

# Media Report 27 September 2019,

This weeks media reports will cover and answer great questions veterans are still asking such as direction to the War Veterans Allowance , Current information on VAC's Service Delivery Review Implementation, and local Media Articles.

## War Veterans Allowance

Are you having serious financial difficulties because of low or no income? The War Veterans Allowance (WVA) is a tax-free, monthly benefit to help low-income war Veterans and their dependents or their survivors.

### **About this program**

The WVA can help you meet your basic financial needs. It is a tax-free monthly payment which can vary based on your sources of income, marital status and if you have dependents.

If you qualify for this allowance you can also access emergency funding through the Assistance Fund which provides grants of up to \$1,000 (per calendar year) to help pay for an unexpected issue that affects your health or safety.

Information for families

Survivors (spouses, common-law partners and dependent children) will continue to receive the WVA after the qualified Veteran has passed away.

### **Do you qualify?**

Eligibility is based on your war-time service, income and Canadian residency.

You must meet the eligibility requirements in each of the following areas:

### **War-time service**

- A Veteran (including Merchant Navy) or Allied Veteran of the Second World War or the Korean War; and
- [Certain civilians](#) who served in the Second World War.

### **Residency**

All applicants must live in Canada at the time of application.

If you are an Allied Veteran you must also have:

- lived in Canada prior to your enlistment with an Allied Force; or
- lived in Canada for a total of 10 years (does not have to be consecutive) since your military service.

## **Income**

- WVA is an income-tested benefit and most regular income must be considered.
- Income is assessed using the same standard for the [Guaranteed Income Supplement](#), which is based on the Income Tax Act.
- Annual income exemptions, such as the casual earnings exemption and the interest exemption, are considered at the time of your assessment.

## **How to apply**

### **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](#).

### **Mail or in person**

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

- Application for War Veterans allowance
- Allied Veteran application for War Veterans Allowance

### **Get help with your application**

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

### **Additional information**

The [War Veterans Allowance](#) rate is adjusted quarterly based on the Consumer Price Index.

### **Find out more**

If you and your spouse/common-law partner are both Veterans or qualified civilians, you should apply individually for the single rate of WVA.

### **Survivors**

When a recipient dies, their survivor will continue to receive their full allowance amount for one year. In the following year, you will then receive the War Veterans Allowance at the single rate, plus additional amounts for dependents, if you have any.

## Related Programs

[Assistance Fund](#): Quick access to funds for urgent needs such as food, shelter or medical expenses.

[Treatment benefits](#): Coverage for medical and health related services.

[Long-term Care](#): Monthly payments to cover the cost of your long-term care.

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

[Funeral and burial assistance](#): A reimbursement of costs to ensure Veterans have a dignified funeral and burial.

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## Frequently asked questions

### **If I apply for the benefit and get declined, can I appeal?**

Yes. If you are not satisfied with a decision you may apply in writing for a review. Learn more about your [review and appeal options](#).

### **Is WVA payable outside Canada?**

To qualify to receive WVA while you are outside of Canada, you must already be in receipt of WVA and you must have lived in Canada for a minimum of 12 months.

A short absence (e.g. a vacation) typically has no impact. However, if you are planning to be away from Canada for an extended period, please [contact us](#) to ensure we can process any changes to your account (e.g. a new mailing address) in a timely manner.

For Allied Veterans:

We cannot provide WVA to you while you are outside of Canada due to legislative restrictions.

### **If accepted for WVA, will I qualify for any other programs?**

Once you qualify for WVA, you may also qualify for other benefits such as the [Assistance Fund](#), [Treatment benefits](#) and the [Veterans Independence Program](#). Please see the [Related Program](#) section for more information.

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

Read more about the [War Veterans Allowance](#) policies for Veterans.

## VAC's Service Delivery Review Implementation

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/about-vac/publications-reports/reports/sdr-delivering-service-excellence>

Mr Gord Jenkins and Mr Jarrott Holtzhauer

Our Past NVOC President Mr Gord Jenkins is left in the photo and right is and a member of NVOC Board of Directors Mr Jarrott Holtzhauer in his new Wheels. It is good to see Gord and Jarrott at there normal office on Saturday mornings at the Canadian War Museum where they have been volunteering for many many years. Jarrott has had some mobility problems in the last year but with his tenacity, courage and strong will power has overcome this.

A tribute to Mr Jarrott Holtzhauer NATO VETERANS of CANADA, on the many organizations he is still involved in

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## **Veterans Affairs Planning a Pilgrimage to the Netherlands 2020**

The Government of Canada is planning an overseas commemorative program to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands. An official Government of Canada delegation will travel overseas from approximately 1 May to 10 May 2020 to attend remembrance ceremonies and events at a number of sites in the Netherlands.

If you are aware of any Royal Canadian Engineer who participated in the Canadian Liberation of the Netherlands campaign who would be interested in joining this delegation, please advise us of their names and the unit in which they served.

Responses are requested by 9 Oct.

See the attached link for details: <https://cmea-agmc.ca/pilgrimage-netherlands-2020>

Names of suitable Royal Canadian Engineer veterans should be submitted for consideration to Ken Holmes at: [history.heritage@cmea-agmc.ca](mailto:history.heritage@cmea-agmc.ca) by 9 Oct 2019.

If you are aware of any Royal Canadian Engineer who participated in the Canadian Liberation of the Netherlands campaign who would be interested in joining this delegation, please advise us of their names and the unit in which they served. Nomination forms will be completed later.

When submitting a name, please consider your nominee's level of comfort and ability to share information with others or make informal presentations about their military service. Delegates will participate in a full schedule of events and days will be tiring. It should also be noted that the majority of events will be held outdoors. Although a medical team will accompany the delegation, all delegates must be in good health and able to withstand the rigours of traveling overseas.

Since these veterans are all over the age of 80 and may have a medical condition that requires help with daily living activities, they will need to choose a caregiver to accompany them on the trip. The caregiver will be required to remain with the delegate at all times. Additional details regarding the role of the caregiver will be provided during the nomination process. All traveling and living expenses for the Veteran and the caregiver, both in Canada and overseas, will be covered by Veterans Affairs Canada.

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Chères chapitres,

Le gouvernement du Canada planifie un programme commémoratif outre-mer pour marquer le 75e anniversaire de la libération des Pays-Bas. Une délégation officielle du gouvernement du Canada se rendra outre-mer du 1<sup>er</sup> au 10 mai 2020 environ pour assister à des cérémonies de commémoration et à des événements sur un certain nombre de sites aux Pays-Bas.

Si vous connaissez des ingénieurs royaux canadiens de la Seconde Guerre mondiale qui ont participé à la campagne de libération du Canada aux anciens combattants qui seraient intéressés à se joindre à cette délégation, veuillez nous indiquer le nom et l'unité dans laquelle ils ont servi.

Les réponses sont requis pour le 9 Octobre.

Veuillez noter le lien du site web: <https://cmea-agmc.ca/fr/pelerinage-aux-pays-bas-2020>

Les noms des anciens combattants du génie royal canadien qualifiés doivent être soumis à Ken Holmes, à l'adresse: [history.heritage@cmea-agmc.ca](mailto:history.heritage@cmea-agmc.ca) , au plus tard le 9 octobre 2019.

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## **Canadian Armed Forces personnel test their mettle in Mountain Man and Iron Warrior**

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Canadian Military Family Magazine

This year over 700 Canadian Armed Forces personnel tested their mettle by participating in the 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (CMBG) Iron Warrior competition and the 2019 Mountain Main Challenge organized by 1 CMBG. Results can be found [here](#). [READ MORE](#)

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## **Voltigeurs de Québec Armoury**

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Gouvernement du Canada

Ravaged by fire in April 2008, the Voltigeurs de Québec Armoury is once again part of the landscape of

Quebec City. This video presents the work done to restore the historic building, as well as some of the people responsible. [READ MORE](#)

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## **Jeux Invictus 2020 : l'Équipe canadienne se prépare à la Base Valcartier**

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Journal Adsum

En mai 2020, 32 militaires canadiens à la retraite participeront aux Jeux Invictus aux Pays-Bas. Le sergent (ret) Nadia Duranleau et le caporal (ret) Marc Fortier ont tous les deux été sélectionnés pour faire partie de l'équipe qui représentera le Canada. Ils sont venus se préparer à la Base Valcartier récemment. [LIRE PLUS](#)

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## **Petawawa soldiers test new uniform pattern**

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The Courier News

Some 600 soldiers at 4th Canadian Division Support Base (4 CDSB) Petawawa will soon be standing out as they help the Canadian Armed Forces test a new Canadian Disruptive Pattern (CADPAT) to help select a replacement camouflage for the current iconic woodland and arid CADPAT patterns. The original distinctive CADPAT, revolutionary for its time, was initially developed in 1997. It is most closely associated with the Canadian Army but it is also worn by Navy and Air Force personnel when they work within Army lines. [READ MORE](#)

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## **Le Canada achètera 360 nouveaux véhicules blindés légers d'appui tactique de General Dynamics Land Systems-Canada**

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Le ministre de la Défense nationale, Harjit Sajjan, a annoncé que le gouvernement achètera 360 véhicules blindés légers (VBL) d'appui tactique de la General Dynamics Land Systems-Canada (GDLS-C). Les fonds nécessaires sont compris dans le budget approuvé réservé à la mise en œuvre de la politique de défense susmentionnée. Le gouvernement du Canada a également l'intention de fournir un prêt à remboursement à la GDLS-C. [LIRE PLUS](#)

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## **Construction begins on building for homeless veterans**

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Canadian Military Family Magazine

The foundation for the Veterans' House: The Andy Carswell Building was recently laid on the grounds of the former Royal Canadian Air Force Base CFB Rockcliffe. Michel Joannette and Gaëtan Lefebvre are two engineers associated with this project. [READ MORE](#)