

## ABSTRACT

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE NAVY

This study examines domestic violence in the United States Navy, focusing on a naval installation within the state of California. In addition, this thesis explores the demographics, as well as the key factors that are present in cases from 2001 to 2002, to gain a better understanding of the problem to develop more comprehensive and higher quality of services to this specific population. The Family Systems Theory is utilized to assist in understanding the dynamics of domestic violence within this population. The study suggests that there is not a statistically significant correlating relationship between the rank of the service member and the acts of physical violence within the relationship.

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