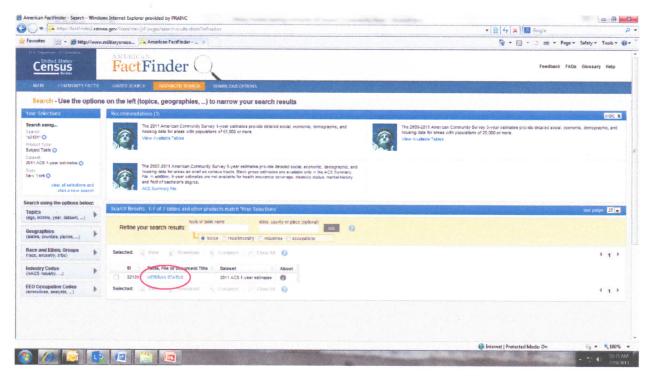## MILITARY FAMILIES LEARNING COMMUNITY
BUILDING STRONG BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS FOR MILITARY AND VETERAN FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

Reviewing Data Sources for Information about Military and Veterans - United States Census Data - **American Community Survey** (ACS). Please access the data for your state/territory and then answer the questions on page 2.

To Access the date please follow the steps below:

1. Access the ACS data set by clicking on the above link: http://www.census.gov/acs/www/.

2. In the *Data by Topic* section (right column), locate the "Veterans" topic. Click on this topic.

3. Click on the *Geographies* section (left column) in order to add your location.

4. Under "select a geography type" choose "State"

5. Choose your home state (i.e., "California") and then "Add to your selections"

6. Close the geography section (Click on the X at top left).

7. Find the link for "Veteran Status" in the middle of the page. Click on this link.

8. This should generate a table with the data report for your state.

9. At the top right, click "View All As PDF" then save this file on your computer.

Homework

A. *Please note that we will include your state/territory's data in the Session 2 PPT if you submit it in advance to mcleary@prainc.com by 11:00 a.m. on 7/25/13.*

1. *Please list:*

- *What is the total veteran population?*

- *Describe the demographics for:*

  o *Gender*

  o *Age*

  o *Race?*

2. *Please attach your state/territory's PDF file.*

B. Please be prepared to discuss the following questions during Session 2 of the learning community:

1. Is the data generated in this report what you expected?

2. Run another report for your local county (return to step 4 and choose county).

3. What are you unable to determine using these data?