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Introduction:

Risk, Resiliency, and Coping in National Guard Families is a study looking at the interdependence and mutual influence of family processes, (meaning/schema and utilization of resources) that contribute to risk and resiliency in families from a National Guard (NG) infantry battalion over a period of three years including predeployment, post-deployment, and yearly follow up assessments. The study team is examining risk and resilience factors for various family types (couples, families with children, single NG with and without parental support, single NG with children, blended families, etc.) via longitudinal quantitative and qualitative data collection.

Body:

Task 1. Contractual agreements signed

MPHI has contracts signed and special contract requirements provided to U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC). MPHI drafted a data use agreement, distributed to Michigan State University (MSU), University of Michigan (UM), and Virginia Tech investigators. MPHI has hosted conference calls to discuss data use agreement, made revisions to the data use agreement as suggested by university partners, and continues to work with the grants and contracts offices to resolve any concerns raised by partnering institutions. MPHI has hired and trained research personnel to support the project.

Task 2. Regulatory review and approval processes for studies involving human subjects

MPHI submitted application to Office of Research Integrity for review and received Institution Review Board (IRB) approval. We worked with partnering institutions on documentation and supplemental information requested by their IRBs. MPHI submitted paperwork and received authorization to proceed with research from the USAMRMC's Office of Research Protections. MPHI has submitted application for renewal of IRB.

<u>Task 3. SharePoint site for project management and document sharing among project staff from partnering universities</u>

MPHI created and deployed the SharePoint site during the first quarter of the project and continues to host the site while providing maintenance and updates as needed. The project SharePoint site is used for collaboration among partners and documentation of research activities.

Task 4. Grant reporting requirements

MPHI has submitted quarterly reports to USAMRMC and worked collaboratively with partnering PI to submit annual report. Quarterly financial reports SF425 were submitted by MPHI.

Task 5. Quantitative data collection as it relates to Objective 1

MPHI assisted MSU with time 2 paper surveys collected. Time 2 paper surveys were collected at conference sites of MI ARNG Yellow Ribbon Reintegration events with 603 Service Member, 280 Spouse, and 13 Parents completing surveys during this wave of the data collection. Surveys are attached in Appendix A. MPHI developed an online survey tool for Time 3 and 4 data collection. MPHI has assisted with packet preparation for Time 3 face to face survey collection at the drill sites as well as preparing post-card reminders for online survey participants.

Task 6. Data management activities

MPHI created secure database where survey data is stored. MPHI tested online survey capabilities and upgraded online survey to accommodate data entry and data management needs of university partners. Online survey was used for data entry for time 2 data collection. MPHI interfaces between IST and project personnel as it relates to project management activities on SharePoint, data entry on secure server, online surveys, and other data management activities.

Task 7. Data collection activities that relate to Objective 2

MPHI received volunteer forms from families willing to participate in family interviews, and identified 40 families to participate in qualitative interviews for Objective 2. MPHI worked with partners from MSU and Virginia Tech to develop and finalize interview guide. Principal Investigators (PIs) from MPHI and MSU field tested the interview guide in February 2013. Interview guide is attached in Appendix B. MPHI coordinated

interviews for Time 1data collection related to Objective 2 during times that families and two research personnel were available to conduct interviews. Forty interviews were completed between March 2013 and June 2013 throughout the state of Michigan.

Task 8. Data management activities that relate to Objective 2

MPHI transcribed 40 interviews and cleaned the transcripts of any identifying information. MPHI loaded the transcripts on a secure server providing access to authorized personnel from the universities doing the qualitative analysis. MPHI coordinated weekly conference calls for process of establishing and managing the master codebook.

Task 9. Utilize findings in theory development

MPHI and the study team are not scheduled to begin theory development until year three of the project.

Task 10. Activities that relate to dissemination

MPHI and MSU have initiated dissemination efforts even though the statement of work reflects dissemination activities in years two and three. MPHI worked with the initiating PI to prepare a presentation for the American Psychological Association (Appendix C).¹

Dr. Gorman (MPHI) and Dr. Blow (MSU) presented updates to the Maj. Gen. Gregory Vadnais, The Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard and his staff; COL Greg Durkac, COL Mary Jones, LTC Jefferey Connell, CSM Daniel Lincoln, CW4 Jeannie O'Dell, CSM Daniel Lincoln, and 1LT Stephanie Boltrick. The purpose of the presentation was to update the military community on the progress of the current study in the context of previous collaborative efforts, share updates on how research from the collaborative has been utilized to benefit the military community, and begin discussion about how to collaborate with the Michigan National Guard to utilize emerging findings to promote resilient military families. This presentation can be found in Appendix D.²

Other presentations on how findings can be utilized by public health and local communities to promote resilient military families include Dr. Gorman's roundtable at the National Network of Public Health Institutes national conference, *Fostering innovation and partnerships to address emerging public health issues*³ (Appendix E); keynote address for Michigan Family Medicine Research Day, *Citizen Soldiers: What do they mean for my medical practice?* ⁴ (Appendix F); and interactive presentation, *Risk, Resiliency, and Coping in National Guard Families* ⁵ (Appendix G) to MPHI breakfast club engaging members of the public health community.

Dr. Gorman was also asked by Governor Rick Snyder's Strategy Advisor, Sara Wycoff to provide supplement information on unique issues National Guard and Reserve encounter accessing mental health services provided by the United States Veterans Health and/or Benefit Administration (Memorandum attached as Appendix H⁶). Dr. Gorman is currently working with the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency and Department of Community Health, Bureau of Community Mental Health Services as they pursue funding from the Rural Veteran Coordination Pilot Grant Program to improve coordination and access to services for rural veterans. If funded, this project would have the potential to increase community capacity to promote resilience in National Guard or Reserve members who are veterans and may be active-duty status in the future.

Key Research Accomplishments:

- IRB and HRPO approval and compliance.
- Creation of the secure online database and survey tool.
- Completion of Time 1 and 2 quantitative data collection (603 Service Members, 280 Spouses, and 13 Parents completing surveys for time 2).
- All raw data entered for Time 1 and Time 2 with data cleaning and management progressing.
- Completion of 40 family interviews for Time 1 data collection.
- All 40 family interviews transcribed, master codebook established, with 75% of qualitative data transcribed one month prior to the end of year 1.
- Dissemination activities initiated ahead of schedule.

Reportable Outcomes:

National Presentations:

- American Psychological Association 2013 Symposium. Parallel Sustained Stress for Couples and the Challenge of Reconnection. (24 July 2013).¹
- NNPHI Annual Conference roundtable. Fostering innovation and partnerships to address emerging public health issues. (15 April 2013).³

State & Local presentations:

- Michigan Family Medicine Research Day (23 May 2013)⁴
- Presentation to the Adjutant General and staff of Michigan National Guard (13 August 2013)²
- MPHI Breakfast Club (22 August 2013).⁵

Policy

 Supplement to USVA Mental Health Services and Benefits Memorandum requested by Governor Snyder's office (5 May 2013).⁶

Grant application

• Partnering with Michigan Veterans' Affairs Agency on application to U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Rural Veteran Coordination Pilot.

Conclusion:

Risk, Resiliency, and Coping with National Guard Families has completed the first 11 months of the project timeline ahead of schedule. MPHI PI will continue to make strides toward dissemination efforts and expect to have additional findings to report with the initiating PIs annual report. All findings at this point are very preliminary and should not be reported for open dissemination until additional data cleaning and analysis are complete. With that being said, initial findings suggest that service members and spouses within this sample report similar levels of PTSD, depression, substance abuse, and suicidal ideation as service members and spouses in other published post-deployment studies. For the first time, the study team has collected predeployment and post-deployment assessments on not only the service member but also on their spouse/significant other and a small sample of parents of service members. Analyses are yet to be done to determine if depression and not PTSD is the predicting factor for couple readjustment when we factor in predeployment health status. Risk, Resiliency, and Coping in National Guard Families sample contains pre and post-deployment data on parenting stress and the parent's report of child outcomes. The data set also contains health service utilization patterns of service members and spouses which have the potential to inform public health and policy to maximize benefit for military families. Further, preliminary findings in the qualitative data analysis suggest that National Guard families are deeply impacted by the lack of understanding from their civilian counterparts in the communities where they reside. Study quotes used in the MPHI Breakfast Club interactive presentation (Appendix G) were a powerful tool for raising community awareness and may be useful for community outreach and engagement activities. While MPHI has completed almost all project tasks ahead of schedule, a large portion of MPHI staff time in the next two years will be dedicated to coordination of two more waves of data collection for both the quantitative and qualitative objectives. MPHI, Risk, Resiliency, and Coping with National Guard Families, and more importantly, the military families we aim to serve, could benefit from even a small amount of additional funding to support staff time designated exclusively to dissemination efforts of collaborative partners. Dedicated to improving community health through collaboration, MPHI and our university partners aim to expedite the analysis and dissemination of study findings.

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Appendices:

- A. Surveys
- **B.** Interview Guide
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Michigan Army National Guard Post-Deployment Survey Service Member

In the next pages, we ask a number of questions about your life and experiences. Your answers will be important to helping us understand what issues military service members face prior to a deployment and the areas of pre-deployment programming that would be most helpful.

Your answers to this survey are confidential and anonymous. We will have no way of linking your answers back to you individually. We would, however, like to link your answers on this survey to any future surveys we may offer.

To link your answers, you will develop an anonymous identification code based on a series of personal questions. *Only you will know this code*. Your identification code will be created based on the combination of the first 3 letters or numbers in your answers to a series of questions.

For example:

Question	Answer	1 st letters/#s of the answer					
Example: What is your dog's name	Spot	<u>SPO</u>					
Example: What is your favorite color	Blue	BLU					
Example: What is the day of the month of Christmas	25th of December	<u>25</u>					
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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Please write your answer to each of these 3 questions.
- 2. Then, write the first 3 letters of each answer in the last column.
- 3. Rewrite the first 3 letters/#s from your answers. This is your personal code.

Question	1. Write your Answer	2. Write the 1 st 3 letters/#s of your answer
What is your mother's maiden name?		
What was the make of your first car? (e.g. Ford, Chevrolet, Honda, etc.)		
What is the day of the month you were born? (if you were born on the 4th of May your answer would be 04)		

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Michigan Army National Guard Post-Deployment Survey Service Member

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4 31-40		4 Divorced	4 Hispanic	4 Some college	4 \$75,001 to \$100,000
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<mark>6</mark> Over 50		6 Widowed	6 Asian American	6 Bachelor's degree	
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3 Once a month			
4 Once every 3 months			
5 Once every 6 months			
6 Once every year			
7 Never			

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b.	I feel that there is no one I can share my most private worries and fears with. ISEL2							
C.	If I were sick, I could easily find someone to help me with my daily chores. ISEL3							
d.	There is someone I can turn to for advice about handling problems with my family. ISEL4							
e.	If I decide one afternoon that I would like to go to a movie that evening, I could easily find someone to go with me. ISEL5							
f.	When I need suggestions on how to deal with a personal problem, I know someone I can turn to. ISEL6							
g.	I don't often get invited to do things with others. ISEL7							
h.	If I had to go out of town for a few weeks, it would be difficult to find someone who would look after my house or apartment (the plants, pets, garden) ISEL8							
i.	If I wanted to have lunch with someone, I could easily find someone to join me. ISEL9							
j.	If I was stranded 10 miles from home, there is someone I could call who could come and get me. ISEL10							
k.	If a family crisis arose, it would be difficult to find someone who could give me good advice about how to handle it. ISEL11							
ĺ.	If I needed some help in moving to a new house or apartment, I would have a hard time finding someone to help me. ISEL12							
	hen you completed the above questionnaire, were potential supporters?ISELSupport	you thinking mo	stly about your sp	ouse/significant o	other or about severa			
0								

5.	LIFESTYLE. This section as	sks questions abou	ut your lifest	yle and satis	sfaction. Ple	ase mark the box	Pag that best de	e 16 of 111 Scribes your l	ife.
		Strongly DISAGREE 1	Disagree 2	Slightly disagree 3		or Silgntly	Agree 6	Strongly AGREE 7	
а.	In most ways my life is close to my ideal. SWLS1								
b.	The conditions of my life are excellent. SWLS2								
C.	I am satisfied with my life. SWLS3								ı
d.	So far I have gotten the important things I want in life. SWLS4								
e.	If I could live my life over, I would change almost nothing. SWLS5								I
Pl	ease tell us your thoughts a	bout your life by	marking ea	ich item as i	t applies to	you.			
				sagree Di a lot 0	sagree a little 1	Neither agree or disagree 2	Agree a little 3	Agree a lot 4	
8	a. In uncertain times, I usuall LOTR1	y expect the best.							
t	o. If something can go wrong	for me, it will. LO	ΓR2						
C	c. I'm always optimistic abou	t my future. LOTR:	3						
C	d. I hardly ever expect things	to go my way. LO	TR4						
ϵ	e. I rarely count on good thin LOTR5	gs happening to m	e.						
f	 Overall, I expect more goo me than bad. LOTR6 	od things to happer	n to						
Q	g. There is not enough purpo	ose in my life. <mark>LOT</mark> I	R7						
ŀ	n. To me, the things I do are	all worthwhile. LO	TR8						
i.	. Most of what I do seems to me. LOTR9	ivial and unimporta	ant to						
j.	. I value my activities a lot. I	LOTR10							-
k	 I don't care very much about LOTR11 	out the things I do.							
1.	. I have lots of reasons for li	ving. LOTR12							

These next questions ask for your opinions about what it is usually like living in your home. For each item, please circle what life is like in your home:

		Not at all true 0	A little bit True 1	Somewhat true 2	Definitely true
a.	There is very little commotion in my home. HomeLife1				
b.	My family can usually find things when we need them. HomeLife2				
C.	My family almost always seems to be rushed. HomeLife3				
d.	My family is usually able to stay on top of things. HomeLife4				
e.	No matter how hard we try, my family always seems to be running late. HomeLife5				
f.	It's a real zoo in my home. HomeLife6				
g.	At home, we can talk to each other without being interrupted. HomeLife7				
h.	There is often a fuss going on at my home. HomeLife8				
i.	No matter what my family plans, it usually doesn't seem to work out. HomeLife9				
j.	I can't hear myself think in my home. HomeLife10				
k.	I often get drawn into other people's argument at home. HomeLife11				
I.	My home is a good place to relax. HomeLife12				
m.	The telephone takes up a lot of my family's time at home. HomeLife13				
n.	The atmosphere in my home is calm. HomeLife14				
0.	First thing in the day, my family has a regular routine at home. HomeLife15				

These next questions ask about possible life experiences you may have had during the past year. Read each of the events listed below and place a #1" post to appropriate the past year. listed below, and place a "1" next to any event which has occurred to you within the past year. If not, place a "0". Code as 0 or 1 or leave missing if the questions are not in the questionnaire

 1. Children with problems Litestyle_lite_exp_past_yr1
 2. You began or stopped work Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr2
 3. Conflict with family members Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr3
 4. Change in living situation Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr4
 5. Death of close friend Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr5
 6. Death of close family member Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr6
 7. Illness or injury of close family member Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr7
 8. Change in responsibilities Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr8
 9. Betrayal by family or loved ones Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr9
 10. Cheating partner Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr10
 11. Increase in number of arguments with partner Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr11
 12. Pregnancy Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr12
 13. Childbirth Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr13
 14. Financial concerns/trouble Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr14
 15. Deployment of partner Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr15
 16. Relocation or move Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr16
 17. Marital separation Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr17
 18. Personal injury or illness Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr18
 19. Problem with friends Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr19
 20. Return of partner from deployment Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr20
 21. Other Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr21 / Lifestyle_life_exp_past_yr21_other

The statements below are about your relationships with other members of your unit since you have returned from deployment. <u>Please answer for your current unit.</u>

Please read each statement and describe how much you agree or disagree by checking the box that best fits your answer.

		Strongly disagree 0	Somewhat disagree 1	Neither agree nor disagree 2	Somewhat agree 3	Strongly agree 4		
a.	My unit is like family to me. CurrentUnit1							
b.	I feel a sense of camaraderie between myself and other soldiers in my unit CurrentUnit2							
C.	Most people in my unit are trustworthy. CurrentUnit3							
d.	I could go to most people in my unit for help when I have a personal problem. CurrentUnit4							
e.	My commanding officer(s) are interested in what I think and how I feel about things. CurrentUnit5							
f.	I am impressed by the quality of leadership in my unit. CurrentUnit6							
g.	My superiors make a real attempt to treat me as a person. CurrentUnit7							
h.	The commanding officer(s) in my unitare supportive of my efforts. CurrentUnit8	t 🗆						
i.	I feel like my efforts really count to the military. CurrentUnit9	е 🗆						
j.	The leadership in my unit supports getting help for reintegration difficulties when needed CurrentUnit10							
k.	The leadership in my unit supports getting help for emotional symptoms when needed CurrentUnit11							
l.	Members of my unit understood me. CurrentUnit12							
Wh	at unit level were you primarily thir	king about when	you completed the	e above questions?	Unit_Level			
	Team Squad	Platoon	Company	Larger Unit A	ll Unit Levels			
	1 2	3	4	5	6			
ls y	our current unit the unit with which	n you deployed?	Current_Unit	1 YES	2 □ NO			
	 Since 2001, how many combat or peacekeeping deployments have you completed that lasted more than 30 days? NumDeploy 							

2.	deployment? RTRNHOME		Date (Moi	nth/Year)			
3.	How long was your most recent deployment? LengthDeploy	Months/Years					
4.	During your most recent deployment:	Never 1	Seldom 2	Often 3	Constantly 4		
	 How many times were you in serious danger of being injured or killed? DeployDangerInjKill 						
	 b. How many times did you engage the enemy in a firefight? DeployEngageEnemy 	□ Va					
	c. Did you know someone who was seriously injured or killed? DeployKnowlnjKill		es 1	No 2			
	d. Were you directly responsible for the death of an enemy combatant? DeployResponDeath						
	e. Were you wounded or injured during deployment? DeployWoundInjDeploy						
6.	Approximately what year did it occur?						
7.	DistressDeployEventYr Was this distressing event during deployment the most dist (Considering your entire life) DistressEventEver		rou have ever e	experienced ir	your life?		
8.	If no, <u>OR if never previously deployed,</u> could you briefly des OtherDistressEvent	cribe your mos	t distressing li	fe event?			
9.	Approximately what year did it occur? OtherDistressEventY	/r					
					_		

In the last 30 days, have you experienced any of the following problems in relation to the most distressing event you just described? (Check the box that is most true for you)

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a.	Repeated, disturbing memories, thoughts, or images of the stressful experience. PCLM1					
b.	Repeated, disturbing dreams of the stressful experience PCLM2					
C.	Suddenly acting or feeling as if the stressful experience were happening again (as if you were re-living it). PCLM3					
d.	Feeling very upset when something reminded you of the stressful experience. PCLM4					
e.	Having physical reactions (like heart pounding, trouble breathing, sweating) when something reminded you of the stressful event. PCLM5					
f.	Avoiding thinking about or talking about the stressful experience or avoiding having feelings related to it. PCLM6					
g.	Avoiding activities or situations because they remind you of the stressful experience. PCLM7					
h.	Trouble remembering important parts of the stressful experience. PCLM8					
i.	Loss of interest in activities that you used to					
j.	eniov. PCLM9 Feeling distant or cutoff from other people. PCLM10					
k.	Feeling emotionally numb or being unable to have loving feelings for those close to you. PCLM11					
I.	Feeling as if your future somehow will be cut short. PCLM12					
m.	Trouble falling or staying asleep. PCLM13					
n.	Feeling irritable or having angry outbursts. PCLM14					
0.	Having difficulty concentrating. PCLM15					
p.	Being "super alert" or watchful or on guard. PCLM16					
q.	Feeling jumpy or easily startled. PCLM17					
	you answered <u>moderately, quite a bit,</u> or <u>all the time</u> ade it for you to do your work or get along with othe				CULT have thes	e problems
III	Not difficult Somewhat Very difficult E	Extremely	LINIFULICUOLILIQ	}		
		difficult				
	1 2 3	4				
Dic	ou have deployed previously, I you have any injury(ies) during your deployment fo de each option True/False	rom any of the	e following?(Ch	eck all that ap	ply)	
of o	No injuries (Skip to "Are you currently experiencing an concussion?") PDIQNoInjuries	ny of the follow	ring problems th	at you think mig	ht be related to a	3
	Fragment PDIQFragment					

	Bullet PDIQBullet							
	Vehicular (any type of vehicle, including airplane) PDIQVehicular							
	Fall PDIQFall							
	Blast (Improvised Explosive Device, RPG, Land mine, Grenade, etc.) PDIQBlast							
	Other specify:	PDIQOther	rDeployInjury					
	any injury received while you were deployed result in any de each option True/False Being dazed, confused or "seeing stars" PDIQDazed Not remembering the injury PDIQNoMemory Losing consciousness (knocked out) for less than a minute PI Losing consciousness for 1-20 minutes PDIQTwentyMin Losing consciousness for longer than 20 minutes PDIQMoreT Having any symptoms of concussion afterward (such as head Head Injury PDIQHeadInjury None of the above PDIQNone	DIQKnockOut ThanTwentyMin						
	you currently experiencing any of the following problems acussion? (Check all that apply) Code each option True/Fals		night be related to	a possible head	d injury or			
□ PDI	Not experiencing any problems related to head injury QNoProblems	0 0	the ears PDIQRin	gingEars				
	Headache PDIQHeadache		PDIQIrritability blems PDIQSleep	Prohs				
	Dizziness PDIQDizzy	☐ Other spe	·	11003				
	Memory Problems PDIQMemProbs	PDIQOtherHea						
	Balance Problems PDIQBalanceProbs							
	MOOD. These next questions ask about your mood.							
Ov	er the <u>last 2 weeks</u> , how often have you been bothered by a	ny of the follow	ing problems?					
		Not at all	Several days 1	More than half the days	Nearly every day 3			
a.	Little interest or pleasure in doing things PHQ1							
b.	Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless PHQ2							
C.	Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much PHQ3							

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d.	Feeling tired or having lit	tle energy PHQ4						
e.	Poor appetite or overeati	ng PHQ5						
f.	Feeling bad about yourse let yourself or your family		failure or have					
g.	Trouble concentrating on newspaper or watching to		ling the					
h.	Moving or speaking so sl noticed. Or the opposite you have been moving a	—being so fidgety or	restless that					
i.	Thought that you would be yourself in some way PH		of hurting					
	If you checked off any problems, how difficult have these problems made it for you to do your work, take care of things at home, or get along with other people? PHQFunction							
	Not difficult at all	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Extremely d	ifficult			
	0	1	2	3				
					Yes 1	No 2		
	Have you thought abo		e in the last 12 mo	nths?				
	Have you ever serious SuicideIdeationEver		mmitting suicide?					
	Have you attempted s SuicideAttempt12mt		months?					
	Have you <u>ever</u> attemp SuicideAttemptEver							
Р	re you a veteran in lease call <u>1-800-273</u> er the <u>last 2 weeks</u> , how	-TALK and pre	ss 1 to be rou			ine.		
				Not at all	Several days 1	More than half the days	Nearly every day 3	
a.	Feeling nervous, anxious	or on edge GAD1						
b.	Not being able to stop or	control worrying GA	D2					
C.	Worrying too much abou	t different things <mark>GAI</mark>	D 3					
d.	Trouble relaxing GAD4							
e.	Being so restless that it is	s hard to sit still GAD	05					

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Becoming easily annoyed or irritable GAD6					
Feeling afraid as if something awful might happen GA	ND7				
ese questions ask how you have felt in the nast mo	nth Please	check how ofte	n vou felt or tho	ught a certain w	av
coe questions ask now you have left in the past mor	iiii. I icasc	CHCCK HOW ONC	in you lest of the	agnit a certain w	uy.
	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Fairly Often	Often 4
	0	1	2	3	
In the last month, how often have you felt that you were unable to control the important things in your life? PSS4Control					
In the last month, how often have you felt confident about your ability to handle your personal problems? PSS4PersProbs					
In the last month, how often have you felt that things were going your way? PSS4ThingsGood					
In the last month, how often have you felt difficulties were piling up so high that you could not overcome them? PSS4CantOvercome					
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8. ALCOHOL USE

Please check the response that best reflects your patterns of alcohol consumption.

	,	Never 0	Monthly or Less 1	2-4 times a month	2-3 times a week	4 or more times a week
a.	How often do you have a drink containing alcohol? AUDIT1	Go to next section				
		1 or 2 0	3 or 4 1	5 or 6	7 to 9	10 or more 4
b.	How many standard drinks do you have on a typical day when you are drinking? [a standard drink is, for example, one 12 oz. beer, a 6 oz. glass of wine, or a 1.5 oz. shot of hard liquor]. AUDIT2					
		Never 0	Less than monthly 1	Monthly 2	Weekly 3	Daily or almost daily <mark>4</mark>
C.	How often do you have six or more standard drinks on one occasion? AUDIT3					
d.	How often during the last year have you found that you were not able to stop drinking once you had started? AUDIT4					
e.	How often during the last year have you failed to do what was normally expected of you because of drinking? AUDIT5					
f.	How often during the last year have you needed a first drink in the morning to get yourself going after a heavy drinking session? AUDIT6					
g.	How often during the last year have you had a feeling of guilt or remorse after drinking? AUDIT7					
h.	How often during the last year have you been unable to remember what happened the night before because you had been drinking? AUDIT8					
			No 0	Yes, but no last ye 2		Yes, during he last year 4
i.	Have you or anyone else been injured because of yo drinking? AUDIT9	ur				
j.	Has a relative, friend, doctor, or other health care work concerned about your drinking or suggested you cut of AUDIT10					

^{9.} COPING. These questions ask about different ways of coping you may have used during the deployment. Please mark which answer best describes you.

		Not at all 1	Several days	Page 26 of More than half the days 3	111 Nearly every day 4
a.	I've been turning to work or other activities to take my mind off things. COPE1				
b.	I've been concentrating my efforts on doing something about the situation I'm in. COPE2				
C.	I've been saying to myself "this isn't real." COPE3				
d.	I've been using alcohol or other drugs to make myself feel better. COPE4				
e.	I've been getting emotional support from others. COPE5				
f.	I've been giving up trying to deal with it. COPE6				
g.	I've been taking action to try to make the situation better. COPE7				
h.	I've been refusing to believe that it is happening. COPE8				
i.	I've been saying things to let my unpleasant feelings escape. COPE9				
j.	I've been getting help and advice from other people. COPE10				
k.	I've been using alcohol or other drugs to help me get through it. COPE11				
l.	I've been trying to see it in a different light, to make it seem more positive. COPE12				
m.	I've been criticizing myself. COPE13				
n.	I've been trying to come up with a strategy about what to do. COPE14				
0.	I've been getting comfort and understanding from someone. COPE15				
p.	I've been giving up the attempt to cope. COPE16				
q.	I've been looking for something good in what is happening. COPE17				
r.	I've been making jokes about it. COPE18				
S.	I've been doing something to think about it less, such as going to movies, watching TV, reading, daydreaming, sleeping, or shopping. COPE19				
t.	I've been accepting the reality of the fact that it has happened. COPE20				
u.	I've been expressing my negative feelings. COPE21				
٧.	I've been trying to find comfort in my religion or spiritual beliefs. COPE22				
		Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
W.	I've been trying to get advice or help from other people about what to do. COPE23				

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x. I've been learning to live with it. COPE24				
y. I've been thinking hard about what steps to take. CO	PE25			
z. I've been blaming myself for things that happened.	OPE26			
aa. I've been praying or meditating. COPE27				
bb. I've been making fun of the situation. COPE28				
10. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES USE				
In the past, have you received mental health service	s for a stress, emotional, alcoho	l, or family p	oroblem from a:	
		No 0	Yes, in the last year 2	Yes, but more than a year ago
				4
Mental health professional at a VA facility? VAMH		Ш	Ш	Ш
General medical doctor at a VA facility? VAPC				
Mental health professional at a military facility? MHMil	Facil			
General medical doctor at a military facility? PCMilFac	il			
Military chaplain? MilChap				
Mental health professional at a civilian facility? MHCiv	Facil			
General medical doctor at a civilian facility? PCCivFac	il			
Civilian clergy? CivClergy				
Military OneSource Referral? MilOneSrce				
VetCenter Readjustment Counseling? VCCounsel				
TRICARE Referral? Tricare				
Military Family Life Consultant? MFLC				
OtherOtherHIthSrvcUse				

If you used s True/False	services in the	e last 12 mon	ths, what type	es of services	s did you recei	ve? (Check all th	at apply) code	28 of 111 each option
Medication Meds	Individual Therapy IndivTher	Group Therapy GrpTher	Substance A Treatmer SubAbul	nt T	nily/Marital herapy amTher	OtherTxPa	astYear	Not applicable TxNA
How satisfie	d were you w	ith any menta	ıl health servi	ces you rece	ived in the last	12 months?		
		newhat			mewhat			
Very unsatisfic	ed uns	atisfied	Neutral	Sá	atisfied	Very satisfied	Not applica	able
			Ш				Ш	
1		2	3		4	5	6	
Rate each of	the possible	concerns tha	t might affect	your decision	on to receive m	nental health cou	nseling or serv	ices:
				Strongly	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly
				Disagree 1	2	3	4	Agree 5
I don't trust me	ntal health pro	ofessionals. <mark>Ho</mark>	geTrust					
I don't know wh	nere to get hel	p. HogeWh er	е					
I don't have ad	equate transp	ortation. <mark>Hog</mark> e	Transport					
It is difficult to	schedule an a	ppointment. He	ogeAppt					
There would be treatment. Hog		ing time off wo	ork for					
Mental health of HogeFinance		much money.						
It might harm r	ny career. <mark>Ho</mark> ọ	geCareer						
It would be too	embarrassing	ı. HogeEmbar	rass					
I would be see	n as weak. <mark>Ho</mark>	geWeak						
Mental health	care doesn't w	ork. HogeNoV	Vork					
Members of my HogeUnitCon	,	ave less confid	ence in me.					
My unit leaders differently.Hog	ship might trea							
My leaders wo HogeLdrBlam	uld blame me		n.					
I don't want it to HogeMilRec		ny military reco	rds.					
There are no p community.Ho	roviders in my	1						
I would have to quality care.Ho	drive great d	istances to rec	eive high					

Are 1 Did	RELATIONSHIPS (These question you currently in a committed red) YES 2 NO (If no, skip you have a relationship that end If Yes, why did the relationship long have you been in a committee of the	ationship value Section led during pend?R	with a spouse/signal of the second of the se	gnifican you do loyment current	t other? C not have c ? 1 \(\text{YES}	ommitRelat hildren, your s 2 NO gnificant other	survey is comple RelationEnd r? YrsRel _	te) Yea	
	t people experience disagreeme greement between you and you		i reialionsnips. r	or the r	iext o items	s, piease estili	iate the extent of	agreemen	. OI
		Always Agree 0	Almost Always Agree 1		sionally gree 2	Often Disagree 3	Almost Always Disagree 4	Always Disagree <mark>5</mark>	<u>)</u>
a.	Values or beliefs DAS1								
b.	Demonstration of affection DAS2								
C.	Making major decisions (e.g., career, where to live, etc.) DAS3								
d.	Sexual relations DAS4								
e.	Aims, goals, and things believed to be important DAS5			l					
f.	Financial decisions DAS6								
The following 5 items describe experiences of couples. Read each question and check the box that honestly reflects how frequently you have had these experiences.									
				All the time	Most of the time	More often than not 2	Occasionally 3	Rarely I	Never 5
g.	How often do you discuss or hav divorce, separation, or terminatin DAS7	•							
h.	Do you ever regret that you marr	ied or got to	ogether?						

How often do you divorce, separatio DAS7 h. Do you ever regre DAS8 i. How often do you and your partner quarrel? DAS9 How often do you and your partner "get on each other's nerves"? DAS10 Do you and your partner engage in outside interests together? DAS11

The following 3 items describe experiences of couples. Read each question and check the box that honestly reflects how frequently you have had these experiences.

U	once a montl	h a month 2	twice a week 3	a day 4	Often 5
I. How often do you and your partner have a stimulating exchange of ideas? DAS12					
m. How often do you and your partner calmly discuss something? DAS13					
n. How often do you and your partner work together on a project? DAS14					

^{12. &}lt;u>PARENTING.</u> This next section asks about children and parenting. If you do not have children, your survey is complete.

1.	Do you have o				ey is com	plete.)	5. Are yo 1 □ \	ou a singl /ES 2	e pare	ent? <mark>SINGLEP</mark> O	Page 30 c ARENT	of 111
2.	Are you a ste _l 1∐ YES	pparent? <mark>2</mark> NO		RENT			recen		ent?	ne birth of a ch <mark>BIRTHDEPLC</mark> O		this most
3.	How many ch						SPEC	u have a CIALNEEI (ES 2	SCH)	
4.	What are the ChildAge1; ChildAge5; C				ldAge4;	_				needs child, p		
	ou co-parent wit STODYCHANGE		ner spous	se/or part	ner, has pl	hysical o	custody of cl	nildren cl	nange	d in the previ	ious 12 m	onths?
	1☐ YES	2 □ NO	3	Not App	licable							
If yes	s, how much str	ess has	this caus	sed? CUS	STODYCHA	ANGESTI	RESS					
	Not at all stressful	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	High s	stress
Is thi	s issue resolve	d or ong	oing? <mark>CU</mark>	JSTODYC	HANGER	ESOLVE						
	Ongoing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Comp reso	•
Dloor	se tell us about	vour nai	entina ev	vnariance	hy markir	na oach	itom oc it on	nlice to v	יחו			
Pleas		your par	chang cz	фененсе	e by markii	ng each	Strongly Disagree	Disag	ree	Undecided 3	Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5
	I am happy in m					ng each	Strongly	Disag	ree		•	Agree
		y role as	a parent.	Parentals	SS1		Strongly	Disag	ree		•	Agree
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	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Undecided 3	Page 31 d Agree 4	of 111 Strongly Agree 5
 If I had it to do over again, I might decide not to have child(ren). ParentalSS14 					
 I feel overwhelmed by the responsibility of being a parent. ParentalSS15 					
 Having a child has meant having too few choices and too litt control over my life. ParentalSS16 	le 🔲				
q. I am satisfied as a parent. ParentalSS17					
r. I find my child(ren) enjoyable. ParentalSS18					

13. <u>CHILDREN</u>. Questions in this section are specifically about your child(ren). If you do not have children, your survey is complete...

The first set of questions is about children between 12 months and 35 months of age - Young Child Questionnaire. The second set of questions is about children between 3 -17 years old – Older Child Questionnaire. Please complete a questionnaire for ALL of your <u>children.</u> If you have more than one child in the Young Child age range or more than one child in the Older Child age range, please ask any of the survey staff for additional questionnaires.

	w many of your children are younger than 12 months of age?	. (No questionnaire	e for this						
Ho	How many of your children are between 12-35 months old? ITSEACHILDREN12to35MO (Complete that # of								
Ho	Young Child Questionnaires) How many of your children are between 3 -17 years old? ITSEACHILDREN3to17 (Complete that # of Older Child Questionnaires)								
	YOUNG CHILD QUESTIONNAIRE: FOR CHILDREN AGES 12 MONTHS – 35 MONTHS								
Chi	ld's Age in # of months ITSEAAGE1(ITSEAAGE2, ect if mo	ore than 1)							
	ld's Sex: 1 Male 2 Female ITSEAGENDER1(ITSEAGENDER2, ect if nase mark the ONE response that best describes your child's behavior in the LA	•	Somewhat True	Very True					
a.	Shows pleasure when he or she succeeds (for example, claps for self) ITSE	A1 🗌							
b.	Gets hurt so often that you can't take your eyes off him/her ITSEA2								
C.	Seems nervous, tense, or fearful ITSEA3								
d.	Is restless and can't sit still ITSEA4								
e.	Follows rules ITSEA5								
f.	Wakes up at night and needs help to fall asleep again ITSEA6								
g.	Cries or has tantrums until he/she is exhausted ITSEA7								
h.	Is afraid of certain places, animals, or thingsITSEA	B							
i.	Has less fun than other children ITSEA9								
j.	Looks for you (or other parent) when upset ITSEA10								
k.	Cries or hangs onto you when you try to leave ITSEA11								
I.	Worries a lot or is very serious ITSEA12								
m.	Looks right at you when you say his/her name ITSEA13								
n.	Does not react when hurt ITSEA14								
0.	Is affectionate with loved ones ITSEA15								
p.	Won't touch some objects because of how they feel ITSEA16								
q.	Has trouble falling asleep or staying asleep ITSEA17								
r.	Runs away in public places ITSEA18								
S.	Plays well with other children (not including brothers/sisters) ITSEA19								
t.	Can pay attention for a long time (other than watching TV) ITSEA20								

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U.	Has trouble adjusting to changes ITSEA21	Ш	Ш	Ш
V.	Tries to help when someone is hurt (for example, gives a toy) ITSEA22			
W.	Often gets very upset ITSEA23			
Χ.	Gags or chokes on food ITSEA24			
у.	Imitates playful sounds when you ask him/her to ITSEA25			
Z.	Refuses to eat ITSEA26			
aa.	Hits, shoves, kicks, or bites children (not including brothers/sisters) ITSEA27			
bb.	Is destructive. Breaks or ruins things on purpose ITSEA28			
CC.	Points to show you something far away ITSEA29			
dd.	Hits, bites, or kicks you (or other parent) ITSEA30			
ee.	Hugs or feeds dolls or stuffed animals ITSEA31			
ff.	Seems very unhappy, sad, depressed, or withdrawn ITSEA32			
gg.	Purposely tries to hurt you (or other parent) ITSEA33			
hh.	When upset, gets very still, freezes, or doesn't move. ITSEA34			
ii.	Puts things in a special order over and over, and gets upset if he/she is interrupted ITSEA35			
jj.	Repeats the same action over and over again. ITSEA36 Please give an example:			
kk.	Repeats a particular movement over and over (like rocking, spinning) ITSEA37 Please give an example:			
II.	Spaces out. Is totally unaware of what is happening around him/her ITSEA38			
mm	.Does not make eye contact ITSEA39			
nn.	Avoids physical contact ITSEA40			
00.	Hurts self on purpose (for example, bangs his/her head) Please give an example: ITSEA41			
pp.	Eats of drinks things that are not edible (like paper or paint) ITSEA42 Please give an example:			

Do you have another child between the ages of 12-35 months? If yes, please ask survey staff for another copy of the <u>Younger Child</u> Questionnaire!

Michigan Army National Guard Pre-Deployment Survey Spouse/Significant Other

In the next pages, we ask a number of questions about your life and your family's experiences. Your answers will be important to helping us understand the issues military service members and their families face prior to a deployment and what areas of pre-deployment programming might be most helpful.

Your answers to this survey are entirely confidential and anonymous. We will have no way of linking your answers back to you individually. We would, however, like to link your answers on this survey to any future surveys we may offer.

To link your answers, you will develop an anonymous identification code based on a series of personal questions. *Only you will know this code*. Your identification code will be created based on the combination of the first 3 letters in your answers to a series of questions.

For example:

Question	Answer	1 st letters/#s of the answer			
Example: What is your dog's name	Spot	<u>SPO</u>			
Example: What is your favorite color	Blue	<u>B</u> <u>L</u> <u>U</u>			
Example: What is the day of the month of	25 th of	2.5			
Christmas	December	<u>25</u>			
EXAMPLE CODE: <u>SPO BLU25</u>					

INSTRUCTIONS

- 4. Please write your answer to each of these 3 questions.
- 5. Then, write the first 3 letters of each answer in the last column.
- 6. Rewrite the first 3 letters/#s from your answers. This is your personal code.

Question	1. Write your Answer	2. Write the 1st 3 letters/#s of your answer
What is your mother's maiden name?		
What was the make of your first car? (e.g. Ford, Chevrolet, Honda, etc.)		
What is the day of the month you were born? (if you were born on the 4th of May your answer would be 04)		

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Participant to keep this page.

Michigan Army National Guard Pre-Deployment Survey Spouse/Significant Other

Please writ	e the SERVICE I	MEMBER'S personal code	Please w	rite your personal code (from	previous page)	
		SP_SMID			SP_ID	
	nthe spouse	se mark the box that best applions of a Milest and I are both Milest and Mile	National Guard	Member		
Age: SP_AGE 1 18-21	Gender: SP_GENDER 1 Female	Marital Status: SP_MARITALSTATUS 1	Ethnicity (check all that apply): SP_ETHNICITY 1 African American	Highest Level of Education: SP_EDUCATION 1 Some high school	Annual Family Income: SP_INCOME 1 ☐ Below \$25,000	
2 22-24	2 Male	2 Unmarried, Cohabiting	2 Asian American	2 GED	2 \$25,001 to \$50,000	
3 25-30		3 Committed relationship, not cohabitating	3 Caucasian	3 High school diploma	3☐ \$50,001 to \$75,000	
4 31-40		4 Divorced	4 Hispanic	4 Some college	4 \$75,001 to \$100,000	
5 41-50		5 Separated	5 Native American	5 Technical certificate or Associate degree	5 Over \$100,000	
6 Over 50		6 Widowed	6 Asian American	6 Bachelor's degree		
30		7 Single	7 Multi-ethnic	7 Graduate degree		
		8 Other	8 Other			
	Since 2001, how many combat or peacekeeping deployments has 1 0 2 1 3 2 4 3 5 4 or more your spouse/significant other completed that lasted more than 30					
aujo. oi _N	a.iib opioj			Date (Month/Year)		
When did he	e/she return hom	ne from the most recent deplo	yment? SP_RTRN			
How long wa	as his/her most :	recent deployment?		Months/Years SP L	enathDeploy	

Are you currently? (check all that apply) coded True/False			
☐ Working full-time SP_WorkFullTime	A student SP_Stude	nt	
	On maternity or pater	nity leave	e SP_MatPatLeave
☐ Unemployed, looking for work SP_UnempLookForWrk	On illness or sick leave	ve <mark>SP_Si</mark>	ckLeave
Unemployed, not looking for work	On disability SP_Disa	ability	
SP_UnempNotLookForWrk ☐ Retired SP_Retired	Other, please specify	· ·	SP_EmpOther
A homemaker SP_Homemaker			
If you are not working or going to school, check here and so	-	<u>lationsh</u>	ipsSP_NoWorkSchool
About how many hours did you work for wages in the past 7 da	s?SP_HPQB3WkHrs		Hours
In the past 4 weeks (28 days), how many days (0-28) did you	SP_HPQB5aWorkMissed		
miss an <u>entire</u> work or school day because of problems with you (<i>Please include only days missed for your <u>own</u> health, not someone</i>			_Days
On a scale from 0 to 10 where 0 is the worst job/academic perfowould you rate your job/school performance in the past 4 weeks performance differs in these areas, please answer the one in where the performance differs in these areas, please answer the one in whether the performance differs in these areas.	? If you are both working	and atte	ending school and your
(Please circle your response.) Worst Performance			Top Performance
0 1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8	9	10
How would you rate your job/school <u>satisfaction</u> in the <u>past 4 w</u> performance differs in these areas, please answer the one in wh			
(Please circle your response.) Completely Unsatisfied			Completely Satisfied
0 1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8	9	10

2. **EMPLOYMENT** (The questions in this section are about your current work situation.)

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	3. <u>RELATIONSHIPS</u> (These questions ask about your relationship with your spouse, girlfriend, or boyfriend. How long have you been in a committed relationship with your current spouse/significant other? SP_YrsRelYears										
	st people experience disagreements agreement between you and your par		ntionships.	For the r	next 6 item	s, please es	stimate the	e extent of	agreeme	ent or	
	g	Always Agree 0	Almost Always Agree 1		asionally Agree 2	Often Disagre 3	_ Al	most ways sagree 4	Alway Disagr 5		
0.	Values or beliefs SP_DAS1										
p.	Demonstration of affection SP_DAS2										
q.	Making major decisions (e.g., career, where to live, etc.) SP_DAS3										
r.	Sexual relations SP_DAS4										
S.	Aims, goals, and things believed to be important SP_DAS5										
t.	Financial decisions SP_DAS6										
	The following 5 items describe experiences of couples. Read each question and check the box that honestly reflects now frequently you have had these experiences.										
				All the time	Most of the time 1	More ofte than no 2	Urca	sionally 3	Rarely 4	Never 5	
u.	How often do you discuss or have divorce, separation, or terminating SP_DAS7	•									
V.	Do you ever regret that you marrie SP_DAS8	d or got to	gether?								
W.	How often do you and your partne SP_DAS9	r quarrel?									
Χ.	How often do you and your partne other's nerves"? SP_DAS10	r "get on e	ach								
у.	Do you and your partner engage in together? SP_DAS11										
	following 3 items describe experience uently you have had these experience		oles. Read	each que	estion and	check the b	ox that ho	nestly ref	lects how	I	
					Never 0	Less than once a month 1	Once or twice a month 2	Once or twice a week	Once a day 4	More Often 5	
Z.	How often do you and your partner exchange of ideas? SP_DAS12	have a stir	nulating								
	How often do you and your partner SP_DAS13										
bb.	How often do you and your partner SP_DAS14	work toget	her on a p	roject?							
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^{4. &}lt;u>SOCIAL SUPPORT (</u>The next section asks questions about people in your life. Please mark the box that best describes your experience.)

		Definitely FALSE 0	Probably FALSE 1	Probably TRUE 2	Page 38 of 111 Definitely TRUE 3
m.	If I wanted to go on a trip for a day (for example, Up North or to Detroit), I would have a hard time finding someone to go with me. SP_ISEL1				
n.	I feel that there is no one I can share my most private worries and fears with. SP_ISEL2				
0.	If I were sick, I could easily find someone to help me with my daily chores. SP_ISEL3				
p.	There is someone I can turn to for advice about handling problems with my family. SP_ISEL4				
q.	If I decide one afternoon that I would like to go to a movie that evening, I could easily find someone to go with me. SP_ISEL5				
r.	When I need suggestions on how to deal with a personal problem, I know someone I can turn to. SP_ISEL6				
S.	I don't often get invited to do things with others. SP_ISEL7				
t.	If I had to go out of town for a few weeks, it would be difficult to find someone who would look after my house or apartment (the plants, pets, garden) SP_ISEL8				
u.	If I wanted to have lunch with someone, I could easily find someone to join me. SP_ISEL9				
V.	If I was stranded 10 miles from home, there is someone I could call who could come and get me. SP_ISEL10				
W.	If a family crisis arose, it would be difficult to find someone who could give me good advice about how to handle it. SP_ISEL11				
Χ.	If I needed some help in moving to a new house or apartment, I would have a hard time finding someone to help me. SP_ISEL12				
	hen you completed the above questionnaire, were otential supporters? SP_ISELSupport	you thinking mo	stly about your spo	ouse/significant	other or about several
0			ificant other) sfaction. Please ma	potential supp	
	DISAGREE	Slightly agree disagree 3	agree nor	Slightly agree <mark>5</mark> Agre	Strongly ee 6 AGREE 7
d.	In most ways my life is close to my ideal. SP_SWLS1 [
e.	The conditions of my life			П	

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	are excellent. SP_SWLS2						Ρ.	age 39 of 111
f.	I am satisfied with my life. SP_SWLS3							
f.	So far I have gotten the important things I want in life. SP_SWLS4							
g.	If I could live my life over, I would change almost nothing. SP_SWLS5							
Р	Please tell us your thoughts about y	your life by ma	rking each it	tem as it app	olies to yo	ou.		
			Disagree a lot 0	Disagr little 1		leither agree or disagree 2	Agree a little	Agree a lot 4
ı	m. In uncertain times, I usually expensesSP_LOTR1	ect the best.						
	If something can go wrong for m SP_LOTR2	e, it will.						
ı	I'm always optimistic about my for SP_LOTR3	uture.						
	p. I hardly ever expect things to go SP_LOTR4	my way.						
	 I rarely count on good things hap SP_LOTR5 	opening to me.						
	 Overall, I expect more good thin to me than bad. SP_LOTR6 	gs to happen						
	s. There is not enough purpose in SP_LOTR7	my life.						
	t. To me, the things I do are all wo SP_LOTR8	rthwhile.						
	 Most of what I do seems trivial a unimportant to me. SP_LOTR9 	nd						
	v. I value my activities a lot. SP_LC	OTR10						
	w. I don't care very much about the SP_LOTR11	things I do.						
	a. I have lots of reasons for living.	SP_LOTR12						
	These next questions ask for your of the feature is the feature of the feature is the feature of							
	ntered		Not at all		A little bit True 1		vhat	Definitely true
p.	There is very little commotion in my SP_CHAOS1	y home.						
q.	My family can usually find things w them. SP_CHAOS2	hen we need						

r.		mily almost always seems to be rushed. CHAOS3									
S.	-	mily is usually able to stay on top of things. CHAOS4									
t.		atter how hard we try, my family always s to be running late. SP_ CHAOS5									
u.	lt's a r	eal zoo in my home. SP_ CHAOS6									
٧.		ne, we can talk to each other without being pted. SP_ CHAOS7									
W.	There CHAC	is often a fuss going on at my home. SP_ OS8									
Χ.		atter what my family plans, it usually 't seem to work out. SP_ CHAOS9									
у.	I can't	hear myself think in my home. SP_ 0S10									
Z.		get drawn into other people's argument at SP_ CHAOS11									
aa.	My ho	me is a good place to relax. SP_									
bb.	The te	elephone takes up a lot of my family's time ne. SP_ CHAOS13									
CC.	The at	mosphere in my home is calm. SP_ 0S14									
dd.		ning in the day, my family has a regular e at home. SP_ CHAOS15									
1.	G. LIFE EXPERIENCES. This section asks about your previous life experiences. 1. What is the most distressing life event you have ever experienced? Briefly describe the event: SP_DistressEventDescribe When did it occur? SP_DistressEventYr 2. During the last 30 days, did you experience any of the following problems in relation to the event you described above? (Circle the number that is most true for you)										
				Not at all 1	A little bit 2	Moderately 3	Quite a bit 4	All the time 5			
	r.	Repeated, disturbing memories, thoughts, or imag stressful experience. SP_PCLM1	es of the	1	2	3	4	5			
	S.	Repeated, disturbing dreams of the stressful expenses SP_PCLM2	rience	1	2	3	4	5			
	t.	Suddenly acting or feeling as if the stressful experiment were happening again (as if you were re-living it). SP_PCLM3	ience	1	2	3	4	5			
	u.	Feeling very upset when something reminded you stressful experience. SP_PCLM4	of the	1	2	3	4	5			

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		Not at all 1	A little bit	Moderately 3	Page 41 Quite a bit 4	of 111 All the time 5
V.	Having physical reactions (like heart pounding, trouble breathing, sweating) when something reminded you of the stressful event. SP_PCLM5	1	2	3	4	5
W.	Avoiding thinking about or talking about the stressful experience or avoiding having feelings related to it. SP_PCLM6	1	2	3	4	5
Χ.	Avoiding activities or situations because they remind you of the stressful experience. SP_PCLM7	1	2	3	4	5
у.	Trouble remembering important parts of the stressful experience. SP_PCLM8	1	2	3	4	5
Z.	Loss of interest in activities that you used to enjoy. SP_PCLM9	1	2	3	4	5
aa.	Feeling distant or cutoff from other people. SP_PCLM10	1	2	3	4	5
bb.	Feeling emotionally numb or being unable to have loving feelings for those close to you. SP_PCLM11	1	2	3	4	5
CC.	Feeling as if your future somehow will be cut short. SP_PCLM12	1	2	3	4	5
dd.	Trouble falling or staying asleep. SP_PCLM13	1	2	3	4	5
ee.	Feeling irritable or having angry outbursts. SP_PCLM14	1	2	3	4	5
ff.	Having difficulty concentrating. SP_PCLM15	1	2	3	4	5
gg.	Being "super alert" or watchful or on guard. SP_PCLM16	1	2	3	4	5
hh.	Feeling jumpy or easily startled. SP_PCLM17	1	2	3	4	5

3. If you answered moderately, quite a bit, or all the time to any of the above questions, how DIFFICULT have these problems made it for you to do your work or get along with other people? SP_PCLMFunctioning

Not difficult at all Somewhat difficult Very difficult Extremely difficult

Not difficult at all	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Extremely difficult
1	2	3	4

7. MOOD. These next questions ask about your mood.

Over the <u>last 2 weeks</u>, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

				Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day 3
j.	Little interest or pleasure	in doing things SP_	PHQ1				
k.	Feeling down, depressed	, or hopeless SP_P	HQ2				
l.	Trouble falling or staying SP PHQ3	asleep, or sleeping	too much				
m.	Feeling tired or having litt	le energy SP_PHQ	4				
n.	Poor appetite or overeating	ng SP_ PHQ5					
0.	Feeling bad about yourse let yourself or your family		a failure or have				
p.	Trouble concentrating on newspaper or watching to		ding the				
q.	q. Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or the opposite—being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual SP_PHQ8						
r.	Thought that you would be yourself in some way SP		r of hurting				
	you checked off any prob me, or get along with otl			lems made it fo	or you to do you	r work, take care	of things at
	Not difficult at all	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Extremely d	lifficult		
	0	1	2	3			
					1Yes	2No	
	Have you thought abo SP_SuicideIdeation1	le in the last 12 mo	nths?				
	Have you <u>ever</u> serious SP SuicideIdeationF	-					
	Have you attempted s SP SuicideAttempt1	2mth	months?				
	Have you <u>ever</u> attemp SP SuicideAttemptF						

Are you in emotional distress?

Please call <u>1-800-273-TALK</u> to talk with someone at the National Suicide Prevention Hotline

Over the <u>last 2 weeks</u>, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

			Not at all	Several days 1	More than half the days 2	Nearly every day 3			
h.	Feeling nervous, anxious or on edge SP_GAD1								
i.	Not being able to stop or control worrying SP_GAD2								
j.	Worrying too much about different things SP_GAD3								
k.	Trouble relaxing SP_GAD4								
l.	Being so restless that it is hard to sit still SP_GAD5								
m.	Becoming easily annoyed or irritable SP_GAD6								
n.	Feeling afraid as if something awful might happen SP_G	AD7							
The	These questions ask how you have felt in the past month. Please check how often you felt or thought a certain way. Never Almost Sometimes Fairly Often Often Never 4								
e.	In the last month, how often have you felt that you	0	1	2	3				
С.	were unable to control the important things in your life? SP_PSS4Control								
f.	In the last month, how often have you felt confident about your ability to handle your personal problems? SP_PSS4PersProbs								
g.	In the last month, how often have you felt that things were going your way?								
h.	SD PSSAThingsGood								

8. ALCOHOL USE

Please check the response that best reflects your patterns of alcohol consumption.

		Never 0	Monthly or Less 1	2-4 times a month	2-3 times a week 3	4 or more times a week 4
a.	How often do you have a drink containing alcohol? SP_AUDIT1	Go to next section				
		1 or 2	3 or 4	5 or 6	7 to 9	10 or more
b.	How many standard drinks do you have on a typical day when you are drinking? [a standard drink is, for example, one 12 oz. beer, a 6 oz. glass of wine, or a 1.5 oz. shot of hard liquor]. SP_AUDIT2					
		Never	Less than monthly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily or almost daily
C.	How often do you have six or more standard drinks on one occasion? SP_AUDIT3					
d.	How often during the last year have you found that you were not able to stop drinking once you had started? SP_AUDIT4					
e.	How often during the last year have you failed to do what was normally expected of you because of drinking? SP_AUDIT5					
f.	How often during the last year have you needed a first drink in the morning to get yourself going after a heavy drinking session? SP_AUDIT6					
g.	How often during the last year have you had a feeling of guilt or remorse after drinking? SP_AUDIT7					
h.	How often during the last year have you been unable to remember what happened the night before because you had been drinking? SP_AUDIT8					
			No 0	Yes, but not last ye		Yes, during he last year 4
i.	Have you or anyone else been injured because of your drinking? SP_AUDIT9	ur				
	Has a relative, friend, doctor, or other health care work concerned about your drinking or suggested you cut of SP_AUDIT10					

^{9.} COPING. These questions ask about different ways of coping you may have used since you found out your spouse/significant other was going to be deployed. Please mark which answer best describes you.

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		Not at all	Several days 2	More than half the days 3	Nearly every day 4
CC.	I've been turning to work or other activities to take my mind off things. SP COPE1				
dd.	I've been concentrating my efforts on doing something about the situation I'm in. $\ensuremath{SP_COPE2}$				
ee.	I've been saying to myself "this isn't real." SP_COPE3				
ff.	I've been using alcohol or other drugs to make myself feel better. SP_COPE4				
gg.	I've been getting emotional support from others. SP_COPE5				
hh.	I've been giving up trying to deal with it. SP_COPE6				
ii.	I've been taking action to try to make the situation better. SP_COPE7				
jj.	I've been refusing to believe that it is happening. SP_COPE8				
kk.	I've been saying things to let my unpleasant feelings escape. SP_COPE9				
II.	I've been getting help and advice from other people. SP_COPE10				
mm	a.I've been using alcohol or other drugs to help me get through it. SP_COPE11				
nn.	I've been trying to see it in a different light, to make it seem more positive. SP COPE12				
00.	I've been criticizing myself. SP_COPE13				
pp.	I've been trying to come up with a strategy about what to do. SP_COPE14				
qq.	I've been getting comfort and understanding from someone. SP_COPE15				
rr.	I've been giving up the attempt to cope. SP_COPE16				
SS.	I've been looking for something good in what is happening. SP_COPE17				
tt.	I've been making jokes about it. SP_COPE18				
uu.	I've been doing something to think about it less, such as going to movies, watching TV, reading, daydreaming, sleeping, or shopping. SP_COPE19				
VV.	I've been accepting the reality of the fact that it has happened. SP_COPE	20			
WW	. I've been expressing my negative feelings. SP_COPE21				
XX.	I've been trying to find comfort in my religion or spiritual beliefs. SP_COPE22				

					Not at all 1	Several days 2	More than half the days	Nearly every day 4
•		've been trying to get advice or help from other people SP_COPE23	e about what to	do.				
,	zz. I	've been learning to live with it. SP_COPE24						
į	aaa.I	've been thinking hard about what steps to take. SP_0	COPE25					
I	bbb.I	've been blaming myself for things that happened. SP	_COPE26					
(ccc. I	've been praying or meditating. SP_COPE27						
(ddd.I	've been making fun of the situation. SP_COPE28						
	The	next questions ask about your thoughts and opin	ions related to Strongly Agree 0	o the militar Agree 1	ry. Please r Neutral 2		Ctronalı	1
	a.	I believe in the mission of the military. SP MilitaryPercep1						
	b.	Behind every strong soldier is a strong family. SP_MilitaryPercep2						
	C.	I do not agree with my spouse/significant other being in the military. SP_MilitaryPercep3						
	d.	My spouse/significant other has a critical role in the military. SP_MilitaryPercep4						
	e.	As a family member, I am important to the military. SP_MilitaryPercep5						
	f.	What I do at home does not make a difference to my partner's success in the military. SP_MilitaryPercep6						
	g.	The military is doing an important job. SP_MilitaryPercep7						
	h.	Families are not important to military readiness. SP_MilitaryPercep8						
	i. j.	I support my spouse/significant other's choice to be in the military. SP_MilitaryPercep9 I am proud to be a military spouse.						
		OD 1499 D 40						

SP_MilitaryPercep10

10. <u>MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES USE</u>
In the <u>past,</u> have you received mental health services for a stress, emotional, alcohol, or family problem from a:

					No 0	Yes, in the last year	Yes, but more than a year ago 4			
Mental hea	alth professiona	l at a VA facilit	y? SP_VAMH							
General mo	edical doctor at	a VA facility?	SP_VAPC							
Mental hea	alth professiona	l at a military fa	acility? SP_MHMilFac	cil						
General me	edical doctor at	a military facil								
Military cha	aplain? <mark>SP_Mil</mark> 0	Chap								
Mental hea	alth professiona	l at a civilian fa								
General me	edical doctor at	a civilian facili	ty? SP_PCCivFacil							
Civilian cle	rgy? <mark>SP_CivCl</mark>	ergy								
Military On	eSource Referr	al? <mark>SP_MilO</mark> n	eSrce							
VetCenter	Readjustment (Counseling? <mark>S</mark>	P_VCCounsel							
TRICARE I	Referral? SP_T	ricare								
Military Far	mily Life Consu	Itant? <mark>SP_MFI</mark>	LC							
Other		SP_Oth	erHIthSrvcUse							
If you used services in the last 12 months, what types of services did you receive? (Check all that apply) code each option yes/no Individual Group Substance Abuse Family/Marital Other Not Medication Therapy Treatment Therapy applicable										
SP_Meds	SP_IndivTh er		SP_SubAbuTx	SP_FamTher	SP_OtherTxF ☐ Please de		SP_TxNA			
How satisfie	_	-	l health services you		st 12 months?					
Very unsatisf		ewhat atisfied	Neutral	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied	Not applicat	ole			
	[
1		2	3	4	5	6				

Rate each of the possible concerns that might affect your decision to receive mental health counseling or services:

	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Neutral 3	Agree 4	Strongly Agree
I don't trust mental health professionals. SP_HogeTrust					
I don't know where to get help. SP_HogeWhere					
I don't have adequate transportation. SP_HogeTransport					
It is difficult to schedule an appointment. SP_HogeAppt					
There would be difficulty getting time off work for treatment. SP_HogeWork					
Mental health care costs too much money. SP_HogeFinance					
It might harm my career. SP_HogeCareer					
It would be too embarrassing. SP_HogeEmbarras	s 🗌				
I would be seen as weak. SP_HogeWeak					
Mental health care doesn't work. SP_HogeNoWork	k 🗌				
Members of my unit might have less confidence in SP_HogeUnitConfid	me.				
My unit leadership might treat me differently. SP_HogeLdrTreatDiff					
My leaders would blame me for the problem. SP_HogeLdrBlame					
I don't want it to appear on my military records. SP_HogeMilRec					
There are no providers in my community. SP_HogeNoTxProv					
I would have to drive great distances to receive hig quality care. SP_HogeDistance	h 🗆				
12. PARENTING. This next section asks about of	children and parenting.	If you do not ha	ave children, you	ır survey is com	plete.
 Do you have children? SP_CHILDREN YES 2 NO (IF NO, your complete.) 	survey is	. Are you a s 1 YES	single parent? S 2 NO	P_SINGLEPAR	RENT
2. Are you a stepparent? SP_STEPPAREN 1 YES 2 NO	Т 6	<mark>physical cu</mark>	arent with a form stody of childrer lissing from onlin 2 \rightarrow NO	n changed in the	
 How many children under age 18 live in y SP_NumbChildMinor 		. Do you hav	ve a special need ALNEEDSCHIL 2 NO		
4. What are the ages of your children?_SP_ SP_ChildAge2; SP_ChildAge3; SP_ChildAge5: SP_ChildAge6: S	ildAge4;	. If you have	a special needs ALNEEDEXPL		

		Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Undecided 3	Page 49 o Agree 4	f 111 Strongly Agree 5
S.	I am happy in my role as a parent. SP_ParentalSS1					
t.	There is little or nothing I wouldn't do for my child(ren) if it was necessary. SP_ParentalSS2					
u.	Caring for my child(ren) sometimes takes more time and energy than I have to give. SP_ParentalSS3					
٧.	I sometimes worry whether I am doing enough for my children. SP_ParentalSS4					
W.	I feel close to my child(ren). SP_ParentalSS5					
Χ.	I enjoy spending time with my child(ren). SP_ParentalSS6					
у.	My child(ren) is/are an important source of affection for me. SP_ParentalSS7					
Z.	Having a child(ren) gives me a more certain and optimistic view for the future. SP_ParentalSS8					
aa.	The major source of stress in my life is my child(ren). SP_ParentalSS9					
bb.	Having a child(ren) leaves little time and flexibility in my life. SP_ParentalSS10					
CC.	Having a child(ren) has been a financial burden. SP_ParentalSS11					
dd.	It is difficult to balance different responsibilities because of my child(ren). SP_ ParentalSS12					
ee.	The behavior of my child(ren) is often embarrassing or stressful to me. SP_ParentalSS13					
ff.	If I had it to do over again, I might decide not to have child(ren). SP_ParentalSS14					
gg.	I feel overwhelmed by the responsibility of being a parent. SP_ParentalSS15					
hh.	Having a child has meant having too few choices and too little control over my life. SP_ParentalSS16					
ii.	I am satisfied as a parent. SP_ParentalSS17					
jj.	I find my child(ren) enjoyable. SP_ParentalSS18					

13. CHILDREN. Questions in this section are specifically about your child(ren). If you do not have children, your survey is complete... The first set of questions is about children between 12 months and 35 months of age – Young Child Questionnaire. The second set of questions is about children between 3 -17 years old – Older Child Questionnaire. Please complete a questionnaire for ALL of your children. If you have more than one child in the Young Child age range or more than one child in the Older Child age range, please ask any of the survey staff for additional questionnaires. How many of your children are younger than 12 months of age? _____ (No questionnaire for this child) SP_ITSEACHILDRENLESS12MO How many of your children are between 12-35 months old? SP ITSEACHILDREN12to35MO _____ (Complete that # of Young Child Questionnaires) How many of your children are between 3 -17 years old? SP_ITSEACHILDREN3to17 _____ (Complete that # of Older Child Questionnaires) YOUNG CHILD QUESTIONNAIRE: FOR CHILDREN AGES 12 MONTHS - 35 MONTHS Child's Age in # of months_____ SP_ITSEAAGE1(SP_ITSEAAGE2, ect if more than 1) Child's Sex: 1 Male 2 Female SP_ITSEAGENDER1(SP_ITSEAGENDER2, ect if more than 1) Please mark the ONE response that best describes your child's behavior in the LAST month: Not True Somewhat True Very True 1 2 3 Shows pleasure when he or she succeeds (for example, claps for self) Gets hurt so often that you can't take your eyes off him/her SP_ITSEA2 ss. Seems nervous, tense, or fearful SP_ITSEA3 Is restless and can't sit still SP ITSEA4 uu. Follows rules SP_ITSEA5 vv. Wakes up at night and needs help to fall asleep again SP_ITSEA6 ww. Cries or has tantrums until he/she is exhausted SP_ITSEA7 xx. Is afraid of certain places, animals, or things ___ SP ITSFAR yy. Has less fun than other children SP_ITSEA9 zz. Looks for you (or other parent) when upset SP_ITSEA10 aaa. Cries or hangs onto you when you try to leave SP_ITSEA11 bbb. Worries a lot or is very serious SP_ITSEA12 ccc. Looks right at you when you say his/her name SP_ITSEA13 ddd. Does not react when hurt SP_ITSEA14 eee. Is affectionate with loved ones SP ITSEA15 fff. Won't touch some objects because of how they feel SP_ITSEA16 ggg. Has trouble falling asleep or staying asleep SP_ITSEA17 hhh. Runs away in public places SP_ITSEA18 Plays well with other children (not including brothers/sisters) SP_ITSEA19 Can pay attention for a long time (other than watching TV) SP_ITSEA20 Not True Somewhat True Very True

kkk. Has trouble adjusting to changes SP_ITSEA21

1

2

3

III. Tries to help when someone is hurt (for example, gives a toy) SP_ITSEA22	Page 51 of 111	
mmm. Often gets very upset SP_ITSEA23		
nnn.Gags or chokes on food SP_ITSEA24		
ooo.Imitates playful sounds when you ask him/her to SP_ITSEA25		
ppp.Refuses to eat SP_ITSEA26		
qqq.Hits, shoves, kicks, or bites children (not including brothers/sisters) SP_ITSEA27		
rrr. Is destructive. Breaks or ruins things on purpose SP_ITSEA28		
sss. Points to show you something far away SP_ITSEA29		
ttt. Hits, bites, or kicks you (or other parent) SP_ITSEA30		
uuu.Hugs or feeds dolls or stuffed animals SP_ITSEA31		
vvv. Seems very unhappy, sad, depressed, or withdrawn SP_ITSEA32		
www. Purposely tries to hurt you (or other parent) SP_ITSEA33		
xxx. When upset, gets very still, freezes, or doesn't move. SP_ITSEA34		
yyy. Puts things in a special order over and over, and gets upset if he/she is interrupted SP_ITSEA35		
zzz. Repeats the same action over and over again. SP_ITSEA36 Please give an example:		
aaaa. Repeats a particular movement over and over (like rocking, spinning) SP_ITSEA37 Please give an example:		
bbbb. Spaces out. Is totally unaware of what is happening around him/her SP_ITSEA38		
cccc. Does not make eye contact SP_ITSEA39		
dddd. Avoids physical contact SP_ITSEA40		
eeee. Hurts self on purpose (for example, bangs his/her head) Please give an example: SP_ITSEA41		
ffff. Eats of drinks things that are not edible (like paper or paint) SP_ITSEA42 Please give an example:		

Do you have another child between the ages of 12-35 months? If yes, please ask survey staff for another copy of the <u>Younger Child</u> Questionnaire!

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OLDER CHILD QUESTIONNAIRE: For children ages 3 years – 17 years old

	Id's Age in # of YearsSP_SDQAGE1 (SP_SDQAGE2, ect if more to									
	Child's Sex: 1 Male 2 Female SP_SDQGENDER1 (SP_SDQGENDER2, ect if more than 1) The following questions ask about strengths and difficulties some children might have. Please give your answers on the basis of the									
chi	ld's behavior over the last SIX MONTHS.	Not Tour	Company hat Turns	Vam. Tm.a						
		Not True 1	Somewhat True 2	Very True 3						
a.	Considerate of other people's feelings SP_SDQ1									
b.	Restless, overactive, cannot stay still for long SP_SDQ2									
C.	Often complains of headaches, stomach-aches or sickness SP_SDQ3									
d.	Shares readily with other children (toys, food, games) SP_SDQ4									
e.	Often loses temper SP_SDQ5									
f.	Rather solitary, prefers to play alone SP_SDQ6									
g.	Generally well behaved, usually does what adults request SP_SDQ7									
h.	Many worries or often seems worried SP_SDQ8									
i.	Helpful if someone is hurt, upset or feeling ill SP_SDQ9									
j.	Constantly fidgeting or squirming SP_SDQ10									
k.	Has at least one good friend SP_SDQ11									
I.	Often fights with children or bullies them SP_SDQ12									
m.	Often unhappy, depressed or tearful SP_SDQ13									
n.	Generally liked by other children SP_SDQ14									
0.	Easily distracted, concentration wanders SP_SDQ15									
p.	Nervous or clingy in new situations, easily loses confidence SP_SDQ16									
q.	Kind to younger children SP_SDQ17	Ш	Ш	Ш						
r.	Often argumentative with adults SP_SDQ18									
S.	Picked on or bullied by other children SP_SDQ19									
t.	Often offers to help others (parents, teachers, other children) SP_SDQ20									
U.	Thinks things out before acting SP_SDQ21									
٧.	Can be spiteful to others SP_SDQ22									
W.	Gets along better with adults than with other children SP_SDQ23									
Х.	Many fears, easily scared SP_SDQ24									
y.	Good attention span, sees work through to the end SP_SDQ25									
Z.	Often lies or cheats SP_SDQ26									
aa.	Steals from home, school or elsewhere SP_SDQ27									
	Do you have another child between the ages of 3	,								
	If yes, please ask survey staff for another copy of the <u>C</u>	<u>Older Child</u> (Questionnaire!							
	THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME ON THIS SURVEY AND FOR YO	OUR FAMILY'S	SERVICE							

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OLDER CHILD QUESTIONNAIRE: For children ages 3 years - 17 years old

Child's Age in # of Years_____SDQAGE1 (SDQAGE2, ect if more than 1)

Chi	ild's Sex: 1 Male 2 Female SDQGENDER1 (SDQGENDER2, ect if more that	an 1)		
	e following questions ask about strengths and difficulties some children might have. Id's behavior over the last SIX MONTHS.	Please give you	r answers on the bas	is of the
		Not True	Somewhat True	Very True
hh	Considerate of other people's feelings SDO1	1	2	3
	Considerate of other people's feelings SDQ1 Restless, overactive, cannot stay still for long SDQ2			
cc.				
ee.				
ff.	Often loses temper SDQ5			
gg.	Rather solitary, prefers to play alone SDQ6			
hh.				
ii.	Many worries or often seems worried SDQ8			
jj.	Helpful if someone is hurt, upset or feeling ill SDQ9			
kk.	Constantly fidgeting or squirming SDQ10			
II.	Has at least one good friend SDQ11			
mr	n.Often fights with children or bullies them SDQ12			
nn.	Often unhappy, depressed or tearful SDQ13			
00.	Generally liked by other children SDQ14			
pp.	Easily distracted, concentration wanders SDQ15			
qq.	Nervous or clingy in new situations, easily loses confidence SDQ16			
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SS.	Often argumentative with adults SDQ18			
tt.	Picked on or bullied by other children SDQ19			
uu.	Often offers to help others (parents, teachers, other children) SDQ20			
VV.	Thinks things out before acting SDQ21			
WW	. Can be spiteful to others SDQ22			
XX.	Gets along better with adults than with other children SDQ23			
уу.	Many fears, easily scared SDQ24			
ZZ.	Good attention span, sees work through to the end SDQ25			
aaa	a. Often lies or cheats SDQ26			
bbb	o. Steals from home, school or elsewhere SDQ27			
	Do you have another child between the ages of 3 lf yes, please ask survey staff for another copy of the	,		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME ON THIS SURVEY AND FOR YOUR SERVICE.

Michigan Army National Guard Pre-Deployment Survey Parents of Service Members

In the following pages, we ask a number of questions about your life and experiences with having a child deploy as a member of the United States Armed Forces. We will ask you about yourself personally, your role in the deployment of your service member, and your views on how parents can best support their children who deploy. Your answers will be important to helping us understand what issues families of military service members face prior to and during a deployment and the areas of programming that would be most helpful.

Your answers to this survey are confidential and anonymous. We will have no way of linking your answers back to you individually. We would, however, like to link your answers on this survey to any future surveys we may offer.

To link your answers, you will develop an anonymous identification code based on a series of personal questions. *Only you will know this code.* Your identification code will be created based on the combination of the first 3 letters or numbers in your answers to a series of questions.

For example:

Question	Answer	1 st letters/#s of the answer					
Example: What is your dog's name	Spot	<u>SPO</u>					
Example: What is your favorite color	Blue	BLU					
Example: What is the day of the month of Christmas	25 th of December	<u>25</u>					
EXAMPLE CODE: <u>SPO BLU25</u>							

INSTRUCTIONS

7. Please write your answer to each of these 3 questions.

This is your personal code.

- 8. Then, write the first 3 letters of each answer in the last column.
- 9. Rewrite the first 3 letters/#s from your answers. This is your personal code.

Question	1. Write your Answer	2. Write the 1st 3 letters/#s of your answer
What is your mother's maiden name?		
What was the make of your first car? (e.g. Ford, Chevrolet, Honda, etc.)		
What is the day of the month you were born? (if you were born on the 4th of May your answer would be 04)		
4. Write the first 3 letters/#s from e	ach of your above answers	

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Participant to keep this page.

Please write the	SERVICE MEMBE	R'S personal code	Please write	your personal code (fro	m previous page)		
		P_SMID			P_ID		
1. PERSONAL	INFORMATION						
P_AGE I	Gender: P_GENDER 1☐ Female	Marital Status: P_MARITALSTATUS 1 Married	Ethnicity (check all): P_ETHNICITY 1 African American	Highest Level of Education: P_EDUCATION 1 Some high school	Annual Family Income: P_INCOME 1 Below \$25,000		
2 22-30	2 Male	2 Unmarried, Cohabiting	2 Asian American	<mark>2</mark> □GED	2 \$25,001 to \$50,000		
3 ☐ 31-40 4 ☐ 41-50		3 Committed relationship, not cohabitating	3 ☐ Caucasian 4 ☐ Hispanic	3∏High school diploma	3 \$50,001 to \$75,000		
5 51-60		4 Divorced5 Separated	5 ☐ Native American	4 ☐Some college	4\$75,001 to \$100,000		
<mark>6</mark> 61-70 7 over 70		6 Widowed	6 Asian American	5 Technical certificate or Associate	5 ○ Over \$100,000		
		7 Single		degree			
		8 Other	7 Multi-ethnic	6⊡Bachelor's degree			
			8 Other	7☐Graduate degree			
	rried to/together w _LMARRIEDPAREN	ith the other parent of your	service	1	Yes 2 No		
-	eceased? P_PAREN			1 `	Yes 2 No		
If no, are you divo	orced/separated from	m the other parent? P_PARE	NTSVRMBRDIV	1	Yes 2 No		
What is your em	ployment status?	Are you? (check all that ap	pply)				
☐ Working full-ti P_WorkFullTime		Unemployed, not looki P_UnemplNotLookForW	•	☐ On illness	or sick leave P_SickLeave		
☐ Working part- P_WorkPartTime		Retired P_Retired		On disabil	ity P_Disability		
☐ Unemployed, looking for work P_UnempLookForWrk ☐ A homemaker P_Homemaker			emaker	Other, pl	ease specify: P_ <mark>EmpOthe</mark> 		
Are you persona military?P_PAR		e military or have you beer	a member of the		1 Yes 2 No		
If yes, have you p	oreviously deployed PrevDepoly	to a combat zone?		1☐ Yes 2☐ No			
_		dates of your deployment:		P_ParentMilitaryPrevD	epolyDate		
If yes, what were the approximate dates of your deployment: What was the length of your deployment/s: P_ParentMilitaryPrevDepolyLength For which conflict were you deployed? P_ParentMilitaryPrevDepolyConflict P_ParentMilitaryPrevDepolyDate							

2. RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR SERVICE MEMBER CHILD

4 We live a far distance

from each other.

How often do you talk to your service member child? Circle your answer.									
By voice comm	nunication (eg	ı. Telephone, S	Skype-voice only)?	P_ComChildV	oice				
Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly	2-3 times a month	Monthly	2-3 times a year	Yearly	Never		
0 Through Video	1 Communicat	<mark>2</mark> ion (e.g., Skyp	3 oe with video, video	4 conferencing	5)? P_ComChildVic	6 leo	7		
Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly	2-3 times a month	Monthly	2-3 times a year	Yearly	Never		
0 By email/text n	1 nessage/insta	2 nt messaging	3 ? P_ComChildEmai	4 I	5	6	7		
Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly	2-3 times a month	Monthly	2-3 times a year	Yearly	Never		
0 In person P_Co	1 omChildPer	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Daily	2-3 times a week	Weekly	2-3 times a month	Monthly	2-3 times a year	Yearly	Never		
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
How would you	u describe yo	ur current rela	tionship with your	service membe	er child? (circle or	ne number) P_	_ChildRelat		
Worst Relatio	nship 1	2	3 4 5	6	7 8 9	Bes	st Relationship		
Are you conce	rnad about th	o montal hoolt	h of your corvice m	ombor obild?	D MUConcorn				
Are you conce			<u>h</u> of your service m 2 3	nember child?	P_MHConcern 6 7	8	9 Extremely concerned		
Not at all conce	erned	1 :		4 5	6 7		concerned		
Not at all conce	erned	1 :	2 3	4 5	6 7		concerned		
Not at all conce	erned	1 :	2 3	4 5	6 7		concerned		
Not at all conce	erned	1 :	2 3	4 5	6 7		concerned		
Not at all conce	erned	1 :	2 3	4 5	6 7		concerned		
Not at all conce	erned	1 :	2 3	4 5	6 7		concerned		

3 We live about a one-

two hour drive apart

2 We live in the

same community

close to each other

1 ☐ We share a residence

Are you concerned about t	the <u>physica</u>	l health c	of your se	rvice mer	mber child	? P_PHC	oncern			
Not at all concerned	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Extremely concerned
If you indicated co	oncern, brie	fly descr	ibe the ph	nysical he	ealth symp	otoms that	t worry yo	ou the mo	st: P_P	HSXConcern
If you are concerned abou P_CONCERNWELLHELP	t the wellbe	ing of yo	ur servic	e memb e	r, how invo	olved are	you in he	lping him	/her?	
Not at all involved	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Extremely involved
Would you like to be more	involved in	helping	him/her?	P_MORE	INVOLVEI)				Evtromoly
Not at all interested	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Extremely interested
If it was available to parent supporting your service m					o someone	e about ho	ow you ca	an be moi	re invol	ved in
Not at all interested	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Extremely interested
If you are <u>not</u> involved in h yes/no	nelping your	service	member (child, che	eck all the	barriers to	o your in	/olvemen	t below	: Code each
☐ He/she does not want m	ny help P_B/	ARRIERN	IOHELP		☐ lam n	ot sure ho	w I can he	elp <mark>P_BAF</mark>	RRIERU	NSURE
☐ I would like to help but I stress in my life P_BARRIE			with other		lt is no					take care of
I worry that I will make the P_BARRIERWORSE	hings worse	than they	already a	re [Other ba	arriers (ple	ease briefl	y list belov	v) P_BA	ARRIEROTHEF

_	ELATIONSHIPS (These quest you currently in a committed related to the c		,		,			oyfriend.)		
1[YES 2 NO (If no, skip to	o 4. Coping)								
How	long have you been in a commi	tted relations	hip with you	ır current	spouse/s	significant ot	her? P_Yr	rsRel		
	Years									
	t people experience disagreeme greement between you and your		•	For the r	next 6 iter	ns, please es			agreeme	ent or
		Always Agree <mark>0</mark>	Almost Always Agree 1		asionally Agree 2	Often Disagre 3	_ Al	lmost lways sagree <mark>4</mark>	Alway Disagr <mark>5</mark>	
CC.	Values or beliefs P_DAS1									
dd.	Demonstration of affection P_DAS2									
ee.	Making major decisions (e.g., career, where to live, etc.) P_DAS3									
ff.	Sexual relations P_DAS4									
gg.	Aims, goals, and things believed to be important P_DAS5									
hh.	Financial decisions P_DAS6									
	following 5 items describe expe		uples. Read	each que	stion and	d check the b	ox that ho	nestly ref	lects	
how	frequently you have had these e	experiences.		All the	Most of	f More ofte	en o	! !!	Danaha	N
				time 0	the time		Ucca	asionally 3	Rarely 4	Never 5
ii.	How often do you discuss or have divorce, separation, or terminating P_DAS7	•								
jj.	Do you ever regret that you marri P_DAS8	ed or got toget	ther?							
kk.	How often do you and your partner	er quarrel? P_I	DAS9							
II.	How often do you and your partner nerves"?P_ DAS10	er "get on each	n other's							
	following 3 items describe exper Jently you have had these exper		uples. Read	each que	stion and	d check the b	ox that ho	nestly ref	lects how	I
поце	acting you have than these exper	ichices.			Never 0	Less than once a month	Once or twice a month 2	Once or twice a week 3	Once a day 4	More Often 5
mm.	How often do you and your pa of ideas? P_DAS12	rtner have a si	timulating ex	change						
ı	How often do you and your partner P_DAS13	-								
	How often do you and your partner P_DAS14	work together	on a project	?						
4. <u>C</u>	<u>COPING</u>									

These questions ask about different ways of coping you may be using related to your child's deployment. Please mark which answer best describes you.

	Not at all 1	Several days 2	More than half the days	every day 4
eee. I've been turning to work or other activities to take my mind off things. P COPE1				
fff. I've been concentrating my efforts on doing something about the situation I'm in. P_COPE2				
ggg. I've been saying to myself "this isn't real." P_COPE3				
hhh. I've been using alcohol or other drugs to make myself feel better. P_COPE4				
iii. I've been getting emotional support from others. P_COPE5				
jjj. I've been giving up trying to deal with it. P_COPE6				
kkk. I've been taking action to try to make the situation better. P_COPE7				
III. I've been refusing to believe that it is happening. P_COPE8				
mmm. I've been saying things to let my unpleasant feelings escape. P_COPE9				
nnn. I've been getting help and advice from other people. P_COPE10				
000. I've been using alcohol or other drugs to help me get through it. P_COPE11				
ppp. I've been trying to see it in a different light, to make it seem more positive. P_COPE12				
qqq. I've been criticizing myself. P_COPE13				
rrr. I've been trying to come up with a strategy about what to do. P_COPE14				
SSS.I've been getting comfort and understanding from someone. P_COPE15				
ttt. I've been giving up the attempt to cope. P_COPE16				
uuu. I've been looking for something good in what is happening. P_COPE17				
vvv.I've been making jokes about it. P_COPE18				
www. I've been doing something to think about it less, such as going to movies, watching TV, reading, daydreaming, sleeping, or shopping. P_COPE19				
xxx. I've been accepting the reality of the fact that it has happened. P_COPE20				
yyy. I've been expressing my negative feelings. P_COPE21				
zzz. I've been trying to find comfort in my religion or spiritual beliefs. P_COPE22				

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				Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
aaa	a. I've been trying to get advice or help from other pep_COPE23	eople about w	hat to do.				
bbb	b. I've been learning to live with it. P_COPE24						
CCC	C. I've been thinking hard about what steps to take.	P_COPE25					
ddd	d. I've been blaming myself for things that happened	P_COPE26					
eee	e. I've been praying or meditating. P_COPE27						
ffff.	I've been making fun of the situation. P_COPE28						
Ple	ase tell us your thoughts about your life by markin	g each item a	as it applies	to you.			
		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
a.	I believe in the mission of the military. P_Military1						
b.	Behind every strong soldier is a strong family. P_Military2						
C.	I do not agree with my child being in the military. P_Military3						
d.	My child has a critical role in the military. P_Military4						
e.	As a family member, I am important to the military. P_Military5						
f.	What I do at home does not make a difference to my child's success in the military. P_Military6						
g.	The military is doing an important job. P_Military7						
h.	Families are not important to military readiness. P_Military8						_
i.	I support my child's choice to be in the military. P_Military9						
j.	I am proud to be a military parent. P_Military10						

Please tell us your thoughts about your life by marking each item as it applies to you. Disagree Neither agree Disagree a Agree a Agree a lot little or disagree little a lot 0 1 2 3 4 In uncertain times, I usually expect the best. P LOTR1 If something can go wrong for me, it will. P_LOTR2 I'm always optimistic about my future. P_LOTR3 aa. I hardly ever expect things to go my way. P LOTR4 bb. I rarely count on good things happening to me. P_LOTR5 cc. Overall, I expect more good things to happen to me than bad. P_LOTR6 dd. There is not enough purpose in my life. P_LOTR7 ee. To me, the things I do are all worthwhile. P_LOTR8 ff. Most of what I do seems trivial and unimportant to me. P_LOTR9 gg. I value my activities a lot. P_LOTR10 hh. I don't care very much about the things I do. P_LOTR11 ii. I have lots of reasons for living. P_LOTR12 Slightly **NEITHER** Strongly Slightly Strongly Disagree disagree agree nor **DISAGREE 1** agree 5 AGREE 7 Agree 6 disagree 4 In most ways my life is close to my ideal. P_SWLS1 h. The conditions of my life are excellent. P_SWLS2 I am satisfied with my life. P_SWLS3 h. So far I have gotten the important things I want in life. P_SWLS4 If I could live my life over, I İ. would change almost nothing. P_SWLS5

Social Support (The next section asks questions about people in your life. Please mark the box that best describes your experience.) Definitely Probably **Probably** Definitely FALSE 0 FALSE 1 TRUE 2 TRUE 3 y. If I wanted to go on a trip for a day (for example, Up North or to Detroit), I would have a hard time finding someone to go with me. P_ISEL1 z. I feel that there is no one I can share my most private worries and fears with. P_ISEL2 aa. If I were sick, I could easily find someone to help me with my daily chores. P_ISEL3 bb. There is someone I can turn to for advice about handling problems with my family. P_ISEL4 cc. If I decide one afternoon that I would like to go to a movie that evening, I could easily find someone to go with me. P_ISEL5 dd. When I need suggestions on how to deal with a personal problem, I know someone I can turn to. P_ISEL6 ee. I don't often get invited to do things with others. P_ISEL7 If I had to go out of town for a few weeks, it would be difficult to find someone who would look after my house or apartment (the plants, pets, garden) P_ISEL8 qq. If I wanted to have lunch with someone, I could easily find someone to join me. P_ISEL9 hh. If I was stranded 10 miles from home, there is someone I could call who could come and get me. P_ISEL10 If a family crisis arose, it would be difficult to find someone who could give me good advice about how to handle it. P_ISEL11 If I needed some help in moving to a new house or apartment, I would have a hard time finding someone to help me. P_ISEL12 When you completed the above questionnaire, were you thinking mostly about your spouse/significant other or about several potential supporters? P_ISELSupport I was thinking primarily about I was thinking primarily about I was thinking about several my spouse/significant other one person (not spouse/significant other) potential supporters 5. LIFE EVENTS

Thinking back on your entire life, have you ever...

YES ... been badly beaten up? P_LEM1 a.

b.	been shot or stabbed? P_LEM2	Page 64 of 111
C.	witnessed someone being seriously injured or killed? P_LEM3	
d.	unexpectedly discovered a dead body? P_LEM4	
e.	been mugged, held up, or threatened with a weapon? P_LEM5	
f.	been held captive, tortured, or kidnapped? P_LEM6	
g.	been in a fire, flood, earthquake, or other natural disaster? P_LEM7	
h.	been in a life-threatening car or motor vehicle accident? P_LEM8	
i.	had any other kind of life-threatening accident or injury? P_LEM9	
j.	been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness? P_LEM10	
k.	had a child of yours diagnosed with a life-threatening illness? P_LEM11	
l.	been raped? P_LEM12	
m.	experienced any other kind of sexual assault? P_LEM13	
n.	learned about the <u>sudden, unexpected death</u> of a close friend or relative? P_LEM14	
0.	learned that a close friend or relative was seriously physically attacked or injured in a life-threatening event of any kind? P_LEM15	
i	a. Which of the above events was the worst? P_LEMWorst	
ı	b. How old were you when it occurred? P_LEMWorstAge	
(c. Briefly describe the eventP_LEMWorstDescribe	

During the last 30 days, did you experience any of the following problems related to the worst event you described in above? (Circle the number that is most true for you)

		Not at all	A little bit 2	Moderately 3	Quite a bit 4	All the time 5
a.	Repeated, disturbing memories, thoughts, or images of the stressful experience? P_PCLM1	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Repeated, disturbing dreams of the stressful experience. P_PCLM2	1	2	3	4	5
C.	Suddenly acting or feeling as if the stressful experience were happening again (as if you were re-living it). P_PCLM3	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Feeling very upset when something reminded you of the stressful experience. P_PCLM4	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Having physical reactions (like heart pounding, trouble breathing, sweating) when something reminded you of the stressful event. P_PCLM5	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Avoiding thinking about or talking about the stressful experience or avoiding having feelings related to it. P_PCLM6	1	2	3	4	5
g.	Avoiding activities or situations because they remind you of the stressful experience. P_CLM7	1	2	3	4	5
h.	Trouble remembering important parts of the stressful experience. P_PCLM8	1	2	3	4	5
i.	Loss of interest in activities that you used to enjoy. P_PCLM9	1	2	3	4	5
j.	Feeling distant or cutoff from other people. P_PCLM10	1	2	3	4	5
k.	Feeling emotionally numb or being unable to have loving feelings for those close to you. P_PCLM11	1	2	3	4	5
l.	Feeling as if your future somehow will be cut short. P_PCLM12	1	2	3	4	5
m.	Trouble falling or staying asleep. P_PCLM13	1	2	3	4	5
n.	Feeling irritable or having angry outbursts. P_PCLM14	1	2	3	4	5
0.	Having difficulty concentrating. P_PCLM15	1	2	3	4	5
p.	Being "super alert" or watchful or on guard. P_PCLM16	1	2	3	4	5
q.	Feeling jumpy or easily startled. P_PCLM17	1	2	3	4	5

If you answered **moderately**, **quite a bit**, or **all the time** to any of the above questions, how DIFFICULT have these problems made it for you to do your work or get along with other people? **P_PCLMFunctioning**

Not difficult at all	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Extremely difficult
1	2	3	4

6. MOOD. These next questions ask about your mood.

Over the <u>last 2 weeks</u>, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems? (Please circle your answer)

		Not at all 0	Several days 1	More than half the days 2	Nearly every day 3
1.	Little interest or pleasure in doing things P_PHQ1	0	1	2	3
2.	Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless P_PHQ2	0	1	2	3
3.	Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much P_PHQ3	0	1	2	3
4.	Feeling tired or having little energy P_PHQ4	0	1	2	3
5.	Poor appetite or overeating P_PHQ5	0	1	2	3
6.	Feeling bad about yourself—or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down P_PHQ6	0	1	2	3
7.	Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television P_PHQ7	0	1	2	3
8.	Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or the opposite—being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual P_PHQ8	0	1	2	3
9.	Thoughts that you would be better off dead, or of hurting yourself in some way P_PHQ9	0	1	2	3

If you checked off any problems, how difficult have these problems made it for you to do your work, take care of things at home, or get along with other people? P_PHQFunction

Not difficult at all	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Extremely difficult
0	1	2	3

For each of the following statements, please indicate how often that statement was true for you during the past week.

		Never 1	Very rarely 2	Rarely 3	Sometimes 4	Often 5	Very often 6	Almost always 7
a	If I didn't have enough time to do everything, I didn't worry about it. P_PSWQ1							
b.	My memories overwhelmed me. P_PSWQ2							
C.	I didn't tend to worry about things. P_PSWQ3							
d.	Many situations made me worry. P_PSWQ4							
e.	I knew I shouldn't have worried about things, but I just couldn't help it. P_PSWQ5							
f.	When I was under pressure, I worried a lot. P_PSWQ6							
g.	I was always worrying about something. P_PSWQ7							
h.	I found it easy to dismiss worrisome thoughts. P_PSWQ8							
i.	As soon as I finished one task, I started to worry about everything else I had to do. P_PSWQ9							
j.	I did not worry about anything. P_PSWQ10							
k.	When there was nothing more I could do about a concern, I didn't worry about things. P_PSWQ11							
l.	I noticed that I had been worrying about things. P_PSWQ12							
m.	Once I started worrying, I couldn't stop. P_PSWQ13							
n.	I worried all the time. P_PSWQ14							
0.	I worried about projects until they were all done. P_PSWQ15							
	These questions ask how you have felt in the past month. Please	check ho	w often y	ou felt o	r thought a ce	ertain wa	ıy.	
		Never	Almos	Sor	natimac	Fairly	Ofte	า
		0	Neve		2	Often 3	4	
İ	i. In the last month, how often have you felt that you were unable to control the important things in your life? P_PSS4Control							
j	j. In the last month, how often have you felt confident about your ability to handle your personal problems? P_PSS4PersProbs							
	 In the last month, how often have you felt that things were going your way? P_PSS4ThingsGood 							
	I. In the last month, how often have you felt difficulties were piling up so high that you could not overcome them? P_PSS4CantOvercome							
	7. <u>ALCOHOL USE</u>							

Please check the response that best reflects your patterns of alcohol consumption.						
		Never 0	Monthly or Less 1	2-4 times a month	2-3 times a week 3	4 or more times a week 4
a.	How often do you have a drink containing alcohol? P_AUDIT1	Go to next section				
		1 or 2 0	3 or 4 1	5 or 6 2	7 to 9	10 or more 4
b.	How many standard drinks do you have on a typical day when you are drinking? [a standard drink is, for example, one 12 oz. beer, a 6 oz. glass of wine, or a 1.5 oz. shot of hard liquor]. P_AUDIT2					
		Never 0	Less than monthly 1	Monthly 2	Weekly 3	Daily or almost daily 4
C.	How often do you have six or more standard drinks on one occasion? P_AUDIT3					
d.	How often during the last year have you found that you were not able to stop drinking once you had started? P_AUDIT4					
e.	How often during the last year have you failed to do what was normally expected of you because of drinking? P_AUDIT5					
f.	How often during the last year have you needed a first drink in the morning to get yourself going after a heavy drinking session? P_AUDIT6					
g.	How often during the last year have you had a feeling of guilt or remorse after drinking? P_AUDIT7					
h.	How often during the last year have you been unable to remember what happened the night before because you had been drinking? P_AUDIT8					
		1	No 0	Yes, but not the last year		during ast year 4
i.	Have you or anyone else been injured because of your drinking? P_AUDIT9	[
j.	Has a relative, friend, doctor, or other health care worker been concerned about your drinking or suggested you cutt down? P_AUDIT10	[
8	PARENTING. This next section asks about children and parent	ing. If you do	not have childre	en, your survey	is complete.	
1.	Do you have children other than this service member? P_OTHERCHILDREN 1 YES 2 NO	mov P_G	your service mere in with you as Grandchildmover YES 2	a result of his/l		
	How old are your children? P_OtherChildAge1; P_OtherChildAge2; P_OtherChildAge3; P_OtherChildAge4;		es, how old are t Grandchildmov		andchildmove	einAge2;

		4.	P_Gr	andchildmo	oveinAge3; P_	Page Grandch	69 of 111 ildmoveinAge4
	Which of these children still live with you? P_ChildCurrLive		———Are yo		parent? P_SIN 2 NO	GLEPARI	ENT
2.	Are you a stepparent? P_STEPPARENT 1 YES 2 NO If yes, how old are your stepchildren? P_StepChildAge1; P_StepChildAge2; P_StepChildAge3; P_StepChildAge4; Which of these children still live with you?	5.6.	P_SP 1 \(\text{'}\)	PECIALNEÉ YES I have a spe	pecial needs ch DSCHILD 2 NO cial needs child DEXPL	d, please (
Did v	P_StepChildCurrLive our service member's children live with you during the	he den	Iovme	ent?			
	No On occasion for overnight visits A significant part of the deployment but not all the deployment but not all the deployment. Yes, for the vast majority of the deployment.	•	•	sit:			
What i	role did you play in caretaking of your service members on the last open contact with them last last last last last last last last				yment?		
Did yo	our access to your service member's child/ren chang It stayed about the same I saw them much less than usual I saw them much more than usual	je as a	resul	t of the de	ployment?		
Pleas€	e tell us about your parenting experience by marking each	ı item a	as it ap	plies to yo	и .		
		Stror Disaç		Disagree 2	Undecided 3	Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5
kk. I	am happy in my role as a parent. P_ParentalSS1]				
	There is little or nothing I wouldn't do for my child(ren) if it was necessary. P_ParentalSS2						
mm.	Caring for my child(ren) sometimes takes more time and energy than I have to give. P_ParentalSS3]				
nn. I	sometimes worry whether I am doing enough for my children. P_ParentalSS4]				

	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Undecided 3	Agree 4	70 of 111 Strongly Agree <mark>5</mark>
00. I feel close to my child(ren). P_ParentalSS5					
pp. I enjoy spending time with my child(ren). P_ParentalSS6					
qq. My child(ren) is/are an important source of affection for me. P_ParentalSS7					
 rr. Having a child(ren) gives me a more certain and optimistic view for the future. P_ParentalSS8 					
ss. The major source of stress in my life is my child(ren). P_ParentalSS9					
tt. Having a child(ren) leaves little time and flexibility in my life. P_ParentalSS10					
uu. Having a child(ren) has been a financial burden. P_ParentalSS11					
vv. It is difficult to balance different responsibilities because of my child(ren). P_ParentalSS12					
ww. The behavior of my child(ren) is often embarrassing or stressful to me. P_ParentalSS13					
xx. If I had it to do over again, I might decide not to have child(ren). P_ParentalSS14					
yy. I feel overwhelmed by the responsibility of being a parent. P_ParentalSS15					
zz. Having a child has meant having too few choices and too little control over my life. P_ParentalSS16					
aaa. I am satisfied as a parent. P_ParentalSS17					
bbb. I find my child(ren) enjoyable.					

9. <u>CHILDREN.</u> Questions in this section are specifically about your child(ren). If you do not have children, your survey is complete.

The first set of questions is about children between 12 months and 35 months of age – *Young Child Questionnaire*. The second set of questions is about children between 3 -17 years old – *Older Child Questionnaire*. Please complete a questionnaire for <u>ALL of your children</u>. If you have more than one child in the Young Child age range or more than one child in the Older Child age range, please ask any of the survey staff for additional questionnaires.

How many of your children are younger than 12 months of age? (No questionnaire for this child)ITSEACHILDRENLESS12MO										
How ma	How many of your children are between 12-35 months old? ITSEACHILDREN12to35MO (Complete that # of									
How ma	oung Child Questionnaires) How many of your children are between 3 -17 years old? ITSEACHILDREN3to17 (Complete that # of Older Child Questionnaires)									
<u>YC</u>	YOUNG CHILD QUESTIONNAIRE: FOR CHILDREN AGES 12 MONTHS – 35 MONTHS									
Child's Age in # of months P_ITSEAAGE1(P_ITSEAAGE2, ect if more than 1)										
Child's S	Sex: 1 Male 2 Female P_ITSEAGENDER1(P_ITSEAGENDER2, ect if m	nore than 1)								
Please mark the ONE response that best describes your child's behavior in the LAST month: Not True Somewhat True Very True 1 2 3										
gggg. P I	Shows pleasure when he or she succeeds (for example, claps for self)									
hhhh.	Gets hurt so often that you can't take your eyes off him/her P_ITSEA2									
iii. See	ems nervous, tense, or fearful P_ITSEA3									
ijjj. Is re	estless and can't sit still P_ITSEA4									
kkkk.	Follows rules P_ITSEA5									
III. Wa	kes up at night and needs help to fall asleep again P_ITSEA6									
mmmm	. Cries or has tantrums until he/she is exhausted P_ITSEA7									
nnnn. P_I	Is afraid of certain places, animals, or things TSEA8									
0000.	Has less fun than other children P_ITSEA9									
рррр.	Looks for you (or other parent) when upset P_ITSEA10									
qqqq.	Cries or hangs onto you when you try to leave P_ITSEA11									
rrr. Wo	rries a lot or is very serious P_ITSEA12									
SSSS.	Looks right at you when you say his/her name P_ITSEA13									
tttt. Doe	es not react when hurt P_ITSEA14									
uuuu.	Is affectionate with loved ones P_ITSEA15									
VVVV.	Won't touch some objects because of how they feel P_ITSEA16									
www.	Has trouble falling asleep or staying asleep P_ITSEA17									
XXXX.	Runs away in public places P_ITSEA18									
уууу.	Plays well with other children (not including brothers/sisters) P_ITSEA19									
ZZZZ.	Can pay attention for a long time (other than watching TV) P_ITSEA20									

	Not True	Page 72 of Somewhat True	¹¹¹ Very True
aaaaa. Has trouble adjusting to changes P_ITSEA21			
bbbbb. Tries to help when someone is hurt (for example, gives a toy) P_ITSEA22			
ccccc. Often gets very upset P_ITSEA23			
ddddd. Gags or chokes on food P_ITSEA24			
eeeee. Imitates playful sounds when you ask him/her to P_ITSEA25			
fffff. Refuses to eat P_ITSEA26			
ggggg. Hits, shoves, kicks, or bites children (not including brothers/sisters) P ITSFA27			
hhhhh. Is destructive. Breaks or ruins things on purpose P_ITSEA28			
iiiii. Points to show you something far away P_ITSEA29			
jjjjj. Hits, bites, or kicks you (or other parent) P_ITSEA30			
kkkkk. Hugs or feeds dolls or stuffed animals P_ITSEA31			
IIIII. Seems very unhappy, sad, depressed, or withdrawn P_ITSEA32			
mmmmm. Purposely tries to hurt you (or other parent) P_ITSEA33			
nnnnn. When upset, gets very still, freezes, or doesn't move. P_ITSEA34			
00000. Puts things in a special order over and over, and gets upset if he/she is interrupted P_ITSEA35			
ppppp. Repeats the same action over and over again. P_ ITSEA36 Please give an example:			
qqqqq. Repeats a particular movement over and over (like rocking, spinning) P_ITSEA37 Please give an example:			
rrrrr. Spaces out. Is totally unaware of what is happening around him/her P_ITSEA38			
SSSSS. Does not make eye contact P_ITSEA39			
ttttt. Avoids physical contact P_ITSEA40			
uuuuu. Hurts self on purpose (for example, bangs his/her head) Please give an example: P_ITSEA41			
vvvvv. Eats of drinks things that are not edible (like paper or paint) P_ITSEA42 Please give an example:			

Do you have another child between the ages of 12-35 months? If yes, please ask survey staff for another copy of the <u>Younger Child</u> Questionnaire!

OLDER CHILD QUESTIONNAIRE: For children ages 3 years – 17 years old

Child's Sex:	1 Male	2 Female P_SDQGENDER1 (P_SDQGENDER2, ect if mo	re than 1)
The following	nuestions as	sk about strengths and difficulties some children might have	Please give your answers on the hasis of the

Child's Age in # of Years______P_SDQAGE1 (P_SDQAGE2, ect if more than 1)

The following questions ask about strengths and difficulties some children might have. *Please give your answers on the basis of the child's behavior over the last SIX MONTHS.*

	Not True	Somewhat True	Very True
ccc.Considerate of other people's feelings P_SDQ1			
ddd. Restless, overactive, cannot stay still for long P_SDQ2			
eee. Often complains of headaches, stomach-aches or sickness P_SDQ3			
fff. Shares readily with other children (toys, food, games) P_SDQ4			
ggg. Often loses temper P_SDQ5			
hhh. Rather solitary, prefers to play alone P_SDQ6			
iii. Generally well behaved, usually does what adults request P_SDQ7			
jjj. Many worries or often seems worried P_SDQ8			
kkk. Helpful if someone is hurt, upset or feeling ill P_SDQ9			
III. Constantly fidgeting or squirming P_SDQ10			
mmm. Has at least one good friend P_SDQ11			
nnn. Often fights with children or bullies them P_SDQ12			
ooo. Often unhappy, depressed or tearful P_SDQ13			
ppp. Generally liked by other children P_SDQ14			
qqq. Easily distracted, concentration wanders P_SDQ15			
rrr. Nervous or clingy in new situations, easily loses confidence P_SDQ16			
sss.Kind to younger children P_SDQ17			
ttt. Often argumentative with adult P_SDQ18			
uuu. Picked on or bullied by other children P_SDQ19			
vvv. Often offers to help others (parents, teachers, other children) P_SDQ20			
www. Thinks things out before acting P_SDQ21			
xxx.Can be spiteful to others P_SDQ22			
yyy. Gets along better with adults than with other children P_SDQ23			
zzz.Many fears, easily scared P_SDQ24			
aaaa. Good attention span, sees work through to the end P_SDQ25			
bbbb. Often lies or cheats P_SDQ26			
cccc. Steals from home, school or elsewhere P_SDQ27			

Do you have another child between the ages of 3 years -17 years old? If yes, please ask survey staff for another copy of the <u>Older Child</u> Questionnaire!

If there is anything else you would like to add about how parents of service members can be involved or included in the deployment and reintegration process, please describe briefly in the lines below.

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THANK YOU	

GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR QUALITATIVE INTERVIEW

Spouse & Service Member Interview

Thank you for agreeing to take part in this interview today. We would like to learn a little bit about you as we begin so if you could start by describing who is in your family and what a typical day is like in your home.

- How long have you been married or in a committed relationship with one another?
- Would like to know who is in the family. If for example there are step children or non-custodial children, how often they are in the home.
- Would like to know a little bit about work, school, extracurricular, and other related daily home routines.

<u>Deployment</u> - We are very interested in hearing about each of your different stories of deployment. Please describe your deployment experience including what were the most stressful things you faced during the deployment. (Service Member, Spouse, Parent(s)).

Previous deployments

<u>Reintegration</u> - We are very interested in hearing about each of your different stories of reintegration. Please describe your reintegration experience including what were the most stressful things you faced during the reintegration.

A: STRESSOR EVENT

- Looking back, how did your life change when your soldier was deployed?
 - O What was different in your day to day tasks or activities? What remained the same?
 - o Did your behavior or attitude change when your soldier was deployed? If so, how? (e.g. changes in sleeping, eating, fights with parents or siblings/children, grades etc.)
 - If we were to start with the oldest child and go one at a time:
 - O What changes did you notice about each child during deployment?
 - o What changes did you notice about each child after your service member got home?
 - o If there were challenges, how did you help your child get through this?
 - How did you deal with the milestone and life events that occurred while your soldier was away? (e.g. birthdays, deaths, school events, parties, weddings, etc.)
 - Has your behavior or attitude changed since soldier has returned? If so, how? (e.g. changes in sleeping, eating, fights with parents or siblings/children, grades etc.)
 - How has your life changed since soldier returned?
 - What is different in day to day tasks or activities? What is the same? (e.g. Roles at home, afterschool activities, Relationship with parent/siblings/children).

- Have you noticed changes in your behavior or attitude since [/spouse/son/daughter] has returned? Describe. (e.g. changes in sleeping, eating, fights with siblings/children, grades, etc.)
- What has it been like for you in your family since your return? What has been the biggest adjustment?
 - Probe: What has gone well? What hasn't gone well?
 - Were all family members receptive to your return? If not, who has struggled with the transition the most?

B: RESOURCES

What and/or who helped you get through the deployment? How did this help? Please Explain. Was anything you tried not helpful?

- Military
- o Civilian
- o Formal
- Informal

How did you use your support system (e.g. friends, family, school, community, programs, medical/therapy) when your [spouse/son/daughter] was deployed?

- How did they help you cope with the situation? (e.g. help you to feel loved, less lonely, etc.)
 Has this changed since your [spouse/son/daughter] returned?
 - Probe: Did you find that people were supportive of your situation? (Other parents, neighbors, friends, etc.)
 - OR what blocked you from accessing your support system during the deployment? Did this change after your [spouse/son/daughter] returned?

C: MEANING MAKING

Some people report having a sense of life purpose or life meaning that keeps them going during a stressful time such as a deployment or reintegration. Is this true for you?

How did you make sense of the deployment experience? What life purpose helped you through deployment? Did this change during the deployment or after it was over?

- How has your experience with this whole process of deployment and reintegration influenced the way you think about:
 - o How you view the world?
 - o How you view the military?
 - o The community in which you live?

- o Yourself?
- o Your family?
- o Your role as a husband/wife?
- o Your role as a father/mother?
- In what ways has the deployment and reintegration experiences challenged and/or strengthened your family? Did you grow as a result of the deployment? Expand on your answer.
- What do you tell your children about what your spouse does?
- What do you tell other adults about your spouse's work?
 - o Probe: What are their reactions to you? How does that make you feel?
 - Probe: Do you feel people understand what life is like for your family? What is your perception of this upon return?

X: ADJUSTMENT

- What is your sense of how you are adjusting? (Any mental health issues depression/PTSD etc?)
- How do you think the deployment experience has impacted your family?
 - Probe: What changes have you seen in your relationship with your spouse? With your children? How has your parenting changed? In your children's behavior at school or socializing with friends? How do you think your kids are doing?
- Some families say deployment brings them closer together or stronger, others say it drives them apart. Tell me about your experience. How do you think your family did during deployment? How do you think your family is doing now post-deployment?

What is one thing with regards to deployment survival that you wish someone would have told you or what would you say to a new NG family preparing for deployment, what advice would you give them?

Individual Service Member Interview

- Now I would like you to pick five words (adjectives) or phrases to describe your experiences with deployment. You may have talked a little bit about this already, but why don't you try to pull it together in five words? If participant has had multiple experiences, focus on this most recent experience/stage in the deployment cycle) Give participant lots of encouragement & plenty of time to choose these phrases-- e.g., This can be hard, but I'd like you to try to pick five. You've already given me... However, if you feel that the participant cannot come up with five, then move on. The numbers are somewhat less important than the descriptions).
- After the participant gives you five words/phrases, ask the following two questions FOR EACH WORD, one at a time (always ask each question for each word- these are not optional probes):
- You said: _____ (word/phrase). Can you tell me why you chose _____ to describe your experience? Ask for examples if none given.

A: STRESSOR EVENT

Any additional stressors you didn't want to mention in front of the other family members?

C: MEANING MAKING

• What do you tell yourself about your deployment experience? How do you describe/explain your experiences to others (e.g. spouse/children/family/friends)?

Probe: explore the why and how of their answer (e.g. if they don't talk about it, what is the block?; if they do talk about it, what do they say)

X: ADJUSTMENT

- How do you think your spouse is doing?
 - Probe: How often do you talk to him/her about the deployment experience? Do you find you can be open with your partner?
- What kinds of things do you choose to not talk about with your spouse?
- How did you decide not to share that information?
- Any information you didn't want to say in front of the whole family?

Is there anything you would like to expand on or discuss that you didn't feel comfortable in the group setting?

Anything else that could have helped you or [SIGNIFICANT OTHER] or [CHILD]?

Can you think of anything else with regards to family, resilience, reintegration that you think we should discuss?

Individual Spouse or Parent Interview

- Now I would like you to pick five words (adjectives) or phrases to describe your experiences with deployment. You may have talked a little bit about this already, but why don't you try to pull it together in five words? If participant has had multiple experiences, focus on this most recent experience/stage in the deployment cycle) Give participant lots of encouragement & plenty of time to choose these phrases-- e.g., This can be hard, but I'd like you to try to pick five. You've already given me... However, if you feel that the participant cannot come up with five, then move on. The numbers are somewhat less important than the descriptions).
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GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR QUALITATIVE INTERVIEW

Parent of Service Member Interview (Interview fathers and mothers separately)

Thank you for agreeing to take part in this interview today. We would like to learn a little bit about you as well as your relationship with your service member son/daughter.

- Tell me about yourself
 - Where you live
 - Who is in your family
 - Work, school, extracurricular, and other related daily home routines.
- Describe your relationship with your service member prior to deployment?
 - O What was the relationship like?
 - Please describe the activities that were involved in your relationship.
- Where did your service member live prior to deployment?
 - Probe if at home, close by, far away.
- Where does your service member live now that he/she is home?
 - Probe if at home, close by, far away.
- What is your own history of military knowledge or military service?
- How did you feel about your son/daughter joining the military?

We are very interested in hearing about each of your different stories of deployment. Please describe your deployment experience including what were the most stressful things you faced during the deployment.

- How involved were you in helping your service member prepare for the deployment?
- Describe your relationship with your SM during the deployment.
 - o Probe for involvement eg, communication, care packages, childcare, etc.
- Describe your relationship with your SM since he/she has been home.
 - O How often do you see each other?

How involved does your SM want you to be?

A: STRESSOR EVENT

- Looking back, how did your life change when your soldier was deployed?
 - What was different in your day to day tasks or activities? What remained the same? (e.g. Roles at home, ruminations, etc.)
 - Did your behavior or attitude change when your soldier was deployed? If so, how? (e.g. changes in sleeping, eating, drinking, relationship with spouse, friends, extended family, etc.)
 - Did you feel like you were important in the deployment and reintegration process of your SM?
 - What did you do that helped your SM?
 - What did you do that helped yourself?
 - What did you do that helped the military?
 - What changes did you notice in your son/daughter during deployment?
 - What changes did you notice after your son/daughter got home?
 - If there were challenges, how did you help your son/daughter get through them?
- How did you deal with the milestone and life events that occurred while your soldier was away?
 - o Eg., business as usual, everything on hold.
 - What has it been like for you and your family since your SMs return? What has been the biggest adjustment?
 - Probe: What has gone well? What hasn't gone well?
 - Were all family members receptive to SM return? If not, who has struggled with the transition the most?

B: RESOURCES

- What and/or who helped you get through the deployment? How did this help?
 Please Explain.
- How did you use your support system (e.g. friends, family, school, community, programs, medical/therapy) when your [son/daughter] was deployed?

- How did they help you cope with the situation? (e.g. help you to feel loved, less lonely, etc.) – Has this changed since your [spouse/son/daughter] returned?
 - Probe: Did you find that people were supportive of your situation? (Other parents, neighbors, friends, etc.)
 - OR what blocked you from accessing your support system during the deployment? Did this change after your [spouse/son/daughter] returned?
 - How have you been a resource to your son/daughter?

C: MEANING MAKING

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- How did you make sense of the deployment experience? What life purpose helped you through deployment? Did this change during the deployment or after it was over? What did you tell yourself about the experience as you were going through it?
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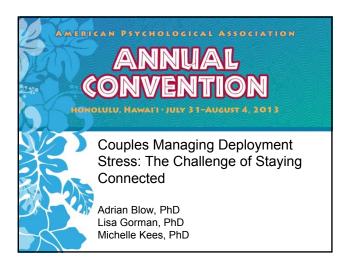
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Military Life Challenges Basic Assumptions of strong relationships

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Couples who do well are intimately familiar with each other's world. They have a richly detailed love map—they know the major events in each other's history, and they keep updating their information as their spouse's world changes. They know each other's goals, worries, and hopes. (Gottman, 1999)

Couples who do well are more accessible, emotionally responsive, and deeply engaged with each other (Sue Johnson, 2008)

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Individuals need to know that there are a few essential other people in their lives who care about what happens to them, understand their experiences, and are available and willing to offer comfort and support in times of stress. The need for ongoing relationships with a few essential attachment figures begins with one's parents but continues throughout life (Johnson)

The Challenge For Military Couples

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- Each individual undergoes intensive and sustained emotional arousal for a year or longer
- Stress experienced by each is partner completely different
- Sustained stress leads to both positive and negative growth
- There are numerous barriers for couples striving to stay emotionally connected during deployment and reconnect after deployment

Service Member Stress: Experienced Individually

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- Stress begins with notification that deployment will occur (often lengthy time of preparation)
- Physically present but psychologically absent
- Extended separation(s)
- · Trauma witnessed in war, combat exposure
- · Mission focus and challenges
- · Personal existential conflicts
- Need to adapt to transitions
- Multiple deployments (ongoing turbulence)
- · Reintegration challenges
- · Personal growth

Service Member Barriers to Sharing Stress with Spouse

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- · Don't want to worry spouse
- · Military limits on what can be shared
- Many aspects of war difficult to talk about
- Communication via internet or email not the same as in-person sharing

Spouse/Partner Stress: : Experienced Individually

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- · Normal life
- · Home management activities
- Self care
- Inevitable crises/Unexpected life events
- Worry about service member
- Need to adapt to transitions
- Multiple deployments (ongoing turbulence)
- · Reintegration challenges
- · Work outside the home
- · Personal growth

Spouse Barriers to Sharing Stress with Spouse

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- · Don't want to worry/burden soldier
- Communication via internet or email not the same as in person
- How deep and meaningful can conversations be on deployment

During Reintegration, Depression is a Problem for both Soldiers and Spouses

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- In our studies of National Guard Couples post deployment using dyadic data analysis we found:
- For both service members and their spouses, depression was most strongly associated with relational distress post-deployment (partner and actor effects)
- Depression presents a challenge as couples attempt to reconnect post deployment

Gorman, 2009; Blow et al, 2013

Reconnecting Post Deployment

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- Immediately following return from deployment, couples may experience difficulty reconnecting
- Non-shared deployment experiences have the potential to make it much more difficult for partners to re-establish their emotional connection
- It can be a challenge for couples to get to know each other again

Brief Case Example

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- From our qualitative interviews of couples (Risk and Resiliency Study)
- Couple met and married after two months
- He left on deployment shortly thereafter

Brief Case Example

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Soldier: Deployment for him was extremely stressful (mainly politics of deployment)

"Part of the job is the prospect of having to deploy, being in a hostile territory, just to be someplace where guys from your unit may have gotten blown up or people want you dead. The prospect of like not being 100% in control of what can happen to you as far as being in a battle field or a hostile environment that is stressful to a certain extent. So I was an advisor and I left the wire and we were in danger on a regular basis ... I was in jeopardy multiple times where I could come under contact or be ambushed or lose my life."

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"And the other part of it is I have these feelings that are a reaction to things that are going on (unit politics) that made me extremely angry for the entire deployment. However, you wear the uniform you have to swallow your pride and in some ways we will hear guys say sometimes you have to eat a shit sandwich when you are in the army... you don't want to eat it, it doesn't taste good but you just do what you have to do."

Brief Case Example

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- Spouse: Deployment for her was isolating, she did not know military life or have any military connections.
- "Well it is probably the common things you hear I mean nobody hugs you, nobody touches you, nobody talks to you on that level so that is probably one of the most stressful for me as a female like I went through a year without really ever having a hug."

Brief Case Example

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- How does this couple connect post deployment
- He was stuck in the negativity of his experience
- She did not know how to reach him, make him happy, or get to know him again
- They are both profoundly changed by the deployment
- They did not know each other that well before the deployment (two months)

Couples need Intentional Strategies to Connect and Reconnect

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- · Skype calls through deployment
- Journals
- Therapy
- Couple vacations
- · Strong Bonds
- · Conversations about reintegration
- Soldier not wedded to roles
- Time, normalize that reconnecting takes
- Time alone without children or family

Couples need Intentional Strategies to ANNUAL Connect and Reconnect



- Peer support from other couples who have reconnected after deployment
- · Love notes or letters, emails
- Individual patience and willingness to give partner some space
- Open mind to partner changes and growth as positive and not threat to relationship



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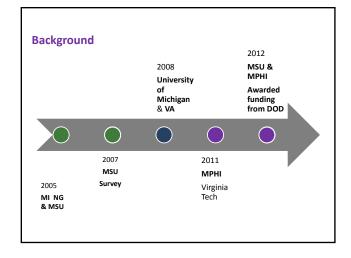
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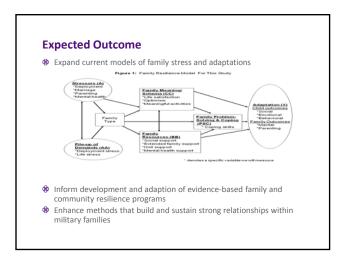
Risk, Resiliency, and Coping in National Guard Families

Agenda

- Background
- Overview of project
- Key findings over time
- How research has been used to benefit MI NG soldiers and families.
- Ask
 - 2 years of data collection left
 - Star Behavioral Health
 - Maybe access for care coordination with Veterans Affairs

- MI NG wish list
 - How can we use our experience and research to benefit soldiers and families moving forward?





Study Progress Completed To be completed by Sept. 2015 Surveys Pre-Deployment Survey 1 year following deployment survey in conjunction with VOICES and Post-Deployment Surveys online 607 Service Members 2 years following deployment survey \$ 331 Spouses/Significant Family Interviews * 1 year follow-up after reunion 29 Parents * 2 years follow-up after reunion 40 Family Interviews Gift card paid out \$25 for each survey ♦ \$100 for each family interview

Percentage of National Guard Service Members Who Met the Screening Criteria for Mental Health Problem					
	45-90 days 2006- 2008 N=332	45-60 days 2009 N=325 partner ed	Pre- deploy ment 2011 N=617	6 month s 2011- 2012 N=694	12 months 2011- 2012 N=194
PTSD (PCL-M >50)	11%	13%	12%	16%	12%
Depression BDI-II > 14 PHQ-9 > 10	21%	21%	13%	19%	20%
Suicidal risk	5%		7%	7%	9%
Hazardous alcohol use AUDIT	20%*	35%		50%**	44%
1 or more identified MH problem	40%				

Survey Data to Assess Need

- Sample (soldiers attending reunion weekends)
 Sample
- Service Members = 926
- Spouses/SO = 556
- Survey response rate (Soldier/Spouse): Wave 1: 40/36%; Wave 2: 78/80% (incentive \$10/\$25)
- Likely PTSD (PCL-M scores > 50) both Wave 1 and 2: 11%
- Likely Depression -- Wave 1: 20.5% (BDI-II ≥ 14). Wave 2: 24% (PHQ-9 ≥ 10)

Symptom Levels

Sample	2006-2008	2009- 2010	2011-2012	P value
PTSD	11%	12%	16%	P=.07
Depression	21%	24%	19%	P=.03
Alcohol Misuse	46%	59%	50%	P<.0001

Barriers to Care						
Sample	2006-	2009-	2011-			
	2008	2010	2012			
Stigma It would be too embarrassing. It would harm my career. Members of my unit might have less confidence in me.* My unit leadership might treat me differently.* My leaders would blame me for the problem.* I would be seen as weak.*	15%	15%	12%			
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	19%	17%	13%			
	11%	8%	7%			
	18%	15%	11%			
Logistical I don't know where to get help. I don't have adequate transportation. It is difficult to schedule an appointment.* There would be difficulty getting time off work for treatment.* Mental health care costs too much money.	6%	6%	5%			
	5%	4%	3%			
	12%	7%	13%			
	14%	8%	13%			
	18%	15%	17%			
Belief I don't trust mental health professionals* Mental health care doesn't work.	16%	11%	9%			
	7%	6%	6%			

MSU in Support of Michigan National Guard

- Began collaboration in 2005
- Oct 2006 Family Reunion Workshops
 - Reintegration and Children
 - Family Stress and Communication
 - Addictions
 - Spouse Group (now for all supporters)
 - Used peer veterans (Don Behm and Tom Devine to assist in delivering workshops)
 - Married Service Member Support Group
 - Maj Gen Cutler signed approval for MSU research

- Data Collection through surveys began in Fall 2007
- Family Impact Seminar May 2008
- MI House and Senate Committees
- Focus on Needs of MI NG Families
- Preliminary Findings from a MSU/MI NG Study of Returning Veterans
- · Systems of Care
 - Jun 2008 First Community Event in Lansing
 - Communiqué Dep. of Community Health
 - Educate community providers
 - Signing of Community Covenant at the State Capitol 12 Nov 2008

How research data has been used to benefit Michigan soldiers & families

- Outreach

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 Policy
 2008 Family Impact Seminar
 2012 strategic planning at the SAMHSA sponsored policy academy
 2013 Governor's office on USVA Mental Health Services and Benefits Memorandum on unique issues for National Guard
- Funding for MI ARNG programs

 - Punding for MI ARNO programs

 Road to Reinegration

 \$ 5796,500 Yellow Ribbon Appropriation 2009

 \$ Chaplain Support, Buddy to Buddy and Systems of Care

 Buddy to Buddy

 \$ \$400,000 to MI ARNG for implementation
- Secure funding for community programs
 Buddy-to-Buddy volunteer veteran program lead by Marcia Valenstein, UM/VA
 Strong Families lead by Kate Rosenblum, UM
 Home Front Strong lead by Michelle Kees, UM
- Train Providers

 - Star Behavioral Health Program lead by Adrian Blow, MSU
 Family Physicians Family Medicine Research, Gorman 2013

Signing of Community Covenant in State Capitol 2008



Future

- What does MI NG need from us?
- How can we support their soldiers and families?
- NG priorities

Partners

- ♦ Michigan National Guard, MG Vadnais, CW3 Jeannie O'Dell
- Service members and family of the 125/126 Battalion
- Michigan State University, Adrian Blow, Hiram Fitzgerald, Ryan Bowles
- Michigan Public Health Institute, Lisa Gorman, Danielle Guty
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Fostering Innovation & Partnerships to Address Emerging Public Health Issues



Objectives

- Learn how the highlight characteristics unique to PHIs in order to fill perceived gaps in coverage areas
- Learn the foundation of building partnerships when forging new program topic areas
- · Discuss innovative topic areas:
 - · Veterans and Military Families
 - Infectious Diseases



Strengths that distinguish



Role of PHI in Public Health System



New Topic Areas

Infectious Diseases

- Comparative Epidemiology & Animal Health
- Infectious Diseases & Human Health
- Border/Migrant/ Quarantine Health
- Health Care Associated Infections and/or Antimicrobial Resistance

Veterans & Military Families

- National Guard & Reserve Component
- Access to Veterans Affairs Benefits
- Reintegration & Resilience
 - Employment
 - Access & stigma barriers
 - Stigma

Building Partnerships

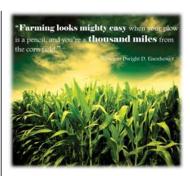
Forging new program topic areas can be compared to the process of farming.

There is a lot of sweat equity and hard work to be done before you attain the results.

"You must give to get, You must sow the seed, before you can reap the harvest" - Scott Reed

Preparing the Land

- Understanding your organization
- Finding a shared vision
- Understand the lay of the land



Planting the Seeds

- Honoring and building relationships
- Communication
- Strategy to accomplish common goals



Tending the field

watering, fertilizing, weeding, etc.

- Process & infrastructure
- Cultural differences
- Compatibility
- Evaluation & monitoring



Gathering the Harvest

- Sustainability
- Maintain linkages
- Capitalize on the momentum of partnerships



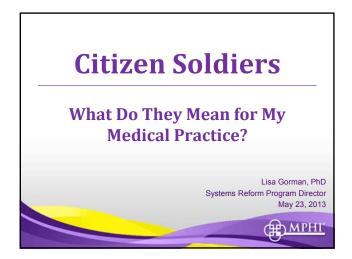


Thank you!

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Overview of the Military

- Total Size of the US Armed Forces
 - 3.5 million + (2008 DoD Demographics)
 - Active Duty military personnel 1,387,674 (40.3%)
 - Coast Guard members 41,362
 - Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve (includes National Guard)
 -1,080,617 (30.4%)
 - Civilian personnel 835,739 (23.5%)
- Marital Status (2008 DoD Demographics)
- 55.1% of Active Duty military members are married
- 48.2% of the National Guard and Reserve are married



Michigan Citizen Soldiers

- MI ARNG deployed 11,000+ Soldiers since 2001
- Does not include the reserves or other service members from the state
- 90% of total NG force has been deployed in OIF or OEF
- Dispersed geographically across the state

(Blow et al)

Issues for Soldiers



- Life in the civilian world is vastly different
 - 1% of US population are fighting current wars
- Combat trauma can have an effect on physical/mental health
- National Guard and Reserves scattered across Michigan and separated from fellow soldiers



RAND Study

- 33% reported of returning veterans reported a mental health/cognitive condition
- 18.5% met Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or depression criteria (300,000 veterans)
- 14% PTSD
- 14% depression
- 19.5% reported a probable Traumatic Brain Injury (320,000 veterans)

(2008, Tanielian and Jaycox)

Mental Health Concerns

Soldiers:

40% report one or more mental health problem

- ■11% PTSD / Combat
- ■21% Depression
- 5% Suicidal Thoughts
- 20% Hazardous Alcohol Use

(Michigan Study, Gorman et al, 2011)

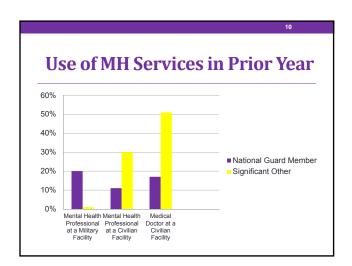
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Spouses/Significant Others:

34% report one or more mental health problem

- 17% PTSD / Stressful Life Event
- 22% Depression
- 10% Suicidal Thoughts
- 3% Hazardous Alcohol Use

(Michigan Study, Gorman et al, 2011)



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Do I Have Citizen Soldiers and Their Families in My Medical Practice?

- Have a means of identifying individuals as in the military (e.g. an intake question)
- Demonstrate respect for the military and military culture
- Build trust (a strong physician-patient relationship)
- Become a TRICARE provider

What can I do?

- Have someone in your office designated to help veterans and military families with referrals
- Have a list of military sensitive referral sources you can refer patients to for mental health concerns (e.g., Star Behavioral Health Providers; Military one source)
- Build relationships with veterans and organizations that special in treatment for veterans.

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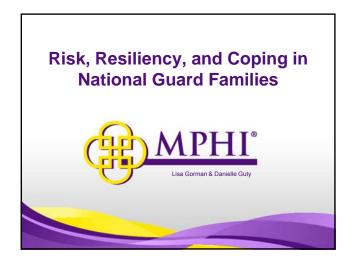
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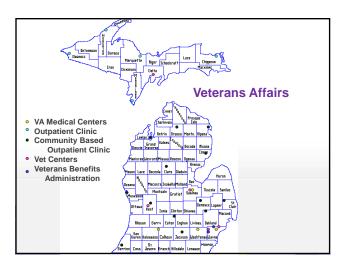
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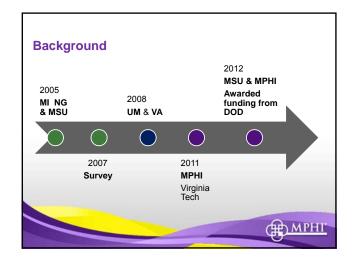


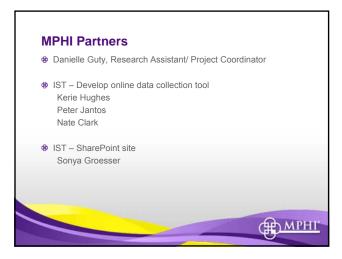


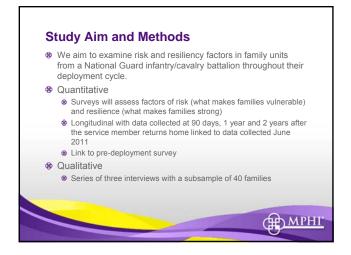
Relevance to MPHI Mission Maximize positive health conditions among Michigan military families through collaboration and scientific inquiry. Leadership and service for the benefit of the veteran and military community Prevention of combat related stress and other mental health problems associated with combat deployment Promotion of resilient and strong military families

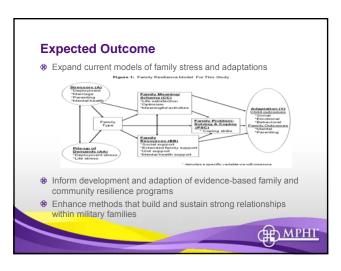














Percentage of National Guar	d Servi	ce Mem	bers		
Who Met the Screening Crite	ria for	Mental	Health F	Proble	m
	45-90 days 2006- 2008 N=332	45-60 days 2009 N=325 partnered	Pre- deployment 2011 N=617	6 months 2011- 2012 N=694	12 months 2011- 2012 N=194
PTSD (PCL-M >50)	11%	13%	12%	16%	12%
Depression BDI-II > 14 PHQ-9 >10	21%	21%	13%	19%	20%
Suicidal risk	5%		7%	7%	9%
Hazardous alcohol use AUDIT	20%*	35%		50%**	44%
1 or more identified MH problem	40%				

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Barriers to Care						
Sample	2006-	2009-	2011-			
	2008	2010	2012			
Stigma It would be too embarrassing. It would harm my career. Members of my unit might have less confidence in me.* My unit leadership might treat me differently.* My leaders would blame me for the problem.* I would be seen as weak.*	15%	15%	12%			
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	19%	15%	11%			
	19%	17%	13%			
	11%	8%	7%			
	18%	15%	11%			
Logistical I don't know where to get help. I don't have adequate transportation. It is difficult to schedule an appointment.* There would be difficulty getting time off work for treatment.* Mental health care costs too much money.	6%	6%	5%			
	5%	4%	3%			
	12%	7%	13%			
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Work in progress: Coding interviews

- Military Spouse
- Unemployment and Financial strains
- Military/Civilian Divide: A Lack of Understanding



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Codes used for MPHI Breakfast Club Presentation

Spouses' experience of deployment

FEMALE SPOUSE: a lot of what I just told myself throughout the deployment was just I wanted to hold this family together as best as I could despite everything that I was doing between school and him being gone and you know whatever little things that got thrown at me along the way but that was always my end goal was just to keep us together

MALE SPOUSE For me a lot of it is I understand how important her job is to her and how fulfilling it is to her and I think a lot of people don't have the opportunity or they are unable to find the pathway that gets them to a job that is fulfilling on that sort of level that she has with it so anything that I can do in order to help facilitate that to me is worth it because I think it is a pretty rare thing...

FEMALE SPOUSE: Well there were times when it popped through my mind like what if he comes back and he doesn't have a leg or he doesn't have his arms or like what if he's not okay mentally you know but there is really nothing I can do. I can worry all the time it's not going to keep him in one piece, ... I just had to step back because I couldn't fly over there and make it any better and I had to take care of things at home because if I didn't take care of things at home when he come back and his home is in chaos it's just a mess so he had his job over there and I had my job here and just both are trying to do our jobs as best as we possibly can to get through it, so...

FEMALE SPOUSE: I was very disconnected from my pregnancy I was very... it wasn't a happy thing for me... I mean I was very happy about the idea of a baby and I loved my baby, but I didn't have my husband there to rub my back like he wasn't there to touch my belly so I didn't. It was a very weird feeling because I felt like why should I get to experience it if he wasn't.

FEMALE SPOUSE: It's intense emotionally, it's intense physically and intense in every other aspect of everything. It is emotionally draining, it is intense stressful, it is intense love, disconnect; everything about it is intense. There is not one minute where you are not on heightened status of everything. I can't tell you the feeling that I felt when I realized I could leave my phone at home and not worry about it. I remember when he finally was stateside and his name popped up on my phone instead of a crazy number and it actually had _____ call like the most stupid feelings in the world it is happening this is for real. To live your life so on alert is a very intense emotional thing.

Unemployment and Financial strain

MALE SERVICE MEMBER: "A couple of years ago, I couldn't find a job. ... I had resumes out there for jobs that I thought were in my industry but, people wouldn't hire me because I was in the National Guard."

MALE SERVICE MEMBER: You know I came back home and I was worried about a job you know and that's a lot of us what we face coming back, especially us that were in the Guard. People don't want to hire us because they have to worry about going on deployment again and they have to hold your spot.

SINGLE FEMALE SERVICE MEMBER: And it's life lessons...I worked in a job that I worked paycheck to paycheck to pay the bills and I had to beg for overtime to get birthday presents and Christmas presents and you know I made some hard choices and major sacrifices in order to make my kids' life better, meaning joining the Army and knowing that I'd be away from them at times and I made them make that sacrifice in a sense because they didn't have a choice. Even if they said Mom, I don't want you to go, ...Our lives are so much better now because I was able to establish a career and make better money...

FEMALE SPOUSE: The job transition has been interesting to watch because it's been frustrating, too. _____ had so much responsibility and did so much in the military and, now, he's just an hourly worker at this job that's okay but, it's not a career. I just wish that he could find something that was as meaningful to him as the National Guard is.

MALE SERVICE MEMBER: a lot of people do not like hiring especially...they don't mind hiring vets but when you're still in the Guard, they're not supposed to discriminate against you but...they'll find another reason. It was like oh, you weren't quite just the candidate we were looking for even though in reality you were perfect, exactly what they were looking for they just don't know when you're going to be deployed again and hold your spot.

A lack of understanding

FEMALE SPOUSE: "He's pretty much the only one that's serving in the military but nobody would really ever ask me for any details or you know they would kind of just ask me the generic questions of oh, how are you? You know I'm all right. Have you heard from _____? Those would usually be the two most common questions but nobody ever really got into a whole lot of detail because I think they just didn't really know what to ask

MALE SERVICE MEMBER: I don't really discuss details too much. I let them know that I did what I had to and I had fun doing what I did even though you know it was dangerous. I think my version of fun is a little different than theirs. The fun part is me

accomplishing the mission and bringing people home and doing my job. I think they hear fun and they're thinking like running around the park or you know playing baseball or something. That's fun to them. Me doing my job and surviving I guess.

FEMALE SOLDIER: I started school two weeks after I got home and I was in line buying my books and a girl saw another girl she knew and she said, "How are you doing, today?" And she said, "Terrible. I had to get up at noon." I just wanted to rip my hair out. Like I just wanted to rip...that's why you're doing terribly? Oh my God. I don't think I've ever slept until noon. It's very frustrating. It's very, very frustrating to feel like you're sacrificing so much. Like we have a wonderful life together and I choose to leave it and, when you see other people like you just wonder like how are you not participating in the same reality. I don't understand. Like the reality of mine and the reality of other people that I see, we're not existing in the same space. Like it's…that's really frustrating. So, you know, my views have pretty radically changed

FEMALE SPOUSE: Yes because people would ask about, especially during the first deployment, people would ask about, "What do you think? Do you think there are really weapons of mass destruction? Do you think we're there on purpose like some conspiracy?" I said, "I really don't know but, I know that ______'s job like he said is to take care of his guys and he's going to do that and I really think that whether we know or not, if it's the right thing to be there, we're doing our duty

MALE SERVICE MEMBER: in the National Guard you come back to the real world outside of the military.... and then you know... "Man you just want to strangle someone that asks you, "Is it hot? and Did you shoot anybody? Is it hot! Did you shoot anybody! First of all anybody that's ever had to draw their weapon out, that's not something that most guys feel comfortable with. Even if you've had some confirms underneath your belt, any real veteran doesn't brag about stuff like that. And of course it was hot! I mean come on, dude! But you just let that roll off your back. You know you can't let that bother you, ... because you have to throw your civilian hat on now,

MALE SERVICE MEMBER TALKING ABOUT SEEING A COUNSELOR: "even if you did tell them it's like trying to explain thermal dynamics to a cave man. They don't understand it so to them it's just going to be you talking and they're going to hear you talking but they're not going to really understand it so you're almost at a time wasting your breath"

FEMALE SPOUSE: It's our life you have to be okay with it like that is one thing that really bothered me about civilians saying something is they said, "How can you let him do this?" First of all it's not my choice. Second of all you better bet that he decides that he wants to do something like this I am going to stand behind him because there is nothing that will faster divide your marriage if you do not support someone who is

making a decision like this. It pisses me off when people would put it on me "how do you let him do that?" or "How can you let him leave you?" If that was his choice he would be sitting right here not doing it, but because he was called to do it you do it.

FEMALE SPOUSE: I remember there was one time I was at a grocery store I was Uber pregnant waddling through lifting the water in the cart and the dog food and all of that stuff and someone saw this and said your husband should be doing that for you. And I had to turnaround with like a stone cold look on my face and say my husband is in a war zone right now and he just looked at me and I was like really.

MALE SERVICE MEMBER: It is. I feel like I have a very strong pride in it like we have kind of talked about it I feel like no one will ever get it unless they are military. I feel like people can try to understand it and people can get close to it but until you have someone like your best friend, your other half go through it you won't understand. I mean you can put yourself in those shoes you can try and like sympathize with me as much as you can but until you have done the time that I did and watched every single thing that I did you won't know.

Supplement to USVA Mental Health Services and Benefits Memorandum MEMORANDUM

To: Sara Wycoff From: Lisa Gorman Date: 5/10/2013

Subject: National Guard and Reserve Component

Purpose of Memo:

To provide supplemental information to USVA Mental Health Services and Benefits Memorandum on unique issues National Guard and Reserve encounter accessing mental health services provided by the United States Veterans Health and/or Benefit Administration.

Background Information:

National Guard members can serve as Title 32 (M-day), Title 10 (active duty), Active Guard & Reserve, or technician. Each duty status has service related benefits. Over the service member's career he/she may transition between different duty statuses multiple times. A common transition would be from Title 32 to Title 10 during deployment, back to Title 32, again to Title 10 during a second, third, or fourth deployment, and Title 32 following each deployment until they separate from service. Duty status determines what benefits they are eligible for from the Department of Defense (DOD). Unlike their active duty counterparts who receive health care from DOD throughout their military career and VA benefits following, the National Guard may also transition between DOD and VA healthcare benefits multiple times.

Army National Guard federal active duty Soldiers who have been classified as Special Category (SPECAT) as a result of a wound, illness, and/or injury incurred in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001 in support of an Overseas Contingency Operation are eligible for the Army Wounded Warrior (AW2) program, DOD healthcare and disability compensation. Soldiers must have been awarded an Army disability rating of 30% or greater from the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) in one or more specific categories or a combined rating of 50% or greater for conditions that are the result of combat or are combat related to be classified as Severely Disabled. PTSD is listed as one of the qualifying injuries. In addition to symptoms of PTSD, depression and substance abuse are often comorbid with other qualifying injuries such as severe TBI, severe loss of vision or hearing, fatal/incurable disease with limited life expectancy, loss of limb, spinal cord injury, permanent disfigurement, severe burns, and severe paralysis. The service member receives treatment at a military treatment facility such as Fort Knox, Walter Reed, Fort Hood or other military medical center depending on nature of injury.

When National Guard or Reserve members are injured during active duty status, the DOD will provide medical or mental health treatment. The National Guard and Reserve members also continue to receive active duty pay from DOD during their medical treatment in AW2, Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment, Air Force Wounded Warrior Program or Navy Safe Harbor. In some cases, the service member will be able to get rehabilitation care in the local community from civilian providers with TRICARE coverage. TRICARE is DOD funded Military Health System that combines resources of the uniformed services with networks of civilian health care providers including mental health providers.

If an injury or illness causes the service member to fall below the DOD retention standard, then the service member is processed through the disability system and their records go to the VA. Service members who are discharged from active duty with an injury or illness considered medically unfit for duty typically receive their VA benefits check more quickly.

Line of Duty (LOD) determination is extremely important for Reserve and Guard members. Service members who incur or aggravate an injury, illness, or disease in the line of duty are entitled to treatment as authorized under 10 U.S.C. 1074 or 1074a at approved military treatment facility and pay and allowances entitlement as allowed by Sections 204(g). The National Guard or Reserve member would be considered incapacitated if the physical disability prevents the service member from performing military duties or returning to the civilian

occupation in which the member was engaged at the time the injury, illness, or disease was incurred or aggravated.¹ Without an LOD, the National Guard or Reserve member will have to prove their health issue is service related to get back into the Wounded Warrior Programs or to receive benefits from the VA. This includes not only VA healthcare and disability compensation, but also a service-connected disability rating is required for National Guard and Reserve Veterans to be eligible for an evaluation for the VA vocational rehabilitation and employment program (VR&E).

Accessing Health Care

Michigan National Guard and Reserve members must have been activated for federal active duty (deployed) in order to be eligible for VA health care benefits.² Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, combat Veterans can receive cost free medical care for any condition related to service in Iraq/Afghanistan for 5 years after the date of discharge with enrollment in VA health care. Michigan National Guard members go through demobilization (a 14 day process) at an active duty installation in the United States when they are returning from combat deployments where they are assessed for medical and mental health concerns. The service member must be other than dishonorably discharged to be eligible and then must register his/herself with the VHA.

Accessing Disability Compensation Benefits

To receive treatment for service related injury, the service member's unit must issue a Line of Duty (LOD) determination. If there are any complications from an injury that was deemed not in the line of duty, the VA may determine that the soldier is not eligible for VA benefits or medical treatment for the injury. The VA also determines if the soldier is entitled to any disability benefits for the condition.

National Guard members cannot receive any VA disability payments while receiving active or inactive duty training pay.³ If the service member goes on active duty (Title 10) for over 30 days, he/ she must stop VA disability payments. National Guard member receiving VA disability as a traditional guardsman (Title 32) must wave the VA disability for the amount of time they performed their Inactive Duty Training (IDT) each training year. For example, National Guard soldiers usually drill 48 Unit Training Assemblies (UTA) and attend 15 days of annual training (AT) equaling 63 days. The amount of indebtedness is calculated and the amount of estimated payment for the IDT is withheld from future VA payments in order to prevent dual compensation.

Common Problems

Stigma associated with mental health result in service members self-reporting that there is no medical or mental health issue at the demobilization site.

- Service members are reluctant to report a mental health concern because of the stigma associated with mental health care.
- Michigan National Guard members (N=1,880) between 2007 and 2012 reported the following barriers to mental health treatment: 27% do not want mental health treatment to appear on their military record and 16% fear mental health treatment will impact their military career.
- The Michigan National Guard has invested in programs that target stigma. Even though there has been a reduction in barriers to care related to negative treatment beliefs in the last five years, stigma related to harming one's career continues to be a barrier for mental health treatment.

National Guard members often do not report service related health problems at demobilization because they do not want to extend their time away from home and family. (Even though the back or joint pain, hearing loss, PTSD, or other medical issue preventing them from returning to civilian work may be service related, a LOD for the injury was not noted).

- National Guard members do not return to a home installation during demobilization like their active duty counterparts but to an active duty installation.
- Reporting back or joint pain, symptoms of TBI or PTSD or other service related health issues at demobilization extends the service member's time on active duty but also adds another 2-3 months away from home onto their 12 month deployment and separation.

- Without an LOD, service members are not eligible for Wounded Warrior Programs or TRICARE, the DOD funded health care system with a network of civilian providers. This eligibility is essential for National Guard members without military installations in their area.
- Without an LOD, the veteran must prove that their injury or illness is service related and usually waits months if not more than a year to be processed.

Even though the service members receive information about benefits and eligibility during Yellow Ribbon Reintegration events and demobilization from combat zones, they often fail to take the necessary steps to ensure timely receipt of benefits.

- Even though the service member is enrolled in VHA, they need to schedule an appointment with their identified VHA or CBOC within the first year following deployment and not all service members schedule the necessary appointment.
- Some veterans mistakenly think that they enrolled in both VHA and VBA because they enrolled with the VA at demobilization.
- National Guard members have to re-enroll in VHA after each deployment or other active duty status including resubmit a 10-10EZ along with a copy of the DD214 so that they can get five more years of health care coverage through the VA.
- National Guard members filing claims with the VA are not always using the County Veterans Service Officer to ensure that their application is complete, further delaying receipt of earned benefits.
- Perception among National Guard and Reserve is that the VA is slow to process and they often give up pursuing earned benefits, depend on alternative benefits from civilian community, or otherwise get lost in an effective system of care.

When any one or a combination of these three common problems occur for the National Guard or Reserve member seeking VA benefits, the problems are compounded and often lead to a downward spiral of physical, psychological, and psychosocial health outcomes. Examples of this downward spiral six months post-deployment can be requested through the DOD funded project *Risk, Resiliency and Coping in National Guard Families* by contacting Lisa Gorman at lgorman@mphi.org.

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