

The Globe distributed written surveys to members of the "New England's Own" Marine Battalion asking them about their experience of life after returning from service in Iraq. 139 responded, not enough for scientific findings but certainly sufficient to discern trends and attitudes among these men.

**Q1 "Are you still on active duty?"**

**Yes 83%**

**No 17%**

**Q2 "Were you physically wounded?"**

**Yes 16%**

**No 84%**

**Q3 "Are you on medical disability?"**

**Yes 18%**

**No 82%**

**Q4 "How would you describe your transition to Civilian Life"**

**Easy 41%**

**Difficult 49%**

**Very Easy 5%**

**Very difficult 5%**

**Q5 "How has your economic situation changed since your return?"**

**Same 42%**

**Better 28%**

**Worse 22%**

**Much better 4%**

**Much worse 3%**

**Q6 "How has your family life changed since your return?"**

**Same 51%**

**Better 25%**

**Worse 18%**

**Much better 4%**

**Much worse 1%**

**Q7 "How has your personal life changed since your return?"**

**Same 33%**

**Better 32%**

**Worse 26%**

**Much better 5%**

**Much worse 4%**

**Q8 "Were you changed as a person by the war?"**

**Yes 91%**

**No 9%**

**Q9 "Is it a change for the better?"**

**Yes 74%**

**No 26%**

**Q10 "Is it a change for the worse?"**

Yes 37%  
No 63%

Q11 "Did the war put a strain on your family?"

Yes 84%  
No 16%

Q12 "Did the war put a strain on your economic situation?"

Yes 27%  
No 73%

Q13 "What is your feeling about the service of the battalion in light of your experience In Iraq?"

Proud 39%  
Very Proud 58%  
Not Proud 3%

Q14 "What is your feeling about your own service in Iraq?"

Proud 43%  
Very Proud 53%  
Not Proud 4%

Q15 "How would you describe your own community's view of your military service?"

Appreciative 65%  
Unappreciative 8%  
Unaware 27%

Q16 "How would you describe your community's view of the war?"

Supportive 23%  
Unsupportive 18%  
Questioning 45%  
Opposed 14%

Q17 "Were you married before the war?"

Yes 20%  
No 80%

Q18 "Have you married since your return?"

Yes 12%  
No 88%

Q19 "Were you divorced before the war?"

Yes 1%  
No 99%

Q20 "Have you filed for divorce since return?"

Yes 5%  
No 95%

Q21 "How has your relationship with loved ones changed since your return?"

Same 41%  
Better 32%  
Worse 24%

<b>Much better</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Much worse</b>	<b>1%</b>

<b>Q22</b>	<b>"Were you employed before the war?"</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>84%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>16%</b>

<b>Q23</b>	<b>"Are you employed now?"</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>15%</b>

<b>Q24</b>	<b>"Did you lose a job or see your business fail during deployment?"</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>97%</b>

<b>Q25</b>	<b>"Any recurring nightmares and/or insomnia since he war?"</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>42%</b>

<b>Q26</b>	<b>"Exteme vigilance even in unstressful situations since the war?"</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>37%</b>

<b>Q27</b>	<b>"Uncontrollable anger since the war?"</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>59%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>41%</b>

<b>Q28</b>	<b>"Depression since the war?"</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>42%</b>

<b>Q29</b>	<b>"How would you describe your mental health since your return?"</b>
<b>No problems</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Some problems</b>	<b>57%</b>
<b>Serious problems</b>	<b>5%</b>

<b>Q30</b>	<b>"Have you been to a veterans medical facility since the war?"</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>66%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>34%</b>

<b>Q31</b>	<b>"For medical treatment of a physical wound?"</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>69%</b>

<b>Q32</b>	<b>"For mental health treatment?"</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>35%</b>

**No** 65%

**Q33** "How would you describe the care you received at the VA?"

**Good** 37%

**Poor** 12%

**Average** 35%

**Very Good** 13%

**Very Poor** 4%

**Q34** "Did the VA and/or the government live up to country's promise to care for vets?"

**Yes** 64%

**No** 36%

**Survey conducted by Globe Reporter Charles M. Sennott during unit drills.**