

Media Report 12 Mar 2021

This weeks media reports will cover and answer great questions veterans are still asking such as Frequently asked questions regarding COVID-19 in Ottawa. Due to ongoing and evolving COVID-19 pandemic callers may experience increased wait times when calling the Government of Canada Pension Center. Callers may also experience dropped calls, as all telecommunication networks across Canada are presently facing capacity challenges. 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. Have you made an application for disability benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada and received a decision? If you disagree with that decision, you have the right to review or appeal it.

CANADA

[Active COVID-19 cases: 30,340 | Recovered: 802,926 | Deceased: 21,807 | Total: 855,126](#)

Canadian military gets first female vice-chief of defence staff

<https://ottawasun.com/news/national/canadian-military-gets-first-female-vice-chief-of-defence-staff/wcm/500d0050-20c6-4258-b135-8f593a4cad55>

\$77 BILLION: PBO can't explain rising costs of new Canadian warships

<https://ottawasun.com/news/national/defence-watch/pbo-at-a-loss-to-explain-why-cost-of-new-canadian-warship-currently-at-77b-keeps-rising/wcm/d24a79a4-c38b-4759-ac20-b3dad6c6b0a>

HIRING VETERANS – OPPORTUNITY – HEINZ CANADA

This email is being bcc'd to PEC and Staff. Please give this as large a circulation as possible as we have a lot of Veterans looking for employment opportunities

Good morning Comrades, please find attached a Summer 2021 Intern employment opportunity with Heinz Canada that may interest your members.

In addition to the attached information, the positions are English only and the location will be remote as the interns are in Canada. Heinz Canada will be shipping the laptops out to the interns prior to the internship.

Heinz Canada has reached out to Veterans Affairs Canada and have been trying to post on Job Banks for the past month with no movement. Heinz Canada will begin their interviews soon and would not want to lose out on individuals that may be interested.

The internship is for those that have been out of the workforce or looking to get into the workforce; this would include parents that took time off for family care, veterans, and people with disabilities.

If this opportunity interest your members, please disseminate.

Links to the English and French editions are below. Branches and members can access these and past all branch emails by logging in to the [Member Services Website](#) (click on Branch and Command Resources/All Branch Emails).

[The Legion Dispatch](#)

[La Dépêche de la Légion](#)

Virtual Veterans panel – How should Canada commemorate our post-Korean War military efforts? / Discussion virtuelle avec des vétérans – Comment le Canada devrait-il commémorer ses efforts militaires après la guerre de Corée?

- Canada's impressive service in the First and Second World Wars shaped our country in many ways. However, the conclusion of these conflicts was definitely not the end of Canadian service members' achievements and sacrifices at home and around the world.

These military efforts in more recent decades have been different than those that defined the first half of the 20th century. But how should this wide array of often lesser-known duties best be recognized and commemorated?

Join us for an approximately one-hour exploration of this subject at 1:00 pm ET on 19 March 2021. Our virtual panel will feature three Canadian Armed Forces Veterans sharing their personal reflections: Lieutenant-General (ret'd) Lloyd Campbell, Lieutenant-Colonel (ret'd) Chris Hutt and Sergeant (ret'd) Geneviève Gauthier.

Don't miss out – sign up by March 15 to take part. Simply reply to this message [email [addressvac.education-education.acc@canada.ca](mailto:addressvac.education-education.acc@canada.ca)] to register. Please indicate in your response whether you wish to watch in English or French. As well, please include any questions you'd like the panelists to answer and we will do our best to incorporate them into the session.

If you are not able to watch this event live, it will also be available for subsequent viewing to fit your own schedule. Please share this message with your network or anyone you think would appreciate the opportunity to watch this interesting discussion.

Thank you,

Veterans Affairs Canada

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Bonjour,

Les importants efforts militaires du Canada lors de la Première et de la Seconde Guerre mondiale ont défini notre pays de nombreuses façons. Cependant, la fin de ces conflits ne fut certainement pas la fin des réalisations et des sacrifices de nos hommes et femmes en uniforme, que ce soit au pays ou à l'étranger.

Ces efforts militaires au cours des récentes décennies ont été différents à bien des égards de ceux qui ont caractérisé la première moitié du 20<sup>esi</sup>ècle. Mais de quelles façons ces nombreux efforts militaires moins connus devraient-ils être soulignés et commémorés?

Joignez-vous à nous afin d'explorer ce sujet pour une séance d'environ une heure, le 19 mars 2021 à 13 h (heure de l'Est). Trois vétérans des Forces armées canadiennes, le Lieutenant-général (à la retraite) Lloyd Campbell, le Lieutenant-colonel (à la retraite) Chris Hutt et la Sergente (à la retraite) Geneviève Gauthier partageront leurs réflexions lors de cette discussion virtuelle.

Ne manquez pas cette occasion! Inscrivez-vous avant le 15 mars pour y participer. Vous n'avez qu'à répondre à ce courriel (à l'[adressevac.education-education.acc@canada.ca](mailto:adressevac.education-education.acc@canada.ca)) pour vous inscrire. Veuillez indiquer, dans votre réponse, si vous préférez visionner la discussion en français ou en anglais. Vous pouvez aussi ajouter des questions à soumettre à nos invités et nous tenterons d'en inclure lors de la séance.

Si vous n'êtes pas en mesure de visionner cet événement en direct, la discussion sera également offerte après la diffusion, pour vous permettre de la visionner au moment qui vous conviendra. Veuillez partager ce message avec les gens de votre réseau et à toute autre personne qui souhaiterait prendre part à cette discussion intéressante.

Merci,

Anciens Combattants Canada

## Veterans Independence Program

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Could home care services help you remain independent in your own home? The Veterans Independence Program provides annual funding to help cover the cost for these services.

## About this program

The Veterans Independence Program provides funding for services such as grounds maintenance, housekeeping, meal preparation, personal care, and professional health and support services.

This program does not replace other federal, provincial or municipal programs. Instead, it is intended to work with those programs to help meet your needs.

Note: If you think you may have a need for these services, be sure to complete the Veterans Independence Program application at the same time as your Pain and Suffering Compensation application. If approved, this will allow you to access support at the earliest possible date.

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## Do you qualify?

You should apply for the Veterans Independence Program if you need home care services and you:

- have qualified for a disability benefit, or
  - have qualified for the War Veterans Allowance, or
  - receive Prisoner of War Compensation, or
  - are eligible for, but can't access, a Contract Bed (also known as a Priority Access Bed) in a long term care facility.
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## 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](#)

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### Mail or in person

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

[Go to form](#)

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### Get help with your application

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

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## Additional information

### Find out more

Services covered by VIP funding include:

- Grounds maintenance (can include snow removal, lawn mowing, etc.)
- Housekeeping (can include laundry, meal preparation, errands, etc.)
- Nutrition (e.g. meal delivery services)
- Professional healthcare and support (assessments, diagnostics, etc.)
- Personal care
- Ambulatory healthcare (assessments, diagnostics, activities and transportation to these services)
- Transportation (transportation to activities or services)
- Long term care (residential, intermediate or chronic care), and
- Home adaptations are a one-time only benefit to your principal residence that allow you to carry out everyday activities. This grant can only be provided a second time if the Veteran changes their principal residence.

See this chart for the [maximum rates payable](#) for these services.

[Healthcare service providers](#)- Learn more about providing VIP services and how to become a registered provider.

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### Related programs

[Disability Benefit](#): Compensation to recognize that your injury or illness is a result of your military service.

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

[Prisoner of War Compensation](#): Monthly compensation if you were taken prisoner or detained by enemy forces.

[Attendance Allowance](#): Monthly payments if your health needs require personal care support.

[Veterans Independence Program for survivors](#): As a surviving spouse, you may qualify for help to remain independent in your home.

[Veterans Independence Program for primary caregiver](#): You may qualify for help to remain independent in your home.

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### Frequently asked questions

What is the fastest way to apply for VIP services?

The fastest way to apply is by using [My VAC Account](#).

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I am currently living outside of Canada, can I still receive my VIP benefits?

Unfortunately, Veterans Independence Program payments can only be provided to you when you are residing in Canada.

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Can I choose any provider of services?

You may obtain services from the provider of your choice.

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How is my housekeeping/grounds maintenance grant calculated?

The housekeeping and grounds maintenance grants are calculated based on your level of need and the going rate for these services in your area, up to [allowable maximum amount](#). These rates are determined by a review of costs for these services across the country, including the labour market index. This national rate table shows the [going rates payable by geographic area](#).

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Are there policies for this program?

Read the [Veterans Independence Program policies](#).

Dear Comrades and all fellow Canadians, the Medal Petition for an inclusive" medal for has been approved and is available on-line for signatures. See link above, or link below.

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Sign/e-3224>

Notes:

A. [ only 1 signature per email address. (Their Rules).] . . .but;

B. [Any Canadian of any age can sign. (Also Their Rules).] From 9 to 109 any Canadian with their own personal email address can sign.

1. Please click on the link to open and read about the Petition.
2. Scroll down to where it says sign the petition. You will see the Sponsor, M.P. Chandra Arya.
3. Click on sign the petition. Complete all items with a red star including in clicking in the two boxes after your information.
4. Type in the letters/numbers as shown and then click on sign.
5. IMPORTANT: You will get an email asking you to confirm; Click on the link in the email to complete the signing process.

My wife just signed. Please share this email with all your family, friends, fellow Canadian Citizens and of course our Comrades-in-Arms.

Thanks,  
Be well stay safe Godspeed and God Bless

The Dominion President is very pleased to announce that Comrade Andrea Siew has been appointed as the Chair, Dominion Command Defence and Security Committee.

Commodore (retired) Andrea Siew is a highly accomplished retired Naval Officer with over three decades of leadership, personnel and policy development experience. Of particular note is her previous service as the Director of Quality of Life for the Canadian Armed Forces.

Many of you will know Andrea as she served as a Dominion Command Service Officer (2008-2011) before her appointment as Director of the Dominion Command Service Bureau (now Veterans Services) from 2011-2014.

Andrea is a member of the Minister VAC Policy Advisory Group and has extensive experience with the Office of the Veterans Ombudsman and the Conference of Defence Associations.

Welcome Andrea!

Steven

Steven Clark

National Executive Director /Directeur exécutif national

Animals that served during wars have long, storied history

<https://ottawasun.com/opinion/taylor-animals-that-served-during-wars-have-long-storied-history/wcm/0da3ccdc-54d2-43c9-8e56-45d762881621>

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