

## Media Report 27 Oct 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

For this report I want to talk about our National NVOC Presidents Report Mr Randy Stowell,CD to Member Veterans. Long Term Care [LTC] and VIP – for the veteran and the family. **This is the primary issue for NVOC [ and has been since we formed]**. The issue is much more topical now within VAC. The idea of “age in place”/ nursing homes without walls?... has attention – The Veterans Independence Program does give veterans support in living at home.

### Long-term care

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Financial support from Veterans Affairs Canada may be available when you have been admitted to 24-hour care in a **community bed** (available to any provincial resident) or **contract bed** (only available to Second World War or Korean War Veterans).

The assessment process and admission to long-term care facilities is managed by your provincial, regional, or local health authority. Please contact the agency responsible for long-term care in your province or territory:

- [Alberta](#)
- [British Columbia](#)

- [Manitoba](#)
- [New Brunswick](#)
- [Newfoundland and Labrador](#)
- [Northwest Territories](#)
- [Nova Scotia](#)
- [Nunavut](#)
- [Ontario](#)
- [Prince Edward Island](#)
- [Quebec](#)
- [Saskatchewan](#)
- [Yukon](#)

If you have been admitted to a long-term care facility, you may qualify for and should apply for financial assistance if you served in the Canadian Armed Forces and have:

- a low income,
  - a service-related disability, or
  - a health need for long-term care
- **Before you apply**

Before you apply for financial assistance from Veterans Affairs Canada, you must first be admitted to a long-term care facility.

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## Apply online

If you are registered for My VAC Account, you can submit your application for this benefit online. If you aren't registered, you can [register now](#).

## My VAC Account

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### Mail or in person

Download the [application package](#) (VAC1503APe). Then, drop it off at a [VAC office](#). You can also mail your completed form directly to the address listed on the 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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**Note for legal representatives:** Include a **copy** of the document that shows you to be the legal representative (e.g. Power of Attorney). If you have previously provided this, you do not need to send it again.

### Related programs

[Treatment Benefits](#) - Coverage for medical and health related services.

[Veterans Independence Program](#) - Payments for home and health care services that you need to remain independent at home.

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

[Guided support](#) – Sometimes life situations can be challenging. When the challenge is too much to handle independently, Guided Support services can help you and your family.

**What is the maximum a Veteran must pay toward their long-term care accommodation costs?**

Effective 1 October 2022, the maximum accommodation and meals monthly amount paid by a Veteran is \$1,190.63. Any supplementary charges such as the costs of semi-private or private rooms are not part of this calculation.

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## **Do some Veterans pay less than the maximum amount?**

Veterans who are admitted to care as a direct result of a condition for which they are in receipt of a disability benefit are not required to pay toward their long-term care. Also, Veterans may have a reduced contribution if they are married or have a lower income.

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## **Where can I find the policies for this program?**

Read the [policies related to the long-term care program](#)

### **Housing and home life**

Help at home and support for caregivers.

### **Veterans Independence Program for survivors**

Payments for home services to help qualifying survivors to remain independent and self-sufficient in their home.

### **Veterans Independence Program for primary caregivers**

Payments for home services to help qualifying caregivers to remain independent and self-sufficient in their home.

### **Caregiver Recognition Benefit**

A monthly payment for an informal caregiver, such as a family member or friend, who provides you with daily personal care support.

## **Caregiver Zone**

An online community for caregivers who want to share their story, ask questions or learn more about caregiving.

## **Veteran Family Program**

Continued access to services from Military Family Resource Centres to assist medically-released Veterans and their family.

### **An evening of stories and songs**

Good day!

We are reaching out to inform you of an exciting new event being hosted by Veterans Affairs Canada in Ottawa during Veterans' Week 2023.

On November 9, Veterans Affairs Canada will host a "Veteran Open Mic" in the Apollo Lounge at the Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess, 4 Queen Elizabeth Driveway, Ottawa, ON K2P 2H9 starting at 19:00 and running until approximately 22:00.

The intention of the event is to provide Veterans with a casual alternative to the traditional commemorative ceremony and to recognize the important role music plays in the healing process and in bringing people together. [Veterans, current serving members, and their guests are invited to an evening where they will have the opportunity to share stories and songs or simply enjoy the music of others. Attached is an event poster that can be shared with individuals you think might be interested in attending.](#)

This is a ticketed event with limited space so we are asking all who wish to join to please acquire a free ticket through [Eventbrite \(https://VACOpenMic-microouvertACC-Ottawa.eventbrite.com\)](https://VACOpenMic-microouvertACC-Ottawa.eventbrite.com)

If you any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at: [commemoration-rsvp-commemoration@veterans.gc.ca](mailto:commemoration-rsvp-commemoration@veterans.gc.ca)

We look forward to seeing you.

### **Une soirée des histoires et chansons**

Bonjour!

Nous communiquons avec vous pour vous informer d'une nouvelle activité captivante organisée par Anciens Combattants Canada à Ottawa pendant la Semaine des vétérans 2023.

Le 9 novembre, Anciens Combattants Canada organisera une soirée à micro ouvert pour vétérans dans la salle Apollo Lounge de Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess, au 4, promenade Queen Elizabeth, à Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 2H9, de 19 h à environ 22 h.

La soirée vise à fournir aux vétérans une option informelle qui diffère des cérémonies commémoratives traditionnelles et à reconnaître le rôle important que joue la musique dans le processus de guérison et le rassemblement des gens. Nous invitons les vétérans, les militaires et leurs invités à une soirée où ils pourront faire part d'histoires et de chansons ou simplement profiter de la musique avec les autres.

Vous trouverez ci-joint une affiche que vous pouvez partager avec les personnes qui, selon vous, aimeraient participer à l'activité.

En raison du nombre de places limité, les personnes qui souhaitent participer à la soirée doivent se procurer un billet gratuit sur [Eventbrite \(https://VACOpenMic-microouvertACC-Ottawa.eventbrite.com\)](https://VACOpenMic-microouvertACC-Ottawa.eventbrite.com).

Si vous avez des questions, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec nous à l'adresse [commemoration-rsvp-commemoration@veterans.gc.ca](mailto:commemoration-rsvp-commemoration@veterans.gc.ca).

Au plaisir de vous y voir!