

# Winter 2020 Participant Newsletter



## How Are We Doing?

Thanks to your participation and ongoing support, 623 participants have completed our 4th survey and we are getting ready to begin to offer our 5th survey to some participants! From all of the staff here at Operation: SAFETY, we would like to extend a huge thank you to all of you for your time and thoughtful responses. We want to remind you that you and your partner will each receive an \$80 check after completing survey 4. At surveys 5 and 6, you and your partner will each receive a \$90 check.

### We also want to remind you that you are still eligible for these surveys even if:

- You are no longer with your original partner.
- Your relationship with the military has changed.
- You missed a survey in the past.
- You feel as if nothing new has happened since your last survey.

If you have yet to complete your 4th survey, give us a call at (716) 829-4731 or email at [operationsafety@buffalo.edu](mailto:operationsafety@buffalo.edu).

## Confidentiality is Important to Us!

We know that it's very important for military personnel and their family to keep their personal information private. Operation: SAFETY is reviewed, approved, and funded by the federal government and we are a completely confidential research study, meaning that none of your information can be shared with others. In order to ensure this, we:

- Have a Certificate of Confidentiality that prohibits the release of any of your information.
- Train all staff in confidentiality procedures.
- Use password protected computers with built in security systems.
- Never ask identifying information in the questionnaire.

## New Survey Opportunity?

Many of our participants have suggested studying the relationship between parents and children in military families. We are excited about this idea and are currently looking into different ways we could achieve this. We are considering holding additional interviews with one parent and a child between the ages of one and twelve. Both the parent and the child will be compensated for the survey and asked different questions than what are in our current surveys. If you are interested in participating in this possible opportunity, please scan the QR code below to fill out a quick interest form!





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## Where Has This Research Been Going?

This year, the Operation: SAFETY team presented its current findings at several national conferences that focus on public health. Our presentations covered topics such as the positive influence of unit support, the impact of brain injuries, and the influence of marital satisfaction and social networks. Additionally, we are excited to begin working more with the new information being provided through surveys 4, 5, and 6.



The Staff at Operation: SAFETY would like to thank you once again and remind you of the following:  
Help us keep your contact information up to date by *contacting us if your address or email has changed.*

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