

January 11, 2021

RE: Disseminating the national survey **“Assessing the Needs of Women Who Served in the U.S. Armed Forces.”**

Dear Prospective Research Partners,

We are so pleased to communicate with your organization about an opportunity to work together on cutting-edge research to assess the needs of women who have served in the United States Armed Services on a national level. The survey is distributed through Qualtrics and IRB approval is available upon request.

Our goal is to gain deep understanding of transition experiences into civilian life from thousands of women who have served. That is where partnering with Veteran Serving Organizations comes in. Our ask of you as a potential partner is that you help spread the word. The survey description along with the link and QR code is at the end of this email. We would greatly appreciate your organization sharing our survey and message to your members on social media and any other channel you find efficient.

In return for helping us reach women who have served, we would like to offer a data sharing opportunity. Once the survey is completed, your organization may request a data sharing agreement with The University of Alabama to get relevant raw data for reports or studies. For example, a state department of Veteran Affairs, through such an agreement, could have access to all the survey data for their state. We want the information collected by this survey to make an impact on the community of women veterans and all the organizations that serve them. For more information, please contact either Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas at katehendricksthomas@gmail.com or Dr. Karl Hamner at khamner@ua.edu / 205-348-0129. We hope to connect on this opportunity soon.

Sincerely,

Karl M. Hamner

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The University of Alabama is excited to invite you to participate in the national survey, **“Assessing the Needs of Women Who Served in the U.S. Armed Forces.”** Women are experiencing transition challenges differently than their male counterparts. Your experiences can be a very valuable part of this study and we want to hear from you.

This 20-30-minute survey will be asking about your time in the armed forces, your needs, experiences, and preferences relating to your transition back to civilian life. All your answers are anonymous and will not be tied back to you in any way. Only summary level data will be reported.

We are working with an experienced and trusted team including women veterans to better understand the needs and concerns of women who have served.

We thank you in advance for your willingness to help the profession and other military members in this important way.

Click/copy the link or scan the QR code to take the survey: bit.ly/38y975y



What if I have questions or concerns about the survey? If you have any questions please contact either Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas at katehendricksthomas@gmail.com or Dr. Karl Hamner at khamner@ua.edu / 205-348-0129. If you have questions, concerns, or complaints about your rights as a research participant, contact Ms. Tanta Myles, the Research Compliance Officer, at (205) 348-8461 or toll-free at 1-877-820-3066.

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To help with sharing this by social media, please see the suggested posts below and the QR code that will take someone to the survey:

Facebook

- Are you a woman who served in the United States military? We need your voice. Take a short survey from The University of Alabama about your experiences & needs to inform the programming meant to reach us! bit.ly/38y975y

Instagram

- Are you a woman who served in the United States military? We need your voice. Take a short survey from The University of Alabama about your experiences & needs to inform the programming meant to reach us! (Link in bio). #womenveterans #militarywomen #veterans #military #veteran #army #navy #marines #airforce #veteransday #usa #usmc #usarmy #america #usnavy #coastguard #veteranssupport #militarylife #freedom #veteranshelpingveterans #usairforce #armedforces #usmilitary

Twitter

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QR Code

