



Australian Government
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 VIETNAM VETERANS' FAMILY STUDY

SIGN-UP TIME

RECRUITING FAMILIES NOW

The Vietnam Veterans' Family Study is now recruiting. The study will look at the impact of war service on the health and well-being of the families of Vietnam veterans.

The study is inviting randomly selected Vietnam-era Army personnel and their families to participate — 10,000 each of those who served in Vietnam and those who didn't. They have all been mailed an invitation to participate in the study, with extra registration forms to pass on to their kids and family.

For the study to go ahead we need those invited to participate, and to encourage their families to get involved as well.

TELL YOUR MATES

Even if you haven't been invited, you'll know plenty of people who have been. It's time for Vietnam veterans to help their mates again.

Talk to your mates, those who went to Vietnam and those who didn't. Tell them how important this study is. Find out if they've been invited and get them involved. Tell them to pass on the registration kits they received with their invitations to their families so their families get involved as well.

The success of the family study relies on a big response from those invited. Not just Vietnam veterans, but their families too and the Vietnam-era personnel and their families — for comparison.

THE SCIENCE

There are two main study groups:

- 10,000 randomly selected Vietnam veterans and their families: including their partners, ex-partners, children, step-children, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.
- 10,000 randomly selected Vietnam era veterans who didn't serve in Vietnam and their families: including their partners, ex-partners, children and step-children.

These two groups provide a comparison based on randomly selected families where the main difference is a parents' military service in Vietnam.

FAMILY STUDY

This study is about families. There are a number of studies of veterans already, but not of families. Participation of families is vital. If you know someone who served during the Vietnam war, whether they went or not, talk to them see if they've been invited and get them involved. Spread the word to their family too.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

If you have received an invitation to participate in the study, you can register by:

- registering online at: www.dva.gov.au/vvfs;
- phoning DVA's Health Study Line on freecall 1800 502 302; or
- mailing your completed registration form to DVA.
Forms are available on the website or by phoning freecall 1800 502 302.

Participation in the study will not in any way affect your pension, benefits or any health services you are entitled to from DVA. Any information you provide will be confidential and be used only for the research.

VIETNAM SERVICE OR NOT, IF YOU'VE BEEN INVITED, PLEASE PARTICIPATE

PLEASE ASK YOUR FAMILY TO PARTICIPATE

Find out more about the Vietnam Veterans' Family Study program at www.dva.gov.au/vvfs