

## Media Report 28 May 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

[Active COVID-19 cases: 61,066 | Recovered: 1,258,477 | Deceased: 25,093 | Total: 1,344,788](#)

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## [COVID Live Update: 163,254,325 Cases and 3,385,526 Deaths ...](#)

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/tracking-every-case-of-covid-19-in-canada-1.4852102>

### **Five Finalist Designs for the National Monument to Canada's Mission in Afghanistan / Propositions des cinq équipes de conception finalistes pour le Monument commémoratif national de la mission du Canada en Afghanistan**

Dear Veterans, Stakeholders and Advisory Group Members,

In January 2020, we held consultations with families, Veterans, current CAF members, stakeholders, and all Canadians on design considerations for the National Monument to Canada's Mission in Afghanistan. Last August, we announced the five teams shortlisted to prepare design concepts. The monument will recognize the commitment and sacrifice of the more than 40,000 Canadians who served there, and the support provided to them by Canadians at home.

Like most endeavours in the past year, this important work did not escape the delay resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. That said, Veterans Affairs and Canadian Heritage continue to make progress in the design of the National Monument to Canada's Mission in Afghanistan. The monument is scheduled to be completed in 2024.

Today, I am pleased to inform you that the five finalist design teams have completed their proposals for the monument. Yesterday, we invited the families of the fallen to view and comment on the design concepts. Now, in recognition of your vital role and support to current and former Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members and their families, I invite you to view and comment on each design concept for the monument. On 25 May 2021, we invite all Canadians—especially the families of those who died in Afghanistan and current and former CAF members and their families—to share their views.

Please take a moment to view the designs, at [Canada.ca/survey-monument-afghanistan](https://Canada.ca/survey-monument-afghanistan). The survey includes each design team's description, images and a video of their monument concept.

Your input will provide valuable feedback in selecting the final design for the National Monument to Canada's Mission in Afghanistan. The survey closes 9 June 2021.

The selection jury will consider the information and input contained in the survey responses in their selection of the winning design, which we expect to announce this fall.

For more information on the monument, please visit [veterans.gc.ca](http://veterans.gc.ca). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [atcommemoration-commemoration@veterans.gc.ca](mailto:atcommemoration-commemoration@veterans.gc.ca) or at our toll-free number, 1-866-522-2122.

Thank you for taking the time to comment and provide your feedback on the five selected designs.

Respectfully,

Paul Thomson

Director General, Commemoration Division

Veterans Affairs Canada

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### **INFORMATION provided from Dominion Command, The Royal Canadian Legion 26 May 2021**

Attached is information on the Chronic Pain Centre of Excellence Education Services and their upcoming sessions on Veteran Chronic Pain:

2 June, 1200-1300 hrs ET: Veteran Chronic Pain: How the Mind and Body Experience Pain

9 June, 1200-1300 hrs ET: Veteran Chronic Pain: The Canadian Situation

Registration is free and can be completed at [www.veteranschronicpain.ca/register](http://www.veteranschronicpain.ca/register)

Feel free to circulate to your network.

## **Vocational assistance**

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Training and career-coaching to help you launch a new career. Vocational assistance provides skills and training to find a new career and restore the earning capacity of a Veteran's family.

### **About this program**

Vocational assistance provides skills development, education or training and other supports to help you establish a new career.

Vocational specialists and other professionals will work with you to build your vocational assistance plan. The plan can include:

- employability assessments
- career counselling
- training, and
- job-search assistance

You will build your vocational assistance plan with the direct assistance of our service

provider [Canadian Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation Services](#).

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## Do you qualify?

You should apply for vocational assistance if you are:

- the spouse/common-law partner of a Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Veteran who will not be able to take part in vocational rehabilitation due to their health condition, or
  - a survivor of a CAF member or Veteran whose death was service-related.
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## How to apply

### Apply online

If you are registered for My VAC Account, you can submit your application for this benefit online. My VAC Account offers a guided web form that makes applying easier. If you aren't registered, you can [register now](#).

[My VAC Account](#)

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### Mail or in person

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

[Go to form](#)

If you are the surviving spouse or common-law partner, [please use this form](#).

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### 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.

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## Building a rehabilitation plan

We can usually make decisions about Vocational Assistance eligibility within a few weeks of receiving your application. If approved, you will receive the one-on-one support of a [VAC case manager](#) and be referred to our service provider, Canadian Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation Services, for an assessment of your vocational assistance needs. Your case manager will work with you (and your family) to identify your goals. Together you will build your vocational assistance plan.

To ensure your success, the plan will identify:

- your goals;
- the services and benefits you will need to reach those goals; and
- a timeframe to complete it all.

You are the most important part of any successful rehab plan. As you work through your plan, it is important to keep in touch about your services or any challenges you face. Give feedback to your case manager or anyone who is working with you.

From start to finish, your VAC case manager will:

- work closely with you and your family;
  - respect your privacy and confidentiality;
  - help identify information and services you need;
  - help you develop support networks;
  - coordinate between you, your vocational professional, and other service providers; and
  - track and discuss your progress on a regular basis.
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## **Additional information**

### **Related Services**

- [Vocational rehabilitation](#)— Coaching, support and any other training you need to return to work or find a new job after an injury.
  - [Case management](#)— A case manager can help you set goals and find the services you need to overcome a challenge in your life.
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## **Frequently asked questions**

### **Does vocational assistance include support for child care so I can go to school for retraining?**

Yes. If retraining is part of your vocational assistance plan, we can include support for additional child care expenses. Your case manager will identify the need for this, and other supports, as you develop your vocational assistance plan together.

### **Are there policies for this program?**

Yes. Read more about the [policies related to Rehabilitation Services and Vocational Assistance Program](#).

### **IN THE NEWS**

[Telling the stories of our Sappers buried in the Groesbeek Canadian Military Cemetery](#)

[The Gulf War — Looking back 30 years](#)

[TAZ — An enduring legacy](#)

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[Trail Armoury marks historic moment when new member enrolls](#)

[Les ministres des Anciens Combattants et de la Défense nationale soulignent le 20e anniversaire de la fin de la mission du Canada au Timor-Oriental](#)

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