

Media Report 02 JULY 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

Tracking every case of COVID-19 in Canada

12,772 active 1,368,449 recovered 26,023deaths

Vaccine doses administered

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Total Percentage of population vaccinated	Total Percentage of population fully vaccinated	Eligible (12+) Percentage of population vaccinated	Eligible (12+) Percentage of population fully vaccinated
67.27%	27.81%	76.53%	31.64%
+0.26%	+2.15%	+0.30%	+2.44%

Total doses administered	First doses	Second doses	Received from manufacturer	Received doses administered
36,198,334	25,609,849	10,588,485	42,682,312	84.81
+917,958	+100,870	+817,088	+0	

Gerald Joseph "Gerry" Cleary

CWO (Ret'd), RCEME

July 25, 1933 – June 23, 2021

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Gerry. Dearly loved by his common-law spouse of 41 years, Joan Coughlin. Loving step-dad to Kimberly (Rudy) & Terrill (Octavia). Proud step-grandpa to Jake (Fran), Jason, Joey (Maura), Shayla (Cody) and Tesfa. Also, great step-grandpa to Romeo. He will be held dearly in the hearts of his second family.

He sadly leaves behind his three children, Diane, Susan and Peter whom he missed and loved dearly. You were never far from his thoughts. Also, five grandchildren and he suspected he had a great-grandchild whom he never met.

He is survived by his sister Doris of Alberta and predeceased by 11 siblings.

Gerry proudly served in the CAF, RCME – ELM Tech, for 28 years. His postings included Korea, Que, Petawawa, Kingston, Ottawa, Germany (totalled 8 1/2 years – a posting he loved and reminisced about frequently) and Borden. Upon retirement he continued his career in the PS with DND for 16 years.

He met and had long lasting friendships with comrades of the Legion and always enjoyed a good joke with a hearty infectious laugh, a lover of music and dancing. He was also a proud Mason.

Rest in Peace Gerry.

A special thank you to Dr. Atker, Dr. Huang, Dr. Sun and the caring staff at the Ottawa Civic Hospital for your care.

At Gerry's request there will be no visitation or funeral service. A private family burial will take place at the Pinecrest Cemetery, [2500 Baseline Road, Ottawa](#).

Those wishing to make a donation may do so to the Lung Health Foundation.

From:Karen Hamalainen

Sent:Monday, June 28, 2021 7:00 PM

To:Randy Stowell

Subject:Fwd: Passing Member – Gerald J. Cleary

Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation

An illness or injury can have an impact on your ability to adjust to life after service. If you have received a disability benefit, you may also qualify for the Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation—a tax-free, monthly benefit — payable for life.

About this program

The Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation is a tax-free, monthly benefit. It provides recognition and compensation for any severe and permanent disability, related to your service, which creates a barrier to your life after service.

Every applicant for this benefit receives an individual assessment. If a barrier is identified, the assessment will assign a grade-level which is based on the extent and severity of your impairment.

Do you qualify?

You should apply for the Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation if you have a service-related injury or illness, for which you have received a VAC disability benefit, that is:

- permanent and severe, and
- creating a barrier to your successful re-establishment in civilian life.

Note: If you already receive the [Exceptional Incapacity Allowance](#), you are not eligible for this benefit.
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How to apply

Note: If you are currently in receipt of the Career Impact Allowance we will automatically move you over to the Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation. You will move over at the same Grade Level (1, 2 or 3) and will be paid the corresponding, non-taxable Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation monthly amount.

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 a [VAC office](#) or [CAF Transition Centre](#). 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](#) or [CAF Transition Centre](#) can assist you, or call us at 1-866-522-2122.

Additional information

Find out more

Assessment

Through an individual assessment, we will assign you one of three grade-levels based on the extent and seriousness of your impairment. Grade one refers to the most serious conditions.

The assessment examines how independent you are by looking at such things as your mobility, your need for assistance with activities of daily living (such as bathing and dressing), and other factors affecting your daily life.

See the [current rates](#).

If you receive this benefit, it will be paid for the duration of your life. This would only change if your

health improved to an extent where you no longer had any barriers caused by your impairment(s).

The Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation cannot be paid to the survivor or other dependents of the Veteran.

Related programs

[Disability Benefits](#): Financial payments for Veterans who have a service-related disability or injury.

[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.

[Caregiver Recognition Benefit](#): Monthly payments for an informal caregiver who provides you with daily personal care support.

Frequently asked questions

What is the monthly Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation based on?

The benefit recognizes that severe and permanent impairments may create barriers to establishing themselves in post-service life. The monthly amount payable is based on the extent of the Veteran's permanent and severe impairment. It takes into consideration such things as a Veterans' mobility, requirements for supervision and the need for assistance with activities of daily living (such as bathing and dressing).

It will be payable at three grade levels with \$1500/month being the highest and \$500/month the lowest.

What is the difference between CIA and APSC?

Taxability:The Career Impact Allowance (CIA) is taxable because it compensates for lost employment potential and career progression opportunities. The Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation (APSC), on the other hand, will be non-taxable because it compensates for the extent to which permanent and severe impairments cause barriers to re-establishment.

Eligibility:The eligibility for the two programs is similar in many ways:

- they are only payable to Veterans;
- the Veteran must have a disability benefit; and
- the Veteran must have a permanent and severe impairment.

The key eligibility difference between the two benefits is that under CIA, a Veteran must have an approved rehabilitation plan in order to receive the CIA. Under APSC, a Veteran must only have a barrier to re-establishment to qualify, they do not have to have an approved rehabilitation plan.

Grade Levels: Both benefits have three grade levels. The key difference on which grade is paid is that the CIA considers medical impairment as well as earnings capacity. APSC will only consider medical impairment. The APSC has no equivalent to the CIA Supplement.

[View all](#) Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation FAQs.

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