

## Media Report 11 AUGUST 2023

This week's 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

### Notice of Settlement Approval The Class Action Regarding the Calculation of Canadian Armed Forces long term disability benefits and dismemberment benefits

under the Service Income Security Insurance Plan Policy 901102 Logan v His Majesty the King, Court File Number: T-1358-18 The Federal Court has approved

the proposed Settlement Agreement in this class action. What is this action about? The Plaintiff and the Class say that the Defendant breached the terms of

Division 2, Part III(B) of Service Income Security Insurance Plan ("SISIP") Policy 901102 ("SISIP Policy") by improperly calculating the monthly long term

disability income benefit, and monthly income benefit – dismemberment. Division 2, Part III(B) of SISIP Policy 901102 provides long term disability (LTD) and

dismemberment insurance to members of the Regular Force and Reserve Force – Class C who were medically released from the Canadian Armed Forces ("CAF")

on or after December 1, 1999, or were released on or after that date for other reasons, but are otherwise medically eligible. In particular, the Plaintiff and the

Class say the Defendant failed to include monthly allowances as part of the "member's monthly pay in effect on the date of release from the Canadian Forces"

for the purposes of calculating the monthly income benefits of Regular Force Members, or "monthly pay in effect when the injury was incurred or the illness was

contracted" in the case of a Reserve Force Class "C" member. The Federal Court ruled in favour of the Class. The parties have negotiated the remaining terms in

the Settlement Agreement. Following a hearing on April 13, 2023, the Federal Court approved the Settlement Agreement. Who are the Class Members? The

Federal Court has defined the Class as follows: All former members of the Canadian Armed Forces who were released on or before December 31, 2021 and who

on or after July 17, 2012 received, long term disability benefits and/or dismemberment benefits under Division 2, Part III(B) of SISIP Policy 901102, and had a

monthly allowance from the Canadian Armed Forces in effect on the date of their release from the Canadian Armed Forces or, in the case of a Class "C" member, when the injury was incurred or the illness was contracted. If you meet the above definition, you do not have to do anything to participate in this class

action. 40381921 Any Class Member who previously opted out of this action may opt back into the action by contacting Class Counsel by August 28, 2023. Any

Class Member who has not already had the opportunity to opt out may do so by contacting Class Counsel by July 27, 2023. A Class Member who opts out of

this class action will not receive any benefit from it. What does the Agreement provide? On March 24, 2020, the Federal Court ruled that, when calculating

monthly LTD benefits and dismemberment benefits, a Regular Force Member's monthly allowances in effect on the date of their release from the CAF (or in the

case of a Reserve Force Class "C" member, when the injury was incurred or the illness was contracted) should be included in the Class Members' monthly pay. The Agreement provides that Class Members will receive 100% of the additional amount resulting from this adjustment, less deductions for legal fees,

disbursements and amounts withheld by Manulife for potential tax or on account of amounts owing to Manulife by a Class Member, for all monthly LTD benefits

that the Class Member received between July 17, 2012 and December 31, 2021 inclusively. The Agreement provides that the retroactive payment received by

Class Members as a result of this class action will not reduce the Class Member's benefits previously received from VAC, specifically the Earning Loss Benefit or

the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB). For Class Members in receipt of ongoing monthly LTD benefits on January 1, 2022, those benefits will continue to be

calculated with the inclusion of relevant monthly allowances in a Class Members' monthly pay up to the end of the LTD claim. Following the recalculation of LTD

to account for the inclusion of relevant monthly allowances, VAC will recalculate the IRB amount payable to each Class Member who continues to be entitled to

IRB. There is an independent dispute resolution process for individuals who do not agree with the amount of the payment received. What will I have to do to

make a claim? You do not have to do anything to make a claim. Your payment will be calculated automatically and you will receive a direct payment from

Manulife. How do I get more information? This notice summarizes the Agreement. More details are in the settlement agreement. You can get a copy of the

agreement at: <https://www.mcinnescooper.com/services/sisip-ltd-allowances-classaction/> 40381921 You may also seek legal advice from lawyers

representing the Representative Plaintiff and the Class concerning the Agreement and your claim at no cost to you. [sisipclassaction@mcinnescooper.com](mailto:sisipclassaction@mcinnescooper.com)

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**Crossing over to Korea, where it is already tomorrow**

Korea is 16 hours ahead of Vancouver and other West Coast cities, thus when the Air Canada Dreamliner flight from Vancouver lifted off at 1:00 p.m. on July 21, it was already 5:00 a.m. on July 22 in Incheon, Seoul, and Busan (South Korea has only one time zone). The Canadian veterans are shown awaiting boarding in reserved business class

## **IN THE MEDIA**

**['A pretty incredible mission': Armed Forces veteran from Sask. set to return to Canada after leading Ukrainian training mission](#)**

Saskatoon StarPhoenix

It's been a few months to remember for CFB Edmonton's Lt.-Col. Kurt Grimsrud. A two-decade Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) veteran from Regina, he will be on a plane back to Alberta after wrapping up his deployment as task force commander for Rotation 15 on Operation Unifier, the CAF military training and capacity building mission in support of Ukraine's military and its battle against the Russian invaders. [Read More](#)

## **Canada 'strongly condemns' Niger military coup as others threaten sanctions, cut aid**

CTV News

Canada is speaking out against a coup d'etat in Niger, but hasn't joined other nations in threatening to sanction or cut aid to the West African country. A faction of Niger's military recently claimed to have overthrown the country's democratically elected president Mohamed Bazoum after detaining him in his palace. [Read More](#)

## **Le Canada participe a un vaste exercice militaire pour défier la Chine dans l'Indo-Pacifique**

Le Journal de Montréal

L'armée canadienne participe en ce moment même à un des plus importants exercices militaires alliés dans l'Indo-Pacifique visant à contrer l'influence de la Chine dans cette région sous haute tension. [Lire Plus](#)

## **Canadian military's expanding Arctic operations**

Western Standard

Arctic security is now considered "more important than ever," according to a briefing note from the Privy Council. According to *Blacklock's Reporter*, the note also revealed 300 soldiers, sailors, and aircrew are permanently assigned to the Arctic region. [Read More](#)

## **The Canada Army Run: Celebrating service and fitness**

Canadian Running Magazine

The Canada Army Run is returning to the streets of Ottawa this September to celebrate service,

fitness and camaraderie. Established to honour and support the men and women who serve in the Canadian Armed Forces, the run is an opportunity for Canadians to thank them for the work they do both at home and abroad. [Read More](#)

## **Des vétérans soulagent leur stress post-traumatique par des sauts en parachute**

Radio-Canada

Des vétérans ont trouvé à Campbell River, sur l'île de Vancouver, une activité salvatrice pour soigner leurs troubles de stress post-traumatique. Avec l'adrénaline et le plein de sensations fortes, le saut en parachute en groupe leur offre un moment de camaraderie et de partage. [Lire Plus](#)

## **Arms advances**

Legion Magazine

Canada is slowly, and finally, acquiring the modern equipment needed for a 21st-century military, which is critical as tensions climb throughout the world and the threat of conflict in Canada's Arctic rises. [Read More](#)

## **'I hope the Canadians are watching': U.S. senator tees off on Canada's military spending**

CBC News

A senior U.S. military figure has agreed to have tough conversations with Canada about defence spending when he takes over a binational military body. Lt.-Gen. Gregory Guillot was speaking during a U.S. Senate hearing to confirm his nomination as the next head of North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD). His comments came after a Republican senator chastised, at length, what he called Canada's insufficient military spending and said he hoped there were Canadians watching the

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