



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
COOPERATIVE STUDIES PROGRAM



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Dear *Name*:

Greetings from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and on behalf of researchers at the VA Cooperative Studies Program (CSP), thank you for your service to our country.

Based on your participation in the Million Veteran Program (MVP), **we are writing to invite you to participate in a new study called “Genomics of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in Veterans.”** We developed this study to help understand why some Veterans experience PTSD, but others do not.

In the next few weeks, a study team member from the San Diego VA will contact you to make sure that you received this letter and to answer any questions you may have. If you would like to ask questions ahead of time, please call the toll free number (844)343-0678.

This study involves, on average, a 60-minute telephone interview about your military experience and mental health history. Your answers will be kept confidential. You are entitled to \$50 compensation for participating, but by current policy the VA must transfer the money to your bank account or may send a check by mail. Therefore, if you decide to participate, you will need to provide your social security number. This information will be handled only by selected study team members and will be kept secure. Payment may be withheld by the US Government if you have any federal debt (i.e. child support, back taxes, defaulted student loans).

A document, called “Study Information Sheet,” is enclosed; it contains more information about the study. Please keep the document, and have it available during the interview.

Your participation is entirely voluntary and will not affect your VA healthcare, nor any VA benefits you currently receive or are eligible to receive. Participation will also not affect your enrollment in MVP. We look forward to speaking with you and hope that you will participate in this study.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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