

VA Research Highlight

Gulf War 1990-1991: Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm



Why this research is important:

VA's mission is to care for those who have 'borne the battle'. A high percentage of GW Veterans have suffered chronic health impairment. We need to identify effective treatments to improve their quality of life.

Summary:

Gulf War Service members were exposed to a variety of environmental and chemical hazards that gave rise to a cluster of medically unexplained chronic symptoms that includes, but are not limited to, fatigue, fibromyalgia, functional gastrointestinal disorders, and undiagnosed illnesses collectively known as Gulf War illness. The Gulf War program at the Office of Research and Development centers are working with GW Veterans, VA clinician- and non-clinician researchers, a research advisory committee, and federal partners with the goal of improving the health and well-being of Veterans of the 1990-1991 Gulf War.

How the research will improve Veterans' lives:

Gulf War research can improve prediction and mitigation of health effects.



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