted three response options in left column (National Guard, NOAA, PHS) and added right-hand column to capture women's service. The phrase "Nursing corps" was used in National Survey of Veterans 2001, Q MB1, page A-3.
5. National Survey of Veterans, 2010, Q A3. Somewhat similar to item 27 on 2012 American Community Survey (which divided post-Vietnam into May 1975-August 1990, and September 1980–July 1990). US 2000 Census Q20b. also has this distinction, but does not do well characterizing post-9/11 era.
6. Million Veterans Program (MVP) baseline survey, Q32
7. Million Veterans Program (MVP) baseline survey, Q33. Added "# deployments"
8. Million Veterans Program (MVP) baseline survey, Q31. Inserted UNITED STATES
9. National Survey of Veterans, 2001, MB21. Added "or separation from the military" to instruction. For last response, changed "person" to "service member." Inserted "NCO" as possible response.
10. National Survey of Veterans, 2001, MB22. Changed responses a bit, e.g., changed "for" to "under" or "based on," "term of service" to "period of enlistment." Included "(e.g., general)" under next to last response option
11. National Survey of Veterans, 2010, Q A7

12. Item adopted from Deployment Risk and Resilience Inventory, Section H, #4. Inserted "how often" to assess frequency rather than presence, and changed response options from YES/NO to "never, rarely, sometimes, often, very often"
13. National Survey of Veterans, 2010, Q A8
14. National Survey of Veterans, 2010, Q A9
15. Modified from American Community Survey 2012, Q22a Q22b. Added the request for rating info to YES response, instead of having it separately in grouped response form
16. National Survey of Veterans, 2010, Q C4
17. National Survey of Veterans, 2010, Q E1
18. National Survey of Veterans, 2010, Q E2
19. New item, parallel to Q18 from NSV

URLs for Surveys/Measures

National Survey of Veterans 2010: (https://www.va.gov/vetdata/Surveys.asp)

National Survey of Veterans 2001: (https://www.va.gov/vetdata/Surveys.asp)

Million Veterans Program: (https://www.research.va.gov/mvp/)

American Community Survey: (https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/)

US Census: (https://www.census.gov/dmd/www/pdf/d-61b.pdf)

Deployment Risk and Resilience Inventory:

(https://www.ptsd.va.gov/PTSD/professional/assessment/deployment/index.asp)