

NEEDED:

IF YOU WERE DEPLOYED TO IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN, WE NEED YOU FOR A VA-FUNDED RESEARCH STUDY

This is your opportunity to volunteer for a research study to learn more about posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). It uses virtual reality (VR) technology and is being conducted at the North Little Rock VA. The study uses VR computer equipment to re-create a combat environment with animated visual images and sound (similar to video games).

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME IN THE STUDY?

We will measure physical responses like heart rate and eye movements in response to combat reminders. These reminders will include sound and visual images delivered using VR technology and computerized pictures. We will collect physical response and interview data at the start of the study and again in six months.

WHAT WILL NOT HAPPEN?

You will NOT have any blood draws or be asked to take medication.

WHAT'S THE REASON FOR THE STUDY?

To evaluate the relationship between physical responses to combat reminders and mental health symptoms.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any Arkansas Army National Guard member who was deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan. It does not matter if you have current mental health symptoms or not. You do not have to be diagnosed with PTSD.

WILL I BE COMPENSATED?

You will be paid \$40 to \$50 for each physical response/interview, depending on which parts of the interview you complete.

HOW LONG WILL THE RESEARCH VISITS TAKE?

It will take about two hours for us to collect the physical response and interview data, and there are some additional self-report questionnaires.

All information obtained in this study, and your identity as a participant, will remain confidential.

APPOINTMENTS FOR RESEARCH VISITS WILL USUALLY BE MADE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.



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