



Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry

*Quick Start Guide
for Veterans*

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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Overview

As required by Public Law 112-260, Dignified Burial and Other Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 2012, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) launched the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry. The Registry is a database of health information from Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn (OEF/OIF/OND) or 1990-1991 Gulf War Veterans and Servicemembers collected through a questionnaire about exposures to airborne hazards (such as smoke from burn pits, oil-well fires or pollution during deployment), as well as other exposures and health concerns.

The Registry will help participants become more aware of their own potential health issues and help VA better understand the potential health effects of deployment-related exposures. By enrolling in the Registry, you can create a snapshot from which to identify changes in your health, print and use your completed questionnaire to discuss concerns with your provider, and learn about follow-up care. **NOTE:** Participation in the Registry is voluntary and will not affect your access to health care or benefits.

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Eligibility for Participation

Veterans and Servicemembers who served in the Southwest Asia theater of operations (as defined in 38 CFR 3.317 (e)(2)) after August 2, 1990, or in Djibouti, Africa or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001, are eligible to participate in the registry. To use the Registry, you must have a DS Logon Level 2 (Premium) Account. If you do not have a DS Logon Level 2 (Premium) Account, or you are not sure, you can:

- Select the **Need a DS Logon?** button in the column on the Home screen of the Registry.
- Visit mobile.va.gov/dslogon, or call **1-800-983-0937**.

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How to Access the Registry

- VA Launchpad, which you can access at mobile.va.gov/appstore. The VA Launchpad is an easy way to consolidate VA's Mobile Applications (Apps) and websites that require a DS Logon, and enables you to sign in once to access multiple tools.
- Directly from the Registry Home screen at <https://veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry/>.
- Directly from the eBenefits portal after you are logged in.

The screenshot shows the website header with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs logo and a "DS Logon Sign in »" button. The main navigation bar includes "Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry", "Home", "About the Registry", "FAQs", "Get Care", and "Contact Us ▾". The main content area features three columns:

- Is this for me?** (Yellow background): Explains the registry is a database of information about Veterans and Servicemembers collected through a questionnaire. It notes that OEF/OIF/OND or 1990-1991 Gulf War Veterans and Servicemembers can use the registry questionnaire to report exposures to airborne hazards (such as smoke from burn pits, oil-well fires, or pollution during deployment), as well as other exposures and health concerns. A "Learn more »" button is at the bottom.
- Why sign up?** (Light blue background): Lists benefits: creating a health snapshot, discussing concerns with a provider, learning about follow-up care and VA benefits, and accessing instructions for assistance. A "Get Registry Help »" button is at the bottom.
- Sign up in 3 easy steps** (Light green background): Lists three steps: 1. Use your Premium DS Logon Level 2 account to access the questionnaire. 2. Complete entire questionnaire and submit. 3. Print or save completed questionnaire for your records. Two buttons are at the bottom: "Need a DS Logon? »" and "DS Logon Sign in »".

At the bottom of the page, it reads: "U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs | 810 Vermont Avenue, NW Washington DC 20420 | Last reviewed/updated May 29, 2014 | App Version"

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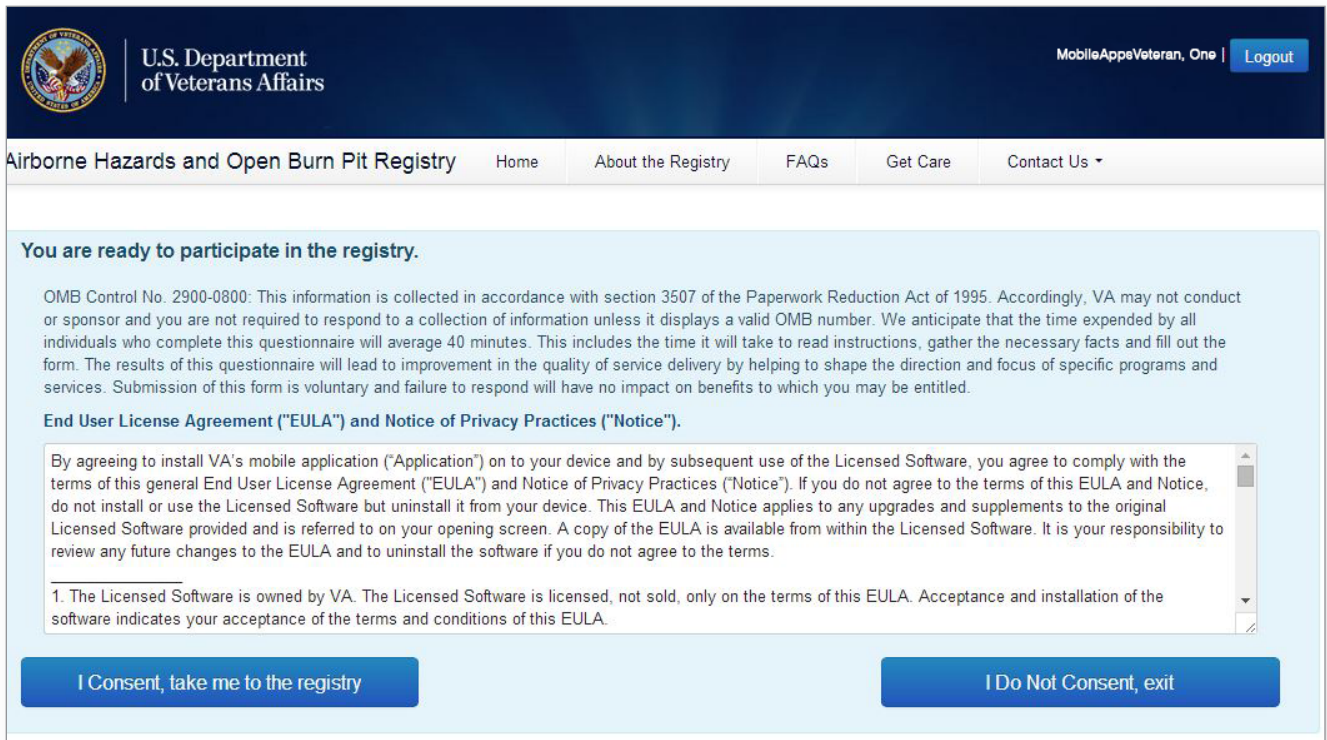
Logging In

When you reach the Registry Home screen you will be prompted to enter your DS Logon Level 2 (Premium) account credentials. After you sign in, you will be taken to a screen that asks you to confirm you consent to the End User License Agreement (“EULA”) and Notice of Privacy Practices (“Notice”).

Read the EULA and Notice. Select the **I Consent, take me to the registry** button if you wish to proceed, or the **I Do Not Consent, exit** button to exit.

If you consent, you will be taken to a Welcome screen or a screen that allows you to request an eligibility review. See instructions for requesting an eligibility review in the **Requesting an eligibility review section** of this Quick Start Guide.

If you are taken to a Welcome screen, you will be asked to verify that your name is listed correctly. If your name is listed correctly, select the **Yes, It’s Me** button and proceed through the steps. If your name is not listed correctly, select the **No, It’s Not Me** button and proceed through the steps.



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Requesting an eligibility review

VA determines eligibility for the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry based on deployment information from the Department of Defense (DoD). In some cases, the records VA has for you do not contain an eligible deployment. This may be a result of missing or inaccurate data in VA's deployment system.

To request an eligibility review, select the **Request an Eligibility Review** button then follow the three steps to request a review of your registry eligibility.

NOTE: You will only have the option to request an eligibility review if the records VA has for you do not contain eligible deployment information.

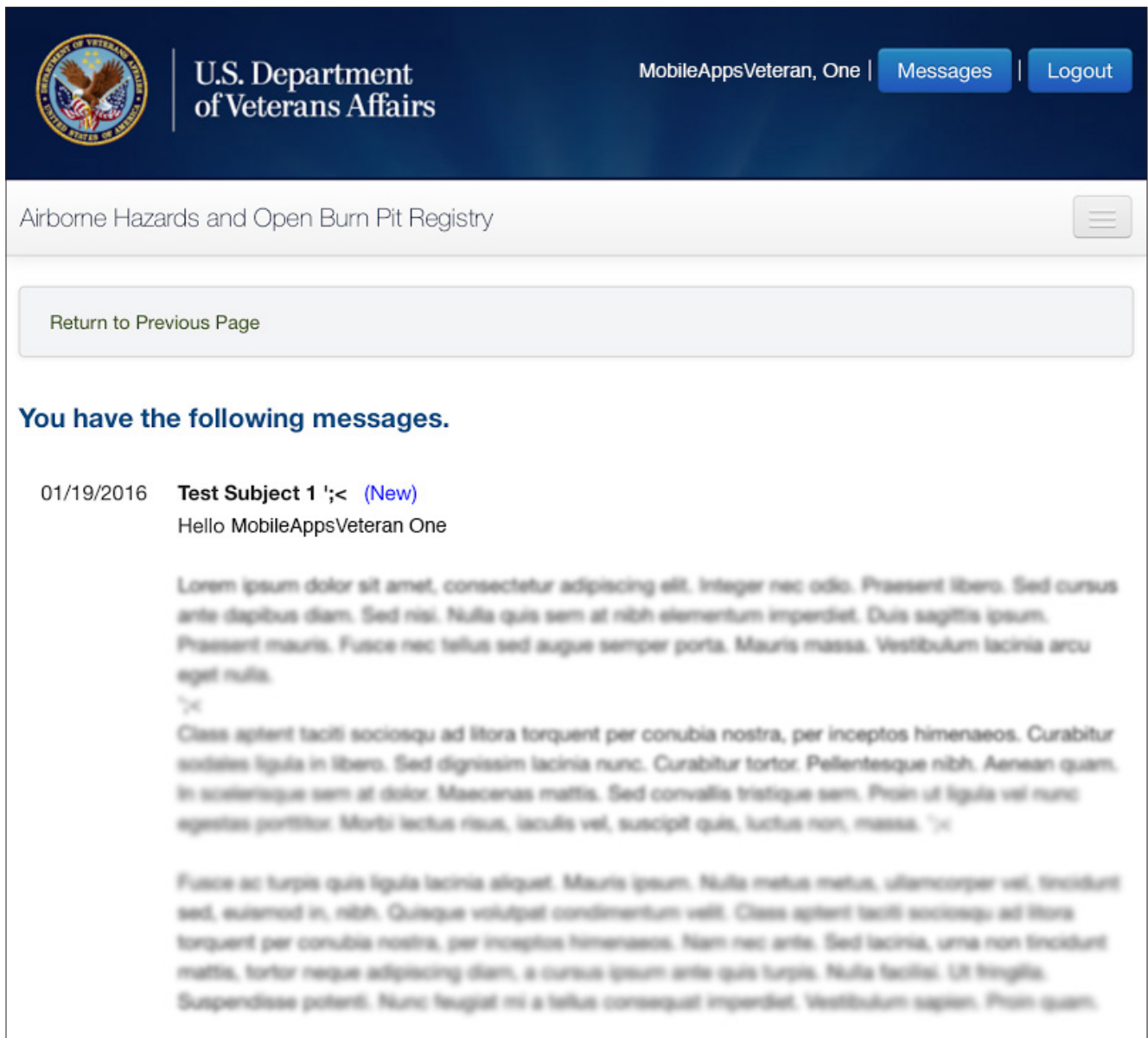
The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the VA website with the logo and 'U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs'. The main header reads 'Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry' with links for Home, About the Registry, FAQs, Get Care, and Contact Us. A user is logged in as 'MobileAppsVeteran, One' with a 'Logout' button. A message states: 'MobileAppsVeteran, One, the records we have for you do not contain an eligible deployment (See Below)'. Below this, a text block explains that this may be due to missing or inaccurate data in the deployment database. It lists eligible deployment locations: Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Djibouti, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, and Waters of the Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea, and Red Sea. A blue button at the bottom of the message area says 'Request an Eligibility Review'.

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Messages

Various departments within VA may send you messages, which could be about topics ranging from requests to complete follow-up questions based on the information you initially provided or VA’s response after you have requested an eligibility review. If you have received a new message, you will see a notification banner at the top of your screen when you log into the app that reads: “You have a new message. Click here to view.” You can access the messages either by (1) selecting [here](#) in the notification’s message, or (2) by selecting **Messages** in the upper right corner of your screen. You will go to a screen that shows your message.

NOTE: The below is a test message.



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Format of the Questionnaire

The questionnaire takes approximately 40 minutes to complete. Depending on the structure of each question, you will answer by selecting answers from a drop-down list, selecting the circle next to the answer that corresponds to your situation, searching for the appropriate response or typing in your answer.

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Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry Home About the Registry FAQs Get Care Contact Us >

1 Update Contact Information 2 Start the Questionnaire >

ELIGIBLE DEPLOYMENT HISTORY
 Deployment Data from the VA Defense Information Repository (VADIR) and other sources
 Location Specific Deployment Exposures
 General Military Occupational Exposures
 Environmental Exposures, Regional Air Pollution

SYMPTOMS AND MEDICAL HISTORY

HEALTH CONCERNS

PLACES YOU'VE LIVED

WORK HISTORY

HOME ENVIRONMENT AND HOBBIES

HEALTH CARE UTILIZATION

CONTACT PREFERENCES

Save Changes Next Section >

1. Eligible Deployment History

1.1. Deployment Data from the VA Defense Information Repository (VADIR) and other sources

Please Confirm Your Eligible Deployment History

Our records are incomplete and may contain inaccurate information. If any of your listed deployments are incorrect, please select the "No" checkbox and add the correct deployment information in the search field below.

If you have had any eligible deployments to the Southwest Asia theater, Djibouti or Afghanistan that are not already listed, please add the missing eligible deployments using the search field below.

Have overlapping deployment dates? Please ensure that your deployment dates do not overlap.

Please Note: This questionnaire does not need to be completed in one session. For your convenience you may save your progress by using the "Save Changes" button above. Your answers will also be saved when using the "Next Section" button.

Deployment Periods - Please Select the 'Yes' Checkbox if the Information is Correct

Correct	Branch	Begin Date	End Date	Conflict	Location
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	A	02/23/1991	08/30/1991	Desert Storm	Iraq
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	A	11/30/1992	05/30/1993	Provide Comfort	Iraq

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What You Will be Asked

You will be asked about your health history, deployment history and current work environment and lifestyle. The questions are designed to provide a broad and complete picture of your health. Even if you do not think some of your deployment information is related to exposures or that your lifestyle affects your health, you should still provide as much information as possible.

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Saving Your Answers

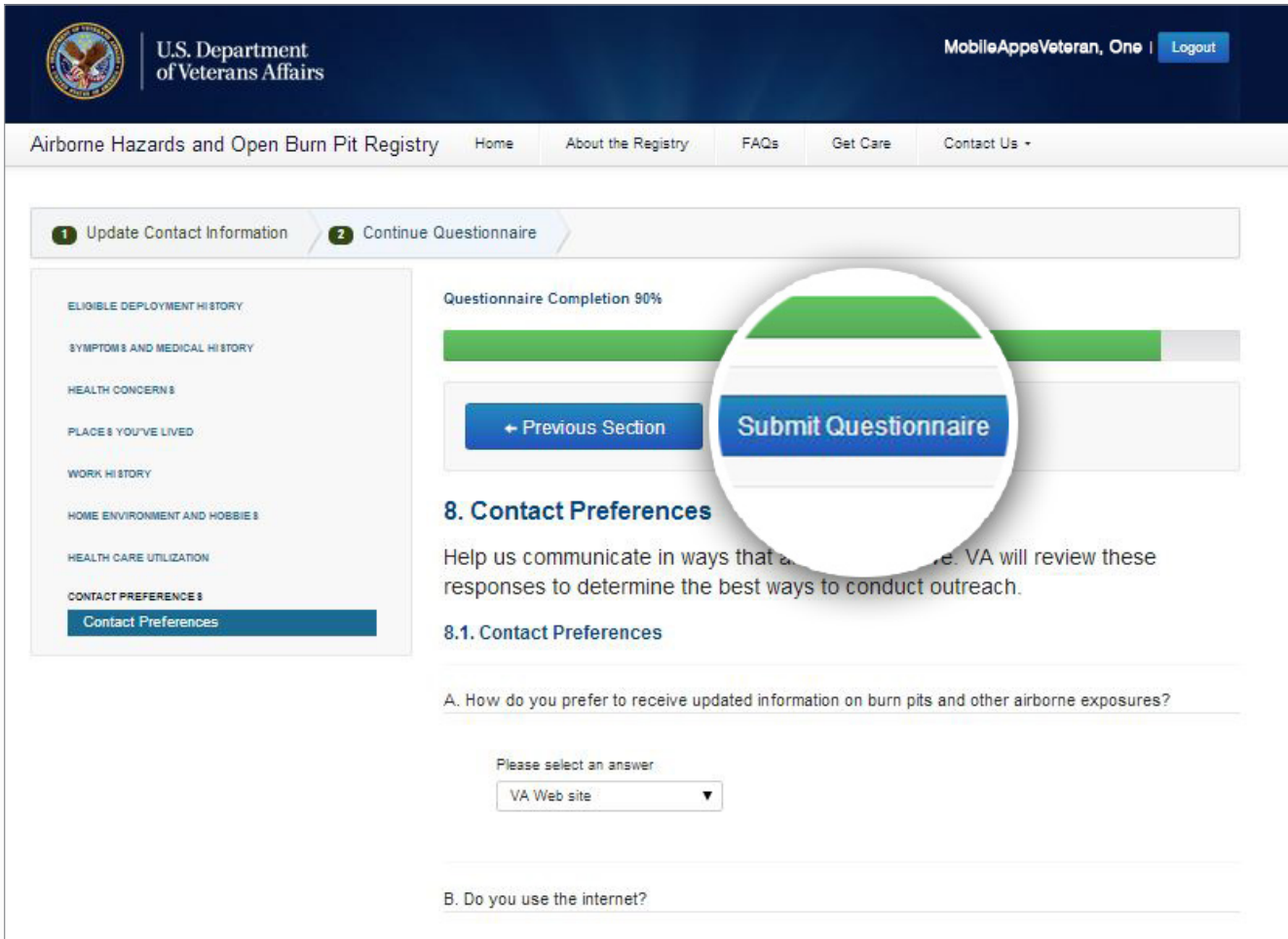
You do not have to complete the questionnaire in one sitting. You have the option to save your answers at any time by selecting the **Save Changes** button at the bottom of each screen. However, your answers will not be submitted into the Registry until you have completed the entire questionnaire.

The screenshot displays the user interface for the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry questionnaire. At the top, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs logo and name are visible, along with a user profile for 'MobileAppsVeteran, One' and a 'Logout' button. The main navigation bar includes 'Home', 'About the Registry', 'FAQs', 'Get Care', and 'Contact Us'. A progress indicator shows '1 Update Contact Information' and '2 Continue Questionnaire'. The left sidebar lists various questionnaire sections, with 'Deployment Smoking History' currently selected. The main content area shows 'Questionnaire Completion 42%' with a green progress bar. A callout circle highlights the 'Save Changes' button, which is positioned between 'Previous Section' and 'Next Section' navigation buttons. Below this, the section title '2.6. Deployment Smoking History' is displayed, followed by the instruction: 'Tell us your health history. Please do not skip any questions, even if you don't think they're related to a deployment exposure.' Two questions are listed: 'A. Did you start smoking for the first time while being deployed?' and 'B. How did deployment(s) change how much you smoked?'. Both questions have a '(Not Applicable)' response option. At the bottom, another set of navigation buttons includes 'Previous Section', 'Save Changes', and 'Next Section'.

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Submitting Your Answers

After you have answered all of the questions, select **Submit Questionnaire** to finalize your enrollment in the Registry. The screen will show you the date you submitted the questionnaire.



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Referencing Your Answers

After you have submitted the questionnaire, there will be options for you to view documents for downloading or printing. You can even access the completed copy of the questionnaire that you submitted. **NOTE:** If you download or print the questionnaire, ensure that you are taking steps to protect your personal information.

Next Steps and Resources

The Registry provides background and resources about airborne hazards and open burn pits. This information is accessible from the initial login screen. Additionally, there are five tabs along the top of the screen to direct you to the information and assistance you need: Home, About the Registry, FAQs, Get Care, and Contact Us. These tabs will always be visible so that you can consult the information at any time.

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1 Update Contact Information | 2 Review Completed Questionnaire | 3 **Next Steps and Resources**

[Next Steps →](#)

Congratulations ONE VAMOBILEPATIENT, you have completed the questionnaire and are now a participant in the registry
 We greatly appreciate your participation in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry. Your participation may assist VA and the Department of Defense (DoD) address important health concerns related to deployment.
 VA and DoD thank you for the time you have spent completing the survey. We encourage you to share the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry with fellow Servicemembers and Veterans who may be eligible.
 On behalf of VA and DoD thank you for your participation.

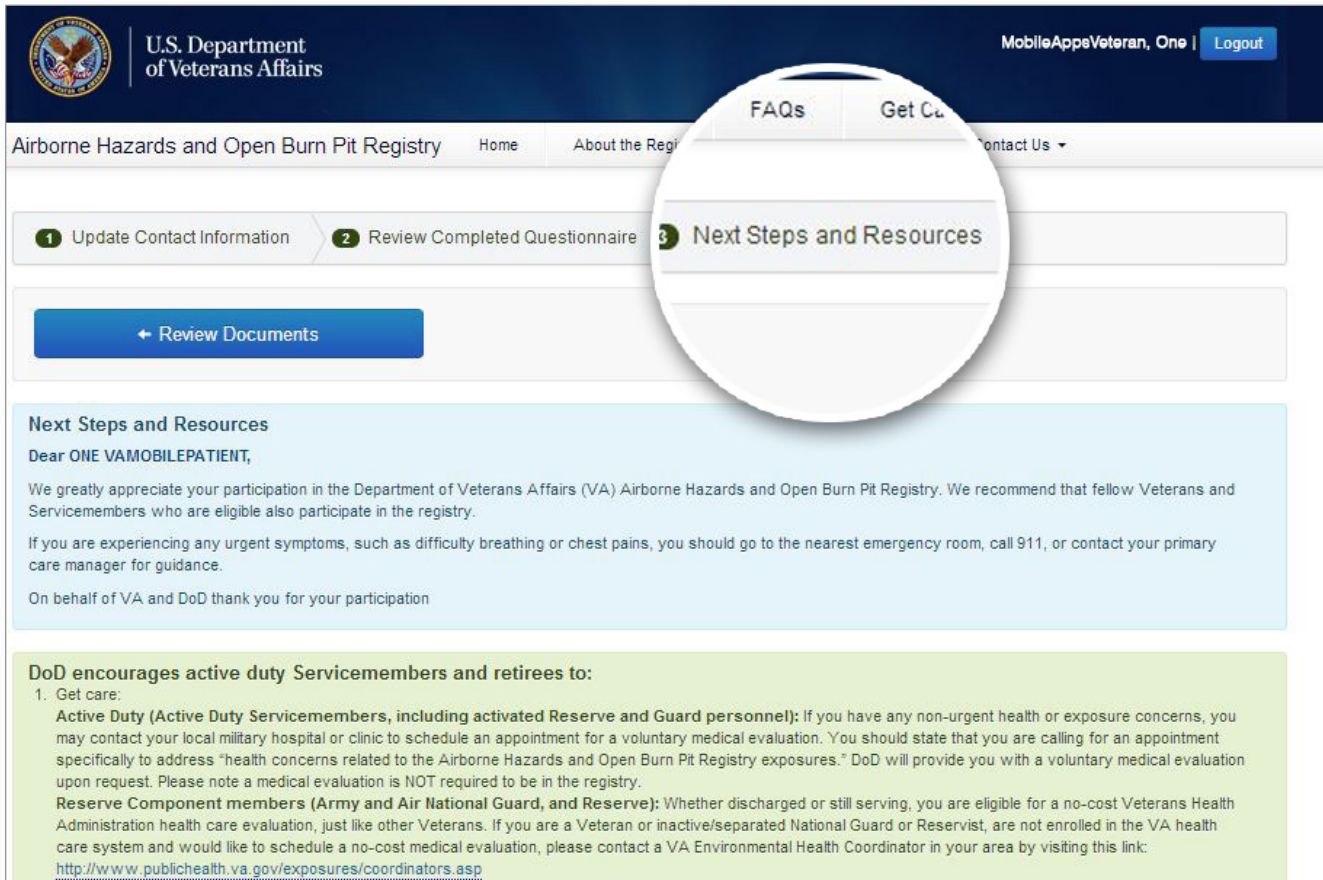
This summary will contain information from your entries into the VA Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry.
 You have a responsibility to keep your health information safe. While VA ensures privacy and security of your personal health information while the data is in VA systems, VA cannot ensure privacy once you remove a copy of your information from a VA system. Once information is downloaded, saved, printed, emailed, faxed or shared by other method, its protection is up to you. If you print copies of your personal health information, be careful not to leave it in any public places and store copies in a safe place, like a locked file cabinet. If you share your personal health information with others, VA has no authority to ensure these people protect your privacy. Be careful of who you give copies of your personal health information, whether the information was entered by you or is from a VA system. Be sure to destroy printed copies of your health information preferably with a shredder.

View Documents for Downloading or Printing

Questionnaire: Submitted 07/31/2014	Questionnaire
Participation Letter	Participation Letter
Fact Sheets	VA Fact Sheet for Veterans

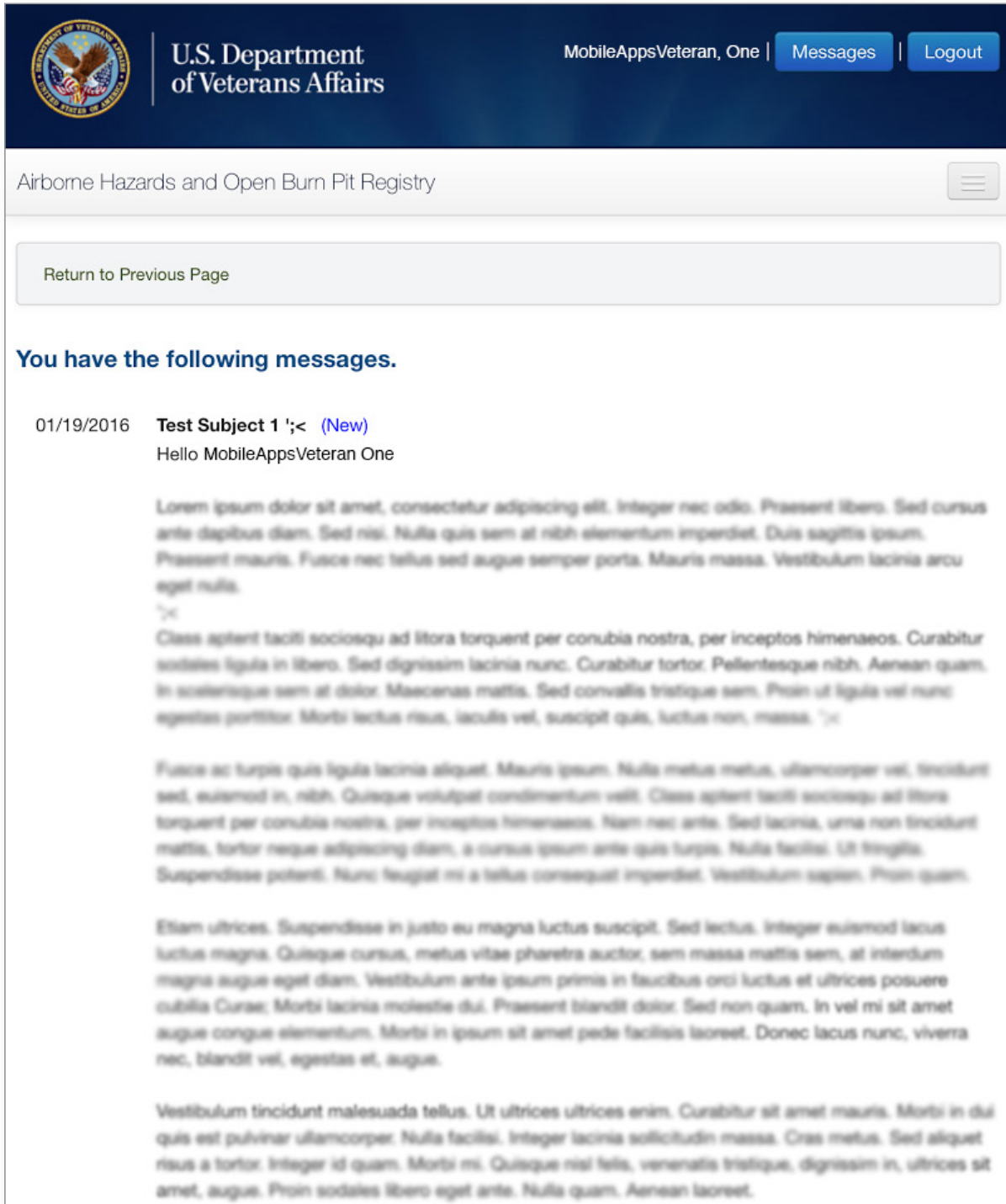
Resources within the Registry

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Follow-Up Questions

Depending on how you answered some questions when you initially completed the questionnaire, VA may send you more questions requesting details about your answers. If you are asked to complete follow-up questions, you will receive a message notification, and you will see that a Follow-up Questions heading appears in the menu bar at the top of the screen. Select Follow-up Questions from your menu. You will go to a screen with questions. Select the header for the question you would like to answer, and answer the questions as you did for the main questionnaire.



Help and Additional Information

Additional Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry Training Materials

More resources, such as a Quick Start Guide, Slideshow and FAQs, can be found on mobile.va.gov/training.

Help Desk Information

If you need assistance with the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry, dial 1-877-470-5947 to speak with a VA representative. The Help Desk is open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT. For TTY assistance, dial 711.

DS Logon Help

If you have questions about your DS Logon account, visit mobile.va.gov/dslogon or dial **1-800-983-0937** for assistance.

Emergencies

If you feel that your information may have been compromised, contact your local VA facility to obtain the contact information for your Privacy Officer. To locate your local VA facility, visit VA's Facility Locator [<http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isflash=1>]. Note that you should never use this app in an emergency situation. If you encounter an emergency, dial 911.