

## **Attention Persian Gulf War Veterans Who Are Willing To Participate In Study**

We are interested in recruiting a group of Persian Gulf War veterans for a study on Gulf War Illness. We are looking for 30-40 veterans who developed Gulf War Illness following deployment. We've published a series of studies on similar illness in civilians in a number of countries. The symptoms seen in veterans are very similar. We are interested in repeating the study with Persian Gulf War veterans but we are having trouble identifying patients. We can work with patients anywhere in California - travel is not required.

In our studies of civilians, we have been able to identify an infection with a specific protozoa as underlying symptoms identical to those seen in Gulf War Illness. The infection had not been previously recognized by physicians. The studies have been published on civilian patients from the US and France, and our most recent studies cover patients in Turkey and Egypt. The principal author on the US study was an infectious disease researcher with the US Air Force. The co-authors on the other studies were scientists with the Pasteur Institute, China's Center for Disease Control, the University of Cairo, and a number of other organizations. If interested in participating in this study, please contact Ken Boorom, Vice President Research, Blastocystis Research Foundation <http://www.bhomcenter.org>, Cell 541-231-4704, 5060 SW Philomath Blvd, #202, Corvallis, OR 97333