

# Winter Soldier: Iraq & Afghanistan Questionnaire

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Military Training: \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit(s): \_\_\_\_\_ MOS (including title): \_\_\_\_\_  
Duty Period(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Decorations: \_\_\_\_\_  
Numbers of Tours (if any): \_\_\_ Iraq \_\_\_ Afghanistan \_\_\_ Other; please specify \_\_\_\_\_  
.AO: \_\_\_\_\_ DD214 (Check one): \_\_\_ in IVAW records \_\_\_ Attached \_\_\_ Will Provide **(No veterans or military personnel will be able to testify without a DD214 or military ID.)**  
Do you have any documentation, including photos, videos, military orders, SOPs, memos or any relevant documentation? \_\_\_\_\_  
Are there people whom IVAW can contact to corroborate your accounts? If so, please list names and contact information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## POINTS TO COVER WHEN COLLECTING TESTIMONY

Individual soldiers should not be scapegoated for policies designed at the highest levels of government. Instead, the responsibility for war crimes should be placed where it truly belongs—upon the politicians, generals, corporations, think tanks, and universities that devise and control military policy.

As much collecting of testimony as is possible must be done in person, because many veterans are still confused and guilty about what they did or saw over there; only through personal contact can their questions and fears be adequately resolved. Emphasize that they are not alone in what they witnessed and that we are all having a hard time adjusting to this society after experiencing this insanity. Only through openly talking about it are we ever going to be able to readjust ourselves and find solutions.

Some veterans might ask why we are not investigating insurgent atrocities. First, we only know the ins and outs of our government's policies. Second, and most important, we recognize that small-scale individual-type atrocities occur in all wars. This investigation is designed to demonstrate that our policies (stated and unstated) are, in fact, genocidal (and illegal) in nature, i.e., the destruction of the Iraqi and Afghan people, culture, and infrastructure.

Veterans should give as much detail as possible concerning dates, places, and units involved. However, we are not interested in naming individual soldiers, since that looks like we are trying to scapegoat them.

Remember: this is not going to be a trial but simply a presentation of war crimes testimony, for the purpose of awakening the world as to where the responsibilities for war crimes lay.

Use the questions to get a general idea, and then use a blank sheet or the back of the questionnaire for a more detailed explanation of the testimony. Ask the veteran to sign it when you're done.

Always ask if there is anything else that the veteran might like to talk about that had been left out.

If there are any questions that you can't answer, say so and contact the national office; we will try to get the answer.

Always ask veterans if they have any photos, videos, or any other materials that might be useful in presenting their testimony.

Try to get the names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of corroborating witnesses when possible. Try to get the veteran to call his/her buddies to see if they are interested in participating in the investigation.

If you should come across any questions that you feel are missing on the questionnaire, please add them to your list and notify us.

Watch out for the line "I don't have anything, just S.O.P stuff"—only to find out that this means small kills teams, baiting civilians into a sniper trap—de facto unit policy.

We'll have info on housing, food, and transportation as each of those is secured.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *DO include details: dates, locations, number of times events occurred, presence of any NCO/officers, and a brief description for each response to the best of your ability. DO NOT include names of any military personnel with the rank of O-3/E-8 or below.*

Did you ever participate in or observe (this includes the monitoring of communications) the following:

1. The killing or wounding of a civilian or unarmed combatant?
2. Stealing from civilians/theft of non-military property?
3. Physically abusive conduct towards civilians or local military/police?
4. Excessively aggressive driving that needlessly endangered civilians?
5. Killing of medical personnel or destroying medical equipment and facilities?
6. Torture, abuse, or humiliation of detainees or prisoners?
  - a. Were wounded detainees given medical aid?
  - b. Were prisoners shot?
  - c. Were prisoners denied food and/or water?
7. Calling in or assisting in the calling of air support and/or artillery fire which damaged or destroyed civilian life and/or property?
8. A house raid where life was needlessly disrupted and/or property was needlessly destroyed?
9. The covering up of misconduct?
  - a. Was anyone held accountable for any misconduct?
  - b. Did your command ever turn a blind eye to misconduct?
10. Resistance, rebellion, and/or subversion on the part of yourself or other US/coalition military personnel?
11. Sexual assault, harassment, and/or rape of local civilians (both male and female)?
12. Sexual assault, harassment, and/or rape of military personnel (both male and female)?
13. The viewing of pornography that included sexual assault, harassment, murder and/or rape (both male and female)?
14. Use or solicitation of prostitutes from populations including local civilians, Third Country Nationals, contractors or military personnel (both male and female)?
15. Engagement of a target that recklessly endangered civilians?
16. The destruction of civilian infrastructure (to include bridges, irrigation or water purification equipment, hospitals, power plants, generators, etc.)?
17. Recon by fire?
18. The mutilation of bodies?
19. The use, both prescribed and non-prescribed, of anti-depressants, uppers, or other medications?
20. The use, encouragement of use and/or ignorance of use of illegal drugs?
21. The use of alcohol?
22. The transportation, maintenance, or use of white phosphorus, depleted uranium ammunition, CS gas, or any other NBC weapon?
23. Blatant disregard for the Rules of Engagement?
24. What was the general attitude of your unit towards civilians?
25. How prevalent was the use of racist or derogatory terms towards civilians?
  - a. If so, which terminology?
26. Did you ever witness or observe any civilian contractors engaging in any of the activity mentioned above or any illegal or morally repulsive activities?
27. Did you ever come into contact with weapons of mass destruction?
28. Do you have anything else that you think might be important? If so what?
29. Will you speak to an IVAW verifier to help recall and confirm your testimony? (Unverified testimony will not be presented publicly.)
30. Will you testify to this? Please sign answers to above questions.