

Media Report 12 May 2023

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 health.

70th Anniversary of the Korean War

Good afternoon/Bonjour,

Please find attached your invitation to the 70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice, which will take place in Ottawa, Ontario on June 25, 2023.

Please RSVP your attendance to Commemoration-RSVP-Commemoration@veterans.gc.ca

Feel free to share it with your family, friends, and associates.

Launch of the Veteran Homelessness Program / Lancement du Programme de lutte contre l'itinérance chez les vétérans

Many Veterans face complex challenges in obtaining and maintaining safe, stable, and affordable housing.

The Government of Canada recognizes the need for a comprehensive and collaborative approach to address Veteran homelessness. On April 27, 2023, the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion, and the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence announced the [Veteran Homelessness Program](#).

This program will provide \$79.1 million in funding to support services to Veterans who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Eligible organizations can apply to one or both of the two streams:

- Services and Supports (\$72.9 million) – funding will provide rent supplements and wrap around supports such as life skills (e.g., budgeting, job interview training); essential skills (e.g., document and computer use); and general health and medical services (e.g., counselling and substance use support services).
- Capacity Building (\$6.2 million) – funding will support research projects designed to understand, gather, analyze and disseminate data and information about homeless Veteran needs, including for specific groups of Veterans such as Indigenous peoples, racialized Canadians, women and 2SLGBTQI+.

The Veteran Homelessness Program is accepting applications until June 23, 2023, 11:59 pm ET. To learn more about the program and how to apply, please visit [Infrastructure Canada – Veteran Homelessness Program](#). INFC will host webinars for interested applicants to provide information on these funding opportunities, including program requirements and the application process. Information on how to register for webinars is available at the following webpage: [Webinars for Potential Applicants](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to veterans@infcc.gc.ca.

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Chers intervenants,

De nombreux vétérans font face à d'importants défis lorsqu'ils doivent trouver et conserver un logement sûr, stable et abordable.

Le gouvernement du Canada reconnaît la nécessité d'une approche globale et collaborative pour lutter contre l'itinérance chez les vétérans. Le 27 avril 2023, l'honorable Ahmed Hussen, ministre du Logement et de la Diversité et de l'Inclusion, et l'honorable Lawrence MacAulay, ministre des Anciens Combattants et ministre associé de la Défense nationale, ont annoncé le [Programme de lutte contre l'itinérance chez les vétérans](#).

Ce programme fournira un financement de 79,1 millions de dollars pour soutenir les services aux vétérans sans abri ou susceptibles de le devenir.

Les organisations admissibles peuvent présenter une demande dans le cadre des deux volets suivants :

- Services et soutien (72,9 millions de dollars) – le financement permettra d'offrir des suppléments au loyer et des services complémentaires se rapportant aux compétences de vie (p. ex., établissement d'un budget, préparation aux entretiens d'embauche), aux compétences essentielles (p. ex., création de documents et utilisation d'un ordinateur) et à la santé générale et aux services médicaux (p. ex., les services de consultation et de traitement de la toxicomanie).
- Renforcement des capacités (6,2 millions de dollars) – le financement soutiendra les projets de recherche visant à comprendre, à recueillir, à analyser et à diffuser des données et des informations sur les besoins des vétérans sans abri, y compris pour des groupes spécifiques de vétérans tels que les Autochtones, les Canadiens racisés, les femmes et les membres de la communauté 2ELGBTQI+.

Les demandes dans le cadre du Programme de lutte contre l'itinérance chez les vétérans sont acceptées jusqu'au 23 juin 2023 à 23 h 59 HE. Pour en

apprendre davantage au sujet du programme et sur la façon de présenter une demande, visitez la page [Programme de lutte contre l'itinérance chez les vétérans – Infrastructure Canada](#).

Infrastructure Canada organisera des webinaires pour les demandeurs intéressés afin de fournir des informations sur ces possibilités de financement, y compris les exigences du programme et le processus de demande. Des informations sur la façon de s'inscrire aux webinaires sont disponibles sur la page Web suivante : [Webinaires pour les demandeurs potentiels](#).

Si vous avez des questions, n'hésitez pas à nous écrire à veterans@infc.gc.ca.

Équipe de mobilisation et des événements

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A new Table of Disabilities

While the Table of Disabilities has received regular updates, the last full review of the table was published in 2006.

What is the Table of Disabilities?

The Table of Disabilities assess the level of an impairment and the impact that impairment has on the VAC client's quality of life. All decisions regarding an application for Disability Benefits relies on the Table of Disabilities.

Why are you updating the Table of Disabilities?

We want to reduce processing times by making the Table of Disabilities more efficient and usable. This June, VAC started a [multi-year initiative to modernize the Table of Disabilities](#). The update will ensure our approach to assessment reflects advances in health research and best practices, and will apply a [Gender-Based Analysis Plus](#) mindset throughout. This work is being done to ensure that members and Veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police feel confident that the decisions they receive on their applications for disability benefits are fair, transparent and consistent.

What else will change because of this update?

Modernizing the Table of Disabilities will also include updating and simplifying Medical Questionnaires to make them easier for health professionals to complete and submit. In addition, the policy and processes

for Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation will be aligned with the Table of Disabilities so that decisions can be made in a more timely manner.

Combined, these updates will provide:

- clear, transparent and consistent disability benefit decisions,
- a reduction in processing times for applications, and
- overall processing improvements.

Related information on applying for VAC Disability Benefits

[How we review a disability benefit claim - Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

[Table of Disabilities - How Benefits are Determined - Disability Benefits - After an illness or injury - Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

[Timely disability benefits decisions plan - Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

[Assessment and Reassessment of a Disability - Policies - Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

[Pain and Suffering Compensation - Policies - Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

[Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation - Policies - Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

War on the Rocks

<https://warontherocks.com/2023/05/preparing-canada-for-a-new-generation-of-security-challenges/>

Thank you Wayne a very good read

2023 Support Our Troops Scholarship Program Call Letter

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1 Attachment

Ted – this might be of interest to members?

Attached is the call letter for 2023 Support Our Troops Scholarship Program for families of currently serving CAF members and CAF veterans for the 2023/24 academic year.

Key details are:

- minimum of 75 scholarships available, ranging between \$500 and \$5000 in value;
- registration/application window is from 1 May to 20 July 2023; and
- applications must include:
 - three-part essay;
 - a letter of reference;
 - most recent academic transcript;
 - proof of enrollment from the academic institution; and
 - a point form list of volunteer/civic engagement activities.

Program registration, additional program details, and eligibility criteria are included in the attached letter or at the following link: <https://www.supportourtroops.ca/Get-Support/Education/Scholarships>

The website also provides information and links to various other scholarship and bursary opportunities.

IN THE MEDIA

[**Canadian instructors teach mine safety to Ukrainian military in Poland**](#)

[**Go Fund Me to help St. Catharines' soldier's funeral costs nears mark**](#)

[**Le Canada évacue une centaine de personnes du Soudan**](#)

[**Special service at Belleville's Cenotaph this Sunday**](#)

[**The great Gorkha**](#)

[**Longtime volunteer receives Canada's highest honour for 3,500 hours with Chilliwack Hospice Society**](#)

[**Un canon découvert dans le remblai du boulevard Champlain**](#)

In their footsteps: Canadians honour troops who liberated the Netherlands

Terrified of the Taliban, families of Canada's Afghan advisers plead for help

'Spirit of the land': Local soldier reflects on Arctic mission

CF Firefighter selected to participate in the coronation of King Charles III

CMEA

WO Mike Villani has been selected to represent Canada on Operation GOLDEN ORB, the Coronation of King Charles III. WO Mike Villani enrolled in the CAF as a Vehicle Tech in 2002. Upon completion of his trades training, he was posted to 1 GS BN at CFB Edmonton, until his release from the CAF in 2006. [Read More](#)

L'adj Mike Villani a été choisi pour l'opération GOLDEN ORB, le couronnement du roi Charles III

AGMC

L'adjudant Mike Villani a été choisi pour représenter le Canada dans le cadre de l'opération GOLDEN ORB, le couronnement du roi Charles III. L'Adj Mike Villani s'est enrôlé dans les FAC en tant que technicien de véhicules en 2002. À la fin de sa formation professionnelle, il a été affecté au 1 GS BN à la BFC Edmonton, jusqu'à sa libération des FAC en 2006. [Lire Plus](#)

National Scholarship Program

CF Morale & Welfare Services | Services Bien-être et moral FC

This letter announces details of the 2023 Support Our Troops Scholarship Program available to families of currently serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and veterans for the 2023-2024 academic year. This program is made possible through Support Our Troops, the official charitable cause of the CAF Community. Support Our Troops is supported by donations from individual Canadians, contributions from third party events and external organizations and proceeds from the sale of Yellow Ribbon merchandise. This Program is intended to complement but not duplicate other scholarship programs offered to the CAF Community.

La présente a pour but de vous faire part des détails entourant le Programme de bourses d'études d'Appuyons nos troupes de 2023 offert aux familles des membres actifs et des vétérans des Forces armées canadiennes (FAC) pour l'année scolaire 2023-2024. Ce programme existe grâce à Appuyons nos troupes, l'œuvre de bienfaisance officielle de la communauté des FAC. Appuyons nos troupes est financé au moyen de dons versés par des particuliers au Canada, de revenus générés par des activités organisées par des tiers, de la vente d'articles arborant le ruban jaune et de contributions d'organisations de l'extérieur. Ce programme vise à compléter et non à offrir en double d'autres programmes de bourses d'études destinés aux membres de la communauté des FAC. [Read More](#)

Base/Wing — Newspaper

14 Wing Greenwood — [The Aurora](#)

22 Wing North Bay — [The Shield](#)

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CFB Esquimalt — [The Lookout](#)

CFSU Ottawa — [The Guard](#)

CFB Shilo — [The Shilo Stag](#)

19 Wing Comox — [The Totem Times](#)

8 Wing Trenton — [The Contact](#)

CFB Petawawa — [The Petawawa Post](#)

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CFB Halifax — [The Trident](#)

CFB Edmonton — [The Western Sentinel](#)

CFB Valcartier — [The Adsum](#)

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CFB Borden — [The Citizen](#)

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