



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**Veterans Health Administration**  
**Washington DC 20420**

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FIRST NAME LAST NAME  
ADDRESS 1  
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CITY, STATE, ZIP

[Dear NAME OF VETERAN]:

You are invited to participate in the *Coming Home from Afghanistan and Iraq* (CHAI) Study, which is being conducted for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) by an independent research firm, Abt Associates, Inc.

To better serve your generation of Veterans, the VA needs to learn more about your experiences in the military and in civilian life. Your participation is critically important; your experiences are unique and you cannot be replaced by another person. Your name was randomly selected to represent thousands of other post-9/11 Veterans like yourself, and your answers will help the VA understand the health, well-being, and needs of the OEF/OIF/OND Veterans who served between 2001 and 2015. Please accept the enclosed \$1 token to thank you for reading this letter.

To participate in the study, a trained Abt Associates interviewer will call you to complete the survey by telephone. If you prefer, you can go to the CHAI Survey Website [CHAI SURVEY PARTICIPANT URL], sign in with your unique ID number [YOURID] and complete the Web version of the survey questions on your own.

Your participation is **voluntary**. After you complete the survey, you will **receive \$50** to compensate you for your time. You may also be eligible for the CHAI Neurocognitive Assessment and/or the CHAI Child Study to be conducted later this year. Each of these studies provides an **additional \$100** compensation.

The survey will take about 60 minutes to complete. You can skip any question you prefer not to answer and go to the next question. All of your answers will be kept **private** and **confidential**. Your individual answers will not be linked with your name or other identifying information in any reports of the survey data. If you choose not to participate in the study, please return the postage-paid postcard included with this letter.

For more information, please see the enclosed brochures, visit the CHAI Study Website at [CHAI STUDY URL], contact the CHAI Study [CHAI STUDY EMAIL] or call [CHAI STUDY PHONE NUMBER].

Thank you for your time and your service to our country.

Sincerely,

[SIGNATURE]

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