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## Post-Traumatic Risk Factors Identified

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Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) researchers from Boston report in the November issue of the Journal of Abnormal Psychology that risk factors for posttraumatic stress symptomatology (PTSS, short of full-blown posttraumatic stress disorder, or PTSD) in Afghanistan and Iraq veterans were found to be similar to those observed in Vietnam Veterans. An abstract of the study is available on the [Journal of Abnormal Psychology website](#). Veterans who believe they are experiencing symptoms of PTSS or PTSD may call the crisis hotline number at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) and then push 1 to reach a trained VA mental health professional 24/7.

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