

## **Results so Positive, they had to Relook NS Study**

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Hearing stories from her two brothers was the closest she got to life in the army. One was in the navy and the other was a commando in the army.

But being part of the team for a study on Singaporeans' attitudes towards national service (NS) helped bring Institute of Policy Studies' (IPS) associate director Yang Wai Wai closer to Singaporeans' psyche about NS. She was roped in to join IPS' senior research fellow Leong Chan-Hoong and senior research analyst Henry Ho Mun Wah in the study commissioned by the Committee to Strengthen National Service.

Initially, they were so concerned about the possible scepticism towards the generally positive data that they had to relook their study.

One thing which struck Madam Yang was that the younger NSmen — those who have not completed in-camp training — considered NS training to be safe. Another unexpected conclusion for the team was that one in almost 10 women said they were willing to serve the full two years of NS as a volunteer.