

Appendix C: Focus Group Questions (Soldiers and Providers)

FOCUS GROUP/INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Interviewer: _____ Notes taken by: _____

Date: XX XXXX XX Location: CAMP XXXXXXXXX Unit: XXXX XXXXX XXXXX

Number in group: X Ranks: _____ E1-E4; _____ E5-E6; _____ E7-E9

Gender: _____ Male _____ Female

1. Was there anything not covered in the survey that is important for us to know about your experiences during this deployment?
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2. What has been the most positive aspect of this deployment?
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3. What has been the most negative aspect of this deployment?
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4. What has been the most stressful/challenging aspect of the deployment?
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5. How available are mental health services if you need them?
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6. What was the most difficult time during this deployment in terms of your morale (first 30 days, first three months, mid-tour, last half, post R&R, event related)?
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7. **Reserve/NG Only:** Was there anything not covered on the survey that is important for us to know about your experiences as a Reservist or National Guard Member?
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Multiple Deployments

Interviewer: _____ Notes taken by: _____

Date: XX XXXX XX Location: CAMP XXXXXXXXX Unit: XXXX XXXXX XXXXX

Number in group: X Ranks: ____ E1-E4; ____ E5-E6; ____ E7-E9

Gender: ____ Male ____ Female

1. Some basic background information:
 - Number of previous combat deployments
 - Length of previous deployment
 - Length of time between deployment
2. How is this deployment better from your previous deployment to OIF?
 - Unit's preparation
 - Your preparation
 - Family preparation
3. How is this deployment worse than your previous deployment to OIF?
 - Unit's preparation
 - Your preparation
 - Family preparation
4. What are the effects of the multiple deployments?
 - On yourself (made you a better/worse Soldier/adult/nature/Burn out?)
 - On your family (better prepared, tired, change in family dynamic)
5. When was the most difficult time of the deployment in terms of your morale (first 30 days, first 3 monthish, mid-tour, last-half, post-R&R, event related)
 - This deployment
 - Previous deployment
 - Non consensus

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Behavioral Health Interviews

Interviewer: _____ Notes taken by: _____

Date: XX XXXX XX Location: CAMP XXXXXXXXX Unit: XXXX XXXXX XXXXX

1. What can you tell us about your experience that we didn't ask on the survey?
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2. What challenges have you faced during this deployment?
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3. What additional training would you benefit from prior to deployment, if any?
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4. Did you have any formal COSC training?
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5. Do you believe there are too few or too many behavioral assets in your area of operations? Please explain why you feel this way.
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6. What barriers prevent you from conducting outreach to Soldiers?
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