

# RESEARCH ON RITUAL ABUSE-TORTURE (RAT) AND MILITARY CONNECTIONS

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If you have suffered victimization inflicted by RAT families/groups/persons with military backgrounds or who were employed by the military please consider contributing your knowledge by answering the following 10 questions. Your answers are anonymous.

## 1. Where were you harmed by ritual abuse-torturers with military connections?

- Canada
- United States
- Europe
- Australia
- New Zealand
- Israel
- Asia
- Africa
- South America
- Other

## 2. What is your sex/gender?

- female
- male
- transgendered

## 3. Years when you endured RAT by perpetrators with military connections?

- Before 1945
- 1946-1975
- 1976-present

## 4. Were the ritual abuse-torturers?

- Military members without combat experience
- Military members with combat experience
- Veterans without combat histories
- Veterans with combat histories
- Civilian employees who worked for the military
- Do not know

**5. Where did the ritual abuse-torture generally happen?**

- On a military base(s)
- In non-military places
- In both military and non-military places

**6. Were you taken from place to place by military perpetrators?**

- Yes, within your own country
- Yes, within your own country and to one or more other countries
- No
- Do not know

**7. What did the ritual abuse-torturers wear when victimizing you?**

- Military uniforms
- Civilian clothing
- Costumes
- A combination of the above
- Cannot recall

**8. Did the ritual abuse-torturers learn torture tactics from the military?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**9. Were guns and/or pornography and/or snuff films used against you?**

- Yes, guns
- Yes, guns and pornography
- Yes, guns, pornography, and snuff films
- Yes, pornography, no guns but other weapons, i.e., knife
- Yes, pornography and snuff films, no guns, but other weapons, i.e., knife
- No guns
- No, guns or pornography
- No, guns, pornography, or snuff films
- Do not remember

**10. The gender and rank of the ritual abuse-torture military member(s)?**

- Male member with high rank – i.e., colonel, general, lieutenant
- Male member from enlisted ranks
- Female member with high rank – i.e., colonel, general, lieutenant
- Female member from enlisted ranks
- Both male and female members with high rank
- Both male and female members from enlisted ranks
- Combination of any of the above
- Uncertain

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR RESEARCH ON RITUAL ABUSE-TORTURE (RAT) AND MILITARY CONNECTIONS

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### Information about violence within military families

Research findings into domestic violence within military families indicate that such violence is consistently higher than in civilian families. Spillover violence against military spouses and children also increases in families with a parent in training to fight. And, as in civil society, pregnancy can act as a trigger for domestic violence increasing the risks for children, including infants, who live in military families that are violent.<sup>1</sup>

Men and women who join the military, a small study suggests, have higher rates of childhood physical and sexualized victimization than the general population.<sup>2</sup> A childhood history of victimization, whether inflicted within a military or non-military family, can lead to continuing aggression including cycles of intergenerational violence; including cycles of intergenerational ritual abuse-torture violence – a form of non-state actor torture – committed against children or captive adults. Globally, it is estimated that 150 million (or 14%) of girls and 73 million (or 7%) of boys, under 18, experience various forms of sexualized violence each year.<sup>3</sup> Ritual abuse-torture that occurs within military or non-military family/group situations remains an unidentified form of childhood violence and thus unnamed in such global statistics.

The reason for this research project is that persons are sharing their victimization narratives that include details that some RAT perpetrators have military connections. Some ritual abuse-torturers have been identified as being veterans; some have been identified as being in active military service; and some RAT families/groups have been identified as having connections with military personnel, who for various reasons and benefits, trafficked their children, into inhumane experimentation programs that were connected to military activities in some way.

Information learned from these brief research questions can help suggest a common pattern of RAT victimization by perpetrators with military connections.

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<sup>1</sup> Mines, S. (2007). Military families, domestic violence within. In N.A. Jackson (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Domestic Violence* (pp. 487-492). New York: Routledge.

<sup>2</sup> Corbett, S. (2007, March 18). The women's war. *New York Times*.

<sup>3</sup> World Health Organization (WHO). *Prevention of child maltreatment* [On-line], Available: [http://www.who.int/violence\\_injury\\_prevention/violence/activities/child\\_maltreatment/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/activities/child_maltreatment/en/index.html)