

Privacy Act Statement

You have rights under the Privacy Act.

The following statement describes how that ACT applies to this study:

The Privacy Act System of Records Notice (SORN) for this study is N6500-1. The SORN was published on the Defense Privacy and Civil Liberties Division (DPCLD) website on November 14, 2014 and can be found by visiting: <https://dpclد.defense.gov/Privacy/SORNsIndex/DOD-Component-Article-View/Article/570396/n06500-1/>

Authority: Authority to request this information is granted under: 10 USC 136, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, 10 USC 1782, Surveys of Military Families, 10 USC 2358, Research and Development Projects, Under Secretary of Defense Memorandum #: 99-028, 30 SEP 99 "Establishment of DoD Centers for Deployment Health" and Executive Order 9396, Numbering System for Federal Accounts Relating to Individual Persons.

Purpose: To create a probability-based database of service members and veterans who have, or have not, deployed overseas so that various longitudinal health and research studies may be conducted over a 67-year period. The database will be used: (a.) To systematically collect population-based demographic and health data to evaluate the health of Armed Forces personnel throughout their careers and after leaving the service. (b.) To evaluate the impact of operational deployments on various measures of health over time including medically unexplained symptoms and chronic diseases to include cancer, heart disease and diabetes. (c.) To serve as a foundation upon which other routinely captured medical and deployment data may be added to answer future questions regarding the health risks of operational deployment, occupations, and general service in the Armed Forces. (d.) To examine characteristics of service in the Armed Forces associated with common clinician-diagnosed diseases and with scores on several standardized self-reported health inventories for physical and psychological functional status. (e.) To provide a data repository and available representative Armed Forces cohort that future investigators and policy makers might use to study important aspects of service in the Armed Forces including disease outcomes among an Armed Forces cohort.

In addition to revealing changes in service member and veteran health status over time, the Millennium Cohort Study will serve as a data repository, providing a solid foundation upon which additional epidemiological studies may be constructed.

Routine Uses: The information provided in this questionnaire will be maintained in data files at the Deployment Health Research Department at the Naval Health Research Center and used only for medical research purposes. Use of these data may be granted to other federal and non-federal medical research agencies as approved by the Naval Health Research Center's Institutional Review Board. In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the DoD as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 522a(b)(3).

To the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) for (1) considering individual claims for benefits for which that DVA is responsible; and (2) for use in scientific, medical and other analysis regarding health outcomes research associated with military service. To the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for use in scientific, medical and other analysis regarding health outcome research associated with military service.

NOTE: All disclosures to the DVA and HHS must have prior approval of the Naval Health Research Center Institutional Review Board and a Memorandum of Understanding must be entered into to ensure the right and obligations of the signatories are clear. Access to data 1) is provided on need-to-know basis only; 2) must adhere to the rule of minimization in that only information necessary to accomplish the purpose for which the disclosure is being made is releasable; and 3) must follow strict guidelines established in the data sharing agreement. To the Social Security Administration (SSA) for considering individual claims for benefits for which that SSA is responsible. The DoD 'Blanket Routine Uses' that appear at the beginning of the Navy's compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

NOTE: This system of records contains individually identifiable health information. The DoD Health Information Privacy Regulation (DoD 6025.18-R) issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, applies to most such health information. DoD 6025.18-R may place additional procedural requirements on the uses and disclosures of such information beyond those found in the Privacy Act of 1974 or mentioned in this system of records notice.

Voluntary Disclosure: Completion of the questionnaire is voluntary. Failure to respond to any of the questions will NOT result in any disadvantages or penalties except possible lack of representation of your views in the final results and outcomes.

Agency Disclosure Notice

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