



## National Vietnam Veterans Longitudinal Study (NVVLS) Registry 2017 Focus Group Summary

A key part of the management of the NVVLS Registry is to ensure retention of members like you. To this end, the Seattle Epidemiologic Research and Information Center (ERIC) held a focus group in April 2017, in Torrance, CA. Below is a summary of the focus group findings.

### WHO ATTENDED THE FOCUS GROUPS?

NVVLS Registry members who lived within 50 miles of the focus group location were invited to participate.

- Out of 52 members who were mailed an invitation, 6 members attended the focus group.
- All 6 members in the group served during the Vietnam era. There was a mix of participants who had been deployed in Vietnam and those who had not.



### WHY DID MEMBERS CHOOSE TO ATTEND?

NVVLS Registry members who attended the focus group understood that the research they were participating in could benefit others:

*“We just want to help. People were not there for us when we came back and we are hoping younger Vets will have a better experience.” - Focus Group Participant*

Members who attended also wanted the chance to meet other Registry members.

### WHAT DID WE LEARN ABOUT YOU?



The members who attended the focus group were willing to participate in most types of research, such as paper-and-pencil survey or in-person visit, and were least interested in completing web-based surveys.

### WHAT DID MEMBERS WANT TO KNOW?

- Members stated they were interested in participating in studies that are relevant to their own particular health concerns and situations.
- Many suggested adding layman’s summaries of ongoing studies to future issues of the NVVLS Registry Newsletter.

**Thank you!** Thank you for your continued membership in the NVVLS Registry. If you have any questions about this project or other Registry studies, please call us toll-free at **1-800-329-8387 ext. 1965**.