

## Vietnam-Era Twin Registry 2015–2016 Focus Group Summary

A key part of the management of the VET Registry is to ensure retention of members like you. To this end, the VET Registry held a series of focus groups in 2015 and 2016. Below is a summary of some of the focus groups findings.

### WHO ATTENDED THE FOCUS GROUPS?

- Focus groups were held in **Seattle, WA**, **Chicago, IL**, and **New York, NY**.
- The VET Registry invited members who were part of a twin pair that both lived near each other and close to the focus group site.
- **43 total members** of the Vietnam-Era Twin Registry attended the groups.
- The farthest distance traveled by a twin was 100 miles!
- Most of the members attended as twin pairs.
- Nearly 2/3<sup>rds</sup> of the members who attended the groups were retired.

### WHY DID MEMBERS CHOOSE TO ATTEND?

- VET Registry members who attended wanted to attend because they understood that the research they were participating in could benefit others:  
***“We are loyal and we are duty bound to help others.”***  
***- Chicago Focus Group Participant***
- Members who attended also wanted the chance to meet other Registry members. It's not often you see a room full of more than 10 twins!

### WHAT DID THE VET REGISTRY LEARN?

- Members attending the groups wanted to know factual information about the VET Registry, such as:
  - How many active members are there? (*There are over 10,000!*)
  - What percentage of us served in Vietnam? (*35% served in theatre.*)
- Many members stated that sharing study results in laymen's terms would be of great interest to them.
- Members said they would be most likely to participate in telephone or paper survey research.
- **And most importantly, we again were reminded how dedicated members are to the Registry and its research.**

Thank you for your continued membership in the Vietnam-Era Twin Registry. If you have any questions about this project or other Registry studies, please call us toll-free at **1-866-774-9647**.