

Participant Information Sheet for Wives/Partners/Child/Grandchild

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Project Title

Working Title: New Zealand Vietnam Veterans' Intergenerational Health

An Invitation

The research question is: What experiences do New Zealand Vietnam Veterans, and families have that demonstrate the passage of intergenerational health?

My name is Eddie Nock my Vietnam experience was with 161 Battery 1970/71. Currently one of my responsibilities is the research portfolio with the New Zealand Vietnam Veterans Association executive (NZVVAEx), and I am completing this research for my Masters of Health Practice in Violence and Trauma.

I would like to invite you to participate in an interview a total number of three New Zealand Vietnam Veterans (NZVVets) and the families of each family about intergenerational health. Only three families where all four family members representing three generations are able and willing to participate in this research study can be excepted as participants. If you are interested, can participate in the research, and have a consenting husband/partner, child, and grandchild all over the age of sixteen I would like to hear from you.

At a Zoom family information and informed consent meeting, the primary researcher will identify each potential participant in their family. During the family information meeting, you will be given the opportunity to ask questions about the research before deciding on participating in the research.

What is the purpose of this research?

It is likely New Zealand Vietnam Veterans cannot continue to support their family's health initiatives as they age. Therefore, other planned support to address this issue must be organised and employed. Two important developments have been mentioned below.

1. Strengthening the voice of the NZVVets through the New Zealand Vietnam Veterans Association by using adult children and grandchildren of NZVVets and co-opting other people with important skills.
2. Reaffirming NZVVets initiatives such as the memorandum of understanding for the 'Vietnam Veterans and Families Trust.' To the benefit of NZVVets and their families and to give coverage past the 31st of May 2037 deadline for returning the Trusts \$7. million government endowment funds, so families of NZVVets including those born after 2037 are not left with a legacy of unsupported ill health by their NZVVet parent.

The findings of this research may be used for academic publications and presentations.

How was I identified and why am I being invited to participate in this research?

All potential participants will have responded to an advertisement in the NZVVA 'Contact' magazine, NZVVets have been invited to participate in this research if they can answer yes to the following questions:

1. I am a **NZVVet** and willing to participate in the research Yes No
2. My **wife/partner** is willing to participate in the research Yes No
3. My **child over the age of 16 years** is willing to participate in the research Yes No
4. My **grandchild over the age of 16 years** is willing to participate in the research Yes No

How do I agree to participate in this research?

If you and other family members (husband/partner, child, and grandchild) are interested in taking part in this research, your husband/partner/father/grandfather will have emailed me at edwardwelfare@gmail.com At the

family meeting, I will ask for your cell phone and email address so I can organise a meeting with you and contact you following the interview about checking your transcript.

Your participation in this research is voluntary (it is your choice) and whether you choose to participate will neither advantage nor disadvantage you. You are able to withdraw from the study at any time. If one or more members withdraws from the research, the family interview cannot proceed because all three generations are needed for this research. If you choose to withdraw from the study, then you will be offered the choice between having any data that is identifiable as belonging to you removed or allowing it to continue to be used. However, once the findings have been produced, removal of your data may not be possible.

Once you have received information about the research and had any questions you may have answered, you will be asked to sign a consent form indicating your willingness to participate in this research.

What will happen in this research?

You and your family members will be asked to participate in digitally recorded semi-structured interviews via ZOOM. You will be asked questions about the main causes of poor health, PTSD, Agent Orange and psychological injury, and how these problems have affected husband/partner/father/grandfather and other family members. Recorded data will be transcribed in readiness for analysis, and all identifying features removed. Your spouse/partner, child, and grandchild will also be asked how the causes of poor health have affected them. The interviews will be transcribed, checked for accuracy, and returned to you if you want to check the accuracy of your transcript.

What are the discomforts and risks?

You may find some research questions confronting and they may raise issues that you find uncomfortable or distressing. If you do not want to answer the question, you do not need to answer that question or that part of the question. You may also feel fatigued from engaging in the Zoom videoconference.

How will these discomforts and risks be alleviated?

The questions are open-ended which means you can choose what you share, from your perspective. Meaning the researcher wants you to describe what happened through your eyes. Nobody else needs to know what you said because you will have the opportunity to approve your transcript and re-phrase any wording you use in the research findings and approved by you. You may want to re-phase of something you might have said could be used. It would be not possible to identify the phase with you.

In the unlikely event, you feel distressed and need someone to talk to assistance is available from service clubs such as the Returned Service Association (RSA) or the government's Veteran Affairs New Zealand (VANZ). In the first instance, these organisations should be approached because they provide support for NZVvets. The contact details are:

- RSA Helpline call 0800693348 – 24/7 confidential spanning both telephone and face to face support, OR
- Veterans affairs New Zealand VANZ call 08004838372 www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz

Alternatively, AUT Student Counselling and Mental Health is able to offer three free sessions of confidential counselling support for adult participants in an AUT research project. These sessions are only available for issues that have arisen directly as a result of participation in the research and are not for other general counselling needs. To access these services, you will need to:

- drop into our centre at WB203 City Campus, email counselling@aut.ac.nz or call 921 9998.
- let the receptionist know that you are a research participant, and provide the title of my research and my name and contact details as given in this Information Sheet.

You can find out more information about AUT counsellors and counselling on <https://www.aut.ac.nz/student-life/student-support/counselling-and-mental-health>

What are the benefits?

The information you share will contribute to assisting in providing a lasting umbrella of intergenerational health support for later generations of NZVvets families. I will also benefit by being able to complete my Masters in Health

Practice (Violence and Trauma) degree, and contribute to the information about NZVets and intergenerational health.

How will my privacy be protected?

All identifying features (such as names, place names, organisation names) will be removed from transcripts to protect your privacy. The main security strategy is using a computer-generated identity tag instead of using names. Confidentiality will also be achievable by observing all the security measures, such as using electronic identity tags and pseudonyms to protect your privacy. All Zoom interviews will be copied to an external password-protected device and then deleted from the Zoom platform.

What are the costs of participating in this research?

There will be no cost in monetary terms. However, I will be asking you to initially spend approximately between 30 minutes in time in the family meeting; and then a 30-60 minute meeting with each family interview.

What opportunity do I have to consider this invitation?

A minimum of 4 weeks.

Will I receive feedback on the results of this research?

NZVets and participants will receive a summary of the findings via the email address provided.

What do I do if I have concerns about this research?

Any concerns regarding the nature of this project should be notified in the first instance to the Project Supervisor, Professor Denise Wilson, email address: denise.wilson@aut.ac.nz; phone: +64 9 921 9999 ext. 7392 or +64 27 407 0022.

Concerns regarding the conduct of the research should be notified to the Executive Secretary of AUTEK, ethics@aut.ac.nz, (+649) 921 9999 ext 6038.

Whom do I contact for further information about this research?

Please keep this Information Sheet and a copy of the Consent Form for your future reference. You are also able to contact the research team as follows:

Researcher Contact Details:

Eddie Nock, phone +64 21 078 0130; email: edwardwelfare@gmail.com (email address solely for this research)

Project Supervisor Contact Details:

Professor Denise Wilson, email address: denise.wilson@aut.ac.nz; phone: +64 9 921 9999 ext. 7392 or +64 27 407 0022

Approved by the Auckland University of Technology Ethics Committee on *type the date final ethics approval was granted*, AUTEK Reference number *type the reference number*.

Consent and Release Form for Wife/Partner

Project title: New Zealand Vietnam Veterans’ Intergenerational Health

Project Supervisor: Professor Denise Wilson

Researcher: Eddie Nock

- I have read and understood the information provided about this research project in the Information Sheet dated dd mmmm yyyy.
- I have had an opportunity to ask questions and to have them answered.
- I understand that taking part in this study is voluntary (my choice) and that I may withdraw from the study at any time without being disadvantaged in any way.
- I understand that if I withdraw from the study then I will be offered the choice between having any data that is identifiable as belonging to me removed or allowing it to continue to be used. However, once the findings have been produced, removal of my data may not be possible.
- I permit the researcher | artist to use the photographs that are part of this project and/or any drawings from them and any other reproductions or adaptations from them, either complete or in part, alone or in conjunction with any wording and/or drawings solely and exclusively for (a) the researcher’s | artist’s portfolio; and (b) educational exhibition and examination purposes and related design works;
- I understand that the photographs will be used for academic purposes only and will not be published in any form outside of this project without my written permission.
- I understand that any copyright material created by the photographic sessions is deemed to be owned by the researcher and that I do not own copyright of any of the photographs.
- I agree to take part in this research.

Participant’s signature:

Participant’s name:

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Date:

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Note: The Participant should retain a copy of this form.