

Media report 30 Oct 2020

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.

Hello from NVOC Unit 3

I hope this update finds everyone well and finds things to keep the body and the mind busy during this very trying time. It is very unfortunate we are still not at the stage when we can hold monthly meetings or even get together on a less formal basis just to socialize over a meal. The National Executive is continuing to monitor the various issues that are important to veterans and of course Ted Bransfield is keeping busy with his weekly media report that is emailed to all members and posted to the web site. If you are not receiving this weekly update please advise me and we will get it resolved.

I had a Buddy Call from our past Chairman, Matt Carson this week. It was great to talk to him, keeping communications open is important at a time like this. As seniors I would think most of us are living in a very small bubble and do not get much needed contact with the outside world other than short trips to the grocery and drug stores. I would encourage you to reach out to friends and acquaintances periodically, it could be beneficial to both parties.

Our Web site and Facebook page continue to be updated on an regular basis and are excellent sources on news and events. If you are not familiar with them the links are below.

Web Site: <http://www.natoveterans.org/>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/512443692129620/>

Stay safe and let's ensure we take care of one another.

Doug Husson

Chairman

Ottawa / Gatineau NVOC

Prostheses

Purpose

This policy gives direction on the provision, repairs, adjustments, maintenance and replacements of prosthetic devices, prosthetic components, associated supplies and accessories as well as services for missing limbs (arms and legs), parts thereof (hands and feet), and other body parts (eyes, ears, nose, etc.) for eligible clients.

Objective

1. The goal of a limb or other body part prosthesis is to enable eligible Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) clients with amputations to meet their functional needs and to maximize their quality of life. Functional needs include physical needs such as optimal functioning in activities of daily living (ADL), instrumental activities of daily living (IADL), community and family roles as well as psychological needs such as appearance. These needs vary depending on the gender, age, interests, activities and other individual characteristics of the client.
2. The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) is responsible for those members injured while serving and requiring prostheses, and provides benefits that are most appropriate, based on the needs of the members. VAC will continue to support the members once released, by maintaining and providing prosthetic devices to meet the ongoing and changing needs of VAC clients. VAC will also provide, maintain and replace initial prosthetic devices prescribed after release from the CAF.
3. In addition VAC will provide other services and supports related to having an amputation or prosthesis through other Programs of Choice (POC), e.g. POC 1 – Aids to Daily Living, POC 13 – Special Equipment, POC 12 – Related Health Services and POC 8 – Nursing Services.
4. A prosthetic device is a custom-made medical device designed to replace a missing body part (limbs, eyes, noses, ears, etc.). Related are prosthetic components, including but not limited to sockets, joints, covers, and terminal devices (hands and/or feet), etc., and accompanying supplies and accessories as necessary.
5. Various health professionals are involved in the prescription, recommendation, fitting, manufacture and support of prosthetic devices. The client's attending physician or a relevant medical specialist (specialist physician) may prescribe a prosthesis. Medical specialists include, but are not limited to, a physiatrist, surgeon, orthopaedic surgeon, vascular surgeon, plastic surgeon, ophthalmologist (eye specialist),

otolaryngologist (ear, nose and throat specialist), etc. Allied health professionals who may provide input into a request for a prosthesis and support for use of that prosthesis include, but are not limited to, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, mental health specialists etc. Prosthetists are experts in the recommendation, design, manufacturing and fitting of prosthetic devices.

Eligibility

6. The following clients may be eligible for benefits and services available through the prosthetics element of the Treatment Benefit Program if it is determined by a multidisciplinary rehabilitation team that the items are required and are the most reasonable intervention to meet the client's needs:

1. Clients who have a disability benefit entitled condition requiring prosthetic devices, called [A-line coverage](#);
2. Clients who have eligibility other than for disability benefit entitled condition who require some prosthetic items, called [B-line coverage](#). These clients must first access provincial programs or private plans for provision of prosthetic devices and related supplies before approaching VAC; or
3. Clients who are eligible for the VAC Rehabilitation Program, have an assessed rehabilitation need for a prosthetic device and have this documented as part of their rehabilitation plan. These benefits will be covered under the Rehabilitation Program if they are not otherwise available via other programs, i.e. a provincial health care system, a workers' compensation plan or Service Income Security Insurance Plan (SISIP). Clients with eligibility under both the [Veterans Health Care Regulations](#) (VHCR) (i.e. disability benefits) and the Rehabilitation Program should first be considered for funding under the eligibility criteria for VHCR treatment benefits.

7. Benefits may be approved by the VAC decision-maker with guidance from the [POC 11 – Prosthetics and Orthotics – Benefit Grids](#). When the client's legitimate needs exceed the Benefit Grid limits, considerations may be made on an exceptional basis as defined in the business processes.

Requests for an initial prosthetic device

8. Requests for the initial issue of a prosthetic device should be prescribed by the client's attending physician or the relevant medical specialist. Allied health professionals may provide input into the recommendation/prescription. This recommendation/prescription may be available on the client's medical file either through CAF or the provincial/territorial health care system.

9. A prosthetic device should be designed, manufactured and fitted by a certified prosthetist, working in collaboration with the relevant medical specialist and the client. Allied health professionals may also provide input. Approval includes, where applicable, a trial period to ensure proper fitting and use.

Prosthetic devices for limbs

10. When a prosthetic device to replace a missing extremity, such as an arm or leg, or part thereof, is requested, eligible clients may be provided with:

1. a primary device that meets the client's everyday needs;
2. a secondary basic device suitable as a back-up limb;
3. an activity specific prosthetic device for activities of daily living (e.g. a shower or utility limb); and
4. an activity specific prosthetic device, with consideration to the individual's specific goals or requirements to engage in meaningful activity, such as, specific recreational activities, sports, hobbies, etc. The nature of this prosthesis depends on the age, sex, interests and other individual characteristics of the client.

11. Eligible clients may also be provided with a preparatory limb or socket, including but not limited to, when fitting an initial prosthetic device, following stump revision surgery while wounds are healing, during pregnancy, while undergoing medical treatments, etc.

Repairs, adjustments and maintenance

12. Most prosthetic devices and components have a warranty for normal use which allows for an appropriate life span. When the required repairs are beyond the warranty time period required repairs in lieu of a replacement limb may be authorized to maintain the limb in working order. Prescriptions for repairs are not required.

13. VAC clients who have received prosthesis from CAF will be provided with repairs and maintenance as outlined in this policy once they become a VAC eligible client.

14.If a client has an initial or replacement prosthesis provided through other means, VAC will consider repair if it can be determined that the client would be eligible for an initial or replacement prosthesis from VAC or CAF if the client were applying for such an item. Such requests must meet the guidelines required by VAC.

15.Prostheses and prosthetic components, such as but not limited to, sockets, joints, terminal devices (hands, feet), covers, corsets etc. may be adjusted or repaired on an as required basis when requested by the attending physician, a relevant medical specialist or a prosthetist. However, a prescription is not required.

Replacements

16.Scheduled limb prosthetic devices replacement will occur normally at the end of the life span of the current prosthesis (usually 3 years for lower limb and 5 years for upper limb). Replacement limbs may be considered in lieu of repairs if the limb is nearing the end of its projected life span.

17.Prostheses and prosthetic components, such as but not limited to, sockets, joints, terminal devices (hands, feet), covers, corsets, etc. may be replaced on an as required basis when requested by the attending physician, a relevant medical specialist or a prosthetist.

18.Early replacement of any limb prostheses or components requires a request with a rationale from the attending physician, a relevant medical specialist or a prosthetist.

19.Replacement of other body part prostheses should be as recommended by the attending physician or relevant medical specialist, usually every two years.

20.Replacement of prosthetic devices that VAC clients have received from CAF will require a request from a prosthetist or the attending physician. The recommendation from CAF will be accepted if completed within three years of the transition date to VAC.

21.Replacements differing in type or model are to be treated as a new request not a replacement and therefore should be prescribed by the client's attending physician, a relevant medical specialist or prosthetist.

Supplies and accessories

22.Supplies and accessories, such as but not limited to liners, socks, sheaths, stockinettes, sleeves, stump shrinkers, stump lotion and cream, etc., may be provided as needed with no prescription required.

Follow-up

23.VAC coverage for prostheses includes follow-up visits with a prosthetist and if needed, other relevant medical specialists and allied health professionals to check the prosthetic alignment, fit, training on use, etc.

Addressing related health needs

24.Clients who live with amputations have numerous health needs for the amputation in addition to the need for prosthetic devices, which can be addressed through other VAC benefits and services. For example, aids to daily living, special equipment and home modifications can be addressed through POC 1 and POC 13 respectively. Mental health issues, gait training and fitness training for the increased energy needed to use a prosthesis (e.g. by a physiotherapist), ADL and IADL re-training (e.g. by an occupational therapist), weight control to ensure consistent socket fit, etc. can be addressed through POC 12 – Related Health Services. Wound management and foot care can be addressed through POC 8 – Nursing Services.

25.This policy also recognizes that the continuous stress a prosthesis places on other parts of the body, e.g. overuse of the opposite limb, shoulder use to control a manual prosthesis etc. may require special measures to improve the client's comfort and functioning for the amputation and prosthesis use. For example, prostheses, orthoses or other supports, such as knee braces and cages may be approved when required to enhance stability in the opposite limb.

26.Approval of prostheses, orthoses or other supports for the opposite limb does not infer that the client is eligible for a consequential disability benefits ruling.

27.Supplementary bracing or support may be approved when required to be worn over the prosthesis of the amputated limb(s).

References

[Veterans Well-being Act](#), sections 8–9 and 16

[Veterans Health Care Regulations](#), Section 4

[POC 11 – Prosthetics and Orthotics – Benefit Grids](#)

- Upcoming virtual historians panel on the future of commemoration in Canada / Discussion virtuelle à venir avec des historiens sur l'avenir de la commémoration au Canada

[Le texte en français suit...]

Greetings,

Veterans' Week is fast approaching. If you are looking for an interesting learning opportunity during this special time, tune in to Veterans Affairs Canada's virtual historians panel on the future of commemoration in our country.

As we look back on the successful commemorations of the 100th and 75th anniversaries of the First and Second World Wars in recent years, we also have an opportunity to look ahead and explore what remembrance in Canada could look like in the years to come. Since the end of the Second World War, Canada's military has actively supported many international peace and security efforts in different regions around the globe.

Featuring Dr. Tim Cook, Dr. Mélanie Morin-Pelletier and Dr. Andrew Burtch from the Canadian War Museum, this approximately one-hour session will be held live on November 9 beginning at 12:30 pm (EST). It will be available for subsequent viewing to fit your schedule, as well.

Viewers will also have the opportunity to pre-submit their own questions for the panelists to answer. Don't miss out – sign up by November 4 to take part. Simply email Veterans Affairs Canada at the following address to register (please indicate whether you wish to watch in English or French): vac.education-education.acc@canada.ca

Please share this message with your network or anyone who you think would enjoy the opportunity to watch this very timely discussion.

Thank you,

Veterans Affairs Canada

Bonjour,

La Semaine des vétérans approche à grands pas. Si vous souhaitez participer à une activité d'apprentissage intéressante pour l'occasion, joignez-vous à la discussion virtuelle avec des historiens, organisée par Anciens Combattants Canada, sur l'avenir de la commémoration au pays.

Au cours des dernières années, nous avons commémoré avec succès les 100e et 75e anniversaires de la Première et de la Seconde Guerre

mondiale. Nous avons maintenant l'occasion de nous tourner vers l'avenir et d'explorer ce à quoi pourrait ressembler la commémoration au Canada au cours des prochaines années. Depuis la fin de la Seconde Guerre mondiale, les Forces armées canadiennes ont participé activement aux nombreux efforts internationaux de paix et de sécurité aux quatre coins du globe.

La séance de discussion (d'environ une heure), à laquelle participeront le Dr Tim Cook, la Dre Mélanie Morin-Pelletier et le Dr Andrew Burtch, du Musée canadien de la guerre, se tiendra en direct le 9 novembre, à compter de 12 h 30 (HE). Elle sera par la suite disponible en ligne et pourra être visionnée au moment qui vous conviendra.

Les participants pourront également soumettre leurs questions aux invités avant la tenue de la séance. Ne ratez pas cette occasion! Pour participer, veuillez vous inscrire d'ici le 4 novembre, en envoyant simplement un courriel à Anciens Combattants Canada, à l'adresse suivante : vac.education-education.acc@canada.ca. Dans votre courriel d'inscription, veuillez aussi indiquer si vous souhaitez écouter la discussion en français ou en anglais.

Veuillez transmettre ce message aux gens de votre réseau, et à quiconque qui aimerait prendre part à cette discussion très pertinente.

Merci,

Anciens Combattants Canada'

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2020 Branch Poppy Campaign Updated

Quick update on the 2020 Branch Poppy Campaign, the Poppy Campaign will start on Friday, October 20th, 2020 to Tuesday, November 10th, 2020.

- [Learn how to connect with VAC from home | Apprenez comment communiquer avec ACC de chez vous](#)

(Le français suit)

Dear Stakeholders and Advisory Group members,

VAC is offering an online information session to help users get the most out of My VAC Account. Participants will learn how to connect with VAC from their home, apply for benefits or services, set up direct deposit, and more. This will be an interactive session with the opportunity for questions.

When: Wednesday, 28 October 2020 from 2-4 pm ET
(English session)

<https://canada.webex.com/canada/k2/j.php?MTID=t105e761f41a08341d36e3e38697881ad>

When: Thursday, 29 October 2020 from 2-4 pm ET
(French session)

<https://canada.webex.com/canada-fr/k2/j.php?MTID=t655779c7842e8a94f1cc5428ae1d437e>

Who: Sessions are open to all

What: [My VAC Account](#) is a secure, authenticated web application that allows Veterans, CAF and RCMP members to access VAC services from anywhere, at any time. Family members who are receiving benefits directly from VAC can also sign up for My VAC Account.

How: To register for the online webinar session:

1. Open the link
2. Enter your name and email address
3. Click "Register"
4. A confirmation email will be sent to you with a link to join the session when it starts.

A reminder email will be automatically sent with the link prior to the date of the session.

Note: If you are joining with a smartphone or tablet, you will need to download the WebEx app, from either the [Apple App store](#) or [Google Play store](#).

If you need help joining the Webinar: On the left navigation bar of the WebEx home page, click "Support" OR call 1-800-226-6338 or 613-941-9554.

Please share this with anyone who may be interested. If you have any questions, please send them to the My VAC Account team at vac.myvacaccount-mondossieracc.acc@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach Team
Veterans Affairs Canada
vac.engagement.acc@canada.ca

Chers intervenants et membres des groupes consultatifs,

Anciens Combattants Canada offrira des séances d'information en ligne sur Mon dossier ACC. Les séances porteront sur les méthodes de communication avec ACC de chez vous, la façon de soumettre des demandes de prestations ou de services, et les ressources que l'on peut trouver dans Mon dossier ACC. Vous aurez également la possibilité de poser des questions.

Veuillez transmettre ce message à toute personne qui pourrait vouloir y participer.

Voici les détails des séances :

Quand : Le mercredi 28 octobre 2020, de 14 h à 16 h HE (en anglais)

<https://canada.webex.com/canada/k2/j.php?MTID=t105e761f41a08341d36e3e38697881ad>

Le jeudi 29 octobre 2020, de 14 h à 16 h HE (en français)

<https://canada.webex.com/canada-fr/k2/j.php?MTID=t655779c7842e8a94f1cc5428ae1d437e>

Qui : Les séances sont ouvertes à tous.

Quoi : Mon dossier ACC est une application Web authentifiée et sécuritaire qui permet aux vétérans, ainsi qu'aux membres des FAC et de la

GRC d'accéder aux services d'ACC à tout moment et de n'importe quel endroit. Les membres de la famille qui reçoivent des avantages directement d'ACC peuvent également s'inscrire à Mon dossier ACC.

Comment : Pour vous inscrire à la séance en ligne :

1. Cliquez sur le lien
2. Entrez votre nom et votre adresse courriel.
3. Cliquez pour vous joindre à la séance (Register).
4. Un courriel de confirmation vous sera envoyé vous donnant le lien à suivre pour joindre la séance lorsqu'elle commencera. Un courriel de rappel comprenant le lien vous sera envoyé automatiquement avant la date de la séance.

Remarque : Si vous participez à la séance sur un téléphone intelligent ou une tablette, vous devrez télécharger l'application WebEx. Vous pouvez la télécharger depuis l'[App Store d'Apple](#) ou le [magasin Google Play](#).

Si vous avez besoin d'aide pour joindre la séance :

Cliquez sur « Soutien » à gauche de la barre de navigation de WebEx;

OU

Composez le 1-800-226-6338 ou le 613-941-9554.

N'hésitez pas à transmettre le présent message à toute personne qui souhaiterait assister à la séance. Si vous avez des questions, veuillez les poser à l'équipe de Mon dossier ACC par courriel à l'adresse suivante : vac.myvacaccount-mondossieracc.acc@canada.ca.

Cordialement,

L'Équipe de Mobilisation et sensibilisation des intervenants
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subject: CPCoE – Virtual Symposium

Good morning Comrades,

(Bcc: Veterans Consultation Group)

The Chronic Pain Centre of Excellence is presenting a free virtual symposium in collaboration with the Alliance to Advance Comprehensive Integrated Pain Management.

The series, accessible in both English and French, targets a broad audience of Veterans, Case Managers, and health care professionals.

Further information on the series is on the attached poster; to register, visit their website, www.veteranschronicpain.ca/webinars

In comradeship,

Steven

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National Executive Director / Directeur exécutif national

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Where does the money go when I buy a poppy?

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Poppies are distributed and worn in Canada from the last Friday in October until the end of Remembrance Day, Nov. 11. The poppies are not sold; they are available free, though it is common practice to give a donation.

The funds raised by each legion branch — there are more than 1,400 across the country — are held by that branch in a trust, to be used to provide financial assistance and support to veterans, including those from the Canadian Armed Forces and the RCMP, and their families.

Where does the money go when I buy a poppy?

During the 2018 poppy campaign year, 19 million poppies were distributed, with more than \$15 million going to support veterans and their families.

In response to COVID-19 and an increasingly cashless society, the legion this year is augmenting the traditional donor boxes with a pilot project that will see 250 "Pay Tribute" tap-and-pay boxes installed across the country. About three dozen are located in the Ottawa area, including at various grocery, department, building supply, beer and liquor stores. Specific locations can be found at [hsbc.ca/campaigns/pay-tribute](https://www.hsbc.ca/campaigns/pay-tribute).

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Strict guidelines are in place regarding how funds raised by the poppy campaign may and may not be used, the details of which are in the legion's 58-page Poppy Manual. Funds, for example, cannot be used for the operational expenses of individual branches, nor can they go towards funeral expenses, public speaking events, the purchase of medals, as loans, or as general donations to charities or community events.

Authorized uses of poppy funds include:

- * Personal "comforts" for veterans and their widows/widowers who are hospitalized, in long-term care facilities, in a nursing home or who are incapacitated and are being cared for at home or those currently serving members deployed outside Canada. These include food items, reading materials, flowers, toiletry items, writing materials, postage and temporary television rental
- * The acquisition, maintenance or rental of a medical alert system for veterans and their widows/widowers
- * Bursaries for students who are veterans, children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren of any of the eligible personnel
- * The distribution of poppy and remembrance material to be used in schools, and prizes for poster and literary contests

- * The purchase, construction, repair or furnishing of housing accommodation and care facilities, including hospital wards/rooms for veterans
- * Medical training and medical research with a focus on veteran support
- * To support legion branch drop-in centres or facilities that support veterans services

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- * Disaster relief
- * Constructing, maintaining or preserving local monuments to veterans
- * The support of cadet units
- * Day trips
- * The installation, maintenance and repair to personal lifting devices and other accessibility modifications
- * Costs associated with the purchase of service dogs for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder
- * Supporting community programs and services to resource centres that support veterans and their families
- * Emergency assistance for such things as shelter, food, fuel, clothing, prescription medicine, medical devices/equipment and necessary transportation

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- Information on three initiatives – Veterans Week, Virtual Panel and Participants needed for Focus Group Testing / Information sur trois initiatives – Semaine des vétérans, Table ronde et Participants recherchés pour les groupes de discussion

(Le français suit)

Dear Stakeholders and Advisory Group members,

Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach is pleased to share with you information on three initiatives underway.

Veterans Week

This year's Veteran's Week will look a bit different due to the ongoing worldwide pandemic. However, we will pay tribute to the more than one million Canadians and Newfoundlanders that served during the Second World War, albeit differently. We recently launched a new series of our Faces of Freedom Podcast! Two great stories from Second World War battles will drop every week up to Veterans Week. Make sure to subscribe and share widely! <http://ow.ly/zx3b50BXUji>

Further information on Veterans Week will follow.

Virtual Panel – The Power of the Media: Impact on Veteran Stories

On behalf of the Centre of Excellence on Post –Traumatic Stress Disorder and Related Mental Health Conditions we are pleased to share with you information on their virtual panel happening November 4 at 13:00 EST “The Power of the Media: Impact on Veteran Stories”. Additional information and registration is available [here](#).

Focus Group Testing – Participants Needed

Veterans Affairs Canada is developing new print and online materials to help keep Veterans and their families informed about the Department's new mental health services and benefits. As these products are being developed, we would like to ask for your assistance in engaging members of your organization or network to share their opinions at upcoming focus groups, to be held online beginning in late-October 2020.

These focus groups will include up to 7 participants, mainly Canadian Veterans, but also family members (spouses, children over 18) and caregivers. Participation in the focus groups is confidential and no personal details will be retained or shared.

Environics Research is hosting the focus groups on behalf of VAC. Each session will be up to 90 minutes. An honorarium of \$100 is paid to those who participate.

Interested participants can e-mail Anastasia Arabia of Trend Research (Environics' partner) anastasia@trendresearch.ca, who will contact them directly to see if they qualify for any of the sessions. Please note that replies to this email will not be considered for participation.

The results of these focus groups will become part of a public opinion research report that will be posted to the Library and Archives Canada website within six months following the end of the focus group sessions. Your assistance in gathering this valuable feedback is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach Team

Veterans Affairs Canada

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Chers intervenants et membres des groupes consultatifs,

L'équipe de Mobilisation et sensibilisation des intervenants est heureuse de vous transmettre de l'information sur trois initiatives en cours.

Semaine des vétérans

La Semaine des vétérans sera quelque peu différente cette année en raison du contexte de pandémie mondiale actuel. Cependant, nous rendrons tout de même hommage à plus d'un million de Canadiens et de Terre-Neuviens qui ont servi durant la Seconde Guerre mondiale. Nous avons récemment lancé une nouvelle série de notre balado Visages de la liberté. Chaque semaine, nous partagerons deux histoires fascinantes à propos des batailles de la Seconde Guerre mondiale, jusqu'à la Semaine des vétérans. Assurez-vous de vous abonner et encouragez vos partenaires à faire de même! <http://ow.ly/y5DH50BXXSV>

De plus amples informations sur la Semaine des vétérans suivront.

Table ronde – Le pouvoir des médias : incidence sur les récits des vétérans

Au nom du Centre d'excellence sur le trouble de stress post-traumatique et les états de santé mentale connexes, nous sommes heureux de vous renseigner sur sa table ronde qui se tiendra le 4 novembre à 13 h HNE, « Le pouvoir des médias : incidence sur les récits des vétérans ». Vous pourrez obtenir d'autres renseignements et vous inscrire [ici](#).

Participants recherchés pour les groupes de discussion

Anciens Combattants Canada (ACC) travaille à l'élaboration de documents imprimés et en ligne afin que les vétérans et leur famille restent informés des nouveaux services et avantages qu'offre le Ministère en matière de

santé mentale. Alors que l'on procède à la mise au point de ces produits, nous sollicitons votre aide dans le but de mobiliser les membres de votre organisation ou de votre réseau pour qu'ils expriment leur opinion aux prochains groupes de discussion qui auront lieu en ligne à partir de la fin d'octobre 2020.

Ces groupes de discussion compteront un maximum de sept participants, surtout des vétérans canadiens, mais aussi des proches (conjoint, enfants de plus de 18 ans) et des aidants. La participation aux groupes de discussion est confidentielle et aucun renseignement personnel ne sera conservé ou divulgué.

Environics Research tiendra les groupes de discussion en ligne au nom d'ACC. Chaque séance durera environ 90 minutes. Les participants à la recherche recevront 100 \$.

Les personnes souhaitant participer doivent communiquer avec Anastasia Arabia de Trend Research (partenaire d'Environics) par courriel à l'adresse anastasia@trendresearch.ca, qui les contactera pour déterminer si elles sont admissibles à l'une des séances. Veuillez noter qu'une réponse à ce courriel ne sera pas prise en considération pour la participation.

Les résultats de ces groupes de discussion seront intégrés à un rapport de recherche sur l'opinion publique qui sera affiché sur le site Web de Bibliothèque et Archives Canada dans les six mois suivant la fin des séances des groupes de discussion.

Votre aide pour recueillir ces précieux commentaires est grandement appréciée.

Cordialement,

L'Équipe de Mobilisation et sensibilisation des intervenants

Anciens Combattants Canada

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The OACAO is pleased to announce the relaunch of the Seniors' Centre Without Walls (SCWW) Micro-Grant Program for Round 2!

The SCWW Micro-Grant Program was developed by the Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario (OACAO) with funding support from the Government of Ontario and will focus on supporting non-profit organizations that serve seniors, to facilitate and coordinate remote community connections, with a focus on centres that operate in underserved geographic areas

and with under-represented groups (i.e. rural, diverse, Northern, Francophone and Indigenous seniors).

The SCWW Micro-Grant program supports telephone-based, group programs, not online video conferencing programs. This ensures equitable access for all participants and removes barriers to participation.

SCWW is a free interactive telephone-based group activity program that connects seniors and older adults 50+ and adults with physical disabilities who find it difficult to leave their home. SCWW programs offer an inclusive, safe, inviting space to listen, learn and be heard which increases social connectedness and well-being for participants. Information and resources are made available, stories are shared, and lasting connections and friendships are formed. All the participants need is a telephone to participate from the comfort of their home. This is an excellent program to offer to seniors in your community with the onset of the second wave of the pandemic, with a common goal of keeping seniors connected and engaged, while providing a safe and responsible program during the challenges of COVID-19 with the possibility of a second wave coming our way.

Micro-Grants are available to eligible non-profit organizations and Indigenous communities and organizations that focus on serving seniors across Ontario.

Call for Applications for host Organizations has been extended to Friday, November 13, 2020.

- Application Final Deadline: November 13, 2020 at 5:00 pm Eastern Time
- Applications will be rolled up for review by the Selection Committee on October 30, November 6 & November 13.

SCWW Micro-Grants are for a maximum of:

\$4,000 for eligible individual non-profit organizations

OR

\$5,000 for Collaborative Partnership Model with 2 or more eligible organizations or networks.

Collaborative Partnership Model: One lead non-profit organization can apply on behalf of a group of non-profit

organizations or networks. The lead organization will be legally responsible for the funding agreement and project on behalf of the group that they represent. Provincially funded Seniors Active Living Centres (SALCs) can be part of a Collaborative Partnership Model, but not act as the lead organization.

Seniors Active Living Centres (SALCs) can still benefit by registering to be part of the SCWW Network and participating in free training, support, resource sharing and networking opportunities, and as noted above, can participate as a collaborative partner for an eligible non-profit lead applicant's Collaborative Partnership Model project. More details available in the SCWW Micro-Grant Program Guidelines.

SCWW Micro- Grant Program

Guidelines: <http://www.oacao.org/programs/seniors-centre-without-walls/>

On-line

Application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCWW2020Grant2>

Applications can be completed on-line, or submitted by email using the fillable PDF Application form available at: <http://www.oacao.org/programs/seniors-centre-without-walls/>

Completed PDF forms should be emailed to SCWWHub@oacao.org.

Join us to learn more about the Seniors' Centre Without Walls program model and the SCWW Micro-Grant Program during a SCWW Introductory Webinar. Next available date: Wednesday, November 4th at 1:00pm EDT (flyer attached)

Please register in advance

at: <https://oacao.wildapricot.org/Upcoming-Events>

Small group training sessions will be arranged following the webinar.

Please share this email with your networks and let us know if you have any questions.

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