

# OEF/OIF/OND Veterans & Care Partners SHOW US WHAT MATTERS TO YOU

The VA is seeking  
*OEF/OIF/OND Veterans*  
*Diagnosed with Traumatic Brain Injury*  
and their *Care Partners*  
to participate in a *Photovoice Research Study*

For More Information Please Call  
(504) 412-3700 extension: 4093

You will be given a camera and asked to share your  
photos and stories to educate others about TBI and

*Community Reintegration*  
*Needs, Challenges*  
*and Resources*



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# COMMUNICATING IMPACT OF TBI ON POST-DEPLOYMENT REINTEGRATION THROUGH PHOTOVOICE

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This participatory action research study will partner with Veterans of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and New Dawn (OEF/OIF/OND) who have a diagnosis of TBI and their care partners (e.g., a partner/spouse, parent, close friend).

Veterans and care partners will be given cameras and asked to take photographs to illustrate their experiences and perspectives, including what it is like to live with TBI (or as the care partner of a person living with TBI), unmet needs, experiences of seeking health care and support through the VA or community health care providers and organizations, and barriers and facilitators to reintegration.

Veterans and care partners will partner with the research team to develop photo-narratives (stories that go with the photographs) that can inform policies and processes of care that affect Veterans with TBI and their care partners. Together, we will identify priority areas for advocacy and education and target audiences (such as VA or community health care providers or administrators, policymakers, other members of the general public such as employers). We will use the photo-narratives and research findings developed through our collaboration to educate, inform, and advocate. The ultimate goal of this work is to improve healthcare for Veterans, strengthen relationships between VA, Veterans, care partners and community-based organizations, and support community reintegration efforts for Veterans and their care partners.

This work builds on a successful collaboration between Gala True, an anthropologist and VA researcher, and 29 OEF/OIF Veterans in the Philadelphia area called From War to Home: Through the Veteran's Lens ([www.va.gov/FromWarToHome](http://www.va.gov/FromWarToHome)).

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