

Media Report 15 Sept 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 healthy

Dear Stakeholders,

As you may already know, Veterans Affairs Canada is conducting a [community health needs assessment](#) to highlight the health strengths and needs of Canadian Veterans, inform decision-makers, and support the allocation of resources. We will be hosting a virtual briefing for interested stakeholders that will provide an update on the status of the assessment, and share detailed information about how Veterans can participate in the project.

The virtual briefing in English is scheduled for September 18 from 13:00 to 14:00 ET.

[Use this link to join the English briefing.](#)

The virtual briefing in French is scheduled for September 18 from 14:30 to 15:30 ET.

[Use this link to join the French briefing.](#)

If possible, please let us know if you are planning to attend. Thank you for your ongoing engagement and participation.

Sincerely,

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À tous les intervenants,

Comme vous le savez peut-être déjà, Anciens Combattants Canada procède à une [évaluation de la santé et du bien-être des vétérans](#) visant à mettre en évidence les points forts et les besoins des vétérans canadiens en matière de santé, à informer les décideurs et à soutenir l'allocation des ressources. Nous organisons une séance d'information virtuelle pour les intervenants intéressés qui fournira une mise à jour sur l'état de l'évaluation et communiquera des informations détaillées sur la façon dont les vétérans peuvent participer au projet.

La séance d'information virtuelle en anglais aura lieu le 18 septembre de 13 h à 14 h HE.

[Utilisez ce lien pour participer à la séance en anglais.](#)

La séance d'information virtuelle en français aura lieu le 18 septembre de 14 h 30 à 15 h 30 HE.

[Utilisez ce lien pour participer à la séance en français.](#)

Si possible, laissez-nous savoir vous prévoyez participer. Merci de votre engagement et de votre participation continus.

Remembering Operation Medusa

Canadian Military Family Magazine

On Sept. 2, 2006, more than 1,000 Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members, along with hundreds of soldiers from other countries embarked on what would be the largest Canadian combat operation since the Korean War. Considered one of the deadliest operations in recent military history, Operation Medusa had a lasting impact on the war against the Taliban and is a battle that is still reflected upon by many Canadians to this day. [Read More](#)

N.B. filmmakers premiere documentary on experiences of Indigenous veterans of 20th century wars

CBC News

Desmond Simon of Fredericton said he was first approached about making a film on Indigenous veterans as an Indigenous filmmaker who is also a military veteran himself. His latest documentary with co-director Nate Gaffney, *Indian Braves*, explores the experiences of Indigenous military members during and after the First World War, the Second World War and the Korean War. [Read More](#)

Une cérémonie à Peggy's Cove pour se souvenir de l'écrasement Swissair

Radio-Canada

Le ministère fédéral des Anciens Combattants a organisé deux cérémonies cette fin de semaine en Nouvelle-Écosse pour souligner le 25^e anniversaire de l'écrasement du vol 111 de la Swissair. Le 2 septembre 1998, un avion de la compagnie Swissair parti de New York à destination de Genève s'est violemment abîmé en mer à 12 km de la côte de Peggy's Cove. [Lire Plus](#)

Canadian military needs dedicated climate disaster force, former army commander says

CBC News

A former army commander says Canada is behind its allies in not having a dedicated agency that can deploy personnel to disasters nationwide. Retired Lt.-Gen. Andrew Leslie told *CBC News* the lack of a national rapid response force to help with wildfires, floods, evacuations and other emergencies is putting citizens' lives at risk. [Read More](#)

Military 'drawing down' support for N.W.T. after 3 weeks helping with wildfire response

CBC News

The Canadian military says it has finished its work in Yellowknife helping with the wildfire response. Soldiers will be heading back to their home communities in the coming days. "Following assessments by Territorial Authorities and Public Safety Canada, it has been determined that CAF [Canadian Armed Forces] support is no longer currently required. As such, following three weeks of assistance, the CAF support to NWT is drawing down," reads an emailed statement from a Forces spokesperson. [Read More](#)

Début des exercices militaires entre l'Indonésie et les États-Unis

La Presse

Des milliers de soldats indonésiens et américains ont entamé deux semaines d'exercices militaires conjoints, auxquels participeront cinq pays alliés pour des manœuvres visant à assurer la stabilité dans la région Asie-Pacifique. [Lire Plus](#)

Canadian Armed Forces doing away with mandatory duty to report policy

City News

The Canadian Armed Forces will end its "inflexible and inhuman" mandatory reporting policy this winter, its chief of professional conduct and culture said recently. Lt.-Gen. Jennie Carignan said military members will still be able to report misconduct, but they will no longer face possible penalties for failing to report something they experience or witness. [Read More](#)

Ombudsman says military underestimating mental health risks of domestic deployments

Lethbridge News Now

Canada is underestimating the mental health impact domestic emergencies like wildfires and COVID-19 have had on the military reservists who respond to them, a new report says. Gregory Lick, the Canadian Armed Forces ombudsman, said there are also gaps in health-care policies and a shortage of health professionals which put the military's 28,500 reservists at a disadvantage compared to regular force members. [Read More](#)

[Ammunition to be detonated at CFB Borden in a training exercise](#)

CTV News

Ammunition will be detonated at CFB Borden over the course of the next week. Soldiers from the Canadian Forces Logistics Training Centre, who are studying for the ammunition technician rank, will be conducting controlled detonations at CFB Borden until Sept. 19 (excluding weekends) between the hours of approximately 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [Read More](#)

[Quilt of Valour presented to Ret'd Sapper Curtis Bond](#)

Kimberley Bulletin

It was a real pleasure wrapping a Quilt of Valour around Ret'd Sapper Curtis Bond. Curtis served with the Canadian Armed Forces Combat Engineers. After being medically released he used his military training in the Ukraine. He continues to do humanitarian work. We are so proud of you Curtis and "thank you for your Service, then and now." [Read More](#)

[Settlement finalized in \\$283M disabled veterans class action, but benefits policy changed](#)

CBC News

The first of thousands of injured Canadian military veterans are set to soon begin receiving disability payment top-ups under a \$283 million class-action settlement, but policy changes mean no newly discharged members will be entitled to the extra benefits. [Read More](#)

Le Canada et ses alliés prennent part à un exercice militaire au large de la N.-É.

Radio-Canada

Un exercice militaire de grande ampleur se tient jusqu'au 22 septembre au large de la Nouvelle-Écosse. « Je suis très fière d'accueillir l'exercice Cutlass Fury 2023," indique la contre-amirale Josée Kurtz, commandante des Forces maritimes de l'Atlantique et de la Force opérationnelle interarmées. "Il s'agit d'une excellente occasion pour nos marins, nos soldats et nos aviateurs canadiens de s'entraîner dans un environnement de préparation élevée avec nos alliés. » [Lire Plus](#)

'We could hear the burning': Canada's top soldier remembers the Battle of Medak Pocket

CBC News

It is sometimes called Canada's "forgotten battle." Thirty years ago this week, Canadian soldiers on a peacekeeping mission fought a pitched battle against Croatian forces near the village of Medak in the former Yugoslavia. Military members marked the anniversary of the Battle of Medak Pocket with a low-key ceremony at the national peacekeeping memorial in Ottawa, a commemoration not attended by any government ministers. [Read More](#)

Government of Canada honours Indigenous soldiers in the Netherlands

Cision

The full story of Canada's long military history includes many contributions from First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. They sacrificed so much to safeguard our peace and freedom — we owe it to them to ensure they get the recognition they deserve. [Read More](#)

'Wherever Canada fought, Sarnia was there': New book on war stories

Sarnia & Lambton County This Week

A new book telling the stories of 24 Sarnia-area residents who served in the military during conflicts overseas will be launched this month. The book, *Valour Remembered: Sarnia-Lambton War Stories*,

was researched and written by Tom Slater and Tom St. Amand, both retired teachers from Sarnia. The new book follows their work with the Sarnia War Remembrance Project. [Read More](#)

Inauguration du monument en mémoire du soldat Michel Jr. Lévesque à Sainte-Véronique

L'info de la Lièvre

Tous les citoyens sont invités à la cérémonie d'inauguration du monument en mémoire du soldat Michel Jr. Lévesque le 24 septembre à 13 h, à la plage qui porte son nom, au 298 rue de la Plage dans le secteur Sainte-Véronique. Il y a juste un mois que sa mère, Elisabeth, a collé la plaque commémorative sur le socle de l'œuvre de l'artiste Denis Sergerie. [Lire Plus](#)

GranFondo inspiring military, Invictus cyclists

CFB Esquimalt Lookout

The steep hills of the scenic RBC GranFondo Whistler course aren't keeping one Invictus Alumni from participating in this year's GranFondo. Major (Maj) Patrick Lévis of Esquimalt's Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Transition Group, who uses a wheelchair, says he's looking forward to competing in the Invictus category at this year's event despite the steep hills. [Read More](#)

Their job is identifying Canadian fallen soldiers discovered in French battlefields. They're about to get really busy

Toronto Star

The construction of a 106-kilometre canal that will cut through First World War front-lines has Canada and other combatant countries bracing for the discovery, recovery, identification and proper burial of hundreds of additional fallen soldiers in the coming years. [Read More](#)

14 Wing Greenwood — [The Aurora](#)
22 Wing North Bay — [The Shield](#)
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8 Wing Trenton — [The Contact](#)
CFB Petawawa — [The Petawawa Post](#)

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