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Register Now for the Upcoming Intergenerational Health Study!

Greetings to all PVA members.

Here we are in June already. The year is flying by!!

I hope you are all aware that you and your husbands and sons and daughters can register with the Department of Veterans Affairs (D.V.A.) for the upcoming Intergenerational Health Study.

The D.V.A. needs Vietnam veteran's family members to participate in the Vietnam Veterans' Family Study. It is important to get as many veterans and their families participating in the study as possible. This will give Researchers a realistic picture of the issues affecting Vietnam veterans and their families.

For comparison, the study will also need service personnel of the Vietnam War era who did not go to Vietnam.

The Minister for Veteran's Affairs, Mr. Alan Griffin, is very keen to get as wide an involvement from the veteran community as possible. He is determined that this health study be done with vigor!

The Partners of Veterans Association of Australia need you, our members to "show the way" with this health study. If you have yet to register please do so now and talk to all members of the Vietnam veteran community you know and encourage them also to register.

NOW is the HOUR. We have been fighting for this long enough. The ball is now in our court.

I have often been asked; **"What if not enough sons and daughters register?"**

"What if not enough veterans register?"

My answer is always the same....we tried our best. If the community we have been fighting for are complacent and don't wholly support this health study, at least I can sleep at night knowing we did our best.

I think we, as a community, should stop "looking for holes and problems" to detract from the study and offer Minister Griffin our full support!

Please remember: "The support of veterans and their families for this study will pave the way for future research to benefit the families of younger veterans from more recent deployments, such as East Timor."

You can register by email, post or phone...so please no excuses!

To contact the Family Study Program:

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Cheers,

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