

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

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A Phenomenological Study of Australian Army Veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq Post-Military

What is this study about?

The study aims to give voice to individual servicemen and explore how they make sense of this service with the aim of gaining a better understanding of their perceptions and experience of their military life post-discharge to further understand the impact of contemporary military combat in male lives. In particular, it aims to explore veterans' experience and reflection on the impact of living and being trained in the military and how this affects your personal identity and how you interpret your experience.

Who is doing the study?

Robin Purvis is a student at the University of Queensland undertaking this research as part of a Research Masters degree. Robin is interested to talk with discharged army veterans about their operational experience in Afghanistan and Iraq as a way of providing better understanding of the personal, 'lived' experience of veterans of war zones.

What will I be asked to do?

The study involves talking to the researcher once or twice. The interviews will take about an hour and a half. You are able to stop at any time. At your first interview you will be asked if you are willing to do a follow-up interview. You will only be contacted if you agree.

What are my rights if I decide to participate?

You won't be identified and any information that may identify you will not be disclosed. Some of the things you say may be reported in published articles to illustrate important points. The full details of the information you provide will only be accessible to the researcher involved in the study. The information will be stored on a computer protected by a password and in a locked filing cabinet. Your participation is entirely voluntary and you are free to withdraw at any time.

This study adheres to the Guidelines of the ethical review process of The University of Queensland. Whilst you are free to discuss your participation in this study with project staff (contactable on 0414 379 145), if you would like to speak to an officer of the University not involved in the study you may contact the Ethics Officer on 3365 2287.