

Media Report 22 November 2019,

This weeks media report will coverLONG TAERM Benefit Service, Veterans have been asking questions on this service.The info in this report will give the Families and our Senior Veterans the information required to keep living a dignified retirement either in their home or at a Health Care Facility and Métis Veterans of Canada have received recognition for our World War II Veterans.

Long-term care

Do you require 24-hour personal and nursing care on a short-term or long-term basis? We can provide financial support to qualifying Veterans for the cost of this care.

About this program

All health systems in Canada provide some level of long-term care support in provincially licensed or regulated facilities.

Financial support from Veterans Affairs Canada may be available when you have been admitted to 24-hour care in a community bed (available to any provincial resident) or contract bed (only available to Second World War or Korean War Veterans).

The assessment process and admission to long-term care facilities is managed by your provincial, regional, or local health authority. Please contact the agency responsible for long-term care in your province or territory:

- [Alberta](#)
- [British Columbia](#)
- [Manitoba](#)
- [New Brunswick](#)
- [Newfoundland and Labrador](#)
- [Northwest Territories](#)
- [Nova Scotia](#)
- [Nunavut](#)
- [Ontario](#)
- [Prince Edward Island](#)
- [Quebec](#)
- [Saskatchewan](#)
- [Yukon](#)

Do you qualify?

If you have been admitted to a long-term care facility, you may qualify for and should apply for financial assistance if you served in the Canadian Armed Forces and have:

- a low income,
 - a service-related disability, or
 - a health need for long-term care.
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How to apply

Before you apply

Before you apply for financial assistance from Veterans Affairs Canada, you must first be admitted to a long-term care facility.

Apply online

If you are registered for My VAC Account, you can submit your application for this benefit online. If you aren't registered, you can [register now](#).

Mail or in person

Download the [application package](#) (VAC1503APe). Then, drop it off at a [VAC office](#). You can also mail your completed form directly to the address listed on the form.

Get help with your application

The staff at any [VAC office](#) can assist you, or call us at 1-866-522-2122.

Note for legal representatives: Include a copy of the document that shows you to be the legal representative (e.g. Power of Attorney). If you have previously provided this, you do not need to send it again.

Additional information

Related programs

[Treatment Benefits](#) - Coverage for medical and health related services.

[Veterans Independence Program](#) - Payments for home and health care services that you need to remain independent at home.

[War Veterans Allowance](#) - Monthly payments if you have a low household income.

Frequently asked questions

What is the maximum a Veteran must pay toward their long-term care accommodation costs?

Effective October 1, 2018, the maximum accommodation and meals monthly amount paid by a Veteran is \$1,039.48. Any supplementary charges such as the costs of semi-private or private rooms are not part of this calculation.

Do some Veterans pay less than the maximum amount?

Veterans who are admitted to care as a direct result of a condition for which they are in receipt of a disability benefit are not required to pay toward their long-term care. Also, Veterans may have a reduced contribution if they are married or have a lower income.

Where can I find the policies for this program?

Read the [policies related to the long-term care program](#).

Media Reports over the last several months

<http://www.cavunp-ottawa.ca/news-media-report.html>

NVOC Presidents Mr Randy Stowell Report on the “Veterans Consultation Assembly” 16 Nov 2019

Myself and Ted Bransfield attended a meeting hosted by Dominion Command, Royal Canadian Legion at Legion House, Ottawa.

The meeting had a gathering of Veteran Organizations – almost twenty... [Ourselves, ANAVETS, UN Peacekeepers, Maritime Air and others]. The round table was asked to seek common issues for the new Veterans Minister – to be appointed 20 Nov.

Issues that I raised for NVOC:our members continue to advocate for Veterans long term home care – with their families; we have members concerned about a recognized “Volunteer Service Medal” [recognition for military service under the 12 year CD line] ; and Caregiver Recognition – access is difficult – for men and women -and denial is rejection.

There were two presentations.

(1) **Housing Initiatives for Homeless Veterans.** There are between 3000 and 5000 Veterans who are homeless in Canada. Some are living rough every night.[*My Comment- No Veteran ever imagined that they would be homeless. To end homelessness you need homes*].

- “Veterans House” is an Ottawa effort – construction has started in Sept – move in

Remembrance Day 2020. A Multifaith housing initiative. 40 unit homes for veterans who are homeless.

- Will have programs to help veterans deal with addictions and physical/mental health. 400 square feet – Not a transition home – they can stay until they feel able to move away. They can not have a “live in” companion. . [*My Comment is that the Veteran will develop relationships – reconnect with family – and move out for better things. We had Barrack Wardens for the quarters – sheet exchange and discipline – now we have Mental Health workers!*]
- The Legion funds mental health at this home [The Legion “Leave the Streets Behind” is a very positive effort] . Funding is interesting. VAC can NOT fund “bricks and mortar”. Veterans are not a Municipal or Provincial priority for homeless veterans. Homeless Veterans can not have facilities funded by the Feds. **Anecdote :** *The Executive Director of the Multifaith Housing Initiative told us that the early meetings with Canada Lands about Rockcliffe wanted a Statue to remind of past military days...She suggested a statue that had windows – doors and space for forty veterans. This has happened. There was considerable “Not in My Back Yard” opposition to having homeless Veterans have a home. Her story of how this was thwarted is interesting and inspiring.*
- www.multifaithhousing.ca
- I will be asking our Board of Directors to consider a donation to this effort.

VETERANS OMBUDSMAN

The Veterans Ombudsman spoke to us. Craig Dalton. A real spark of energy and focus.

They do NOT advocate – they assist and inform and they address veterans complaints within a very narrow legal mandate.

He reports to the Minister VAC.

My observations:

- *The VAC “Eco-system” needs a hard look at credibility and trust.*

What Veterans tell them:

- Unfair process [they get 1500 to 2000 complaints a year]
- Unfair Outcomes
- Unfair Treatment [turnaround times]

The Ombudsman impressed me – he knows veteran issues can be a “Hot Button”. He spoke of how we have transitioned from “Pension for Life” to the "New Veterans Charter” to the “Pension for Life". No doubt that there is a problem for some veterans about fair treatment financially..

- Areas of Focus 2019 –2020 for him is to define what veterans “outcomes” are [not sure what that means] and Families . Families are to evaluate the impact of VAC programs/services on veterans families. . [*My Comment is that the family was never mentioned a few years ago. This is progress.*]
- Women Veterans are a concern and gaps for programs and services for them are to be studied and corrected.

Veteran “Appeals” for disability claims is a silly process today – Tribunals versus Mediations and presumptive adjudication is a consideration.....

World War II Métis Veteran Recognition

Good Day,

In the last couple of months the Métis Veterans of Canada have received recognition for our World War II Veterans that did not receive all the benefits of other non Aboriginal Veterans. With this recognition came an official apology from the Federal Government and a cash award to all living World War II Veterans.

Yesterday I attended the first meeting for the Métis World War II Recognition Legacy Fund round table. The building of the award and management of the Legacy Fund was discussed. As per the agreement as laid out by the Federal Government. All living World War II Métis Veterans will receive a message of Official Apology from the Federal government along with a cheque for \$20,000. If the Métis World War II Veteran has passed within the last three years (From June 13, 2019) the award will then go to the Spouse. If the Spouse has passed it will then be paid to the children of the Veteran. If there are no children, then the award will be put back into the Legacy Fund.

The remainder of the Legacy fund will then be managed by a Committee Trust Board for the purposes of supporting Métis Veteran Commemorative initiatives that promote awareness and appreciation of Métis Veteran's sacrifices and contributions to the Métis people as well as the general Canadian public.

The reason I am writing to you is we cannot possibly reach all communities and we know for sure that there are other veterans out there that have not identified themselves. We are planning to have consultations with families and Veterans but right now our main focus is to find any more living WWII Veterans. So I am requesting your Service Officers do a check of their veterans within the RCL membership. If you have any living Métis World War II Veterans to communicate that back to me so we can arrange to get them their apology and award.

I will be glad to answer any questions you have. I thank you in advance for helping us connect with eligible Métis Veterans.

[Honouring our Metis Veterans of the Second World War](#)

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Métis Veterans, Fighting for Canada Before there was a Canada

The Veteran's Service Card is now available upon request to all eligible former and releasing Canadian Armed Forces members

- The Veteran's Service Card is now available upon request to all eligible former and releasing Canadian Armed Forces members. Veterans who have completed basic training and have been honourably released can now apply for the new Veteran's Service Card at the following [website](#).

The Veteran's Service Card provides a tangible symbol of recognition for former members, and encourages an enduring affiliation with the Canadian Armed Forces. It has no expiry date and it is not intended for use as an ID card, pursuant to Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat and other guidelines on official identification cards.

All serving Canadian Armed Forces members and Veterans are encouraged to register for a [MY](#)

[VAC Account](#) with Veterans Affairs Canada.

For more information on the Veteran's Service Card, or to apply, visit [Canada.ca - Veteran Service Card](#)

Sincerely,

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Cher(e)s intervenant(e)s et membres des groupes consultatifs,

La carte de service des anciens combattants est maintenant disponible sur demande pour tous les membres des Forces armées canadiennes admissibles qui sont retraités ou au stade de la libération. Les vétérans qui ont réussi leur instruction de base et qui ont été libérés de façon honorable peuvent maintenant présenter une demande pour obtenir la nouvelle carte de service des anciens combattants à l'adresse [Web](#)suivante.

La nouvelle carte de service des anciens combattants constitue un symbole tangible de reconnaissance pour les anciens militaires et encourage un lien durable avec les Forces armées canadiennes. Elle n'a pas de date d'expiration et n'est pas destinée à être utilisée comme carte d'identité, conformément au Secrétariat du Conseil du Trésor du Canada et aux autres lignes directrices relatives aux cartes d'identité officielles.

Tous les membres actifs et les vétérans des Forces armées canadiennes sont invités à s'inscrire à [Mon dossier AAC](#) auprès d'Anciens Combattants Canada.

Pour plus d'informations sur la carte de service des anciens combattants, ou pour postuler, visitez [Carte de service des anciens combattants – Canada.ca](#)

Cordialement,

L'Équipe de mobilisation et sensibilisation des intervenants

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[Volunteers upload the stories of Canadians who died liberating the Netherlands in WWII](#)

CBC News

Seventy-five years ago, the campaign to liberate the Netherlands from Nazi control was just underway. Canadian soldiers played a key role in ending the brutal five-year German occupation during the Second World War. Tens of thousands of Canadians took part in the mission that was launched in September 1944, wrapping up in May 1945. [READ MORE](#)

[Des vétérans canadiens retournent en Italie pour le 75e anniversaire de la campagne d'Italie](#)

45e Nord

En juillet 1943, les Canadiens ont commencé un combat qui a duré plus d'un an et demi et qui les a menés de la Sicile jusqu'au nord de l'Italie continentale — une bataille désormais connue sous le nom de campagne d'Italie. Cet automne, 75 ans plus tard, nous nous remémorons les plus de 93 000

Canadiens qui ont joué un rôle important durant ce dur combat. [LIRE PLUS](#)

[Canadian Coast Guard committed to hiring transitioning CAF Personnel](#)

Canadian Military Family Magazine

The Canadian Coast Guard is committed to helping Veterans and transitioning Canadian Armed Forces members find employment during their transition to civilian careers and life. Currently marketing themselves as the employer of choice retiring Veterans as well as active CAF members, the Canadian Coast Guard recognizes the skills, training, and diverse talent that would add to their current personnel. “The Coast Guard recognizes that veterans and transitioning CAF members are highly trained, skilled, and a diverse talent source that we can use to staff future and current needs,” says Carole Saindon, public relations, Canadian Coast Guard. [READ MORE](#)

[Sentencing delayed for driver who struck and killed Welland man: Armed Forces veteran died after vehicle collided with his motorcycle](#)

St. Catharines Standard

Greg Caissie survived an improvised explosive device explosion in Afghanistan, but he could not survive an impaired driver. The 45-year-old Welland resident, who did two tours of duty in Afghanistan and two tours of Bosnia with Canadian Forces during his 16-year military career, died Oct. 10, 2018 after the motorcycle he was riding was struck by a car driven by Brooke Eden. [READ MORE](#)

[Récit d'un vétéran de la Corée](#)

Journal Adsum

Le lieutenant-colonel à la retraite André Therrien était commandant de peloton pendant la guerre de Corée. Tenace, il a mené ses hommes vers la victoire lors d'affrontements décisifs. À l'approche du jour du Souvenir, l'*Adsum* s'est entretenu avec ce récipiendaire de la Croix militaire, une distinction rare remise pour actions courageuses et distinguées en présence de l'ennemi. [LIRE PLUS](#)

['Eat 3 meals a day': What a 98-year-old Saskatoon veteran says he learned from war](#)

CTV News

During the Second World War, Arthur Densley didn't think twice about signing up to serve his country. “My friends and I went from Estevan to Regina.” Densley says. He and his buddies planned to join the South Saskatchewan Regiment, but Densley says a chance encounter changed his life and perhaps saved it. [READ MORE](#)

[This U.S. Army software rapidly converts live drone video into 2-D and 3-D maps](#)

TechLink Center

A scientist in Virginia has built software for the Army Corps of Engineers that turns streaming drone footage into 2-D and 3-D maps. Dr. Richard “Ricky” Massaro, from the Corps’ Geospatial Research Laboratory, designed a computational algorithm to convert full-motion videos from small drones into image files, extract the metadata, and produce accurate 2-D and 3-D geospatial images in real-time, according to the Army’s U.S. patent application published recently. [READ MORE](#)

[Opération « If Day », la fois où Winnipeg a cédé à l'invasion nazie](#)

Radio-Canada

Le 19 février 1942, en pleine Seconde Guerre mondiale, un exercice militaire à grande échelle fait entrer de faux nazis dans la ville de Winnipeg. Arrestations de masse, faux bombardements et distribution de faux billets de banque allemands : l'opération, portée par plusieurs milliers d'hommes, est si convaincante que la peur se répand dans la population, selon ce qu'explique l'historien Laurent Busseau. [LIRE PLUS](#)

[88-year-old bridge brought down in spectacular explosion](#)

MSN

Built in 1931, the White River Bridge in Clarendon, Arkansas has been out of service since 2015. And recently, the eight-decade-old structure was demolished in a matter of seconds. [READ MORE](#)