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## KEY

### 1. What is your duty status? (Check one)

- Active duty—1
- Reserve—2
- National Guard—3
- Retired—4

### 2. In which branch do you currently serve or did you most recently serve? (Check one)

- Army—1
- Navy—2
- Air Force—3
- Marine Corps—4
- Coast Guard—5
- Army Reserve—6
- Naval Reserve—7
- Air Force Reserve—8
- Marine Corps Reserve—9
- Coast Guard Reserve—10
- Army National Guard—11
- Air National Guard—12

### 3. In total, how long have you deployed in support of the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan? (Check one)

- Have not deployed—1
- Less than 2 months—2
- 3 to 6 months—3
- 7 to 12 months—4
- 13 to 18 months—5
- 19 to 24 months—6
- More than 24 months—7

### 4. How many times have you been deployed to Iraq? (Check one)

- Once—1
- Twice—2
- Three times—3
- More than three times—4

Never—5

**5. Are you currently collecting combat pay for service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom?**

Yes—1

No—2

Decline to answer—3

**6. How many times have you been deployed to Afghanistan? (Check one)**

Once—1

Twice—2

Three times—3

More than three times—4

Never—5

**7. Are you currently collecting combat pay for service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)? (Check one)**

Yes—1

No—2

Decline to answer—3

**8. How much time did you have between your last two war-zone deployments? (Check one)**

Less than 6 months—1

7 to 9 months—2

10 to 12 months—3

13 to 18 months—4

More than 18 months—5

I have only deployed once—6

**9. Do you think that returning combat troops should undergo mandatory screening for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI)?**

Yes—1

No—2

No opinion—3

**10. Are you suffering from or have you suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI) or any other mental health issues? (Check one)**

Yes—1

No—2

Don't know—3

**11. Have you sought help to treat the condition? (Check one)**

Yes—1

No—2

**12. Do you feel that openly seeking care or treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI) or other mental health issues will negatively affect your career? (Check one)**

- Yes—1
- No—2
- No opinion—3

**13. How satisfied are you with your family life? (Check one)**

- Very satisfied—1
- Somewhat satisfied—2
- Somewhat dissatisfied—3
- Very dissatisfied—4
- No opinion—5

**14. To what extent, if any, do you experience conflict between your work life and your personal life? (Check one)**

- A great deal—1
- Quite a lot—2
- Not very much—3
- None at all—4
- Don't know—5

**15. How satisfied are you with the amount of time you spend with your family? (Check one)**

- Very satisfied—1
- Somewhat satisfied—2
- Somewhat dissatisfied—3
- Very dissatisfied—4
- No opinion—5

**16. At this time, would you say you are worried about your family's finances, or not? (Check one)**

- Very worried—1
- Somewhat worried—2
- Not too worried—3
- Not at all worried—4
- No opinion—5

**17. How many children do you have? (Check one)**

- None—1
- 1—2
- 2—3
- 3—4
- 4 or more—5

**18. Are you currently married? (Check one)**

- Yes—1

No—2

**19. Does your spouse work outside the home? (Check one)**

Yes, part time—1

Yes, full time—2

No—3

**20. Is your spouse in the military? (Check one)**

Yes, active duty—1

Yes, Guard or Reserve—2

Spouse is retired military—3

No—4

**21. Have you ever been divorced? (Check one)**

No—1

Once—2

Twice—3

Three times or more—4

**22. When were you most recently divorced? (Check one)**

Less than 1 year ago—1

1 to 2 years ago—2

3 to 4 years ago—3

More than 4 years ago—4

**23. How would you describe your political views? (Check one)**

Very conservative—1

Conservative—2

Moderate—3

Liberal—4

Very liberal—5

Decline to answer—6

**24. In politics today, do you consider yourself a: (Check one)**

Democrat—1

Independent—2

Libertarian—3

Republican—4

Other—5

Decline to answer—6

**25. How do you feel about President-elect Barack Obama as commander in chief? (Check one)**

Optimistic—1

Pessimistic—2

Uncertain—3

No opinion—4

**26. How satisfied are you with your job: (Check one)**

- Completely satisfied—1
- Somewhat satisfied—2
- Somewhat dissatisfied—3
- Completely dissatisfied—4
- No opinion—5

**27. Would you recommend a military career to others? (Check one)**

- Yes—1
- No—2
- No opinion—3

**28. If you had a son who was planning to enter the military, would you: (Check one)**

- Support that step—1
- Suggest different occupations—2
- No opinion—3

**29. If you had a daughter who was planning to enter the military, would you: (Check one)**

- Support that step—1
- Suggest different occupations—2
- No opinion—3

**30. If you had to decide today, would you re-enlist or - if an officer - extend your commitment? (Check one)**

- Yes—1
- No—2
- Undecided—3

**31. What are the three most important reasons why you would stay in the military? (Check only three)**

- Educational opportunities—1
- Patriotism—2
- Pay—3
- Pension—4
- Job security—5
- Travel, adventure—6
- Health care for my family and me—7
- Career satisfaction—8
- Wars in Iraq and/or Afghanistan—9
- New commander in chief—10

**32. What are the three most important reasons why you would NOT stay in the military? (Check only three)**

- Spouse job opportunity—1

Health care for my family and me—2  
Working conditions—3  
Pay—4  
Poor leaders—5  
Better job opportunity—6  
Poor housing—7  
Wars in Iraq and/or Afghanistan—8  
Frequent deployments—9  
New commander in chief—10  
Poor base facilities—11

**33. How do you think each of these groups views the military? (Check one for each group)**

Civilians

Very favorable—1  
Somewhat favorable—2  
Somewhat unfavorable—3  
Very unfavorable—4

News media

Very favorable—1  
Somewhat favorable—2  
Somewhat unfavorable—3  
Very unfavorable—4

Politicians

Very favorable—1  
Somewhat favorable—2  
Somewhat unfavorable—3  
Very unfavorable—4

**34. Should the U.S. have gone to war in Iraq? (Check one)**

Yes—1  
No—2  
No opinion—3  
Decline to answer—4

**35. How likely is the U.S. to succeed in Iraq? (Check one)**

Very likely to succeed—1  
Somewhat likely to succeed—2  
Not very likely to succeed—3  
Not at all likely to succeed—4  
No opinion—5  
Decline to answer—6

**36. How soon do you think the Iraqi military will be ready to replace large numbers of American troops? (Check one)**

Less than a year—1

- 1 to 2 years—2
- 3 to 5 years—3
- 6 to 10 years—4
- More than 10 years—5
- No opinion—6

**37. How long do you think the U.S. will need to stay in Iraq to achieve its goals? (Check one)**

- Less than a year—1
- 1 to 2 years—2
- 3 to 5 years—3
- 6 to 10 years—4
- More than 10 years—5
- No opinion—6

**38. We currently have about 170,000 troops in Iraq and Kuwait. How many troops do you think we should have there? (Check one)**

- 0—1
- 1 to 50,000—2
- 50,001 to 150,000—3
- 150,001 to 175,000—4
- 175,001 to 200,000—5
- More than 200,000—6
- No opinion—7
- Decline to answer—8

**39. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President George W. Bush is handling the situation in Iraq? (Check one)**

- Approve—1
- Disapprove—2
- No opinion—3
- Decline to answer—4

**40. Do you approve or disapprove of President-elect Barack Obama's calls to withdraw combat brigades from Iraq within 16 months? (Check one)**

- Approve—1
- Disapprove—2
- No opinion—3

**41. Do you approve or disapprove of the status of forces agreement calling for U.S. troops to withdraw from Iraq by Dec. 31, 2011? (Check one)**

- Approve—1
- Disapprove—2
- No opinion—3

**42. Should the U.S. have gone to war in Afghanistan? (Check one)**

- Yes—1

- No—2
- No opinion—3
- Decline to answer—4

**43. How likely is the U.S. to succeed in Afghanistan? (Check one)**

- Very likely to succeed—1
- Somewhat likely to succeed—2
- Not very likely to succeed—3
- Not at all likely to succeed—4
- No opinion—5
- Decline to answer—6

**44. How soon do you think the Afghan military will be ready to replace large numbers of American and NATO troops? (Check one)**

- Less than a year—1
- 1 to 2 years—2
- 3 to 5 years—3
- 6 to 10 years—4
- More than 10 years—5
- No opinion—6
- Decline to answer—7

**45. How long do you think the U.S. will need to stay in Afghanistan to achieve its goals? (Check one)**

- Less than a year—1
- 1 to 2 years—2
- 3 to 5 years—3
- 6 to 10 years—4
- More than 10 years—5
- No opinion—6

**46. We currently have about 31,000 troops in Afghanistan. Do you support plans by some senior military leaders to increase the number of troops there by more than 20,000? (Check one)**

- Yes—1
- No—2
- No opinion—3

**47. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President George W. Bush is handling the situation in Afghanistan? (Check one)**

- Approve—1
- Disapprove—2
- No opinion—3
- Decline to answer—4

**48. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way President George W. Bush is handling his job as president? (Check one)**

- Approve—1
- Disapprove—2
- No opinion—3
- Decline to answer—4

**49. How often do you attend religious services? (Check one)**

- At least once a week—1
- About once a month—2
- Almost never—3
- Never—4

**50. What is your religious denomination? (Check one)**

- Catholic—1
- Protestant—2
- Evangelical Christian—3
- Jewish—4
- Mormon—5
- Muslim—6
- Other—7
- Not religious—8

**51. During the past year, how often did official military gatherings that you attended, other than meals and chapel services, begin with a prayer? (Check one)**

- Daily—1
- Once a week—2
- Monthly—3
- Once a year—4
- Never—5

**52. During the past year, have you received unwelcome religious advice or counseling from a superior? (Check one)**

- Yes—1
- No—2
- Decline to answer—3

**53. Where are racial and ethnic minorities treated more fairly? (Check one)**

- In the military—1
- In civilian life—2
- About the same—3
- No opinion—4

**54. While in the military, have you ever been the victim of a sexual assault? (Check one)**

- Yes—1

No—2  
Decline to answer—3

**55. While in the military, have you ever been the victim of sexual harassment? (Check one)**

Yes—1  
No—2  
Decline to answer—3

**56. Do you support President-elect Barack Obama's calls to repeal the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy and therefore allow gays to serve openly in the military? (Check one)**

Yes—1  
No—2  
No opinion—3

**57. If the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy is overturned and gays are allowed to serve openly, how would you respond? (Check one)**

No response; I would continue to serve—1  
I would consider not re-enlisting or extending my service—2  
I would not re-enlist or extend my service—3  
No opinion—4

**58. Please finish the following statements: (Check one for each statement)**

I would rate my military housing as:

Excellent—1  
Satisfactory—2  
Poor—3  
Very poor—4  
No opinion—5

I would rate military pay and allowances as:

Excellent—1  
Satisfactory—2  
Poor—3  
Very poor—4  
No opinion—5

I would rate military health care as:

Excellent—1  
Satisfactory—2  
Poor—3  
Very poor—4  
No opinion—5

Overall, officers in the military are:

Excellent—1  
Satisfactory—2  
Poor—3  
Very poor—4  
No opinion—5

Overall, enlisted leaders in the military are:

- Excellent—1
- Satisfactory—2
- Poor—3
- Very poor—4
- No opinion—5

Overall, my military quality of life is:

- Excellent—1
- Satisfactory—2
- Poor—3
- Very poor—4
- No opinion—5

**59. Should the U.S. start drafting men into the military? (Check one)**

- Yes, permanently—1
- Yes, temporarily—2
- No—3
- No opinion—4

**60. Should the U.S. start drafting women into the military? (Check one)**

- Yes, permanently—1
- Yes, temporarily—2
- No—3
- No opinion—4

**61. Please indicate your level of agreement regarding the following statements: (Check one per statement)**

Racial and ethnic minorities in the military are discriminated against when it comes to promotions and assignments.

- Strongly agree—1
- Agree—2
- Disagree—3
- Strongly disagree—4
- No opinion—5

An African American commander in chief will attract more minorities to military service.

- Strongly agree—1
- Agree—2
- Disagree—3
- Strongly disagree—4
- No opinion—5

An African American commander in chief will have a positive effect on minority careers in the military.

- Strongly agree—1
- Agree—2
- Disagree—3

Strongly disagree—4

No opinion—5

The civilian leadership of the Department of Defense has my best interests at heart.

Strongly agree—1

Agree—2

Disagree—3

Strongly disagree—4

No opinion—5

President George W. Bush has my best interests at heart.

Strongly agree—1

Agree—2

Disagree—3

Strongly disagree—4

No opinion—5

As president, Barack Obama will have my best interests at heart.

Strongly agree—1

Agree—2

Disagree—3

Strongly disagree—4

No opinion—5

The senior military leadership has my best interests at heart.

Strongly agree—1

Agree—2

Disagree—3

Strongly disagree—4

No opinion—5

Congress has my best interests at heart.

Strongly agree—1

Agree—2

Disagree—3

Strongly disagree—4

No opinion—5

I am confident that President-elect Barack Obama and Congress will work together to meet the needs of the military and the troops.

Strongly agree—1

Agree—2

Disagree—3

Strongly disagree—4

No opinion—5

**62. Please indicate your level of agreement regarding the following statements: (Check one per statement)**

I am well trained for my military job.

Strongly agree—1

Agree—2

Disagree—3  
Strongly disagree—4  
No opinion—5

People in the military are supplied with the best possible weapons and equipment.

Strongly agree—1  
Agree—2  
Disagree—3  
Strongly disagree—4  
No opinion—5

Today's service members are better than they have ever been.

Strongly agree—1  
Agree—2  
Disagree—3  
Strongly disagree—4  
No opinion—5

Today's military is stretched too thin to be effective.

Strongly agree—1  
Agree—2  
Disagree—3  
Strongly disagree—4  
No opinion—5

Religion plays a more important part in military life than it did when I first joined the service.

Strongly agree—1  
Agree—2  
Disagree—3  
Strongly disagree—4  
No opinion—5

I feel free to practice and express my religion or lack of religion in the military.

Strongly agree—1  
Agree—2  
Disagree—3  
Strongly disagree—4  
No opinion—5

**63. What is your paygrade?**

E-1—1  
E-2—2  
E-3—3  
E-4—4  
E-5—5  
E-6—6  
E-7—7  
E-8—8  
E-9—9  
W-1—10  
W-2—11

W-3—12  
W-4—13  
W-5—14  
O-1—15  
O-2—16  
O-3—17  
O-4—18  
O-5—19  
O-6—20  
O-7—21  
O-8—22  
O-9—23  
O-10—24  
Other—25

**64. How many years have you served in the military?**

1—1  
2—2  
3—3  
4—4  
5—5  
6—6  
7—7  
8—8  
9—9  
10—10  
11—11  
12—12  
13—13  
14—14  
15—15  
16—16  
17—17  
18—18  
19—19  
20—20  
More than 20—21

**65. How old are you? (Check one)**

18 - 24—1  
25 - 34—2  
35 - 49—3  
50 - 64—4  
65 - 74—5  
75+ —6

**66. What is your gender?**

- Male—1
- Female—2

**67. What is your ethnicity? (Check one)**

- White/non-Hispanic—1
- Black/African American—2
- Asian/Pacific Islander—3
- American Indian or Alaskan native—4
- Hispanic or Latino—5
- Multiracial—6
- Prefer not to answer—7
- Other—8

**68. What is the highest level of education you have completed? (Check one)**

- High school or GED—1
- Associate's degree—2
- Bachelor's degree—3
- Master's degree—4
- Doctorate degree—5

**69. Where do you live? (Check one)**

- Barracks—1
- Other on-base housing—2
- Off-base civilian housing—3
- Off-base military housing—4
- None of the above—5