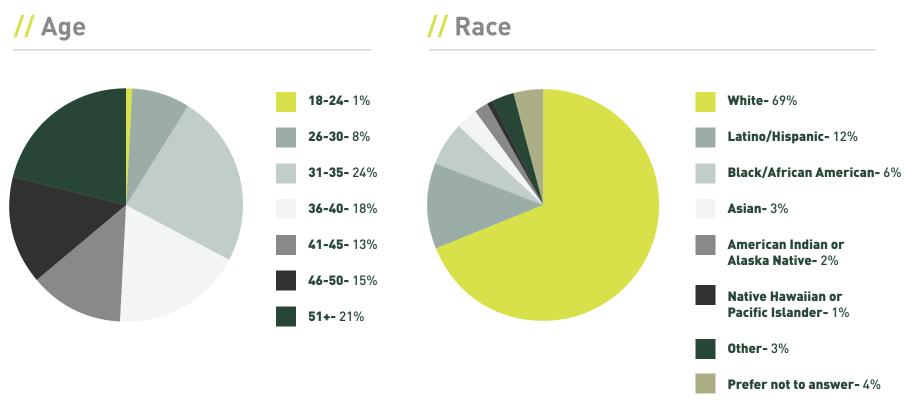
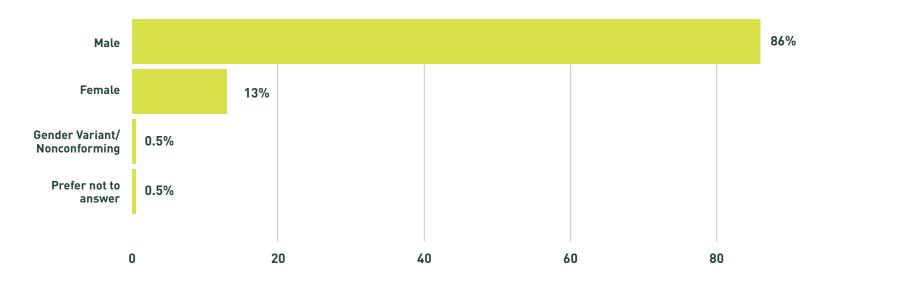
IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN VETERANS OF AMERICA: 2017 MEMBER SURVEY

The most comprehensive non-governmental survey of Post-9/11 veterans.

IAVA MEMBERS: A SNAPSHOT



// Gender



// Location of Service





// Number of Deployments

	OIF*	OEF**	OND†	ORS††
0	18%	39%	90%	98%
1	55%	44%	9%	2%
2	21%	12%	0.5%	0%
3+	6%	5%	0.5%	0%

United States

9%

23%

32%



Kuwait

Central Command Qatar AOR



3%

Guantanamo Bay

Other locations around the world

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*Operation Iraqi Freedom ****Operation Enduring Freedom †Operation New Dawn ††Operation Resolute Support**

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// The Top Three Issues Impacing Post 9/11 Veterans

1) Mental Health/Suicide Prevention 2) VA Reform 3) Employment and Jobs

// Political Engagement

Veterans are much more politically engaged than their civilian counterparts.

96% ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE



88% VOTED IN THE LAST ELECTION



41% HAVE CONSIDERED RUNNING FOR **PUBLIC OFFICE**

// Mental Health

ONLY 16% believe troops and veterans are getting the care they need for mental health injuries

57% have a service-connected mental health injury and of those with a service-connected mental health injury

THREE OF FOUR (73%) are seeking treatment for these injuries

65% know a post-9/11 veteran who has attempted suicide

58% know a post-9/11 veteran

who has died by suicide

UP 18% SINCE 2014

// Health Care

82%

// Women Veterans

78%

of IAVA members thought it was important or very important that IAVA addresses women veterans' issues

62%

of IAVA women veterans agree that women's advancement in the military had been limited by restrictions on women in combat (33% of men agree)

of IAVA women veterans identify as veterans

agree that being a veteran is important to their identity

27% AGREE THAT THE CIVILIAN PUBLIC TREATS WOMEN VETERANS WITH RESPECT

59%

of IAVA women veterans agree that the VA motto, "To care for him who shall have borne battle", should be changed

// Issues on the Horizon

1) Burn Pits

a. 80% exposed to burn pits during deployment

ARE ENROLLED IN VA HEALTH CARE OF WHICH 90% HAVE SOUGHT VA HEALTH CARE IN THE LAST YEAR.

The majority (54%) don't support privatization

The top three issues important for VA reform:

- 1) Accountability
- 2) Consolidation of community care 3) Information Technology Updates

b. Of those, 63% feel they have associated symptoms

2) Medical Marijuana

a. 63% support or strongly support legalization of medical marijuana, 15% oppose, 22% neutral

3) Alternative Therapies

- a. Top three alternative therapies used:
 - **1. CHIROPRACTIC CARE**
 - 2. MEDITATION
 - **3. YOGA**

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