## **MESSAGE FROM THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**

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## Join MVP: 12,500 Veterans Needed to Reach Million Milestone

The Million Veteran Program (MVP) is just **12,500** Veteran enrollees away from living up to its name. We need **everyone** to help us reach the historic milestone of **1 million Veterans enrolled by Veterans Day.** 

**YOU can help by encouraging Veterans to** <u>join MVP</u> **today**. Any Veteran, anywhere, anytime is able to join online at <u>mvp.va.gov</u> or in person at <u>over 70</u> <u>facilities</u> across the nation.

MVP is one of VA's largest research efforts, providing data to researchers across our health science community to study Veterans' health and genetics at an unprecedented scale and changing what we understand about health and wellness. Every enrollee brings us closer to advancements in treatments and prevention of a multitude of health conditions.

Researchers have used information from MVP to make groundbreaking discoveries about PTSD, suicide prevention, cancer, heart disease and other health challenges.

Already, 987,500 Veterans have stepped up to help their comrades in arms. Like <u>Ben</u>, a post-9/11 Vet who said he joined MVP to give back to other Veterans who share his struggle with PTSD. Or Jennifer, a Gulf War Vet who joined because of her history of breast cancer, a diagnosis shared by so many other women Veterans.

Ben has become part of something bigger than himself, and he says it helps him feel less alone. Jennifer has helped ensure VA's health research includes unique concerns of women Veterans.

The <u>stories</u> we hear are unique to every Veteran, but they all have one thing in common: Veterans choose to become part of MVP because they know it will help their fellow Vets—not just the Veterans of today but also the Veterans of tomorrow.

Many of us work with Veterans every day. Please take just a moment to encourage them to join MVP.

Thank you for supporting VA research—and helping Veterans everywhere.