Reduction in PTSD- Related Symptoms After Lone Survivor Retreats

April 2013 – April 2014
As measured by the PTSD Checklist (PCL-M)

		Pre-Test		Post-Test		Difference			
	N	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	ES	<i>P</i> -value
PTSD Checklist	66	58.7	16.9	40.5	16.3	-18.2	14.6	1.25	<0.0001

This data was collected from 66 active military and veteran participants taking part in one of twelve retreats held between April 2013 – April 2014. As the table shows, the mean score on the 17-item PTSD Checklist (PCL-M) was 58.7 ± 16.9 at the start and reduced significantly to 40.5 ± 16.3 at the conclusion of the retreat (effect size (ES) = 1.25, p<0.0001). To put these outcomes in context, a reduction of \geq 10 points on the PCL-M is considered clinically and statistically meaningful (Monson, 2008)¹.

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¹ Monson CM, Gradus JL, Young-Xu Y, Schnurr PP, Price JL. Schumm JA; Change in posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms; do clinicians and patients agree? *Psychological Assessment* 2008; 20: 131-8.