



National Vietnam Veterans Longitudinal Study (NVVLS) Registry 2018 Focus Group Summary

A key part of the management of the National Vietnam Veterans Longitudinal Study (NVVLS) Registry is to ensure retention of members like you. To help us improve our operations and services, the Seattle Epidemiologic Research & Information Center (ERIC) holds in-person focus groups to get direct feedback from Registry members about their experiences. Below is a summary of the 2018 focus group findings.

WHO ATTENDED THE FOCUS GROUP?

The 2018 focus group was held in **Springfield, NJ**. NVVLS Registry members who lived within 50 miles of the focus group location were invited to participate.

- A total of 4 members attended the focus group.
- There was a mix of participants who had been deployed to Vietnam and those who had not.



WHY DID MEMBERS CHOOSE TO ATTEND?

Focus group attendees understand that the research they are participating in could benefit other Veterans. One focus group participant said:

“We hope it will help those to come.. We hope they can learn from us”

WHAT DID WE LEARN ABOUT YOU?

- Members who attended the focus group were willing to participate in most types of research (paper survey, in person visit, etc.), but were least interested in web-based surveys.
- Members stated they were interested in participating in studies that are relevant to their own particular health concerns and situations.



- Members recognized both of the logos below. The graphic on the left was used on recruitment materials for the National Vietnam Veterans Readjustment Study (1984-1988) and the National Vietnam Veterans Longitudinal Study (2012-2013). The graphic on the right is the current logo for the NVVLS Registry.



WHAT DID MEMBERS WANT TO KNOW?



The members who attended the focus group were interested in learning more about the findings of the studies they participate in, and how their contributions to research may help others. Members were also interested in understanding the selection criteria for the NVVLS Registry.

- The Seattle ERIC plans to include information about study updates in future editions of the NVVLS Registry newsletters.
- More information about the history and formation of the NVVLS Registry can be found on the Seattle ERIC website:
<https://www.seattle.eric.research.va.gov/VETR/NVVLSR/History.asp>.

Thank you!

Thank you for your continued membership in the NVVLS Registry. If you have any questions about the focus group or about the NVVLS Registry, please call us toll-free at **1-800-329-8387 ext.61965**.