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This weeks media reports will cover and answer great questions veterans are still asking and local Media Articles and An illness or injury can have an impact on your ability to adjust to life after service. We all need healthcare services. The Treatment benefits program provides coverage for a variety of benefits and services to help you get—and stay healthy.



Major (Retired) Gord Jenkins

Executive Committee - past- president,

at present Advisor to the Board of Directors NATO Veterans Organization of Canada

Gord on behalf of the NATO Veterans Organization of Canada, the Board of Directors and members. Major (Retired) Gord Jenkins is our longest serving member and all want to thank you for your ongoing support and sage advice to the NATO Veterans Organization of Canada, the Board of Directors and members.

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Major (Retired) Gord Jenkins

Started his career with ROTP military scholarship – was elected LIFE PRESIDENT of my Class of 1960 had basic training Camp Borden RCASC School- graduated as Best Graduating Officer Cadet 1959 and received sword now hung-over fireplace! Gordon Jenkins is a native of Ottawa. His wife passed away recently with 3 children. He won a scholarship from the Canadian Military to attend university. He selected the university furthest from home (then Toronto) and went to Acadia University in Nova Scotia. Upon graduating from Acadia, Gord was chosen as Life President of his Class. He went to basic training for three phases /summers in Camp Borden and was selected best Graduating Cadet before serving with the Canadian Army (Regular Force), Royal Canadian Army Service Corps (Air Supply/Air Movements/Shooting Instructor) in NORAD, NATO France and Germany and Peacekeeping including UNEF1 Gaza Strip and Lebanon where he spent an inordinate amount of time!

After deciding that the military was a young man's game he transferred (without losing a pensionable day) to the federal government at Public Works Canada (DPW). He became the Director of Administration with 10 different sections (after doing a study of the administration the Deputy Minister (DM) made the horrible decision to have him implement his recommendations). He then became the Departmental Treasurer before being selected by the DM for assignment to the Royal Bank of Canada HQ in Toronto.

After 35 years in military and federal government Gord retired and started his own consultancy firm in Electronic Banking. He then worked, accompanied by his wife, for 2 ½ years in Sweden then on to Hong Kong, Canberra, and Singapore before finishing off in New Delhi.

He is currently an advisor of the NATO Veterans Organization of Canada (Major (Retired) Gord Jenkin www.natoveterans.org). He is also Past President of the General Burns Community Association in Ward 9 (www.generalburns.ca). He has been a Freemason for over 50 years.

He was awarded the City of Ottawa Mayors Award by City Council (City Builder Award) in 2013 and was also chosen to be one of "the First 60" to receive the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal at Rideau Hall same year. He has been awarded the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation (2009) for previous veteran's work before NATO Vet Org, also the Ottawa Carleton School Board Community Award (2008) and the International Distinguished Service Award from the Shriners (2007). These awards now are on Gord's basement office

Major (Retired) Gord Jenkins an outstanding individual, with an infectious spirit and unending resolve. He has a positive effect on the lives of soldiers and civilian staffs with his mentoring and sage advice. During the past fifty- five plus years, he has served the CF and his community with courage and tenacity. He has excelled in all aspects throughout his service to Queen, country and community, and underpinning all of the accomplishments mentioned above, to truly know him is to recognize he has never once sought personal recognition. Instead, in the

truest reflection of a leader, he has supported, motivated, and elevated countless personnel to achieve their true potential. The end result, personifying service to duty has “Led by Example” and personally improved the lives of countless Canadians and their families.

Thank you for your ongoing service and support

Scholarships offered to descendants of Korean War veterans

CMEA

Once again, Korea’s Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs is reaching out to veterans all over the world to provide an opportunity for their grandchildren to receive an all-expenses paid university education in one of Korea’s highest-ranked universities. Hankuk University of Foreign Studies offers undergraduate and graduate majors in many disciplines in bachelor's, master and Ph.D. programs. The Nov. 18 deadline for applying is rushing at us, with selections for the 2023 program to be announced on Dec. 23. Scholarship winners will travel to Korea in February and begin their one-year intensive Korean language program on March 6.

Veterans Emergency Fund

Support you need, when you need it. When the unexpected happens, we can provide you funds for essentials like food, shelter, or medical expenses.

The Veterans Emergency Fund provides prompt financial support to Veterans, their families, and survivors, who are facing an unforeseen financial emergency that is threatening their health and well-being.

The Veterans Emergency Fund can cover essentials such as:

- food;
- clothing;
- rent/mortgage;
- medical care/expenses; and,
- expenses required to maintain safety and shelter.

Every situation is unique. Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis. We will also work with you to identify your long-term needs.

Do you qualify?

You should apply for the Veterans Emergency Fund if you have an urgent financial need, are a Canadian resident*, and are a:

- Veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF);
- current spouse/common-law partner of a Veteran;
- survivor of a deceased Veteran or CAF member; or
- orphan of a deceased Veteran or CAF member (or the legal guardian if the orphan is under the age of 18).

*Someone who has resided in Canada for at least 183 days in the previous fiscal year (April 1-March 31).

How to apply

Before you apply

We will need as much information as possible about the financial emergency. This could include: invoices, quotes, notices, or statements to explain the situation.

If this is your first time applying to a VAC program, we will need [proof of identity](#) (e.g. driver's license).

You can expect a decision within 1-2 business days. If approved, you will receive payment within 1-2 business days.

Online

Fill out and submit your application online through [My VAC Account](#). This is the recommended approach, and will give you the quickest response.

If you are not registered with My VAC Account, you can [register now](#).

Mail or in person*

Download the [application form](#) and mail it directly to the address listed on the form

You can also drop it off at a [VAC Area Office](#) or [CAF Transition Centre](#).*

* Offices may not be open due to COVID restrictions. Call 1-866-522-2122 to confirm.

Get help with your application

Please call 1-866-522-2122 or send a [My VAC Account](#) secure message and a VAC representative will assist you with your application.

Additional information

Related programs

The [Assistance Fund](#) can help if you in a financial emergency, if you receive the War Veterans Allowance.

The [Canadian Forces Income Support](#) is a tax-free monthly benefit to help low-income Veterans, survivors, and dependent children.

Frequently asked questions

Do I need to receive benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada to apply for emergency funding?

No. However, we will require the information about the Veteran in order to confirm their service history.

What will staff use to quickly confirm a Veteran's service information?

VAC staff will be able to confirm a Veteran's service information by entering their name, service number and date of birth into our Client Service Delivery Network (CSDN). VAC will work with DND to obtain service information for those Veterans who don't have an existing relationship with VAC.

Are there policies for this program?

Yes. Read the [Veterans Emergency Fund policy](#).

Find more [Veterans Emergency Fund FAQs](#).

Disability benefits

Do you have an illness or injury from your service? Disability Benefits are financial recognition for the impact this service-related injury or disease can have on your life.

About this program

A disability benefit is a tax-free, financial payment to support your well-being.

The amount you receive depends on the degree to which your condition is related to your service (entitlement) and the severity of your condition, including its impact on your quality of life (assessment).

Do you qualify?

To qualify for a disability benefit you must be one of the following:

- Canadian Armed Forces member or Veteran,
- a current or former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP),
- Second World War or Korean War Veteran (includes Merchant Navy), or
- [certain civilians](#) who served in the Second World War.

You should apply for a disability benefit if you:

1. have a diagnosed medical condition or disability; and
2. are able to show that the condition is related to your service.

If you qualify for a disability benefit, you will receive either a:

1. Pain and suffering compensation – a life-time monthly benefit or lump sum benefit – the choice is yours.
 - View the [pain and suffering compensation rates](#).
 - [View all](#) Pain and Suffering Compensation FAQs.
- or
2. Disability pension * - a life-time monthly benefit. If you have any dependents (e.g. spouse, common-law partner and/or children), your monthly amount will be increased.
View the [disability pension rates](#).

* A disability pension is provided if you served with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) in the Second World War or Korean War. For other CAF service, a disability pension is provided in relation to any application prior to April 1, 2006.

How to apply

Apply online

Apply online through My VAC Account. Applying is easier with a guided form. Sign in or register for My VAC Account.

[My VAC Account](#)

Mail or in person

Download the application form. Then, drop it off at any [VAC office](#), [CAF Transition Centre](#) or [Service Canada office](#). You can also mail your completed form directly to the address listed on the form.

[Go to form](#)

Get help with your application

The staff at any [VAC office](#), [CAF Transition Centre](#) or [Service Canada office](#) can assist you or call us at 1-866-522-2122. Service Officers with [The Royal Canadian Legion](#) or [The War Amps of Canada](#) can also assist you with your application, including helping you get all of the information you need to support your application. Their assistance is free of charge.

Disability pension corrective payment

If you received a benefit from VAC between 2003 and 2010 and it was under the Pension Act, you may receive a corrective payment because of a discrepancy in our calculations. Most payments are automatic, however, Please [contact us](#) at 1-866-522-2122 if:

- You no longer receive a benefit from VAC, or
- You represent the estate of a deceased recipient.

If you are legally entitled to inherit assets from the estate of a deceased recipient, you may [apply to receive a corrective payment](#) if you are eligible.

Additional information

[The application package](#) – learn more about all of the components that make up an application for a disability benefit.

[How we review a claim for a disability benefit](#) – learn more about how your disability claim is reviewed by the department and particularly, by the adjudicator – a trained decision-maker for disability claims.

[Disability Pension Corrective Payment](#) - If you are legally entitled to inherit the assets of a deceased benefit recipient, you may apply to receive the corrective payment.

Monthly payment dates - 2022

- January 28
- February 25
- March 30
- April 28
- May 30
- June 29
- July 28
- August 30
- September 28
- October 28
- November 29

- December 22

Reviews and appeals

If you do not agree with the decision made regarding your application for disability benefits, you may request a Departmental review. Learn more about [reviews and appeals](#).

Reassessment

If the disability for which you are receiving VAC benefits worsens and medical evidence can show this change in your condition, you can request a reassessment. If the reassessment confirms that your condition has worsened, your disability benefit, will be adjusted accordingly – unless you are already receiving the maximum amount of the benefit. To request a reassessment, your first step should be to [call us or visit your local VAC office](#).

Tools for Adjudication

[Eligibility Entitlement Guidelines](#) – These guidelines are current medical and scientific descriptions of known injuries and diseases related to service.

[Table of Disabilities](#) – This table helps the adjudicator assess the level of impairment and the impact that impairment has on your quality of life.

Related programs

[Critical injury benefit](#) - A one-time payment that recognizes the immediate impact of the most severe and traumatic service-related injuries or diseases.

[Rehabilitation services](#) - Services to improve your health and adjust to life after service.

[Clothing allowance](#) - Monthly payments if you need new or special clothing due to your health issues.

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

[Benefits for survivors](#) – Financial support or compensation for the survivors of a disability pensioner or of a member or Veteran who died in service or as a result of a service-related illness or injury.

[Financial advice](#) - If you receive a lump-sum payment more than 5% of the current maximum, we can pay up to \$500 for professional advice to help you manage your money effectively.

[Additional pain and suffering compensation](#) - Monthly payments in recognition of any severe and permanent disability, related to your military service, which creates a barrier to life after service.

Programs related to a disability pension:

[Attendance allowance](#) - Monthly payments for a disability pensioner whose health needs require daily personal care support.

[Exceptional incapacity allowance](#) - Monthly payments if your illness or injury impacts your quality of life.

Frequently asked questions

If I apply for the benefit and get declined, can I appeal?

Yes. If you are not satisfied with a decision you may apply in writing for a review. Learn more about [your review and appeal options](#).

How is my request for Disability Benefits decided?

Learn more about [how we review a disability benefit claim](#).

Are there policies for this program?

Yes. Read more about the [Disability Benefits](#) policies.

[Read more FAQs](#) about the disability benefits program.

IN THE MEDIA

[MGen Keith G. Penney, CMM, CD \(Ret'd\)](#)

CMEA

We regret to advise of the death of Major-General Keith Gregory. Penney, CMM, CD (Ret'd) in Ottawa ON on Oct. 5, 2022 at age 75 after a lengthy illness.

Major-General Penney was the Senior Serving Canadian Military Engineer for the decade 1993-2003.

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