



# Surveys of Military and Veterans' Health

The staff of SRBI has a unique background in the design, execution and analysis of surveys of current and former military personnel. These surveys have examined issues of employment, health, readjustment, reaction to traumatic events, knowledge and use of benefits programs, and a host of other issues.

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## ***Study Examples:***

- VA Health Needs Assessment Survey
- Veteran Health Status and Treatment Utilization Follow-up Study
- Survey of Disabled Veterans
- Survey of VA Medical System Users
- Female Veterans Perceptions and Experience with VA Health Care
- Survey of Veterans Exposed to Mustard Gas
- Health Effects of Anti-cholinesterase Agents among Experimentally Exposed Subjects
- Survey of Prostate Cancer among Vietnam Veterans
- Army Chemical Corps Health Survey
- Defining Gulf War Illnesses
- Bosnia Veterans Health Survey
- Somalia Veterans Health Survey
- Survey of Reproductive Health among Active Duty Air Force Women
- Study of Sexual Assault on Active Duty Air Force Women
- Sexual Harassment in the Reserves
- And many others

## ***Case Studies:***

### ***National Health Survey of Persian Gulf Veterans and Their Family Members***

SRBI was commissioned by the VA to locate and recruit qualified veterans who participated in the National Health Survey of Persian Gulf Veterans to participate in a medical examination at a central location. The National Health Survey of Persian Gulf Veterans and Their Family Members required SRBI to conduct extensive location efforts, through mail and telephone contacts and to obtain written consent forms from the veterans for the medical examination. VA supplied a sample of 1,500 veterans to SRBI. SRBI attempted to recruit not only the veterans, but also their spouses and children for the medical examination. A total of 900 veterans was successfully recruited in the first sample. Given this success, a second sample of 2,500 was subsequently processed by SRBI.

### ***Study of Women Vietnam Era Veterans Reproductive Health Outcomes***

This Congressionally-mandated study provided the first comprehensive data on the prevalence of cancer, infertility, stillbirths, miscarriages, and birth defects among women who served in Vietnam as well as their military counterparts stationed elsewhere. The sample included all women who served in Vietnam and a comparison sample of women who served in the military outside of Vietnam during the same period. A pilot phase of the study (N=500) was completed with a ninety-five percent location rate and a ninety percent participation rate among located veterans. In the main phase of the study, a total of 8,280 women veterans were sampled. A total of 7,910 of these veterans were located (95.5%). Interviews were completed with 6,796 out of 7,571 located, eligible veterans (89.8%).