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National Military Family Association
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On behalf of the National Military Family Association (NMFA), I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for the Operation Military Experience (OpME) study, and to encourage you and your family to participate.

The OpME study is led by the Military Family Research Institute (MFRI) at Purdue University. NMFA and MFRI have had a strong working relationship for 20 years, and we at NMFA look to MFRI for its deep expertise about military children, youth, and families.

The OpME study will provide ground-breaking new data about the long-term consequences – good and bad -- of OIF/OEF deployments for youth and families. The study will include many kinds of military families, including families of military moms, families who are still serving, and families who have completed their military service.

NMFA is very eager to learn the lessons from this conflict so that we can strengthen our programs for families and our advocacy with Congress on their behalf. Over the last 51 years, NMFA has been the voice of America's military families, championing for improvements to their quality of life and earned benefits and advocating on Capitol Hill so that members of Congress and key decision understand the issues facing America's military families. NMFA serves military children through Operation Purple Camps to help them build connections and friendships, provides scholarship for military spouses, and offers childcare fee relief for military families hit hardest by the pandemic.

If your family is invited to participate, we urge you to accept! Any data you provide will be confidential, and only summaries of group information will be shared.

We appreciate the service you have already given our country, and we look forward to learning from you about your experiences.

Sincerely,

Besa Pinchotti
Executive Director and CEO