

Media Report 19 April 2024

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

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE TO NVOC MEMBERS 19 APRIL 2024

Veteran Advocates

NVOC has an incorporated Board of Directors who are all veterans and who are all volunteers. We are not paid. The “True Patriot Love Foundation” funds support programs for Veterans and Military families. The CEO of the foundation was paid \$421,149 in 2023 [as announced in the “Ottawa Citizen”]. <https://truepatriotlove.com/>

True Patriot Love is Canada’s Foundation for the military community, working to support military members, Veterans, and their families at every stage of their journey. They work closely with the CF and Veterans Affairs.

The National Post is launching Heroes Among Us, a special series on Canadian military valour, celebrating courage in the presence of the enemy. Over the coming weeks, they will propose 10 heroic Canadians who could be the first-ever recipients of the Canadian Victoria Cross, created three decades ago as a homegrown version of the Commonwealth’s highest award for valour. In conjunction with the True Patriot Love Foundation, Anthony Wilson-Smith of Historica Canada, Gen. (ret’d) Rick Hillier and entrepreneur/benefactor Kevin Reed, they will celebrate them all at a June 26 gala at the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Postmedia newspapers across Canada are featuring stories of Military operations. The Saturday 13 April example used was “The battle of the White School” on Aug. 3, 2006, in southern Afghanistan’s Panjwaii district, west of Kandahar. This is one of the most recognized instances of military valour and courage under fire in modern Canadian history.

<https://ottawacitizen.com/feature/canadian-heroes-battle-of-white-school-afghanistan/wcm/5a18d542-9dca-4be8-9cb3-ea80fbe34de8>

Veterans

For future reference NVOC will use the numbers quoted in the “SAGE” article: “According to Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC), as of March 2020, there were an estimated 629,300 veterans in Canada, which translates to approximately one in 50 Canadians, aged 15 years or older. About 32,100 of those are war service veterans from the Second World War or Korean War. The remaining 597,200 served after Korea.

VAC provides services to 187,101 veterans, including war service veterans, Canadian Armed Forces veterans, RCMP veterans and survivors.”

NATO's baseline requirements. National Resilience

This is the first that I have heard of “*NATO's baseline requirements for National Resilience*”. Civil Preparedness was once an important part of Canadian life?...is it still happening?

In 2016, at the Warsaw Summit, Allied leaders committed to enhancing resilience by striving to achieve seven baseline requirements for civil preparedness:

- 1) assured continuity of government and critical government services;
- 2) resilient energy supplies;
- 3) ability to deal effectively with uncontrolled movement of people
- 4) resilient food and water resources;
- 5) ability to deal with mass casualties;
- 6) resilient civil communications systems;
- 7) resilient civil transportation systems.

This commitment is based on the recognition that the strategic environment has changed, and that the resilience of civil structures, resources and services is the first line of defence for today's modern societies.

Clothing allowance

If you buy special clothes to accommodate your disability you may qualify for this allowance. For example, you may wear a brace, splint, or prosthetic that requires specially-made clothes, or that causes extra wear and tear. You can also use the monthly allowance to pay for your damaged clothes to be mended.

The amount of the allowance is based on a grade that reflects the nature of your disability.

To receive this allowance you must have a disability benefit for a condition that can impact your clothing.

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 application directly to the address listed on the form.

Get help with your application

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

Find out more

[See the clothing allowances table of disabilities](#): For more details about grades.

[See the current rates for this program](#): If you know your grade, the clothing allowance rates table shows the amount by grade.

Related programs

[Attendance allowance](#): monthly payments if your health needs require personal care support.

[Exceptional incapacity allowance](#): Disability pensioners who are exceptionally incapacitated may qualify for this tax-free monthly allowance.

Disability tax credit (DTC)

The DTC helps reduce the income tax that people with physical or mental impairments, or their supporting family members, may have to pay. It aims to offset some of the costs related to the impairment. Learn more about this non-refundable tax credit available through the [Canada Revenue Agency](#).

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 [Clothing allowance policies](#).

IN THE MEDIA

[Statue honouring Sask. war veterans' bravery on D-Day viewed in Regina](#)

CB

A viewing of an eight-foot tall bronze statue was held at the Saskatchewan Legislative Building in Regina on Saturday. It was made to commemorate the sacrifices of Saskatchewan soldiers and their role in the pivotal D-Day invasion during World War II. Nearly 80 years ago, on June 6, 1944, more than 14,000 Canadian soldiers landed or

parachuted into France as part of the famous invasion — including the Royal Regina Rifles. [Read More](#)

[The world-famous dog, Patron, visited Zaporizhzhia](#)

News You

The world-famous dog, together with the rescuers, conducted informational work on mine safety in Zaporizhzhia. And share the experience. Mykhailo Iliev, head of the section of pyrotechnic works, underwater and humanitarian demining of the Department of Emergency Situations in Chernihiv region, the commander of the unit where Patron performs the task, spoke about the difficulties of the work. [Read More](#)

[Landmines are being used again. Bold UN action must help their post-conflict victims](#)

Euronews

A generation after the Ottawa mine ban treaty, a new conflict sees the use of land mines rise again. The new UN Human Rights Council action could be used to hold states accountable in post-war decontamination and support for victims, six notable human rights advocates write. [Read More](#)

[Arctic sovereignty anchors federal plans to upgrade Canada's military](#)

The Canadian Press via Yahoo News

Canada's military will take a bigger role in the North over the next two decades as climate change and increasingly aggressive foes threaten Arctic sovereignty, says a new defence policy document released recently. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was flanked by Defence Minister Bill Blair, Veterans Affairs Minister Ginette Petitpas-Taylor and Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland as he announced the policy at Canadian Forces Base Trenton. [Read More](#)

[Ottawa augmente ses dépenses militaires, mais rate la cible de l'OTAN](#)

Radio Canada

Changements climatiques, invasion russe de l'Ukraine, rôle perturbateur de la Chine dans l'Indo-Pacifique... Face aux menaces grandissantes auxquelles fait face le Canada, le gouvernement de Justin Trudeau va augmenter ses dépenses militaires de 8,1 milliards de dollars au cours des cinq prochaines années et de 73 milliards supplémentaires d'ici 20 ans. Avec sa nouvelle stratégie de défense nationale, dévoilée lundi, en vue du budget qui doit être déposé la semaine prochaine, le gouvernement fédéral compte consacrer 1,76 % du produit intérieur brut (PIB) aux dépenses militaires d'ici 2029-2030, une hausse par rapport aux dépenses actuelles qui représentent 1,33 % du PIB. [Lire Plus](#)

[Demining Ukraine: 21 sappers die on job](#)

Ukrinform

During mine clearance efforts, 21 bomb disposal experts of the State Emergency Service were killed, and another 87 sappers were injured [Read More](#)

[The State Emergency Service of Ukraine received special equipment for sappers](#)

MilitaryNYI

The State Emergency Service of Ukraine received a large amount of mine clearance equipment from international partners. [Read More](#)

[Canadian Army reservists gather in Chilliwack for annual disaster response training](#)

CTV News

Hundreds of reservists with the Canadian Armed Forces have gathered in Chilliwack, B.C., for their annual disaster training. The combat engineer specialists have come from regiments

across the country to take part in the training known as "Paladin Response," which has been going on for decades. [Read More](#)

14 Wing Greenwood — [The Aurora](#)
22 Wing North Bay — [The Shield](#)
4 Wing Cold Lake — [The Courier](#)
CFB Esquimalt — [The Lookout](#)
CFSU Ottawa — [The Guard](#)
CFB Shilo — [The Shilo Stag](#)
19 Wing Comox — [The Totem Times](#)
8 Wing Trenton — [The Contact](#)
CFB Petawawa — [The Petawawa Post](#)

17 Wing Winnipeg — [The Voxair](#)
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