

Media Report Media Report 06 March 2020

This weeks media reports will cover and answer great questions veterans are still asking such as assessing direction to Support you need, when you need it. Rehabilitation services and local Media Articles

Post WWII veterans gain access to Ste. Anne's Hospital

Ste. Anne's Hospital in the West Island, has opened up more beds for veterans. The move will allow those who served after the Second World War to receive care and services at the hospital.

https://globalnews.ca/video/6611286/post-wwii-veterans-gain-access-to-ste-annes-hospital?fbclid=IwAR0GIJENx2B3eoYn0Z-Vn8vNIest_dcS7gTkDJAtfRgU29FO7xy2mjEslFE

<https://globalnews.ca/news/6610584/veterans-ste-annes-hospital-health-care-quebec/>

The Veterans Review and Appeal Board has posted a Notice of Opportunity for members. You can find the Notice at the following link:

<https://pcogic.njoyn.com/cl3/in/share/JobDetails.asp?clid=52106&jobid=J1219-0818&BRID=41626&SBDID=1&LANG=1> >

Please feel free to share the Notice with colleagues or individuals who may be interested.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

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Research Participant Recruitment

- Dr. Eric Li and his research team is currently conducting semi-directed interviews with survivors of Veterans to the financial well-being of survivors who married or entered into a common-law relationship with a Veteran who was aged over 60. These interviews are designed to address specific questions while allowing the participants to provide additional information and perspectives voluntarily. In this stage of the research study, we seek to explore the social condition of Veterans and survivors of Veterans from multiple viewpoints. This project is funded by the Canadian Institute for Military Veteran Health Research.

The research team appreciates your help to reach out to different Military Veteran groups/associations for recruiting participants. Please pass on the recruitment materials attached to this email to qualified individuals. By agreeing to pass on the recruitment materials to qualified individuals, you understand that you are not responsible for any further action. Please direct all questions or concerns to the researcher. Please do not send the individuals' names to the research team directly in order to protect participants' privacy.

The qualified individuals must directly contact the UBC researcher to set up the interview. The UBC research team will coordinate the interview schedule. Since participants will be recruited across the country, the researcher will let the participants choose whether they would prefer an interview over the phone or a face-to-face interview.

Research Team

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1-877-822-8598 or the UBC Okanagan Research Services Office at 250-807-8832. It is also possible to contact the Research Complaint Line by email (RSIL@ors.ubc.ca) and reference the study number (H19-03955) when contacting the Complaint Line so the staff can

Sincerely,
Research Team

Changes to the CPO/CWO Rank

The article below explains what is being done to the rank level but does not get into the specifics of it. <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/maple-leaf/defence/2020/02/cpo1-cwo-corps-heartbeat-caf.html>

CPO 1 / CWO in today's Forces.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/maple-leaf/defence/2020/02/cpo1-cwo-corps-heartbeat-caf.html>

COMMENTS

All CPO1s and CWOs in the CAF are now under the CPO1/CWO Corps and our collective MOSID is 00381. Within the CWO Corps, there are 6 different levels (or sub-MOSIDS) as you see below:

TIER 4 – Unit RSMs Tactical Level Tier (TLT) (00381-05) (CWO Rank – Trade Hat badge)

TIER 4+ - Key Appointment Tactical Post-Unit Level Tier (TPULT) (00381-04) (CWO Rank – Tri-service Hat badge)

TIER 3 – Base/Bde SM Post Tactical Level Tier (PTLT) (00381-03) (Senior Appointment CWO Rank – Tri-service Hat badge)

TIER 2 – Area/Division SM Master Post Tactical Level Tier (MPTLT) (00381-03) (Senior Appointment CWO Rank – Tri-service Hat badge) SEE NOTES BELOW

TIER 1 – Level 1 CWOs Strategic Level Tier (SLT) (00381-02) (Command CWO Rank – Tri-service Hat badge)

TIER 0 – CAF CWO (00381-01) (CAF CWO Rank – Tri-service Hat badge)

There are only approx. 445 (article reports 449) Reg Force CWO posns they are broken down as follows:

Total # of Unit RSMs (TLT) = 309

Total # of Key posns TPULT = 53

Total # of PTLT = 74

Total # of SLT = 8 Command CWOs + 1 CAF CWO

NOTE: The Tier 2 Level CWOs (Division SMs) are supposed to be called MPTLT in the very near future, our MOSID # will be changing and apparently a new CWO Rank will be developed to differentiate from Base/Brigade SM but I'm not sure when it will take effect. As well, TIER 2-0 CWOs have to wear the big forge caps like the General Offrs when wearing DEUs with medals (some exceptions).

Here are some bullet points that may clarify a few things:

1. Part of the Strategic Employment Model (SEM) was to identify all the CPO1/CWO positions in the CAF and define their roles and responsibilities. Those CWO posns that were determined not to be leadership posns (part of a command team) but rather more technical in nature were downgraded or are in the process of all being downgraded to CPO2/MWO. The SEM Project, amongst other things, identified training and experience shortfalls that are required to function at the most senior levels within the CAF.

2. In short, as soon as a CPO2/MWO gets promoted to CPO1/CWO, his/her MOSID changes from his previous trade to the CWO Corps MOSID (00381). As a Tier 4 RSM, you start at the lowest level of CWO (00381-05). Your MOSID changes but you still keep your Trade Hat Badge.

3. After your typical 3-year term as an RSM, a CWO will not be asked to do a second term as an RSM. In other words, you only get "one kick at the can" as a TIER 4 CWO. With luck (and timing), a unit RSM will be asked to do a TIER 4+ job (Key Posn) or even be offered a TIER 3 (Senior Appt). Even though they will not be any lateral moves in the future, there are however "off ramps" so a CWO can seek PD opportunities (Second Language Trg, overseas tours, year-long training in Canada and abroad) to get ready for the next job.

4. If there are no more job offers, a CWO may be offered to become a Capt through the Special Requirements Commissioning Plan (SRCP). SRCP is similar to CFR for MWOs except CWOs are guaranteed not to move for 5 years (???) and do not have to do any officer training (OPME, etc...). After a CWO does at least one job as a TIER 3 CWO, you may be offered to SRCP directly to Maj as long as you meet the pre-reqs. If you reach the CAF CWO posn and still have enough time left to serve, a CAF CWO may be asked to SRCP directly to LCol as long as you meet the pre-reqs.

Like the article says, the CPO1/CWO rank only represents approx. 0.7 % of the total NCM numbers and only approx. 25% (1 in 4) CWOs will be asked to perform a second term in a key or senior appointment. This new system will likely ensure that the CWO rank does not become stagnant in the future and that only the top CWOs in the CAF will be asked to serve in higher CWO Posns after their time as a unit RSM. I hope this lengthy E-Mail answers most of your questions, my apologies for being so wordy..... Let me know if you have any other questions.

recruitment and networking event for Veterans,

- [FYSA from HQ](#) - The departments of Correctional Service Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Natural Resources Canada and Shared Services Canada invite you to a recruitment and networking event for Veterans, releasing CAF members and their spouses/common law partners.

Details:

March 5, 2020

NDHQ WOs' & Sgts' Mess – 4 Queen Elizabeth Driveway, Ottawa, Ontario

Event start time: 9:00 am

A variety of positions may be available in information technology, project management, engineering, resource planning, finance, human resources, procurement, enforcement, administration, leadership, general labour and trades and nursing.

Position locations:

- National Capital Region (Ottawa and Gatineau)
- Prescott, Ontario
- Various cities in Quebec
- Across Canada (Correctional Officer positions only)

REGISTER [HERE!](#)

Feel free to spread the word about this event by sharing this link with others who may be interested.

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Death Benefit

If your spouse dies while in service, you will have many things to worry about, money is one we can help with right away. The Death Benefit is paid to a spouse or common-law partner and the dependent children of a Canadian Armed Forces member who died as a result of a service-related injury or illness.

About this program

When military families lose a loved one as a result of a sudden service-related death, there can be great suffering as the surviving spouse and children struggle to find their place in the civilian world.

Veterans Affairs Canada pays a death benefit to help ease that struggle.

The [amount of this benefit](#) is adjusted annually according to the cost of living.

Do you qualify?

The Death Benefit is paid to a spouse or common-law partner and dependent children if a Canadian Armed Forces member has died as a result of a service-related injury or disease provided the death occurred within 30 days after the injury occurred or the disease was contracted. If the death was more than 30 days after the incident, this support is provided through Disability benefits.

You should apply for the Death Benefit if you are the survivor or dependant of a deceased CAF Veteran.

A survivor is defined as:

- the surviving spouse, who was, at the time of the member's death, residing with the member, or
- the person who was, at the time of the Canadian Armed Forces member's death, the member's common-law partner (a common-law partner means a person who is cohabiting with the member in a conjugal relationship, having so co-habited for a period of at least one year).

A dependent child is defined as:

- the child of a Canadian Armed Forces member (or of their spouse or common-law partner) who is under 18 years of age, or
 - under 25 years of age and attending school, or an adult but physically or mentally incapacitated and prevented from earning a living. In addition, the child must have been living in the home of the Canadian Armed Forces member to be considered a dependent child.
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How to apply

When a Canadian Armed Forces member dies in service, VAC is usually notified by the military and we will contact you.

If you have not heard from us at the time of the member's death, please [contact us](#). There is an application form for this benefit, but we can help you complete that form.

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 or CAF Transition Centre](#). You can also mail your completed application directly to the address listed on the form.

Get help with your application

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

Additional information

Find out more

[Information for families and survivors](#)

Related programs

[Survivors Pension](#): Monthly financial support paid to the surviving spouse or common-law partner of a disability pensioner.

[Funeral and Burial Assistance](#): Income-tested financial assistance when Veterans meet certain military criteria.

[Income Replacement Benefit for survivors and children](#): A monthly payment for eligible survivors and orphans of a deceased CAF member or Veteran.

[Bereavement Support](#): Support when Veterans or their families are dealing with end of life issues or bereavement.

Frequently asked questions

Is the Death Benefit supposed to function as a form of life insurance?

The death benefit is not designed to be life insurance. Instead, it recognizes the impact the death of a service member has on the functioning of their immediate family, including the permanent loss of guidance, care and companionship. It is paid in addition to the usual pension-related death benefits under the [Canada Pension Plan](#) and the [Canadian Forces Superannuation Act](#).

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](#).

Are there policies for this program?

Yes. Read more about the [Death benefit policies](#).

[Kootenay Army Reserve conducts winter training exercise](#)

Castlegar News

More than 50 soldiers from the Kootenays recently mustered in Trail to take part in winter training exercises. Troops were in town from Fernie, Cranbrook, Castlegar, Rossland and Trail. Soldiers of the 44th Engineer Squadron, located in Shavers Bench, Trail, conducted a four-day training exercise in the area from Thursday, Feb. 20 to Monday, Feb. 24. “Over the course of the exercise, squadron members from across the Kootenays practiced a number of key skills for winter operations,” said Major Nils French, Commander, 44 Engineer Squadron. [READ MORE](#)

[Government documents: Access to health care for veterans' families can be 'disjointed and irregular'](#)

CBC News

Access to provincial health care for veterans and their families can be “disjointed and irregular” depending upon where they live in the country, say internal federal documents. The acknowledgement by the Department of Veterans Affairs comes as family members of former soldiers are reporting they've been cut off from taxpayer-funded care by the federal government. A series of leaked agendas and slide deck presentations, obtained by CBC News, show the issue of family mental health services has for over a year been on the radar of an advisory group that provides feedback to Veterans Affairs Minister Lawrence MacAulay. [READ MORE](#)

[Un perpétuel combat contre la neige](#)

Radio-Canada

Voilées dans une lumière laiteuse, les cimes disparaissent dans le ciel bas qui écrase régulièrement les montagnes de la chaîne Selkirk, dans le parc national des Glaciers. Chaque fois qu'il roule parmi ces sommets, le bombardier-chef Evan Robichaud ressent leur majesté : « On dirait presque parfois que tu sors la main du char et que tu touches les montagnes. » [LIRE PLUS](#)

[Dragoons facilities progressing well under first federal Integrated Project Delivery contract](#)

DCC at Work

A DCC-first pilot project to build new facilities for the Royal Canadian Dragoons at 4th Canadian Division Support Base Petawawa is on time and on target, paving the way for a potential paradigm shift in defence construction. Key validation, design, and costing milestones for the facility have been achieved since the contract was signed in October 2018 and construction will begin in Spring 2020. [READ MORE](#)

[Canadian Rangers complete challenging Northern training exercise](#)

NetNewsLedger

Two groups of Canadian Rangers have completed an intensive test of their skills in a military exercise designed to test their mobility on the land and challenge their traditional abilities. “Exercise Mobile Ranger was an exercise that focused on mobility both overland and by air, as well as on winter survival skills for the Rangers,” said Major Charles Ohlke, the Canadian Army officer commanding the Rangers in Northern Ontario. “Any opportunity to practice a skill results in improvement. This was a great exercise with a tremendous effort by all the Rangers involved.” [READ MORE](#)

[Une tribune internationale pour l'expertise des PSP](#)

Journal Adsum

Le Congrès international de la Performance physique des soldats (ICSPP) rassemble des scientifiques et militaires de plusieurs pays afin de trouver des solutions pour optimiser le rendement des troupes. Alors que sa cinquième édition se tenait à Québec, plusieurs participants ont été invités au Centre des sports de la Base Valcartier, le 10 février, afin de découvrir l'expertise nationale des employés des Programmes de soutien au personnel (PSP). [LIRE PLUS](#)

[Mortars recovered near Lethbridge supervised consumption site destroyed by police](#)

CTV News

Two live mortar rounds discovered near the safe consumption site in Lethbridge have been destroyed by police. Emergency crews were notified that a client of the supervised consumption site had found a mortar in a garbage can near the front door in the 1000 block of First Avenue S. The building and a nearby parking lot were evacuated and a members of the Lethbridge police Explosive Disposal Unit determined it was an active round. [READ MORE](#)

[Local manufacture of Bailey bridges](#)

defenceWeb

When the SA Army Engineer Formation's stock of World War II Bailey bridges ran down to zero, with all components having gone into rural areas to provide access to services including clinics and schools, this opened the door for an Edenvale company that is now producing similar parts in what is called “a South African bridge for Africa.” [READ MORE](#)