

Ronald Murphy, Professor at Francis Marion University in Florence, is conducting an online survey of veterans' attitudes about counseling for post-deployment problems. He is the Principal Investigator of the study, which has been approved by the Francis Marion University Institutional Review Board. We are seeking participants who: 1) are veterans living in the Pee Dee area (Florence, Marion, Dillon, Darlington, Chesterfield, Marlborough, Lee, Williamsburg, Georgetown, and Horry counties), and 2) served in combat (any era, e.g., Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, etc) as part of their service in a branch of the United States armed forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, or National Guard). The survey takes about 30 minutes to complete.

They hope that the information they collect will help in making counseling more accessible (and acceptable) to veterans. This study is not in any way associated with the Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the U.S. government or military.

The survey takes about 30 minutes to complete, and involves answering a variety of questions, mostly multiple choice, some asking for brief responses. All responses are anonymous and confidential (no names or any other unique personal identifiers are asked for at any point). If you would like to check out the survey before deciding to assist us, the website link is:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/62KTZVP

He states he would be happy to answer any questions or address any concerns any potential participants might have. He can be contacted at rmurphy@fmarion.edu or 843-661-1643. Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

Ron

Ronald T. Murphy, PhD

Associate Professor of Psychology

Francis Marion University

Florence, SC 29501

email: rmurphy@fmarion.edu

office: 843-661-1643