

Resource Summary Report

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Vietnam Era Twin Registry

RRID:SCR_008807

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Resource Information

URL: <http://www.seattle.eric.research.va.gov/VETR/Home.asp>

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Description: The Vietnam Era Twin (VET) Registry is a closed cohort composed of approximately 7,000 middle-aged male-male twin pairs both of whom served in the military during the time of the Vietnam conflict (1964-1975). The Registry is a United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) resource that was originally constructed from military records; the Registry has been in existence for almost 20 years. It is one of the largest national twin registries in the US and currently has members living in all 50 states. Initially formed to address questions about the long-term health effects of service in Vietnam, the Registry has evolved into a resource for genetic epidemiological studies of mental and physical health conditions. Several waves of mail and telephone surveys have collected a wealth of health-related information on Registry twins, referred to as members. In addition to twins, selected adult offspring of twins and the mothers of those offspring are also VET Registry members. More recent data collection efforts have focused on specific sets of twin pairs and have conducted detailed clinical or laboratory testing. Selected Vietnam Era Registry Research Studies: * Veteran Health Study * VETSA 2: A Longitudinal Study of Cognitive Aging * Alcoholism Course thought Midlife: A Twin Family Study and Offspring of Twins: G, E and GxE Risk for Alcoholism * GE: Offspring of Twins with Substance Use Disorder * Mechanisms Linking Depression to Cardiovascular Risk (Twins Heart Study 2) * Post-traumatic Stress Disorder and Cardiovascular Disease * Biological Markers for Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (T3) * Memory and the Hippocampus in Vietnam-era Twins with PTSD (Time 3)

Abbreviations: VET Registry

Resource Type: data or information resource, patient registry, people resource, portal, topical portal

Keywords: twin, male, adult, gene, genetic, post-traumatic stress disorder, cardiovascular disease, child, mother, human, substance-related disorder, depressive disorder, memory,

hippocampus, mental health, physical health, epidemiology

Related Condition: Aging

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Alternate IDs: nlx_144388

Record Creation Time: 20220129T080249+0000

Record Last Update: 20260905T133018+0000

Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for Vietnam Era Twin Registry.

No alerts have been found for Vietnam Era Twin Registry.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 2 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [Kravitz](#) .

Posis AIB, et al. (2025) Associations of history of traumatic brain injury with markers of brain health among older men in the Vietnam Era Twin Study of Aging. *NeuroImage. Clinical*, 47, 103831.

Hupalo D, et al. (2022) Rare variant association study of veteran twin whole-genomes links severe depression with a nonsynonymous change in the neuronal gene BHLHE22. *The world journal of biological psychiatry : the official journal of the World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry*, 23(4), 295.