

APPENDIX C

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NSV 2001 EXTENDED INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE AND CATI SPECIFICATIONS

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INTRODUCTION

INTRO2. Hello, may I speak to {SELECTED RESPONDENT}?

[My name is {INTERVIEWER}. I'm calling from Westat on behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs. We're conducting a study that will provide information for the Department of Veterans Affairs as part of its ongoing efforts to improve services it provides to America's veterans.]

[We are conducting this study for the Department of Veterans Affairs to obtain information about veterans, their families and their use of VA benefits and programs.]

1. SUBJECT SPEAKING/COMING TO PHONE
 2. SUBJECT LIVES HERE – NEEDS APPOINTMENT
 3. SUBJECT KNOWN LIVES AT ANOTHER NUMBER

 4. NEVER HEARD OF SUBJECT
 5. TELEPHONE COMPANY RECORDING
- AM. ANSWERING MACHINE
RT. RETRY DIALING
GT. GO TO RESULT

INFO. Your response to any question is voluntary, and you may ask us to skip any question that you do not wish to answer. You can stop this discussion at any time.

The information that you provide is protected under the Privacy Act and section 5701 of Title 38 U. S. Code. The VA will use the information you provide to evaluate current VA policies, programs and services for veterans and in deciding how to help veterans in the future. The VA will not use any information that you give us in any VA claim that you have applied for or are receiving.

[IF R WANTS COPY OF PRIVACY ACT NOTICE, COMPLETE ADDRESS FORM.]

[PRESS RETURN TO CONTINUE.]

DISCL. This survey was reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The survey is estimated to take about 30 minutes of your time. This may vary as some interviews will take more time and some will take less time. You may send comments regarding this estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the length, to the Federal Government.

DID R REQUEST ADDRESS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICE TO CONTACT?

[OMB # 2900-0615]

YES.....1
NO2 (GO TO MB0)

DISC1. The address is...
Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of Policy and Planning (008A)
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20420.

[PRESS RETURN TO CONTINUE]

MILITARY BACKGROUND MODULE

VETS.EXTSEX

MB0.

[IF NOT OBVIOUS ASK:] Are you male or female?

- MALE..... 1
- FEMALE 2
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 1:

IN ALL MONTH FIELDS, HARD RANGE = 1 – 12.

IN ALL INSTANCES WHERE 91 = 1 PROVIDE 30 CHARACTER OTHER SPECIFY FIELD.

IN MB0a, RANGE FOR YEAR = 1885 – (CURRENT YEAR – 18).

VETS.DOBMM, VETS.DOBYYYY

MB0a. First, I'd like to ask you for the month and year you were born.

___ MONTH

___ YEAR

- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

- 1. JANUARY
- 2. FEBRUARY
- 3. MARCH
- 4. APRIL
- 5. MAY
- 6. JUNE
- 7. JULY
- 8. AUGUST
- 9. SEPTEMBER
- 10. OCTOBER
- 11. NOVEMBER
- 12. DECEMBER

[A2a.]

VETS.ACTEVER

MB1. I'd like to start with some questions about your military service.

Not counting a call to active duty as a result of your National Guard or military reserve service, did you ever serve on active duty in the United States Armed Forces?

[ARMY, NAVY, MARINES, AIR FORCE, COAST GUARD, NURSING CORPS, WOMEN'S ARMED FORCES BRANCHES]

- YES 1 (GO TO MB4)
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 2:

VETS.VETSAGE

**COMPUTE R AGE (CURRENT MONTH AND YEAR – [MB0a MONTH AND YEAR] DOBMM AND DOBYYYY).
IF CURRENT MONTH =DOBMM, ASSUME BIRTHDAY HAS OCCURRED. IF R IS MALE AND 65 YEARS OF
AGE OR OLDER, OR AGE = -7 OR -8, CONTINUE WITH MB2, ELSE GO TO MB3a.**

IF R IS FEMALE GO TO MB3.

[A2b.]

VETS.MERCMAR

MB2. Did you serve in the U.S. Merchant Marine on a ship under U.S. Flag at any time between December 1941 through August 1945?

- YES 1 (GO TO MB4)
- NO 2 (GO TO MB3a)
- REFUSED -7 (GO TO MB3a)
- DON'T KNOW -8 (GO TO MB3a)

[A2c.]

VETS.WAF

MB3. Did you ever serve in the nursing corps, air transport corps, or any of the women's armed forces branches?

- YES 1 (GO TO MB4)
- NO 2 (GO TO MB3a)
- REFUSED -7 (GO TO MB3a)
- DON'T KNOW -8 (GO TO MB3a)

VETS.COMMOFF

MB3a. Have you ever served as a commissioned officer in the Public Health Service, the Environmental Services Administration, or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration?

- YES 1 (GO TO MB4)
- NO 2 (GO TO MB5)
- REFUSED -7 (GO TO MB5)
- DON'T KNOW -8 (GO TO MB5)

[A3.]

VETS.ACTNOW

MB4. Are you currently on full-time active duty?

- YES 1 (END INTERVIEW-CODE IA)
- NO 2 (GO TO MB14)
- REFUSED -7 (END INTERVIEW-CODE NU)
- DON'T KNOW -8

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE SERVICE

[A12.]

VETS.RENGEVER

MB5. Have you ever served in the National Guard or Military Reserves?

- YES 1
- NO 2 (END INTERVIEW-CODE IA)
- REFUSED -7 (END INTERVIEW-CODE NU)
- DON'T KNOW -8 (END INTERVIEW-CODE NU)

[A13.]

VETS.RESTOACT

MB6. While you were in the National Guard or Military Reserves, were you ever called into the regular armed forces for active duty, not counting the 4 to 6 months duty for initial basic training or yearly summer camp?

- YES 1
- NO 2 (GO TO MB13)
- REFUSED -7 (GO TO MB13)
- DON'T KNOW -8 (GO TO MB13)

PROGRAMMER NOTE 3:

IN (MB7) RYRACT, (MB9) RRELYR, (MB9A) RYRACTNW AND (MB9B) RYRRLNEW, HARD RANGE = 1885 THROUGH CURRENT YEAR. IN MB7 AND MB9a SOFT RANGE = 1903 THROUGH CURRENT YEAR AND DATE > DOB. IN MB9 AND MB9b SOFT RANGE = 1903 THROUGH CURRENT YEAR.

[A14.]

VETS.RMTHACT, VETS.RDAYACT, VETS.RYRACT

MB7. What is the date you were first called-up for active duty?

MONTH
 DAY
 YEAR

- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| 1. JANUARY | 7. JULY |
| 2. FEBRUARY | 8. AUGUST |
| 3. MARCH | 9. SEPTEMBER |
| 4. APRIL | 10. OCTOBER |
| 5. MAY | 11. NOVEMBER |
| 6. JUNE | 12. DECEMBER |

PROGRAMMER NOTE 4:

IF RYRACT = -7, -8 or RMTHACT and RYRACT < DOBMM AND DOBYYYY END INTERVIEW AND CODE NU

ELSE IF RYRACT = 1955 AND RMTHACT IS NOT MISSING GO TO MB8

ELSE IF RYRACT AND RMTHACT = YEAR AND MONTH IN BOX AND RDAYACT IS MISSING

OR IF RYRACT = YEAR IN BOX AND RMTHACT IS MISSING, GO TO MB7a AND DISPLAY THE APPROPRIATE DATE.

OTHERWISE GO TO MB8 (RYRACT NOT IN BOX AND RMTHACT NOT IN BOX)

IF RYRACT = :	DISPLAY:
1917	April 6 th
1918	November 12 th
1940	September 16 th
1947	July 26 th
1950	June 27 th
1955	February 1 st
1964	August 5 th
1975	May 8 th
1980	September 8 th
1990	August 2 nd

VETS. SEE CHART

MB7A. Were you called up for active duty before {DATE FROM ABOVE BOX}?

- YES 1
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

[A14a.]

VETS.RACTSTIL

MB8. Are you still on full-time active duty?

- YES 1 (END INTERVIEW-CODE IA)
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7 (END INTERVIEW-CODE NU)
- DON'T KNOW -8 (END INTERVIEW-CODE NU)

[A5 & A15.]

VETS.RRELMTH, VETS.RRELDAY, VETS.RRELYR

MB9. What was the date you were last released from active duty?

 |_|_| MONTH

 |_|_| DAY

 |_|_|_|_| YEAR

- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| 1. JANUARY | 7. JULY |
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PROGRAMMER NOTE 5:

IF RRELYR = -7, -8 END INTERVIEW AND CODE NU
ELSE IF RRELYR = 1955 AND RRELMTH IS NOT MISSING GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 6
ELSE IF RRELYR AND RRELMTH = YEAR AND MONTH IN BOX AND RRELDAY IS MISSING
OR IF RRELYR = YEAR IN BOX AND RRELMTH IS MISSING, GO TO MB7b AND DISPLAY THE
APPROPRIATE DATE.
OTHERWISE GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 6 (RRELYR NOT IN BOX AND RRELMTH NOT IN BOX)

<u>IF RRELYR = :</u>	<u>DISPLAY:</u>
1917	April 6 th
1918	November 12 th
1940	September 16 th
1947	July 26 th
1950	June 27 th
1955	February 1 st
1964	August 5 th
1975	May 8 th
1980	September 8 th
1990	August 2 nd

VETS.SEE CHART

MB7B. Were you released from active duty before {DATE FROM ABOVE BOX}?

YES	1
NO	2
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 6:

(MB9) RRELMTH, RRELDAY AND RRELYR MUST BE > (MB7) RMTHACT, RDAYACT AND RYRACT. IF NOT GO TO MB9a, ELSE GO TO MB10.

PROGRAMMER NOTE: IF (MB7A) IS NOT MISSING AUTOCODE (MB18) AS DETAILED BELOW.

ACTIVE...	MB7A =	PREWWI	INWWI	BWW1_WW2	INWWII	WW2KOR	KOREAN	KOR_NAM	VIETNAM	PNAM1980	PNAM1990	GULF
BEFORE 4/6/17	YES	YES										
	NO		YES									
ACT4_6	-7 OR -8	YES	YES									
BEFORE 11/12/18	YES		YES									
	NO			YES								
ACT11_12	-7 OR -8		YES	YES								
BEFORE 9/16/40	YES			YES								
	NO				YES							
ACT9_16	-7 OR -8			YES	YES							
BEFORE 7/26/47	YES				YES							
	NO					YES						
ACT7_26	-7 OR -8				YES	YES						
BEFORE 6/27/50	YES					YES						
	NO						YES					
ACT6_27	-7 OR -8					YES	YES					
BEFORE 2/1/55	YES						YES					
	NO							YES				
ACT2_1	-7 OR -8						YES	YES				
BEFORE 8/5/64	YES							YES				
	NO								YES			
ACT8_5	-7 OR -8							YES	YES			
BEFORE 5/8/75	YES								YES			
	NO									YES		
ACT5_8	-7 OR -8								YES	YES		
BEFORE 9/8/80	YES									YES		
	NO										YES	
ACT9_8	-7 OR -8									YES	YES	
BEFORE 8/2/90	YES										YES	
	NO											YES
ACT8_2	-7 OR -8										YES	YES

PROGRAMMER NOTE: IF (MB7B) IS NOT MISSING AUTOCODE (MB18) AS DETAILED BELOW.

RELEASED	MB7B =	PREWWI	INWWI	BWW1_WW2	INWWII	WW2KOR	KOREAN	KOR_NAM	VIETNAM	PNAM1980	PNAM1990	GULF
BEFORE 4/6/17	YES	YES										
	NO		YES									
REL4_6	-7 OR -8	YES	YES									
BEFORE 11/12/18	YES		YES									
	NO			YES								
REL11_12	-7 OR -8		YES	YES								
BEFORE 9/16/40	YES			YES								
	NO				YES							
REL9_16	-7 OR -8			YES	YES							
BEFORE 7/26/47	YES				YES							
	NO					YES						
REL7_26	-7 OR -8				YES	YES						
BEFORE 6/27/50	YES					YES						
	NO						YES					
REL6_27	-7 OR -8					YES	YES					
BEFORE 2/1/55	YES						YES					
	NO							YES				
REL2_1	-7 OR -8						YES	YES				
BEFORE 8/5/64	YES							YES				
	NO								YES			
REL8_5	-7 OR -8							YES	YES			
BEFORE 5/8/75	YES								YES			
	NO									YES		
REL5_8	-7 OR -8								YES	YES		
BEFORE 9/8/80	YES									YES		
	NO										YES	
REL9_8	-7 OR -8									YES	YES	
BEFORE 8/2/90	YES										YES	
	NO											YES
REL8_2	-7 OR -8										YES	YES

VETS.RMHACTNW, VETS. RDYACTNW, VETS.RYRACTNW

MB9a. I have recorded that you were released from active duty {RRELMTH, RRELDAY, RRELYR}. That date is earlier than the date you began active duty. Please tell me the date you began your active duty.

MONTH
 DAY
 YEAR
 REFUSED-7
 DON'T KNOW-8

- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| 1. JANUARY | 7. JULY |
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| 3. MARCH | 9. SEPTEMBER |
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| 6. JUNE | 12. DECEMBER |

PROGRAMMER NOTE 7:

STORE ORIGINAL VALUES OF MB7 AS FOLLOWS:
 RMTHACT AS RMTHACT1;
 RDAYACT AS RDAYACT1;
 RYRACT AS RYRACT1.

NEXT, STORE THE VALUES ENTERED IN (MB9a) AS FOLLOWS:
 RMHACTNW AS RMTHACT;
 RDYACTNW AS RDAYACT;
 RYRACTNW AS RYRACT.

IF RYRACTNW = -7, -8 OR RMHACTNW AND RYRACTNW<DOBMM AND DOBYYYY END INTERVIEW AND CODE NU
ELSE IF RYRACTNW = 1955 AND RMHACTNW IS NOT MISSING GO TO MB9b
ELSE, IF RYRACTNW AND RMHACTNW = YEAR AND MONTH IN BOX AND RDYACTNW IS MISSING OR IF RYRACTNW = YEAR IN BOX AND RMHACTNW IS MISSING GO TO MB7a AND DISPLAY THE APPROPRIATE DATE.
OTHERWISE GO TO MB9b (RYRACTNW NOT IN BOX AND RMHACTNW NOT IN BOX)

<u>IF RYRACT = :</u>	<u>DISPLAY:</u>
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VETS. SEE CHART

MB7A. Were you called up for active duty before {DATE FROM ABOVE BOX}?

YES 1
 NO 2
 REFUSED -7
 DON'T KNOW -8

VETS.RMTHRLNW, VET.RDAYRLNW, VETS.RYRRLNEW

MB9b. And again, what was the date you were released from active duty?

 |_|_| MONTH

 |_|_| DAY

 |_|_|_| YEAR

REFUSED -7

DON'T KNOW -8

- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
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| 6. JUNE | 12. DECEMBER |

PROGRAMMER NOTE 8:

STORE ORIGINAL VALUES OF MB9 AS FOLLOWS:

RRELMTH AS RRELMTH1;

RRELDAY AS RRELDAY1; AND

RRELYR AS RRELYR1.

NEXT, STORE THE VALUES ENTERED IN (MB9b) AS FOLLOWS:

RMTHRLNW AS RRELMTH;

RDAYRLNW AS RRELDAY; AND

RYRRLNEW AS RRELYR.

IF RYRRLNEW = -7, -8 END INTERVIEW AND CODE NU

ELSE IF RYRRLNEW = 1955 AND RMTHRLNW IS NOT MISSING GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 9

ELSE IF RYRRLNEW AND RMTHRLNW = YEAR AND MONTH IN BOX AND RDAYRLNW IS MISSING

OR IF RYRRLNEW = YEAR IN BOX AND RMTHRLNW IS MISSING GO TO MB7b AND DISPLAY THE APPROPRIATE DATE.

OTHERWISE GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 9 (RYRRLNEW NOT IN BOX AND RMTHRLNW NOT IN BOX)

<u>IF RYRACT = :</u>	<u>DISPLAY:</u>
1917	April 6 th
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1950	June 27 th
1955	February 1 st
1964	August 5 th
1975	May 8 th
1980	September 8 th
1990	August 2 nd

VETS.SEE CHART

MB7B. Were you released from active duty before {DATE FROM ABOVE BOX}?

- | | |
|------------------|----|
| YES | 1 |
| NO | 2 |
| REFUSED | -7 |
| DON'T KNOW | -8 |

PROGRAMMER NOTE 9:

(MB9a) RRELMTH, RRELDAY AND RRELYR MUST BE > (MB9b) RMTHACT, RDAYACT AND RYRACT. IF NOT END INTERVIEW AND CODE NU, ELSE GO TO MB10.

[A17.]

VETS.RACT2YRS

MB10. Excluding the 4 to 6 months for initial basic training or yearly summer camp, did you serve at least 2 consecutive years of active duty?

YES 1 (GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 18)
NO 2
REFUSED -7
DON'T KNOW -8

[A8b & A18.]

VETS.RACTFULL

MB11. Did you serve the full period for which you were called or ordered to active duty?

YES 1 (GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 18)
NO 2
REFUSED -7
DON'T KNOW -8

[A9 & A19a.]

VETS.RRIFDISC

MB12. Were you discharged early for a medical condition, for hardship reasons, for reduction in force, or at the convenience of the government?

YES 1 (GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 18)
NO 2 (END INTERVIEW-CODE IA)
REFUSED -7 (END INTERVIEW-CODE NU)
DON'T KNOW -8 (END INTERVIEW-CODE NU)

[A19b.]

VETS.RMEDDISC

MB13. Did you ever receive a Medical Discharge?

YES 1 (GO TO HB1)
NO 2 (END INTERVIEW-CODE IA)
REFUSED -7 (END INTERVIEW-CODE IA)
DON'T KNOW -8 (END INTERVIEW-CODE IA)

ACTIVE DUTY

PROGRAMMER NOTE 10:

IN MB14, MB15, MB15a AND MB15b HARD RANGE = 1885 – CURRENT YEAR. IN MB14 AND MB14a SOFT RANGE = 1903 – CURRENT YEAR AND DATE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO DOB. IN MB15 AND MB15b SOFT RANGE = 1903 THROUGH CURRENT YEAR.

VETS.MTHACT, VETS.DAYACT, VETS.YRACT

MB14. What was the date you first entered active duty?

 |_|_| MONTH

 |_|_| DAY

 |_|_|_|_| YEAR

REFUSED -7

DON'T KNOW -8

- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| 1. JANUARY | 7. JULY |
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| 5. MAY | 11. NOVEMBER |
| 6. JUNE | 12. DECEMBER |

PROGRAMMER NOTE 11:

IF YRACT = -7, -8 OR MTHACT AND YRACT < DOBMM AND DOBYYYY END INTERVIEW – CODE NU ELSE IF YRACT = 1955 AND MTHACT IS NOT MISSING GO TO MB15 ELSE IF YRACT AND MTHACT = YEAR AND MONTH IN BOX AND DAYACT IS MISSING OR IF YRACT = YEAR IN BOX AND MTHACT IS MISSING GO TO MB14a AND DISPLAY THE APPROPRIATE DATE. OTHERWISE GO TO MB15 (YRACT NOT IN BOX AND MTHACT NOT IN BOX)

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VETS SEE CHART

MB14a. Were you called up for active duty before {DATE FROM ABOVE BOX}?

- | | |
|------------------|----|
| YES | 1 |
| NO | 2 |
| REFUSED | -7 |
| DON'T KNOW | -8 |

VETS.RELMTH, VETS.RELDAY, VETS.RELYR

MB15. What was the date you were last released from active duty?

 |_|_| MONTH

 |_|_| DAY

 |_|_|_| YEAR

REFUSED -7

DON'T KNOW -8

- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| 1. JANUARY | 7. JULY |
| 2. FEBRUARY | 8. AUGUST |
| 3. MARCH | 9. SEPTEMBER |
| 4. APRIL | 10. OCTOBER |
| 5. MAY | 11. NOVEMBER |
| 6. JUNE | 12. DECEMBER |

PROGRAMMER NOTE 12:

IF RELYR = -7, -8 END INTERVIEW - CODE NU

ELSE IF RELYR = 1955 AND RELMTH IS NOT MISSING GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 13

ELSE IF RELYR AND RELMTH = YEAR AND MONTH IN BOX AND RELDAY IS MISSING

OR IF RELYR = YEAR IN BOX AND RELMTH IS MISSING GO TO M14b AND DISPLAY THE APPROPRIATE DATE.

OTHERWISE GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 13 (RELYR NOT IN BOX AND RELMTH NOT IN BOX)

<u>IF RRELYR = :</u>	<u>DISPLAY:</u>
1917	April 6 th
1918	November 12 th
1940	September 16 th
1947	July 26 th
1950	June 27 th
1955	February 1 st
1964	August 5 th
1975	May 8 th
1980	September 8 th
1990	August 2 nd

VETS.SEE CHART

MB14b. Were you released from active duty before {DATE FROM ABOVE BOX}?

- | | |
|------------------|----|
| YES | 1 |
| NO | 2 |
| REFUSED | -7 |
| DON'T KNOW | -8 |

PROGRAMMER NOTE: IF (MB14A) IS NOT MISSING AUTOCODE (MB18) AS DETAILED BELOW.

ACTIVE...	MB14A =	PREWWI	INWWI	BWW1_WW2	INWWII	WW2KOR	KOREAN	KOR_NAM	VIETNAM	PNAM1980	PNAM1990	GULF
BEFORE 4/6/17	YES	YES										
	NO		YES									
ACT4_6	-7 OR -8	YES	YES									
BEFORE 11/12/18	YES		YES									
	NO			YES								
ACT11_12	-7 OR -8		YES	YES								
BEFORE 9/16/40	YES			YES								
	NO				YES							
ACT9_16	-7 OR -8			YES	YES							
BEFORE 7/26/47	YES				YES							
	NO					YES						
ACT7_26	-7 OR -8				YES	YES						
BEFORE 6/27/50	YES					YES						
	NO						YES					
ACT6_27	-7 OR -8					YES	YES					
BEFORE 2/1/55	YES						YES					
	NO							YES				
ACT2_1	-7 OR -8						YES	YES				
BEFORE 8/5/64	YES							YES				
	NO								YES			
ACT8_5	-7 OR -8							YES	YES			
BEFORE 5/8/75	YES								YES			
	NO									YES		
ACT5_8	-7 OR -8								YES	YES		
BEFORE 9/8/80	YES									YES		
	NO										YES	
ACT9_8	-7 OR -8									YES	YES	
BEFORE 8/2/90	YES										YES	
	NO											YES
ACT8_2	-7 OR -8										YES	YES

PROGRAMMER NOTE: IF (MB14B) IS NOT MISSING AUTOCODE (MB18) AS DETAILED BELOW.

RELEASED	MB14B =	PREWWI	INWWI	BWW1_WW2	INWWII	WW2KOR	KOREAN	KOR_NAM	VIETNAM	PNAM1980	PNAM1990	GULF
BEFORE 4/6/17	YES	YES										
	NO		YES									
REL4_6	-7 OR -8	YES	YES									
BEFORE 11/12/18	YES		YES									
	NO			YES								
REL11_12	-7 OR -8		YES	YES								
BEFORE 9/16/40	YES			YES								
	NO				YES							
REL9_16	-7 OR -8			YES	YES							
BEFORE 7/26/47	YES				YES							
	NO					YES						
REL7_26	-7 OR -8				YES	YES						
BEFORE 6/27/50	YES					YES						
	NO						YES					
REL6_27	-7 OR -8					YES	YES					
BEFORE 2/1/55	YES						YES					
	NO							YES				
REL2_1	-7 OR -8						YES	YES				
BEFORE 8/5/64	YES							YES				
	NO								YES			
REL8_5	-7 OR -8							YES	YES			
BEFORE 5/8/75	YES								YES			
	NO									YES		
REL5_8	-7 OR -8								YES	YES		
BEFORE 9/8/80	YES									YES		
	NO										YES	
REL9_8	-7 OR -8									YES	YES	
BEFORE 8/2/90	YES										YES	
	NO											YES
REL8_2	-7 OR -8										YES	YES

PROGRAMMER NOTE 13:

(MB15) RELMTH, RELDAY AND RELYR MUST BE > (MB14) MTHACT, DAYACT AND YRACT. IF NOT GO TO MB15a, ELSE GO TO MB16.

VETS.MTHACTNW, VETS.DAYACTNW, VETS.YRACTNEW

MB15a.I have recorded that you were released from active duty {RELMTH, RELDAY, RELYR}. That date is earlier than the date you began active duty. Please tell me the date you began your active duty.

__ __ MONTH

__ __ DAY

__ __ __ __ YEAR

REFUSED -7

DON'T KNOW -8

- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| 1. JANUARY | 7. JULY |
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| 3. MARCH | 9. SEPTEMBER |
| 4. APRIL | 10. OCTOBER |
| 5. MAY | 11. NOVEMBER |
| 6. JUNE | 12. DECEMBER |

PROGRAMMER NOTE 14:

STORE ORIGINAL VALUES OF MB14 AS FOLLOWS:

MTHACT AS MTHACT1;

DAYACT AS DAYACT1;

YRACT AS YRACT1.

NEXT, STORE THE VALUES ENTERED MB15a AS FOLLOWS:

MTHACTNW AS MTHACT;

DAYACTNW AS DAYACT;

YRACTNEW AS YRACT.

IF YRACTNEW = -7, -8 OR MTHACTNW AND YRACTNEW < DOBMM AND DOBYYYY END INTERVIEW - CODE NU

ELSE IF YRACTNEW = 1955 AND MTHACTNW IS NOT MISSING GO TO MB15b

ELSE IF YRACTNEW AND MTHACTNW = YEAR AND MONTH IN BOX AND DAYACTNW IS MISSING

OR IF YRACTNEW = YEAR IN BOX AND MTHACTNW IS MISSING GO TO MB14a AND DISPLAY THE APPROPRIATE DATE.

OTHERWISE GO TO MB15b (YRACTNEW NOT IN BOX AND MTHACTNW NOT IN BOX)

IF RYRACT = :	DISPLAY:
1917	April 6 th
1918	November 12 th
1940	September 16 th
1947	July 26 th
1950	June 27 th
1955	February 1 st
1964	August 5 th
1975	May 8 th
1980	September 8 th
1990	August 2 nd

VETS.SEE CHART

MB14a. Were you called up for active duty before {DATE FROM ABOVE BOX}?

- YES 1
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

VETS.MTHRLNEW, VETS.DAYRLNEW, VETS.YRRLNEW

MB15b. And again, what was the date you were released from active duty?

 |_|_| MONTH

 |_|_| DAY

 |_|_|_| YEAR

- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

- 1. JANUARY 7. JULY
- 2. FEBRUARY 8. AUGUST
- 3. MARCH 9. SEPTEMBER
- 4. APRIL 10. OCTOBER
- 5. MAY 11. NOVEMBER
- 6. JUNE 12. DECEMBER

PROGRAMMER NOTE 15:

STORE ORIGINAL VALUES OF MB15 AS FOLLOWS:

**RELMTH AS RELMTH1;
RELDAY AS RELDAY1; AND
RELYR AS RELYR1.**

NEXT, STORE THE VALUES ENTERED IN (MB15b) AS FOLLOWS:

**MTHRLNEW AS RELMTH;
DAYRLNEW AS RELDAY; AND
YRRLNEW AS RELYR.**

IF YRRLNEW = -7, -8 END INTERVIEW - CODE NU

ELSE IF YRRLNEW = 1955 AND MTHRLNEW IS NOT MISSING GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 16

ELSE IF YRRLNEW AND MTHRLNEW = YEAR AND MONTH IN BOX AND DAY RLNEW IS MISSING

OR IF YRRLNEW = YEAR IN BOX AND MTHRLNEW IS MISSING GO TO MB14b AND DISPLAY APPROPRIATE DATE.

ELSE GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 16 (YRRLNEW NOT IN BOX AND MTHRLNEW NOT IN BOX)

<u>IF RYRACT = :</u>	<u>DISPLAY:</u>
1917	April 6 th
1918	November 12 th
1940	September 16 th
1947	July 26 th
1950	June 27 th
1955	February 1 st
1964	August 5 th
1975	May 8 th
1980	September 8 th
1990	August 2 nd

VETS.SEE CHART

MB14b. Were you released from active duty before {DATE FROM ABOVE BOX}?

- YES 1
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 16:

(MB15) RELMTH, RELDAY AND RELYR MUST BE > (MB14) MTHACT, DAYACT AND YRACT. IF NOT END INTERVIEW AND CODE NU, ELSE GO TO MB16.

[A6.]

VETS.CONACT

MB16. Did your active duty continue without interruption between {YRACT} and {RELYR}?

- YES 1
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 17:

IF BEGIN ACTIVE DUTY DATE IS ON OR AFTER 9/8/1980 OR ACT9_8 = 2, -7, -8 (FROM MB7a OR MB14a) CONTINUE IN BOX, ELSE GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 18.

IF (MB16) CONACT = 1 AND VALUE OF RELYR - YRACT GE 2 AUTOCODE (MB17) CONT2YRS = 1 THEN GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 18, ELSE GO TO MB17.

[A8a.]

VETS.CONT2YRS

MB17. Did you serve on continuous active duty for at least 2 years?

- YES 1
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 18

1. CYCLE THROUGH STEPS A-D FOR THE BEGIN ACTIVE DUTY DATE THEN FOR THE RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY DATE.

A. IF DATE (RMTHACT/MTHACT, RDAYACT/DAYACT, RYRACT/YRACT OR RRELMTH/RELMTH, RRELDAY/RELDAY, RRELYR/RELYR HAS NO MISSING VALUES, CONTINUE. ELSE GO TO B. IF DATE FALLS ON OR BETWEEN BEGIN DATE AND END DATE CODE VARIABLE FOLLOWING

MONTH	DAY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	VARIABLE
1	1	1885	4	5	1917	PREWWI=1
4	6	1917	11	11	1918	INWWI=1
11	12	1918	9	15	1940	BWW1_WW2=1
9	16	1940	7	25	1947	INWWII=1
7	26	1947	6	26	1950	WW2KOR=1
6	27	1950	1	31	1955	KOREAN=1
2	1	1955	8	4	1964	KOR_NAM=1
8	5	1964	5	7	1975	VIETNAM=1
5	8	1975	9	7	1980	PNAM1980=1
9	8	1980	8	1	1990	PNAM1990=1
8	2	1990	CURRENT DATE			GULF=1

IF FIRST TIME THROUGH GO TO 1, OTHERWISE GO TO 2.

B. IF YEAR (RYRACT/YRACT, RRELYR/RELYR) APPEARS IN LIST, CONTINUE. ELSE GO TO C.

IF YEAR = 1885 – 1916, PREWWI = 1;

PROGRAMMER NOTE 18 CONT'

IF YEAR = 1919 – 1939, BWW1_WW2 = 1;

IF YEAR = 1941 – 1946, INWWII = 1;

IF YEAR = 1948 – 1949, WW2KOR = 1;

IF YEAR = 1951 – 1954, KOREAN = 1;

IF YEAR = 1956 – 1963, KOR_NAM = 1;

IF YEAR = 1965 – 1974, VIETNAM = 1;

IF YEAR = 1976 – 1979, PR PNAM1980 = 1;

IF YEAR = 1981 – 1989, PNAM1990 = 1;

IF YEAR = 1991 – CURRENT YEAR, GULF = 1.

IF FIRST TIME THROUGH GO TO 1, OTHERWISE GO TO 2.

C. IF YEAR (RYRACT/YRACT, RRELYR/RELYR) APPEARS IN LIST AND MONTH (RMTHACT/MTHACT, RRELMTH/RELMTH) NE -7, -8 AND MONTH APPEARS IN LIST, CONTINUE. ELSE GO TO D.

**IF MONTH/YEAR = 1/1917 – 3/1917, PREWWI = 1;
IF MONTH/YEAR = 5/1917 – 12/1917, INWWI = 1;
IF MONTH/YEAR = 1/1918 – 10/1918, INWWI = 1;
IF MONTH/YEAR = 12/1918, BWW1_WW2 = 1;
IF MONTH/YEAR = 1/1940 – 8/1940, BWW1_WW2 = 1;
IF MONTH/YEAR = 10/1940 – 12/1940, INWWII = 1;
IF MONTH/YEAR = 1/1947 – 6/1947, INWWII = 1;
IF MONTH/YEAR = 8/1947 – 12/1947, WW2KOR = 1;
IF MONTH/YEAR = 1/1950 – 5/1950, WW2KOR = 1;
IF MONTH/YEAR = 7/1950 – 12/1950, KOREAN = 1;
IF MONTH/YEAR = 1/1955, KOREAN = 1;
IF MONTH/YEAR = 2/1955 – 12/1955, KOR_NAM = 1;
IF MONTH/YEAR = 1/1964 – 7/1964, KOR_NAM = 1;
IF MONTH/YEAR = 9/1964 – 12/1964, VIETNAM = 1;
IF MONTH/YEAR = 1/1975 – 4/1975, VIETNAM = 1;
IF MONTH/YEAR = 6/1975 – 12/1975, PNAM1980 = 1;
IF MONTH/YEAR = 1/1980 – 8/1980, PNAM1980 = 1;
IF MONTH/YEAR = 10/1980 – 12/1980, PNAM1990 = 1;
IF MONTH/YEAR = 1/1990 – 7/1990, PNAM1990 = 1;
IF MONTH/YEAR = 9/1990 - 12/1990, GULF = 1**

IF FIRST TIME THROUGH GO TO 1, OTHERWISE GO TO 2.

D. USE CHART FOLLOWING MB7a/MB14a TO CODE APPROPRIATE VARIABLES FOR RYRACT/YRACT. USE CHART FOLLOWING MB7b/MB14b TO CODE APPROPRIATE VARIABLES FOR RRELYR/RELYR.

IF FIRST TIME THROUGH GO TO 1, OTHERWISE GO TO 2.

2. CODE ALL VARIABLES BETWEEN FIRST SERVICE ERA AND LAST SERVICE ERA IF MORE THAN ONE ERA IS SPANNED.

MILITARY SERVICE

[A7 & A16.]

VETS.

MB18. CODE ALL SERVICE ERAS BASED ON DATES GIVEN PREVIOUSLY.

		<u>YES</u>	<u>NA</u>
PREWWI	a. Prior to World War I, before April 6, 1917?	1	-1
INWWI	b. During World War I, from April 6, 1917 through November 11, 1918?.....	1	-1
BWW1_WW2	c. Between World War I and II from November 12, 1918 through September 15, 1940?	1	-1
INWWII	d. During World War II, from September 16, 1940 through July 25, 1947?.....	1	-1
WW2KOR	e. Between World War II and the Korean Conflict, from July 26, 1947 through June 26, 1950?.....	1	-1
KOREAN	f. During the Korean Conflict, from June 27, 1950 through January 31, 1955?	1	-1
KOR_NAM	g. Between the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam Era, from February 1, 1955 through August 4, 1964?	1	-1
VIETNAM	h. During the Vietnam Era, from August 5, 1964 through May 7, 1975?	1	-1
PNAM1980	i. During the Post-Vietnam Era from May 8, 1975 through September 7, 1980?	1	-1
PNAM1990	j. During the Post-Vietnam Era from September 8, 1980 through August 1, 1990?.....	1	-1
GULF	k. During the Persian Gulf War Era from August 2, 1990 through the present?	1	-1

[B1.]

VETS.ONLY48

MB19. While on active duty, did you serve only within the 48 continental United States?

[DO NOT INCLUDE SERVICE IN ALASKA OR HAWAII.]

YES	1	(GO TO MB21)
NO	2	
REFUSED	-7	
DON'T KNOW	-8	

PROGRAMMER NOTE 19:

IF INWWII OR VIETNAM = 1 DISPLAY “Now I’m going...”, ELSE DISPLAY “Please tell me...”.

IF (MB18c) BWW1_WW2 = 1, (MB18e) WW2KOR = 1, (MB18g) KOR_NAM = 1 OR (MB18i) PNAM1980 = 1 AND NO OTHER MB18 VARIABLES = 1 GO TO MB21, ELSE GO TO MB20 AND DISPLAY RESPONSE CATEGORIES AS OUTLINED BELOW. ONLY DISPLAY EACH CATEGORY ONCE.

- IF PREWWI = 1 DISPLAY c, k AND s;**
- IF INWWI = 1 DISPLAY d, p AND s;**
- IF INWWII = 1 DISPLAY b, c, d, e, f, g, i, j, k, l, m, p, q, r AND s;**
- IF KOREAN = 1 DISPLAY b, f, g AND s;**
- IF VIETNAM = 1 DISPLAY f, h, k, l, n, o AND s;**
- IF PNAM1990 = 1 DISPLAY a AND s;**
- IF GULF = 1 DISPLAY d, p AND s.**

[B2.]
VETS.

MB20. {Now I’m going to read a list of places. Please tell me if you served in, sailed in, or flew missions over each while on active duty./Please tell me if you served in, sailed in, or flew missions over each of the following while on active duty.} Did you serve in...

[IF ON BOARD SHIP IN SURROUNDING WATERS, MARK THE NEAREST GEOGRAPHIC AREA.]

		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>REFUSED</u>	<u>DON'T KNOW</u>
PANAMA	a. the Canal Zone [PANAMA]?	1	2	-7	-8
CHINA	b. China, Burma, India?	1	2	-7	-8
CUBA	c. Cuba?	1	2	-7	-8
EUROPE	d. Europe including Sicily, Turkey and the Mediterranean?	1	2	-7	-8
INDIAN	e. the Indian Ocean?	1	2	-7	-8
JAPAN	f. Japan or Okinawa?	1	2	-7	-8
KOREA	g. Korea?	1	2	-7	-8
LAOS	h. Laos or Cambodia?	1	2	-7	-8
MIDWAY	i. Midway, or some other N. Pacific Island?	1	2	-7	-8
NAFRICA	j. North Africa?	1	2	-7	-8
GUAM	k. the Philippines or Guam?	1	2	-7	-8
SCHINA	l. the South China Sea?	1	2	-7	-8
SPACIFIC	m. the South Pacific including Australia or New Guinea?	1	2	-7	-8
THAI	n. Thailand?	1	2	-7	-8
VIETNAM1	o. Vietnam?	1	2	-7	-8
GULF1	p. the Persian Gulf Area?	1	2	-7	-8
HAWAII	q. Hawaii?	1	2	-7	-8
ALASKA	r. Alaska?	1	2	-7	-8
OTHZONE	s. Any other place outside of the continental U.S.?	1	2	-7	-8
	[SPECIFY] (ZONEOS) _____				

VETS.DISC_AS

MB21. At your most recent discharge were you...

- A commissioned officer, 1
- A warrant officer, or 2
- An enlisted person? 3
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

[A10 & A20 (reservist).]

VETS.DIS_FOR

MB22. What type of discharge did you receive? Were you discharged...

- At the end of a normal term of service with less than 20 years of service [NOT MEDICAL OR DISABILITY], 1
- For military retirement for length of service [USUALLY 20 YEARS OR MORE], 2
- For military retirement due to disability, 3
- For medical release, 4
- Due to marriage, pregnancy, or children, 5
- On a dishonorable discharge, or 6
- On some other kind of discharge? 91
- [SPECIFY **DISFOROS**] _____
- REFUSED-7 (END-CODE NU)
- DON'T KNOW-8 (END-CODE NU)

PROGRAMMER NOTE 19A:

IF CASE IS FROM RDD SAMPLE AND RESPONSE TO MB22 IS "6", END INTERVIEW - CODE IA. OTHERWISE, GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 20.

PROGRAMMER NOTE 20:

IN MB23, IF R IS MALE AND AGE IS < 65 DISPLAY A – E AND M, THEN MB23A. IF R IS MALE AND AGE IS GE 65 OR UNKNOWN, DISPLAY A – E, M AND N, THEN MB23A.

IF R IS FEMALE DISPLAY A – M, AND MB23A.

IF AGE AND SEX MISSING/UNKNOWN, DISPLAY ALL.

[A11.]

VETS.

MB23. In which branch or branches of the U.S. Military did you serve on active duty? Did you serve in the...

			<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>REFUSED</u>	<u>DON'T KNOW</u>
ARMY	a.	Army?	1	2	-7	-8
NAVY	b.	Navy?	1	2	-7	-8
AIR	c.	Air Force?.....	1	2	-7	-8
MARINE	d.	Marine Corps?.....	1	2	-7	-8
COAST	e.	Coast Guard?	1	2	-7	-8
WAAC	f.	Women's Army Auxiliary Corps [WAAC]?.....	1	2	-7	-8
WAC	g.	Women's Army Corps [WACs]?	1	2	-7	-8
WAVES	h.	Women Accepted for Voluntary Emergency Services [WAVES]?	1	2	-7	-8
NNC	i.	Navy Nursing Corps [NNC]?	1	2	-7	-8
AFNC	j.	Air Force Nursing Corps [AFNC]?.....	1	2	-7	-8
WASPS	k.	Women's Air Force Service Pilots [WASPS]?.....	1	2	-7	-8
SPARS	l.	Coast Guard Women's Reserve [SPARS]?	1	2	-7	-8
NOAA	m.	The Public Health Service, the Environmental Services Administration, or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration?	1	2	-7	-8
USMM	n.	U.S. Merchant Marine, Dec. 7, 1941-Aug. 5, 1945 on ships under U.S. Flag during WWII only?	1	2	-7	-8

VETS.ACTOTH

MB23A. Did you serve in any other branch?

YES	1	(GO TO MB23OV)
NO	2	
REFUSED	-7	
DON'T KNOW	-8	

PROGRAMMER NOTE 21:

IF (MB23A) ACTOTH = 1 DISPLAY 30 CHARACTER OTHER SPECIFY FIELD (IN MB23OV) ACTOS.

VETS.ACTOS

MB23OV. Which branch was that?

PROGRAMMER NOTE 22:

IF ALL MB23 QUESTIONS ASKED = 2, -7, -8 AND MB23A = 2, -7, -8 END INTERVIEW – CODE IA. OTHERWISE CONTINUE.

COMBAT AND OTHER MILITARY EXPERIENCES

[B3.]

VETS.COMBAT

MB24. Next, I'm going to ask about combat and other military experiences.

Did you ever serve in a combat or war zone?

YES	1
NO	2
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

VETS.EXP_DEAD

MB25. Were you ever exposed to dead, dying, or wounded people?

YES	1
NO	2
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

VETS.POW

MB26. Were you ever a prisoner of war?

YES	1
NO	2
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

VETS.CHEMS

MB27. During your military service, were you ever exposed to environmental hazards such as Agent Orange, chemical warfare agents, ionizing radiation, or other potentially toxic substances?

YES	1
NO	2
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

..... PROGRAMMER NOTE 22A: IF INTERVIEW HAS A PROXY SEGMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE CASE, SKIP TO QUESTION HB13. ELSE, CONTINUE WITH HB1.

HEALTH BACKGROUND MODULE

HEALTH STATUS

VETS.HEALTH

HB1. Now I'm going to ask some general questions about your health and your health insurance.

In general, would you say your health is...

Excellent,.....	1
Very good,	2
Good,.....	3
Fair, or	4
Poor?.....	5
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

VETS.MODACTS

HB2. Now I'm going to read a list of activities that you might do during a typical day. As I read each item, please tell me if your health now limits you a lot, limits you a little, or does not limit you at all in these activities.

Moderate activities, such as moving a table, pushing a vacuum cleaner, bowling or playing golf, would you say your health currently...

Yes, limited a lot,	1
Yes, limited a little, or	2
No, not limited at all?.....	3
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

VETS.CLIMBING

HB3. What about climbing several flights of stairs, would you say your health currently...

Yes, limited a lot,	1
Yes, limited a little, or	2
No, not limited at all?.....	3
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

VETS.PHYACCOM

HB4. During the past 4 weeks, have you accomplished less than you would like as a result of your physical health? Would you say...

- No, none of the time, 1
- Yes, a little of the time, 2
- Yes, some of the time, 3
- Yes, most of the time, or 4
- Yes, all of the time? 5
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

VETS.LTDWORK

HB5. During the past 4 weeks, were you limited in the kind of work or other regular daily activities you do as a result of your physical health? Would you say...

- No, none of the time, 1
- Yes, a little of the time, 2
- Yes, some of the time, 3
- Yes, most of the time, or 4
- Yes, all of the time? 5
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

VETS.EMOACCOM

HB6. During the past 4 weeks, have you accomplished less than you would like as a result of any emotional problems such as feeling depressed or anxious?

- No, none of the time, 1
- Yes, a little of the time, 2
- Yes, some of the time, 3
- Yes, most of the time, or 4
- Yes, all of the time? 5
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

VETS.LESSCARE

HB7. During the past 4 weeks, did you not do work or other regular daily activities as carefully as usual as a result of any emotional problems, such as feeling depressed or anxious?

- No, none of the time, 1
- Yes, a little of the time, 2
- Yes, some of the time, 3
- Yes, most of the time, or 4
- Yes, all of the time? 5
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

VETS.WORKPAIN

HB8. During the past 4 weeks, how much did pain interfere with your normal work, including both work outside the home and housework? Did it interfere...

- Not at all, 1
- A little bit, 2
- Moderately, 3
- Quite a bit, or 4
- Extremely? 5
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

VETS.SOCINTER

HB9. During the past 4 weeks, how much of the time has your physical health or emotional problems interfered with your social activities like visiting with friends or relatives? Has it interfered...

- All of the time, 1
- Most of the time, 2
- Some of the time, 3
- A little of the time, or 4
- None of the time? 5
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

VETS.CALM

HB10. How much of the time during the past 4 weeks have you felt calm and peaceful? Would you say...

- All of the time, 1
- Most of the time, 2
- A good bit of the time, 3
- Some of the time, 4
- A little of the time, or 5
- None of the time? 6
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

VETS.ENERGY

HB11. How much of the time during the past 4 weeks did you have a lot of energy? Would you say...

- All of the time, 1
- Most of the time, 2
- A good bit of the time, 3
- Some of the time, 4
- A little of the time, or 5
- None of the time? 6
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

VETS.BLUE

HB12. How much of the time during the past 4 weeks have you felt downhearted and blue? Would you say...

- All of the time,..... 1
- Most of the time,..... 2
- A good bit of the time, 3
- Some of the time, 4
- A little of the time, or 5
- None of the time? 6
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

VETS.DISACOND

HB13. Do you have a disabling condition?

- YES 1
- NO 2 (GO TO HB15)
- REFUSED -7 (GO TO HB15)
- DON'T KNOW -8 (GO TO HB15)

VETS.SVCREL

HB14. Is this condition service-related?

- YES 1
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

[C8.]

VETS.HAVERATE

HB15. Do you have a service-connected disability rating?

[IF R SAYS ZERO RATING CODE YES.]

- YES 1
- NO 2 (GO TO HB18)
- REFUSED -7 (GO TO HB18)
- DON'T KNOW -8 (GO TO HB18)

PROGRAMMER NOTE 23:

IN HB16 HARD RANGE = 0 – 100.

[C9.]

VETS.DISARATE

HB16. What is your service-connected percent disability rating?

 |_|_|_| % (GO TO HB18)

 REFUSED -7 (GO TO HB17)

 DON'T KNOW -8 (GO TO HB17)

VETS.DRATING

HB17. Is your service-connected disability rating...

 50 percent or higher, 1

 30 to 40 percent, 2

 10 to 20 percent, or 3

 Zero percent? 4

 REFUSED -7

 DON'T KNOW -8

DAILY ACTIVITIES

PROGRAMMER NOTE 24:

IN HB18 FILL DISPLAY WITH CURRENT DAY OF THE WEEK.

[E9. & E11.]

VETS.

HB18. The next questions concern difficulties people may have because of health problems.

During the past week, that is since last {FILL DAY OF WEEK}, because of health problems, did you have any difficulty...

[PROBE: IF R ANSWERS "DON'T DO", ASK "Is this because of a health problem?"
IF NO, CODE 3. IF YES, CODE 1.]

		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>DON'T DO</u>	<u>REF</u>	<u>DON'T KNOW</u>
BATH	a. Bathing or showering	1	2	3	-7	-8
DRESS	b. Getting dressed?	1	2	3	-7	-8
BED	c. Getting in or out of chairs or bed?	1	2	3	-7	-8
WALK	d. Walking across a room?	1	2	3	-7	-8
EAT	e. Eating?	1	2	3	-7	-8
TOILET	f. Using the toilet or getting to it?	1	2	3	-7	-8
BLADDER	g. Controlling your bladder or bowels?	1	2	3	-7	-8
MEALS	h. Preparing meals?	1	2	3	-7	-8
HSEWORK	i. Doing light housework?	1	2	3	-7	-8
BILLS	j. Managing money, such as paying bills?	1	2	3	-7	-8
TELEPHONE	k. Using the telephone?	1	2	3	-7	-8
GOING	l. Going places within walking distance?	1	2	3	-7	-8
SHOP	m. Shopping for groceries?	1	2	3	-7	-8
SHOPITEM	n. Shopping for personal items?	1	2	3	-7	-8
GETTING	o. Getting to places out of walking distance?	1	2	3	-7	-8

HEALTH CONDITIONS

VETS.

HB20. In the past year, have you received medical treatment for...

		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>REFUSED</u>	<u>DON'T KNOW</u>
HIGHBP	a. High blood pressure?	1	2	-7	-8
LUNG	b. Lung trouble?	1	2	-7	-8
HEAR	c. A hearing condition that requires a hearing aid?	1	2	-7	-8
ENT	d. Any other ear, nose, or throat condition?	1	2	-7	-8
EYE	e. Any eye or vision problem, including needing glasses?	1	2	-7	-8
CANCER	f. Cancer?	1	2	-7	-8
HEART	g. Heart trouble?	1	2	-7	-8
STROKE	h. A stroke?	1	2	-7	-8
KIDNEY	i. Kidney or bladder trouble?	1	2	-7	-8
RHEUM	j. Arthritis or rheumatism?	1	2	-7	-8
LIVER	k. Hepatitis C or other liver disease?	1	2	-7	-8
HIV	l. An immune deficiency disease like HIV/AIDS?	1	2	-7	-8
DIABETES	m. Diabetes requiring insulin or diet treatment?	1	2	-7	-8
STOMACH	n. Stomach or digestive disorder?	1	2	-7	-8
CHRONIC	o. Severe chronic pain?	1	2	-7	-8
DRUGS	p. Drug abuse or alcoholism?	1	2	-7	-8
PTSD	q. Post-traumatic stress disorder [P.T.S.D.]?	1	2	-7	-8
MENTAL	r. Other mental or emotional problems?	1	2	-7	-8
INJURY	s. An accident-related injury?	1	2	-7	-8
TXOTH	t. Any other serious condition?	1	2	-7	-8

[SPECIFY TXOTHOS] _____

HEALTH INSURANCE

[F1a.]

VETS.MEDICARE

HB21. My next questions are about health insurance plans or programs that you currently have, or are covered by.

Medicare is a health insurance program for people 65 years and older and people under age 65 who have certain disabilities. Are you currently covered by the Medicare program?

YES	1	
NO	2	(GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 25)
REFUSED	-7	
DON'T KNOW	-8	

VETS.MEDICHMO

HB22. Are you currently enrolled in Medicare managed care or a Medicare HMO?

YES	1	(GO TO HB25)
NO	2	
REFUSED	-7	
DON'T KNOW	-8	

VETS.PARTA

HB23. Medicare Part A pays for hospital care. Are you currently covered by Medicare Part A for hospital care?

- YES 1
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

[F1b revised.]

VETS.PARTB

HB24. Medicare Part B pays for visits to doctor offices. Are you currently covered by Medicare Part B for visits to doctor offices?

- YES 1
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

VETS.MEDIGAP

HB25. Some people who are eligible for Medicare have additional health insurance coverage through a private insurance company. This is sometimes referred to as Medigap or Medicare Supplement, and it is different from insurance you might have through an employer or former employer. Are you currently covered by a Medigap or Medicare Supplement health insurance plan?

- YES 1
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 25:

IN HB26, IF STATE = CALIFORNIA DISPLAY "Medi-Cal", ELSE DISPLAY "Medicaid".

[F2b.]

VETS.MEDICAID

HB26. {Medicaid/Medi-Cal} is a program that pays for health care for persons in need. It is different from Medicare, the program for persons 65 and older and persons under 65 with certain disabilities. Are you currently covered by {Medicaid/Medi-Cal}?

- YES 1
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

VETS.TRICARE

HB27. Are you currently covered by CHAMPUS or TRICARE?

[IF NEEDED: CHAMPUS is the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services and covers both active duty and retired career military persons, dependents and survivors.]

- YES 1
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

VETS.OTHGOVHC

HB28. Excluding VA health care benefits and Federal employee health benefits, are you currently covered by any other government-provided health insurance or health service plan? For example, Indian Health Service or military health care?

- YES 1
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

VETS.PRIVATE

HB29. Excluding the programs we've already talked about, are you currently covered by private health insurance that you or someone else provides for you? For example, private insurance from an employer or union, Federal employee health benefits, or private insurance that someone bought directly from an insurance company?

Please remember to include plans obtained through someone who does not live in your household. Do not include plans provided by military employers.

- YES 1
- NO 2 (GO TO HC1)
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

VETS.PRIVHMO

HB30. Is your private health insurance plan an HMO?

[IF NEEDED: An HMO is a Health Maintenance Organization.]

- YES 1
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

HEALTH CARE BENEFITS MODULE

SERVICE USE

BENS.ERYOU

HC1. My next questions are about your use of health care benefits in the last 12 months.

In the last 12 months, did you go to an emergency room to get care for yourself?

YES 1
NO 2 (GO TO HC5)
REFUSED -7
DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 26:

IN (HC2) ER_VA AND (HC3) ER_OTH HARD RANGE = 0 – 365. SOFT RANGE = 0 – 10.

BENS.ER_VA

HC2. How many times did you go to the emergency room in a VA hospital [in the last 12 months]?

|_|_|_| NUMBER OF TIMES

REFUSED -7
DON'T KNOW -8

BENS.ER_OTH

HC3. How many times did you go to some other hospital emergency room [in the last 12 months]?

|_|_|_| NUMBER OF TIMES

REFUSED -7
DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 27:

IF (HC3) ER_OTH = 0, GO TO HC5, ELSE GO TO HC4.

IN HC4, IF STATE = CALIFORNIA DISPLAY "Medi-Cal" IN E, ELSE DISPLAY "Medicaid".

BENS.

HC4. Who paid for your emergency room care in these other, non-VA hospitals? Was it...

		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>REFUSED</u>	<u>DON'T KNOW</u>
VA	a. The VA?	1	2	-7	-8
CHAMPTRI	b. CHAMPUS, TRICARE, or the military?.....	1	2	-7	-8
MEDCARE	c. Medicare?.....	1	2	-7	-8
MEDGAP	d. Medigap insurance [MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT]?	1	2	-7	-8
MEDCAID	e. {Medicaid/STATE NAME FOR MEDICAID}?	1	2	-7	-8
GOVPGM	f. Some other government program?	1	2	-7	-8
PRIVINS	g. Private insurance from an employer, union, or directly?.....	1	2	-7	-8
SELF	h. You or your family?	1	2	-7	-8
ELSEOTH	i. Anyone else?	1	2	-7	-8
	[SPECIFY ELSEOS]_____				

BENS.OUTCARE

HC5. In the last 12 months, did you get any outpatient care for yourself? For example, doctor visits, urgent care, routine exams, medical tests, or shots.

YES	1
NO	2 (GO TO HC9)
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 28:

IN HC6 AND HC7 HARD RANGE = 0 – 365. SOFT RANGE = 0 – 10.

BENS.NUMVAOUT

HC6. How many times did you go to a VA facility for outpatient care [in the last 12 months]?

||_| NUMBER OF TIMES

REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

BENS.NUMOTH

HC7. How many times did you go somewhere else to get outpatient care [in the last 12 months]? For example, a doctor's office, clinic, HMO, or medical facility run by someone other than the VA.

||_| NUMBER OF TIMES

REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 29:

IF (HC7) NUMOTH=0, GO TO HC9, ELSE GO TO HC8.

IN HC8, IF STATE = CALIFORNIA DISPLAY "Medi-Cal" IN E, ELSE DISPLAY "Medicaid".

BENS.

HC8. Who paid for the outpatient care you received at these other, non-VA locations? Was it...

		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>REFUSED</u>	<u>DON'T KNOW</u>
VA1	a. The VA?	1	2	-7	-8
TRICHAMP	b. CHAMPUS, TRICARE, or the military?.....	1	2	-7	-8
MEDCARE1	c. Medicare?.....	1	2	-7	-8
MEDGAP1	d. Medigap insurance [MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT]?	1	2	-7	-8
MEDCAID1	e. {Medicaid/STATE NAME FOR MEDICAID}?	1	2	-7	-8
GOVPGM1	f. Some other government program?	1	2	-7	-8
PRIVINS1	g. Private insurance from an employer, union, or directly?.....	1	2	-7	-8
SELF1	h. You or your family?	1	2	-7	-8
ELSE1	i. Anyone else?	1	2	-7	-8
	[SPECIFY ELSE1OS] _____				

BENS.VAOVNITE

HC9. In the last 12 months, were you hospitalized overnight in a VA hospital?

YES	1	
NO	2	(GO TO HC11)
REFUSED	-7	
DON'T KNOW	-8	

PROGRAMMER NOTE 30:

IN (HC10) VANITES HARD RANGE = 1 – 365. SOFT RANGE = 1 –10.

[X2.]

BENS.VANITES

HC10. How many nights did you spend in a VA hospital [in the last 12 months]?

|_| |_| |_| NUMBER OF NIGHTS

REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

BENS.HOSPOTH

HC11. In the last 12 months, were you hospitalized somewhere else overnight?

YES	1	
NO	2	(GO TO HC14)
REFUSED	-7	
DON'T KNOW	-8	

PROGRAMMER NOTE 31:

IN HC12 HARD RANGE = 1 – 365. SOFT RANGE = 1 – 10.

BENS.OTHNITES

HC12. How many nights did you spend in other, non-VA hospitals [in the last 12 months]?

____|____|____| NUMBER OF NIGHTS

.....
REFUSED -7
DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 32:

IN HC13, IF STATE = CALIFORNIA DISPLAY “Medi-Cal” IN E, ELSE DISPLAY “Medicaid”.

BENS.

HC13. Who paid for your night(s) in these other, non-VA hospitals? Was it...

		YES	NO	REFUSED	DON'T KNOW
VA2	a. The VA?	1	2	-7	-8
TRICHAM2	b. CHAMPUS, TRICARE, or the military?.....	1	2	-7	-8
MEDCARE2	c. Medicare?.....	1	2	-7	-8
MEDGAP2	d. Medigap insurance [MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT]?	1	2	-7	-8
MEDCAID2	e. {Medicaid/ STATE NAME FOR MEDICAID}?	1	2	-7	-8
GOVPGM2	f. Some other government program?	1	2	-7	-8
PRIVINS2	g. Private insurance from an employer, union, or directly?.....	1	2	-7	-8
SELF2	h. You or your family?	1	2	-7	-8
ELSE2	i. Anyone else?	1	2	-7	-8
	[SPECIFY ELSE2OS] _____				

BENS.RXVA

HC14. In the last 12 months, did you get prescription medications from the VA or paid for by the VA?

YES 1
NO 2
REFUSED -7
DON'T KNOW -8

BENS.RXOTHER

HC15. Did you get any other prescription medications from any other source [in the last 12 months]?

YES 1 (GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 32A)
NO 2 (GO TO HC16)
REFUSED -7 (GO TO HC16)
DON'T KNOW -8 (GO TO HC 16)

PROGRAMMER NOTE 32a:

IN HC15a HARD RANGE = 1-100. SOFT RANGE = 1-50.

BENS.RXQUAN

HC15a. Altogether, how many prescription medications, not counting refills, did you get from these other sources [in the last 12 months]?

I _ | _ | _ | NUMBER OF PRESCRIPTIONS
REFUSED.....-7
DON'T KNOW.....-8

BENS.VAENVIR

HC16. In the last 12 months, did you get medical care from the VA or paid for by the VA because you were exposed to environmental hazards while you were in the military?

[IF NEEDED: Examples of environmental hazards are Agent Orange or ionizing radiation.]

YES 1
NO 2
REFUSED -7
DON'T KNOW -8

BENS.OTHENVIR

HC17. [In the last 12 months,] Did you receive any other medical care for exposure to environmental hazards while you were in the military?

YES 1
NO 2
REFUSED -7
DON'T KNOW -8

BENS.VAPSYC

HC18. In the last 12 months, did you receive psychological counseling, therapy, alcohol or drug treatment for yourself from the VA or paid for by the VA?

YES 1
NO 2
REFUSED -7
DON'T KNOW -8

BENS.OTHPSYC

HC19. Did you receive any other psychological counseling, therapy, alcohol or drug treatment [in the last 12 months]?

YES 1
NO 2
REFUSED -7
DON'T KNOW -8

BENS.VAHOME

HC20. In the last 12 months, did you receive in-home health care for yourself from the VA or paid for by the VA?

[HOME HEALTH CARE INCLUDES HAVING A NURSE OR OTHER HEALTH CARE WORKER COME TO YOUR HOME TO HELP YOU.]

- YES 1
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

BENS.OTHHOME

HC21. Did you receive in-home health care from any other sources [in the last 12 months]?

- YES 1
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

BENS.VAPROS

HC22. In the last 12 months, did you receive care for any prosthetics, including hearing aids, eye glasses or home oxygen, from the VA or paid for by the VA?

[PROSTHETICS ARE JOINT REPLACEMENTS, ARTIFICIAL ARMS OR LEGS, OR ARTIFICIAL EYES AND INCLUDES HEARING AIDS, EYE GLASSES AND HOME OXYGEN.]

- YES 1
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

BENS.OTHPROS

HC23. Did you receive any other care for prosthetics [in the last 12 months]?

[PROSTHETICS ARE JOINT REPLACEMENTS, ARTIFICIAL ARMS OR LEGS, OR ARTIFICIAL EYES AND INCLUDES HEARING AIDS, EYE GLASSES AND HOME OXYGEN.]

- YES 1
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 33:

[IF NO TO ALL VA HEALTH CARE SERVICES USE QUESTIONS (HC9, HC14, HC16, HC18, HC20, HC22) OR IF 0 OR -1 TO HC2 OR HC6 GO TO HC24. OTHERWISE GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 35.]

IN HC24 ALLOW 6 RESPONSE FIELDS.

BENS.HC24ARRY [1] – [6]

HC24. You told me you have not used any of these health care services from the VA in the last 12 months. What were the main reasons you didn't use the VA health care services? [Any other reasons?]

[CODE UP TO 6 RESPONSES. CTRL/P TO EXIT.]

NOTNEED	DID NOT NEED ANY CARE	1
NOTAWAR	NOT AWARE OF THE VA HEALTH CARE BENEFITS	2
NOTELIG	DID NOT BELIEVE SELF ENTITLED OR ELIGIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE BENEFITS.....	3
RUDE	TREATED RUDELY IN PAST	4
HOW	DID NOT KNOW HOW TO APPLY FOR HEALTH CARE BENEFITS	5
NOTVA	DID NOT NEED OR WANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE VA.....	6
TROUBLE	APPLYING FOR HEALTH CARE BENEFITS TOO MUCH TROUBLE OR RED TAPE	7
NOTCONS	NEVER CONSIDERED GETTING ANY HEALTH CARE FROM THE VA	8
NOTGOOD	DIDN'T THINK VA HEALTH CARE WOULD BE AS GOOD AS THAT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE.....	9
USEOTH	USES OTHER SOURCES FOR HEALTH CARE	10
INCONV	VA CARE IS INCONVENIENT	11
CAREOTH	OTHER [SPECIFY NOVAOS]	91
	REFUSED	-7
	DON'T KNOW.....	-8

BENS.HTHEVER

HC25. Have you ever used any VA health care benefits that you're entitled to because of your military service?

YES	1	(GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 35)
NO	2	(GO TO HC26)
REFUSED	-7	(GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 35)
DON'T KNOW	-8	(GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 35)

PROGRAMMER NOTE 34:

IN HC26 ALLOW 6 RESPONSE FIELDS.

BENS.HC26ARRY [1] – [6]

HC26. What are the main reasons you haven't used any VA health care benefits? [Any other reasons?]

[CODE UP TO 6 RESPONSES CTRL/P TO EXIT.]

NOTNEED1	DID NOT NEED ANY CARE.....	1
NOTAWAR1	NOT AWARE OF THE VA HEALTH CARE BENEFITS	2
NOTELIG1	DID NOT BELIEVE SELF ENTITLED OR ELIGIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE BENEFITS	3
HOW1	DID NOT KNOW HOW TO APPLY FOR HEALTH CARE BENEFITS.....	4
NOTVA1	DID NOT NEED OR WANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE VA	5
TROUBLE1	APPLYING FOR HEALTH CARE BENEFITS TOO MUCH TROUBLE OR RED TAPE	6
NOTCONS1	NEVER CONSIDERED GETTING ANY HEALTH CARE FROM THE VA.....	7
NOTGOOD1	DIDN'T THINK VA HEALTH CARE WOULD BE AS GOOD AS THAT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE	8
USEOTH1	USES OTHER SOURCES FOR HEALTH CARE.....	9
INCONV1	VA CARE IS INCONVENIENT	10
VHTLHOTH	OTHER [SPECIFY NOVAOS1] _____	91
	REFUSED	-7
	DON'T KNOW.....	-8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 35:

**IF HB13 (DISACOND) AND HB15 (HAVERATE) = 2, GO TO ML1.
OTHERWISE GO TO DIS1.**

DISABILITY MODULE

PROGRAMMER NOTE #36 HAS BEEN DELETED.

ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS

BENS.APPLIED

DIS1. Have you ever applied for VA disability benefits?

- YES 1
- NO 2 (GO TO DIS3)
- REFUSED -7 (GO TO DIS4)
- DON'T KNOW -8 (GO TO DIS4)

BENS.APSTATUS

DIS2. What is the status of your most recent claim application? Is it...

- Approved, 1 (GO TO DIS4)
- Waiting for decision from VA regional office, 2 (GO TO DIS4)
- Waiting for decision about appeal, or..... 3 (GO TO DIS4)
- Denied? 4 (GO TO DIS4)
- REFUSED -7 (GO TO DIS4)
- DON'T KNOW -8 (GO TO DIS4)

PROGRAMMER NOTE 37:

IN DIS3 ALLOW 6 RESPONSE FIELDS.

BENS.DIS3ARRY [1] – [6]

DIS3. What are the main reasons you haven't applied for any VA disability benefits? [Any other reasons?]

[CODE UP TO 6 RESPONSES. CTRL/P TO EXIT.]

- DISPGM NOT AWARE OF VA SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY PROGRAM 1
- NOTENT DIDN'T THINK WAS ENTITLED OR ELIGIBLE 2
- DISPAY GETTING MILITARY DISABILITY PAY 3
- DISINC GETTING DISABILITY INCOME FROM ANOTHER SOURCE..... 4
- DISSEV DIDN'T THINK DISABILITY SEVERE ENOUGH..... 5
- HOW2 DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO APPLY 6
- NOWANT DIDN'T WANT ANY ASSISTANCE..... 7
- NONEED DIDN'T NEED ASSISTANCE..... 8
- TROUBLE2 APPLYING TOO MUCH TROUBLE OR RED TAPE 9
- NOTHINK NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT 10
- APPLYOTH OTHER [SPECIFY **APPLYOS**] _____ 91
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND PENSION

BENS.DISPYMTS

DIS4. My next questions are about disability payments from the VA.

Are you currently receiving regular payments from the VA?

YES 1
 NO 2 (GO TO DIS8)
 REFUSED -7
 DON'T KNOW -8

BENS.

DIS5. Are you receiving...

		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>REFUSED</u>	<u>DON'T KNOW</u>
SVC	a. Service-connected disability compensation?	1	2	-7	-8
NONSVC	b. Non-service-connected disability pension?	1	2	-7	-8
OTHCOMP	c. Anything else?	1	2	-7	-8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 38:

IF (DIS5b) NONSVC =1, GO TO DIS6.

IF (DIS5a) SVC =1 AND (DIS5b) NONSVC =2, GO TO DIS7.

IF (DIS5a) SVC AND (DIS5b) NONSVC =2, GO TO DIS8.

BENS.HHAID

DIS6. Does your pension include either aid and attendance, or household-bound benefits?

YES 1
 NO 2
 REFUSED -7
 DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 39:

IF (DIS5a) SVC = 2 GO TO DIS8, ELSE GO TO DIS7.

BENS.PYMTIMP

DIS7. During the past year, how important was the disability payment benefit you received from the VA in helping you meet your financial needs? Was it...

Extremely important, 1
 Very important, 2
 Moderately important, 3
 Slightly important, or 4
 Not at all important 5
 REFUSED -7
 DON'T KNOW -8

BENS.REGBENS

DIS8. Have you ever received regular monetary benefits from any other source due to your disability?

- YES 1
- NO 2 (GO TO DIS10)
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 40:

IN DIS9 ALLOW 7 RESPONSE FIELDS.

BENS.DIS9ARRY [1] – [7]

DIS9. From whom have you received these benefits? [Any others?]

[CODE UP TO 7 RESPONSES. CTRL/P TO EXIT.]

- MILDIS** MILITARY DISABILITY 1
- MILRET** MILITARY RETIREMENT 2
- SOCSEC_** SOCIAL SECURITY 3
- SSI** STATE, MEDICAID, SSI 4
- WRKCOMP_** WORKERS COMPENSATION 5
- LTDIS** LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE
[FROM EMPLOYER OR SELF-PURCHASED] 6
- BENOTH** OTHER 91
- [SPECIFY **WHOBENOS**] _____
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION BENEFITS

[C12.]

BENS.VOCREHAB

DIS10. Have you ever used vocational rehabilitation services from the VA?

- YES 1 (GO TO DIS12)
- NO 2
- REFUSED -7 (GO TO DIS13)
- DON'T KNOW -8 (GO TO DIS13)

PROGRAMMER NOTE 41:

IN DIS11 ALLOW 6 RESPONSE FIELDS.

BENS.DIS11ARR [1] – [6]

DIS11. What are the main reasons you haven't used any VA vocational rehabilitation services? [Any other reasons?]

[CODE UP TO 6 RESPONSES. CTRL/P TO EXIT.]

DISSEV1	DIDN'T THINK DISABILITY WAS SEVERE ENOUGH	1 (GO TO DIS13)
HOW3	DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO APPLY FOR OR GET NEEDED BENEFITS	2 (GO TO DIS13)
NOWANT1	DIDN'T WANT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE VA	3 (GO TO DIS13)
NONEED1	DIDN'T NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE VA	4 (GO TO DIS13)
TROUBLE3	APPLYING WAS TOO MUCH TROUBLE OR RED TAPE	5 (GO TO DIS13)
NOTHINK1	NEVER CONSIDERED APPLYING	6 (GO TO DIS13)
GOTELSE	GOT ASSISTANCE FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE	7 (GO TO DIS13)
GOTBET	GOT BETTER/DIDN'T NEED ASSISTANCE ANY MORE	8 (GO TO DIS13)
APPROVE	JUST HAD CLAIM APPROVED	9 (GO TO DIS13)
REHABOS	OTHER [SPECIFY VOCREAOS]	91 (GO TO DIS13)
	REFUSED	-7 (GO TO DIS13)
	DON'T KNOW	-8 (GO TO DIS13)

BENS.VOCIMP

DIS12. How important were these services in helping you meet your educational goals or in helping you get a job? Were they...

Extremely important,	1
Very important,	2
Moderately important,	3
Slightly important, or	4
Not at all important	5
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

BENS.VOCOTH

DIS13. In the past 5 years, have you received vocational rehabilitation from any other source due to your disability?

YES	1
NO	2 (GO TO DIS15)
REFUSED	-7 (GO TO DIS15)
DON'T KNOW	-8 (GO TO DIS15)

PROGRAMMER NOTE 42:

IN DIS14 ALLOW 6 RESPONSE FIELDS.

BENS.DIS14ARR [1] – [6]

DIS14. Who provided the vocational rehabilitation you received during the past 5 years? [Any others?]

[CODE UP TO 6 RESPONSES. CTRL/P TO EXIT.]

EMPOFC	STATE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE	1
STREHAB	STATE REHABILITATION	2
DVOP	DISABLED VETERANS OUTREACH PROGRAM [DVOP].....	3
PRIVORG	PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS [E.G., EASTER SEALS, GOODWILL]	4
VHA	VHA OR VETERANS HOSPITAL	5
DOD	DoD, MILITARY, OR TRICARE	6
FEDERAL	OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL AGENCY	7
PRIVINS3	OTHER PRIVATE INSURANCE COMPANY	8
	REFUSED	-7
	DON'T KNOW	-8

ACCESS AND BARRIERS

BENS.DISBENS

DIS15. Now, I would like to know, how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about Veteran disability benefits.

I thoroughly understand the Veterans disability benefits I'm entitled to. Would you say...

Strongly agree,	1
Agree,	2
Neither agree nor disagree,	3
Disagree, or	4
Strongly disagree?	5
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 42A:

**IF (DIS1) APPLIED = 2, -7, -8, DISPLAY "It would be..."
ELSE DISPLAY "It was..."**

BENS.EASYBENS

DIS16. {It would be/It was} easy for me to get the Veterans disability benefits I'm entitled to. Would you say you...

Strongly agree,	1
Agree,	2
Neither agree nor disagree,	3
Disagree, or	4
Strongly disagree?	5
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

MORTGAGE LOAN MODULE

[M1.]

BENS.HOME

ML1. The next questions ask about the VA home loan program.

Do you own your current living quarters, rent them, or occupy them without paying cash rent?

- OWNED OR BEING BOUGHT BY YOU OR SOMEONE
IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD 1
- RENTED FOR CASH 2
- OCCUPIED WITHOUT PAYMENT OF CASH RENT 3
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

BENEFIT USE

BENS.LOANS

ML2. Since you left the military, have you gotten any loans to purchase a home, make home improvements, or refinance a home loan?

- YES 1
- NO 2 (GO TO LIF1)
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

[M2.]

BENS.

ML3. Have you ever used the VA loan program to...

		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>REF</u>	<u>DK</u>
PURCHASE	a. Purchase a home?	1	2	-7	-8
IMPROVE	b. Make home improvements?	1	2	-7	-8
REFINANC	c. Refinance a home loan?	1	2	-7	-8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 43:

IF (ML3a) PURCHASE, (ML3b) IMPROVE OR (ML3c) REFINANC = 1, -7 OR -8, GO TO LIF1, ELSE GO TO ML4.

[M6.]

BENS.ML4ARRY [1] – [10]

ML4. What were the main reasons you didn't use the VA loan program? [Any other reasons?]

[CODE UP TO 10 RESPONSES. CTRL/P TO EXIT.]

NOTAWAR2	NOT AWARE OF THE VA LOAN PROGRAM	1
NOTEIG2	THINKS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR VA LOAN	2
HOW4	DID NOT KNOW HOW TO APPLY FOR VA LOAN	3
NOTWANT1	DID NOT NEED OR WANT LOAN ASSISTANCE FROM THE VA	4
TROUBLE4	THINKS APPLYING FOR VA LOAN TOO MUCH TROUBLE OR RED TAPE	5
NOTHINK2	NEVER CONSIDERED GETTING A LOAN FROM THE VA	6
TOOMUCH	THINKS AMOUNT NEEDED LARGER THAN VA MAXIMUM	7
INSPECT	THINKS VA INSPECTION OR APPRAISAL REQUIREMENTS TOO STRINGENT	8
FUNDFEE	THINKS VA FUNDING FEE TOO HIGH	9
HIGHFEE	THINKS OTHER FEES OR COSTS TOO HIGH [E.G., CLOSING COSTS]	10
NOARMS	THINKS NO ADJUSTABLE RATES AVAILABLE	11
SELLER	THINKS SELLER WOULD NOT SELL IF USED VA LOAN	12
QUALVA	THINKS WOULDN'T QUALIFY FOR VA LOAN	13
APPLIED1	APPLIED BUT NOT APPROVED FOR VA LOAN	14
NOLOAN	OTHER [SPECIFY] (NOLOANOS) _____	91
	REFUSED	-7
	DON'T KNOW	-8

LIFE INSURANCE MODULE

BENEFIT USE

BENS.VAINS

LIF1. Are you currently covered by life insurance from the VA?

YES	1 (GO TO LIF3)
NO	2
REFUSED	-7 (GO TO LIF3)
DON'T KNOW	-8 (GO TO LIF3)

PROGRAMMER NOTE 44:

IN LIF2 ALLOW 6 RESPONSE FIELDS.

BENS.LIF2ARRY [1] – [6]

LIF2. What are the main reasons you don't have VA life insurance coverage? [Any other reasons?]

[CODE UP TO 6 RESPONSES. CTRL/P TO EXIT.]

NOTAWAR3	NOT AWARE OF VA INSURANCE BENEFITS.....	1
NOTELIG3	DIDN'T BELIEVE ENTITLED OR ELIGIBLE	2
HOW5	DID NOT KNOW HOW TO APPLY FOR BENEFITS	3
NONEED2	DID NOT NEED ANY INSURANCE.....	4
NOTWANT2	DID NOT NEED OR WANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE VA.....	5
TROUBLE5	TOO MUCH TROUBLE OR RED TAPE	6
NOTHINK3	NEVER CONSIDERED GETTING ANY INSURANCE FROM THE VA	7
FORGO	ELECTED TO FORGO COVERAGE WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY	8
CONVERT	NEVER CONVERTED ACTIVE DUTY LIFE INSURANCE POLICY TO VETERANS POLICY.....	9
LAPSE	ALLOWED POLICY TO LAPSE.....	10
INSOTH1	OTHER [SPECIFY INSREAOS] _____	91
	REFUSED	-7
	DON'T KNOW	-8

NON-VA BENEFIT USE

PROGRAMMER NOTE 45:

IF (LIF1) VAINS = 1 DISPLAY "Excluding your VA life insurance policy, do" IN LIF3, ELSE DISPLAY "Do".

BENS.INSOTH

LIF3. {Excluding your VA life insurance policy, do/Do} you currently have life insurance from any other source?

YES	1
NO	2
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

ACCESS AND BARRIERS

BENS.KNOWING

LIF4. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement about life insurance benefits from the VA?

I thoroughly understand the life insurance I'm entitled to from the VA. Would you say you...

- Strongly agree, 1
- Agree, 2
- Neither agree nor disagree, 3
- Disagree, or 4
- Strongly disagree? 5
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

EDUCATION AND TRAINING MODULE

BENEFIT USE

[L3.]

BENS.EDUCTRG

ET1. These next few questions ask about your experience with education and training benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Excluding vocational rehabilitation, have you received any education or training benefits from the VA since you left the military?

- YES 1
- NO 2 (GO TO ET4)
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 46:

IF ET2h = 1 PROVIDE OTHER SPECIFY FIELD.

BENS.

ET2. How did you use the VA educational benefit? Did you...

		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>REFUSED</u>	<u>DON'T KNOW</u>
DEGREE	a. Take college or university coursework leading to a bachelor or graduate degree?	1	2	-7	-8
CERT	b. Attend business, technical or vocational school training leading to a certificate or diploma?	1	2	-7	-8
OJT	c. Participate in an apprenticeship or on-job training program?	1	2	-7	-8
CORRES	d. Take correspondence courses?	1	2	-7	-8
FLIGHT	e. Take flight training?	1	2	-7	-8
TUTORIAL	f. Get tutorial assistance, refresher courses, or deficiency training?..	1	2	-7	-8
TCERT	g. Attend a teacher certification program?	1	2	-7	-8
EDUC	h. Do something else? [SPECIFY EDUCOS] _____	1	2	-7	-8

BENS.GOALSIMP

ET3. How important were your VA education benefits in helping you meet your educational goals or preparing you to get a better job? Would you say they were...

- Extremely important, 1 (GO TO ET5)
- Very important, 2 (GO TO ET5)
- Moderately important, 3 (GO TO ET5)
- Slightly important, or 4 (GO TO ET5)
- Not at all important 5 (GO TO ET5)
- REFUSED -7 (GO TO ET5)
- DON'T KNOW -8 (GO TO ET5)

PROGRAMMER NOTE 47:

IN ET4 ALLOW 6 RESPONSE FIELDS.

BENS.ET4ARRY [1] – [6]

ET4. What are the main reasons you haven't used any of the VA educational or training benefits? [Any other reasons?]

[CODE UP TO 6 RESPONSES. CTRL/P TO EXIT.]

NOTAWAR4	NOT AWARE OF VA EDUCATION OR TRAINING BENEFITS	1
NOTELIG4	DIDN'T BELIEVE ENTITLED OR ELIGIBLE FOR EDUCATION OR TRAINING BENEFITS.....	2
TIMEOUT	TIME RAN OUT.....	3
HOW6	DID NOT KNOW HOW TO APPLY FOR EDUCATION OR TRAINING BENEFITS ...	4
NONEED3	DID NOT NEED ANY EDUCATION OR TRAINING	5
NOWANT3	DID NOT NEED OR WANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE VA.....	6
TROUBLE7	TOO MUCH TROUBLE OR RED TAPE	7
NOTHINK4	NEVER CONSIDERED GETTING ANY EDUCATION OR TRAINING FROM THE VA.....	8
NOPAY	DID NOT PAY INTO TRAINING FUNDS DURING ACTIVE DUTY.....	9
EDUCOTH	OTHER [SPECIFY EDUCREOS] _____	91
	REFUSED	-7
	DON'T KNOW	-8

NON-VA SERVICE USE

BENS.EDUCAID

ET5. Since you left the military, have you received financial assistance for education or training from any other source?

YES	1
NO	2 (GO TO ET7)
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 48:

IN ET6 ALLOW 6 RESPONSE FIELDS.

BENS.ET6ARRY [1] – [6]

ET6. What kinds of assistance did you receive? [Any others?]

[CODE UP TO 6 RESPONSES. CTRL/P TO EXIT.]

EMPASST	EMPLOYER ASSISTANCE	1
PELL	PELL GRANT	2
GRANTS	STATE OR FEDERAL STUDENT GRANTS.....	3
SLOANS	STUDENT LOANS	4
FEDREHAB	A STATE OR FEDERAL REHABILITATION AGENCY'S ASSISTANCE	5
VETSERV	A VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION ASSISTANCE	6
OTHORG	SOME OTHER ORGANIZATION'S ASSISTANCE	7
SELF3	SELF OR FAMILY	8
PAIDOTH	OTHER [SPECIFY TYPAI DOS] _____	91
	REFUSED	-7
	DON'T KNOW	-8

ACCESS AND BARRIERS

BENS.KNOWEDUC

ET7. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your VA education and training benefits?

I thoroughly understand the education and training benefits I'm entitled to from the VA. Would you say you...

Strongly agree,	1
Agree,	2
Neither agree nor disagree,	3
Disagree, or	4
Strongly disagree?	5
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 49:

IF CURRENT YEAR – (MB9/MB9a) RRELYR OR (MB15 / MB15a) RELYR LE 10, CONTINUE IN BOX. ELSE GO TO BB1.

FOR THE FIRST DISPLAY FIELD IN ET8, IF (ET1) EDUCTRG = 1 DISPLAY “additional”, ELSE USE NO DISPLAY.

FOR THE SECOND DISPLAY FIELD IN ET8, SUM CURRENT YEAR – (MB9 / MB9a) RRELYR OR (MB15/MB15a) RELYR AND SUBTRACT FROM 10. IF THAT VALUE = 0 DISPLAY “few months”. IF THAT VALUE = 1 DISPLAY “year”, ELSE DISPLAY THAT VALUE AND “years”.

FUTURE USE PLANS

BENS.EDUCUSE

ET8. How likely are you to use {additional} VA benefits for education or training within the next {few months/year/N years}? Would you say...

Very likely,	1	(GO TO BB1)
Somewhat likely, or	2	(GO TO BB1)
Not at all likely?	3	
REFUSED	-7	
DON'T KNOW	-8	

PROGRAMMER NOTE 50:

IN ET9 ALLOW 6 RESPONSE FIELDS.

BENS.ET9ARRY [1] – [6]

ET9. What are the main reasons you think you won't use any VA educational or training benefits available to you? [Any other reasons?]

[CODE UP TO 6 RESPONSES. CTRL/P TO EXIT.]

NOTAWAR5	NOT AWARE OF VA EDUCATION AND TRAINING BENEFITS.....	1
NOTEIG5	DOESN'T BELIEVE ENTITLED OR ELIGIBLE FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING BENEFITS.....	2
HOW7	DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO APPLY FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING BENEFITS.....	3
NONEED4	DOES NOT NEED ANY EDUCATION OR TRAINING	4
NOWANT4	DOES NOT NEED OR WANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE VA.....	5
TROUBLE8	TOO MUCH TROUBLE OR RED TAPE	6
NOTHINK5	NEVER CONSIDERED GETTING ANY EDUCATION AND TRAINING FROM THE VA.....	7
NOPAY1	DID NOT PAY INTO TRAINING FUNDS DURING ACTIVE DUTY.....	8
TRGOTH	OTHER [SPECIFY TRGREAO5] _____	91
	REFUSED	-7
	DON'T KNOW	-8

BURIAL BENEFITS MODULE

[N1.]

BENS.

BB1. The next questions are about burial benefits you may be entitled to because of your military service.

I am going read a list of programs relating to the burial of veterans. For each one, please tell me whether you had heard about the program before this interview.

	YES	NO	REFUSED	DON'T KNOW
MARKERS a. VA headstones and burial markers in private cemeteries?	1	2	-7	-8
BURIAL b. Burial in a national or state Veterans Cemetery?	1	2	-7	-8
MEMORIAL c. Presidential Memorial Certificates for next of kin of deceased veterans?	1	2	-7	-8

BURIAL PLANS

[N2.]

BENS.BURYKIND

BB2. **The VA is interested in understanding veterans' preferences about burial. Your answers to these questions are important to us, even if you haven't given much thought to how you'd like to be buried.**

What kind of burial do you think you'll have? Do you think you'll have...

A traditional in-ground burial,	1	(GO TO BB4)
A cremation burial, or	2	
Something else? [SPECIFY BURYKIOS], _____	3	(GO TO BB4)
UNDECIDED	4	(GO TO BB4)
REFUSED	-7	
DON'T KNOW	-8	

BENS.ASHES

BB3. What do you want to have done with your ashes? Do you want them...

Placed in a columbarium,	1	
Buried [INGROUND], or	2	
Scattered?	3	(GO TO BB9)
OTHER	4	(GO TO BB9)
REFUSED	-7	
DON'T KNOW	-8	

[N3.]

BENS.VETCEM

BB4. Do you think you'll be buried in either a National or State Veterans Cemetery?

YES	1	
NO	2	(GO TO BB6)
REFUSED	-7	(GO TO BB7)
DON'T KNOW	-8	(GO TO BB7)

PROGRAMMER NOTE 51:

IN BB5 ALLOW 5 RESPONSES.

BENS.BB5ARRY [1] – [5]

BB5. What would you say are your main reasons for wanting to be buried in a Veterans Cemetery? [Any other reasons?]

[CODE UP TO 5 RESPONSES. CTRL/P TO EXIT.]

COST	COST	1 (GO TO BB7)
FAMILY	FRIENDS OR FAMILY BURIED THERE	2 (GO TO BB7)
QUALSVC	QUALITY OF SERVICES.....	3 (GO TO BB7)
HONOR	THE HONOR OF BURIAL IN NATIONAL SHRINE	4 (GO TO BB7)
CEMOTH	OTHER [SPECIFY CEMYEOS].....	91 (GO TO BB7)
	REFUSED	-7 (GO TO BB7)
	DON'T KNOW	-8 (GO TO BB7)

PROGRAMMER NOTE 52:

IN BB6 ALLOW 6 RESPONSE FIELDS.

BENS.BB6ARRY [1] – [6]

BB6. What are your main reasons for not planning to be buried in a Veterans Cemetery? [Any other reasons?]

[CODE UP TO 6 RESPONSES. CTRL/P TO EXIT.]

ELIGUNK	DOESN'T KNOW ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	1
QUALSVC1	QUALITY OF SERVICE	2
ARRHOW	DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH VA.....	3
ARROTH	MADE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.....	4
RELIG	VA SERVICES DON'T ACCOMMODATE RELIGIOUS PREFERENCES	5
TOOFAR	VETERANS CEMETERY TOO FAR AWAY	6
FAMCLOS	WANTED LOCATION CLOSE TO OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS	7
AVALSVC	WANTED SERVICES THAT WEREN'T AVAILABLE AT VETERANS CEMETERY.....	8
ARRHARD	TOO DIFFICULT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH VA	9
NOADV	UNABLE TO MAKE ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS WITH VA.....	10
CEMOTH1	OTHER [SPECIFY CEMREAOS].....	91
	REFUSED	-7
	DON'T KNOW	-8

BENS.VAMARKER

BB7. Do you think you'll have your burial place marked by a headstone or marker provided by the VA?

YES	1 (GO TO BB9)
NO	2
REFUSED	-7 (GO TO BB9)
DON'T KNOW	-8 (GO TO BB9)

PROGRAMMER NOTE 53:

IN BB8 ALLOW 4 RESPONSE FIELDS.

BENS.BB8ARRY [1] – [4]

BB8. What are the main reasons you don't plan to use a headstone or marker provided by the VA? [Any other reasons?]

[CODE UP TO 4 RESPONSES. CTRL/P TO EXIT.]

MARKUNK	DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT MARKERS AND HEADSTONES FOR VETERANS	1
ARROTH1	MADE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS	2
FAMMARK	WANTS HEADSTONE SIMILAR TO OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS	3
NOLIKE	DOESN'T LIKE VA MARKERS AND HEADSTONES	4
	REFUSED	-7
	DON'T KNOW	-8

ACCESS AND BARRIERS

BENS.KNOWBURY

BB9. How much do you agree or disagree with this statement about veterans burial benefits?

I thoroughly understand the veterans burial benefits available to me. Would you say you...

Strongly agree,	1
Agree,	2
Neither agree nor disagree,	3
Disagree, or	4
Strongly disagree?	5
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

BENS.BURYEASY

BB10. If your family needed to get information about veteran burial benefits, how easy or difficult do you think it would be for them to find it? Do you think it would be...

Very easy,	1
Easy,	2
Neither easy nor difficult,	3
Difficult, or	4
Very difficult?	5
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

COMMUNICATION MODULE

PROGRAMMER NOTE 54:

IN CM1 ALLOW 6 RESPONSE FIELDS.

CM1INTRO

Now I would like to talk about the information you need about the veterans benefits you are entitled to because of your military service.

[PRESS RETURN TO CONTINUE.]

BENS.CM1ARRY [1] – [6]

CM1. If you needed information about VA benefits, where do you think you would go to get it? [Anywhere else?]

[CODE UP TO 6 RESPONSES. CTRL/P TO EXIT.]

NOWHERE	NOWHERE.....	1
<u>VA</u>		
THEVA	THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS [VA].....	2
TOLLFREE	VA: TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER	3
WEBSITE	VA WEB SITE	4
INTERNET	OTHER INTERNET OR WEB SITE	5
VSVCORG	VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION [VFW, AMERICAN LEGION].....	6
HANDBK	VA BENEFITS HANDBOOK	7
<u>OTHER GOVERNMENT</u>		
SSOFC	SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE.....	8
GOVTAGEN	ANOTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY.....	9
<u>OTHER SOURCE</u>		
SRGRP	SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP [AARP]	10
ADVOGRP	HEALTH ADVOCACY GROUP [MS SOCIETY; AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND; EASTER SEALS; MARCH OF DIMES]	11
DOCTOR	DOCTOR OR DOCTOR'S OFFICE	12
BOSS	EMPLOYER OR FORMER EMPLOYER	13
VETERAN	ANOTHER VETERAN.....	14
FAMILY1	FAMILY OR FRIENDS	15
NEWSMAG	NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE	16
RADIOTV	TV OR RADIO	17
PEROTH	SOME OTHER PERSON OR PLACE [SPECIFY NEEDOS] _____	91
	REFUSED	-7
	DON'T KNOW	-8

INFORMATION NEEDS

BENS.KNOWBENS

CM2. How much would you say you know about your VA benefits? Would you say you know...

Everything you need to know,	1
Most of what you need to know,.....	2
Some of what you need to know,	3
A little of what you need to know, or	4
Almost none of what you need to know about your veterans benefits?.....	5
DON'T NEED TO KNOW ANYTHING	6
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

BENS.INFOAT

CM3. How satisfied are you with your ability to get information about veterans benefits when you need it? Would you say you are...

Very satisfied,.....	1
Somewhat satisfied,	2
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied,	3
Somewhat dissatisfied, or	4
Very dissatisfied?	5
DON'T NEED TO KNOW ANYTHING	6
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

BENS.INFONEED

CM4. In the past year, have you needed any information about your veterans benefits?

YES	1
NO	2
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

INTERNET USE

BENS.WWW

CM5. Do you have access to the Internet [THE WORLD WIDE WEB]?

YES	1
NO	2
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION MODULE

EMPLOYMENT

PROGRAMMER NOTE 55:

IN SD1 DISPLAY CURRENT DAY OF THE WEEK.

[D1.]

VETS.WORK

SD1. Now, I am going to ask you a few questions about your employment status. During the last week, that is, since last {SAME DAY AS TODAY}, were you...

- Working, or on vacation or sick leave from work,1(PROG. NOTE 57A)
- Not working, but looking for work, or2(PROG. NOTE 57A)
- Not working and not looking for work?3
- REFUSED-7(PROG. NOTE 57A)
- DON'T KNOW-8(PROG. NOTE 57A)

[D8.]

VETS.LOOKWORK

SD2. I am going to read you a list of reasons why people may not be looking for work. Please tell me which is the main reason you were not looking for work.

- You are retired,..... 1
- You are disabled, 2
- You stopped looking for work because you could not find work, 3
- You were temporarily laid off from work,..... 4
- You were taking care of your home and family, or..... 5
- You were going to school? 6
- OTHER [SPECIFY **LOOKWOOS**]_____ 91
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 56:

IN SD3 HARD RANGE = 1885 – CURRENT YEAR.

VETS.WORKLAST

SD3. In what year did you last work, even for a few days?

____ YEAR

- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 57:

IF WORKLAST > 1998 GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 57A, ELSE GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 61.

PROGRAMMER NOTE 57A:

IN SD4 ALLOW RESPONSES 0 – 52.

VETS.WKSWORK

SD4. During the past year, how many weeks did you work?

____ WEEKS
REFUSED -7
DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 58:

IF (SD4) WKSWORK = 0 GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 59, ELSE GO TO SD5.

IN SD5 HARD RANGE = 0 – 100. SOFT RANGE = 0 – 60.

VETS.HRSWORK

SD5. During the weeks you worked last year, how many hours did you usually work each week?

____ HOURS
REFUSED -7
DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 59:

IF (SD1) WORK = 1 GO TO SD6, ELSE GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 61.

VETS.SMALLBUS

SD6. Do you own or operate a small business?

YES 1
NO 2 (GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 61)
REFUSED -7 (GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 61)
DON'T KNOW -8 (GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 61)

PROGRAMMER NOTE 60:

IN (SD7) FEDID, FEDERAL EMPLOYER ID NUMBER MUST CONSIST OF 9 DIGITS, ELSE PROMPT INTERVIEWERS TO VERIFY THEIR ENTRY BY RETYPING THE RESPONSE.

VETS.FEDID

SD7. It would be helpful for VA to have your Federal Employer Identification number in order to obtain data from other federal agencies to study the growth of veteran-owned small businesses in specific areas and industries. Giving your Employer Identification Number is completely voluntary and VA won't take action against you if you don't provide it to us.

What is your Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN)?

____ - _____
REFUSED -7
DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 61:

IF RESPONDENT IS SCREENER RESPONDENT SKIP TO SD12, ELSE GO TO SD9.

BACKGROUND

[O1.]

VETS.ETHNIC

SD9. Next I have a few questions about your background.

Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?

YES	1
NO	2
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 62:

IN SD10 ALLOW 8 RESPONSE FIELDS.

[O2.]

VETS.SD10ARRY [1] – [8]

SD10. I'm going to read a list of racial categories. Please select one or more to describe your race. Are you...

[CODE UP TO 8 RESPONSES. CTRL/P TO EXIT.]

WHITE	White,	1
BLACK	Black or African American,	2
ALASKAN	American Indian or Alaska Native,	3
ASIAN	Asian,	4
HAWAII1	Native Hawaiian, or	5
PACIFIC	Other Pacific Islander?	6
HISPANIC	HISPANIC/MEXICAN	7
RACEOTH	OTHER [SPECIFY RACEOS] _____	91
	REFUSED	-7
	DON'T KNOW	-8

VETS.GRADE

SD11. What is the highest grade or year of school you have ever completed?

NO FORMAL SCHOOLING	0
NURSERY SCHOOL TO 4th GRADE.....	1
5th, 6th, or 7th GRADE	2
8th GRADE.....	3
9th, 10th, or 11th GRADE	4
12th GRADE, NO DIPLOMA.....	5
GED.....	6
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE	7
TRADE/TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL AFTER HIGH SCHOOL	8
SOME COLLEGE BUT NO DEGREE.....	9
ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN COLLEGE.....	10
BACHELOR'S DEGREE	11
MASTER'S DEGREE	12
PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL DEGREE [MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD]	13
DOCTORAL DEGREE [PHD, EDD].....	14
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

[O4.]

VETS.MARRY

SD12. What is your marital status? Are you...

Married, living with your spouse,.....	1
Married, not living with your spouse,.....	2
Widowed,.....	3
Divorced,	4
Legally separated, or.....	5
Never been married?	6
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 63:

IN (SD13) DEPEND HARD RANGE = 0 – 15. SOFT RANGE = 0 – 10.

[O6a.]

VETS.DEPEND

SD13. During the year 2000, how many children depended on you for at least half of their support?

NUMBER.....	_ _
REFUSED	-7
DON'T KNOW	-8

INCOME

[O7.]

VETS.

SD14. I am going to read a list of income sources. Please tell me which sources are included in your total family income for the year 2000. For 2000, including yourself, your spouse, or your dependent children, did you receive income from...

		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>REFUSED</u>	<u>DON'T KNOW</u>
WAGES	a. Wages, salaries, or other employment income, like commissions, bonuses, or tips?	1	2	-7	-8
BUSINESS	b. Your own business?	1	2	-7	-8
SOCSEC	c. Social Security?	1	2	-7	-8
VADISCMP	d. VA service-connected disability compensation?	1	2	-7	-8
VADISPEN	e. VA non-service connected disability pension?	1	2	-7	-8
PENSION	f. Any retirement or pension plan [including U.S. Civil Service Retirement or U.S. Railroad Retirement]?	1	2	-7	-8
UNEMPLOY	g. Unemployment insurance?	1	2	-7	-8
INTEREST	h. Interest and dividends?	1	2	-7	-8
WRKCOMP	i. Worker's Compensation or Black Lung benefit?	1	2	-7	-8
WELFARE	j. Public assistance, such as welfare, AFDC, or SSI payments?	1	2	-7	-8
INCOMEOT	k. Any other source?	1	2	-7	-8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 64:
IN SD15 HARD RANGE = 0 – 9,999,999. SOFT RANGE = 0 – 250,000.

[O8.]

VETS.INCOME

SD15. In studies like these, households are sometimes grouped according to income. Including any VA payments you receive, and from all of these sources combined, what was your total family income for 2000, before taxes and deductions?

[IF R DOES NOT KNOW EXACT AMOUNT, PROBE FOR BEST ESTIMATE.]

\$, , (GO TO SD17)

REFUSED -7
 DON'T KNOW -8

[O9.]

VETS.INCOME1

SD16. Can you tell me which group best describes an estimate of your total combined family income in 2000 before taxes and deductions? Would you say...

- \$10,000 or less, 1
- \$10,001 to \$20,000, 2
- \$20,001 to \$30,000, 3
- \$30,001 to \$40,000, 4
- \$40,001 to \$50,000, or 5
- Over \$50,000?..... 6
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 65:

IN SD17 HARD RANGE = 0 – 99,999,999. SOFT RANGE = 0 – 500,000.

[O10a.]

VETS.ASSETS

SD17. Excluding your primary residence, what is the total amount of assets your family owns? Please include items such as stocks, bonds, bank deposits, other real estate and property.

[IF R DOES NOT KNOW EXACT AMOUNT, PROBE FOR BEST ESTIMATE.]

\$ |_|_| , |_|_| , |_|_| (GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 66)

- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

[O10b.]

VETS.ESTASSET

SD18. Excluding your primary residence, can you tell me which group best describes an estimate of the total amount of assets your family owns? Would you say...

- \$10,000 or less, 1
- \$10,001 to \$20,000, 2
- \$20,001 to \$30,000, 3
- \$30,001 to \$40,000, 4
- \$40,001 to \$50,000, or 5
- Over \$50,000?..... 6
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 66:

IF ML1 IS NE 1, GO TO SD21, ELSE GO TO SD19.

IN SD19 HARD RANGE = 5,000 – 99,999,999. SOFT RANGE = 10,000 – 1,000,000.

[O11.]

VETS.MKTHOME

SD19. What is the market value of your primary residence?

[IF R DOES NOT KNOW EXACT AMOUNT, PROBE FOR BEST ESTIMATE.]

\$, ,

REFUSED -7

DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 67:

IN SD20 HARD RANGE = 0 – 99,999,999. SOFT RANGE = 0 – 1,000,000.

[O12.]

VETS.MORTAMT

SD20. What is the amount remaining on the mortgage of your primary residence?

[IF R DOES NOT KNOW EXACT AMOUNT, PROBE FOR BEST ESTIMATE.]

\$, ,

REFUSED -7

DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 68:

IF (ML1) HOME = 1 AND (SD20) MORTAMT ^= 0, DISPLAY “Excluding the mortgage...”, ELSE DISPLAY “What”.

IN SD21 HARD RANGE = 0 – 9,999,999. SOFT RANGE = 0 – 200,000.

[O13a.]

VETS.DEBTS

SD21. {Excluding the mortgage debt on your primary residence, what/What} is the total amount of outstanding debts your family has as of today? Please include such items as car loans, credit cards, educational expenses, unpaid medical bills, and back taxes.

[IF R DOES NOT KNOW EXACT AMOUNT, PROBE FOR BEST ESTIMATE.]

\$, , (GO TO SD23)

REFUSED -7

DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 69:

IF (ML1) HOME = 1 AND (SD20) MORTAMT ^= 0, DISPLAY “Excluding the mortgage...”, ELSE DISPLAY “Which”.

[O13b.]

VETS.ESTDEBTS

SD22. {Excluding the mortgage debt on your primary residence, which/Which} of the following best describes an estimate of the total amount of outstanding debts your family has as of today? Would you say...

- \$10,000 or less, 1
- \$10,001 to \$20,000, 2
- \$20,001 to \$30,000, 3
- \$30,001 to \$40,000, 4
- \$40,001 to \$50,000, or 5
- Over \$50,000?..... 6
- REFUSED -7
- DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 70 DELETED.

[P1.]

VETS.ZIP

SD23. May I have your ZIP code, please?

[IF NEEDED: We would like to assess the availability of health care services. The ZIP code information allows us to estimate the distance to the nearest medical care facilities.]

- ZIP GO TO PN70A
- REFUSED -7 GO TO PN70A
- DON'T KNOW -8 GO TO PN70A

PROGRAMMER NOTE 70A:

IF LIST SAMPLE VET GO TO THANK2,
ELSE CONTINUE TO THANK1

THANK1

Thank you for your cooperation and patience in this study. Finally, we would like to ask you for your social security number. Giving us your social security number is completely voluntary, and VA won't take any action against you if you don't provide it to us.

The Department of Veterans Affairs will use your social security number for two purposes. First, VA will use it to ensure that each respondent is interviewed only once. Second, VA will use your social security number to obtain additional data from the VA files, the Department of Defense and the Department of Health and Human Services to better understand your needs. Neither agency will use this information obtained from VA in connection with this survey for any other purpose.

[PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE]

PROGRAMMER NOTE 71:

IN SD24 REQUIRE 9 DIGITS.

[P2.]

VETS.SOCIAL

SD24. May I please have your social security number?

VETS.SOCAREA

VETS.SOCGRP

SSN [][][][] - [][][] - [][][][][] HARD RANGE: **SSN LOGIC**

VETS.SOCEND

REFUSED -7
DON'T KNOW -8

PROGRAMMER NOTE 72:

IF ADDRESS INFORMATION IS KNOWN (LIST SAMPLE) DISPLAY ON SCREEN.

PROGRAMMER NOTE 72A:

IF RDD SAMPLE GO TO VETS .FUTRPART ,
ELSE GO TO

THANK2

Thank you for your cooperation and patience in this study.

[PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE]

VETS.FUTRPART

SD25. The VA wants to know what veterans think. Would you be interested in participating in future studies or focus groups that will help VA to better serve America's veterans?

YES 1
NO 2 (GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 73)
REFUSED -7 (GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 73)
DON'T KNOW -8 (GO TO PROGRAMMER NOTE 73)

VETS.

MAILSCRN

Could I please have your name and address so that you may be notified if you are selected to participate in any future VA studies?

[IF ADDRESS INFORMATION IS THE SAME, PRESS RETURN THROUGH FIELD. IF ADDRESS INFORMATION IS DIFFERENT, RETYPE ENTIRE FIELD.]

VETFNAM FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

VETLNAM
VETADDR STREET ADDRESS: _____

VETCITY
VETSTATE CITY OR TOWN: _____

VETZIP STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PROGRAMMER NOTE 73:

CODE CASE CE AND GO TO CLOSE1.

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