U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center
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Post-Cold War Era Service Survey Questionnaire

This questionnaire seeks to document the recollections and opinions of Cold War era veterans of the United States Army. The purpose of this survey is to preserve and make available your Army history to researchers and historians so that the history of the Cold War era veteran can be told.

Your responses are important to researchers and historians. For that reason, the questionnaire is rather lengthy. If the questionnaire does not give you enough space to answer, or if you wish to address a question not specifically asked, please use a continuation sheet.

Please note that this questionnaire may be answered by anyone who served in the Army during the Post-Cold War Era (1990-Present) regardless of duty location.

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C., Secretary of the Army; AR 870-5, Military History: Responsibilities, Policies and Procedures; and 16 U.S.C. 470, National Historic Preservation Act.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: Information provided will be used to document your opinions and recollections as a Cold War Era veteran. Additionally, the information may be used for historical studies of the U.S. Army.

ROUTINE USES: None. The "Blanket Routine Uses" set forth at the beginning of the Army's Compilations of System of Records Notices apply to this system.

DISCLOSURE: Voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information may preclude your recollections and opinions being documented in the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center's Cold War Era Service Survey.

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Donations

USAHEC accepts donations of items of significant historical interest, which include personal papers, letters, scrapbooks, diaries, memoirs, photographs, correspondence with family and friends, camp and unit newspapers, regulations and manuals, unit histories, and certain other books, professional military journals, maps, personal equipment, weapons, soldier art and unit insignia.

__ **I do not have any historical material that I would like to donate**
__ **I wish to donate unconditionally the following items to the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center:**

__ Audio tapes __ Books __ Camp/unit newspapers __CD/DVD
__ Diaries __ Documents __ Films/Videos __ Insignia/patches
__ Letters __ Maps __ Memoirs __ Periodicals
__ Photographs __ Artifacts, equipment, uniforms, etc. (*Please call the Army Heritage Museum Director @ 717-245-4364 or AHEC-AHM@carlisle.army.mil for disposition instructions or provide a phone number so that we may contact you. Phone number _____*)

I understand that in donating items to the U.S. Army, I must make an unconditional gift and relinquish all rights and claims to them. I agree that I will complete the necessary paperwork to document my gift and that the USAHEC may not return gifts once made, to myself or my heirs.

_____ _____
Name and Signature Date

Personal/Background Information

Name _____ Highest rank or grade held _____

Present address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Dates of service _____

Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) _____

Email Address: _____

GENERAL MILITARY SERVICE

Please feel free to use continuation sheets wherever necessary.

Initial Entry

How did you enter military service?
1. Enlisted. Date _____ Age _____ Term _____ Place enlisted _____
2. National Guard called to Federal service. Date _____ Term of svc _____
3. Army Reserve called to active duty. Date _____ Term of svc _____
4. Commissioned. Source of commission _____ Where and when _____

Why did you join the military?_____

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Did any other member of your family serve in the military? If so, please indicate the service:

U.S. Army___U.S. Navy___U.S. Marine Corps___U.S. Air Force___U.S. Coast Guard

What was the person's relationship to you, and when did s/he serve? _____

Father _____ Mother _____ Brother _____ Sister ____ Other Relative _____

How did that person or tradition of family service affect your decision to join the military?

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What was your civilian occupation? _____

Did it have any bearing on your Army assignment? _____

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How useful was your civilian occupation to you while in the Army? _____

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What was your initial reaction upon entering military service? _____

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What information did the Army give you about what duty would be like? How was it presented (e.g., films, pamphlets, briefings, etc)? What was your reaction? _____

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Are you a combat veteran of ___ Vietnam ___ Grenada ___ Panama or another cold war "hot spot"? Please describe service.

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Training

Please list the training that you received, as applicable:

	Place	Dates
__ Basic	_____	_____
__ AIT	_____	_____
__ Airborne	_____	_____
__ Ranger	_____	_____
__ Special Forces	_____	_____
__ Aviation	_____	_____
__ Language	_____	_____
__ Other (specify)	_____	_____

Why did you seek or receive specialized training? _____

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How well did your training prepare you for your subsequent assignments? _____

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What additional specialized training did you receive upon arrival to your unit?

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Assignments (*Please list "split" assignments during same tour if it applies*)

Co/Btry/Trp served in Dates assigned Location Commanded by

_____ _____ _____ _____

Of Battalion/Squadron Location Commanded by

_____ _____ _____

Of Regiment Location Commanded by

_____ _____ _____

Of Division Location Commanded by

_____ _____ _____

Duty Position _____

2nd assignment *(if applicable)*

Co/Btry/Trp served in Dates assigned Location Commanded by

_____ _____ _____ _____

Of Battalion/Squadron Location Commanded by

_____ _____ _____
Of Regiment Location Commanded by

_____ _____ _____
Of Division Location Commanded by

_____ _____ _____

Duty Position _____

3rd assignment *(if applicable)*

Co/Btry/Trp served in Dates assigned Location Commanded by
_____ _____ _____ _____
Of Battalion/Squadron Location Commanded by

_____ _____ _____
Of Regiment Location Commanded by

_____ _____ _____
Of Division Location Commanded by

_____ _____ _____

Duty Position _____

Please use a continuation sheet if you had more than 3 assignments

General Military Life

What were your opinions of the equipment, clothing, weapons, and rations that you were issued? Any problems/defects or successes/strengths?

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What did you think about conditions in the Army; for example, pay, food, barracks or housing, medical coverage, etc.?

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In your opinion, were awards and decorations distributed fairly? _____

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Leadership

Who was the most important or influential leader, to you, personally, and why?

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What did you think of Army leadership above your unit level? _____

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How did officers commissioned through various sources (service academies, ROTC, OCS, National Guard, direct commission) compare? _____

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How did those officers or NCOs with combat experience (Vietnam, Desert Storm, Afghanistan, Iraq, etc.) compare with those who had not served in combat?

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How often did you see your senior leaders - those at least two command levels above you? What were the visits like? _____

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What did you think of military discipline in your unit and throughout the Army at the time (lax, moderate, fair, strict, harsh)? _____

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Please describe any instances of particularly good or bad leadership which you experienced:_____

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Please describe any instances of violence directed against leaders that you were aware of:_____

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Please describe any cases of AWOL or desertion that you were aware of:_____

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How would you describe the morale of your unit? _____

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Why do you think that the morale of your unit was that way? _____

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Civil-Military Relations

How well did you and your fellow soldiers get along with civilians in the US during training? _____

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If you were assigned stateside, what were relations with the civilian population like? _____

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If you were stationed overseas, what were relations with the civilian population like? What was their reaction to our involvement in their country? _____

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What did you and your unit members do during your off time?_____

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Did you come into contact with any media reporters or representatives? If so, please describe your experience _____

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Peacekeeping, Contingency, and Combat Operations

What operations or combat actions did you take part in?

Tour dates	Unit	Operations/Combat Action
1._____	_____	_____
2._____	_____	_____
3._____	_____	_____

Please describe or comment on any combat or non-combat operations which you participated in. _____

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Please describe your first few days in the combat zone.

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Please describe your first experience in combat and your reaction to that experience._____

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Please describe a "typical" day when your unit was committed to combat or non-combat operations. _____

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How would you rate your unit's combat performance and why? _____

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If you were ever wounded, please comment on the circumstances, quality of medical system, thoughts about returning to your unit/combat, etc. _____

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If you completed a second (or more) tour in the same combat zone, comment upon the differences you noted.

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Did you ever operate with allies (British, Iraqi, Afghan, Saudi, etc.) in the field? If so, please comment on your experience with them and your attitude towards their effectiveness.

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Did the army's rotation (unit or personnel) and replacement policies increase or harm morale in your unit?

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Please describe your use of leave or R&R while deployed in the combat zone.

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How did you communicate with your family while in the combat zone?

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If you were in the National Guard or Army Reserve, what was your mobilization process (when, where, new equipment, etc.)?

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If you were in the National Guard or Army Reserve please describe the "welcome home" activities and your own thoughts about returning to civilian life.

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Please describe your last days in the combat zone.

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Personal/Unit Experiences

Describe your most memorable experience as a soldier (Please feel free to attach additional sheets)._____

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Describe any experiences that stand out that you would describe as "good" or "bad".

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Did your unit experience any of the following? Please check all that apply:
__ Excessive Drinking (on or off duty)
__ Drug use
__ Gambling

__ Racial or ethnic problems/confrontations
__ Theft
__ Violence against superiors

Please describe the circumstances of particular incidents._____

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Were any members of the opposite sex in units in which you served? Please describe the degree of cohesion and/or tension produced in mixed gender units.

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How effective was your chain of command in detecting, deterring and treating drug offenders?

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Was your unit awarded any citations? If so, please list and give circumstances.

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Were there any important events or visits that you unit experienced (USO show, visit from a VIP, an Army sporting event, etc.)?

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What slang words or phrases, both military and non-military, do you remember as being popular during your service? Songs or music?

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End of Tour/End of Service

What was it like returning home? _____

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Did you remain in the service? If so, where did you serve after that? _____

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If discharged, what did you do after your discharge? _____

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What difficulties did you or anyone you know experience upon returning home?

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If you went to college or trade school under the GI Bill after your service, please name the school _____ Degree _____ Dates _____

Did you join the National Guard or Reserve after active service? If so, why?

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Did you join any national or unit veterans' groups? If so, please describe your experience. _____

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What is your opinion as to the accuracy of any histories/articles/shows about units, campaigns or operations in which you belonged/participated in?

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Are there any questions that we haven't asked or any other issues that you'd like to address?

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Summary Survey – Please circle the appropriate response for each question.

1	2	3	4	5
disagree strongly	disagree somewhat	neutral	agree somewhat	agree strongly

During my service, I believed our army could fight and win against any enemy

1 2 3 4 5

During my service, I believed the American people supported the army's mission and actions.

1 2 3 4 5

During my I believed the army treated individuals fairly - regardless of race or gender.

1 2 3 4 5

I look back on my service with personal pride.

1 2 3 4 5

If you have materials relating to your Army experience to donate, we would be grateful if you would use the postage-paid label to send these materials along with your completed questionnaire. If you would like more information about what we are seeking or have additional donations, please feel free to call or write.

Our address is shown at the top of the questionnaire. You may reach us by phone at (717)-245-3971, or you may visit our Website: http://www.carlisle.army.mil/ahec/. Thank you for your service, and your assistance in telling the Army story, one soldier at a time.