

Media Report 27 AUG 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

Foreign policy failures produced the chaos we're seeing in Afghanistan

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<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-foreign-policy-failures-produced-the-chaos-were-seeing-in-afghanistan/>

As we engage in a Canadian election, during which journalists and pundits often state that foreign policy is an issue that's rarely mentioned, we would do well to reflect on a few facts. Canada was a prominent and highly effective participant in the NATO operation against the Taliban in Afghanistan for more than 12 years, and we lost 158 Canadians in the struggle. Thousands of Canadian Armed Forces members served in Afghanistan until 2014.

And so now, with the U.S.'s speedy withdrawal and the Taliban's capture of Kabul – with no provision made for the orderly evacuation of Afghan nationals who supported the allied effort – we should remember that part of the reason the Western world is facing such chaos there is because former U.S. president Donald Trump's administration did not include NATO allies or the government of Afghanistan in its Doha negotiations with the Taliban.

The fact that armed Taliban militants have now sealed off access to the Kabul airport speaks volumes about what Mr. Trump's negotiations failed to focus on, including the rights of Afghan citizens who would need to be evacuated before Taliban patrols became house-to-house hit squads, as is now being reported in some regions. Reports of British, French and U.S. forces deploying outside the airport perimeter to help evacuees get to allied aircraft are sketchy but encouraging. On the other hand, Canadians have had little sense, up until Monday, of whether our special forces have been deployed to afford a chance of survival to prospective Afghan evacuees; unlike those of other NATO countries, our embassy has also been closed for some time, seriously diminishing Canada's capacity to accommodate people to whom we have a clear responsibility.

Read the opinion piece...

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- Greetings all,

Thanks to your help last year – there were 87,000 viewers of the ceremony..Ceremony is Sunday 19 September

The Ceremony this year will take place at the old section of the National Military Cemetery. There will be no public access again this year.

The link is www.facebook.com/RCAF/ARC. Facebook membership is not required.

The ceremony begins at 1000 with the posting of the vigil and colour party.

The Commander RCAF arrives at 1025 and the ceremony ends at 1115.

Ted and Doug could this info please be added to the NVOC bulletin, which most members receive, and could Jack make our Regional coordinators aware.

With thanks to all,

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How Benefits are Determined

Once you submit your [completed application](#) we will:

1. review your service records that we ordered;
2. review your application, medical reports and service documents; and
3. let you know if there is anything else required to complete your claim.

After this, your application will be reviewed by an adjudicator, a trained decision-maker who specializes in disability applications. The adjudicator independently examines the evidence you submitted.

Some of the questions the adjudicator needs to answer in order to reach a decision include the following:

- Is there a disability?
- Is your disability related, or partially related to, your service?
- What is the extent of the disability

Throughout this process, it is important to understand that every decision we make:

- must be based on evidence. This is why it is so important that you provide us with as much information as possible (refer to the "[What You Need to Apply](#)" section); and
- is guided by laws and policies that outline who is eligible and how claims are assessed.

Two important tools we use are the [Entitlement Eligibility Guidelines](#) and the [Table of Disabilities](#). These tools help us ensure that all decisions are fair and consistent.

If it is established that your disability is related to your service, the next step is to determine the extent or severity of your disability so that we can assign an assessment level. This assessment level is based on how your disability impacts your overall physical and/or mental function and your quality of life.

Once the adjudicator reaches a decision on your claim, you will receive a decision letter. The letter will let you know the decision regarding your application, what evidence was used to reach the decision and, if favourable, the level of your entitlement and assessment.

If you receive an unfavourable decision, your decision letter will explain the reasons why and provide the name and telephone number to call if you wish to discuss the decision further. The letter will also explain your appeal rights.

Insurance Principle and Compensation Principle

If you are serving in a Special Duty Area (SDA) or Special Duty Operation (SDO), any resulting disability or death will be covered through the Insurance Principle which provides coverage 24 hours a day while serving.

If you are serving during peacetime, you will be covered through the Compensation Principle which provides coverage for any disability or death that is directly related to your service.

When to Expect a Decision

We are committed to providing a decision to you as soon as possible. In most cases, a decision will be made within 16 weeks of the Department receiving all the information required from you in support of your application.

Reassessment

If the disability for which you are receiving VAC benefits worsens and medical evidence can support that there has been a change in your condition, you can request a reassessment. If the reassessment confirms that your condition has worsened, your disability benefit, will be adjusted accordingly-unless you are already receiving the maximum assessment as set out in the [Table of Disabilities](#). If that is the case, no additional amount can be provided.

Compensation for illness or injury

Financial payment provided for a service-related illness or injury.

[Disability benefits](#)

Compensation to recognize that your injury or illness is a result of your service.

[Critical injury benefit](#)

A lump-sum payment that recognizes the immediate impact of the most severe and traumatic service-related injuries or diseases.

[Caregiver recognition benefit](#)

A monthly payment for an informal caregiver, such as a family member or friend, who provides you with daily personal care support.

[Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation](#)

Monthly payments in recognition of any severe and permanent disability, related to your military service, which creates a barrier to life after service.

[Exceptional incapacity allowance](#)

Additional monthly payment for a disability pensioner if your illness or injury impacts your quality of life.

[Attendance allowance](#)

If you receive a disability pension you may qualify for payments to help cover the costs of an attendant.

[Clothing allowance](#)

If you receive a disability pension you may qualify for a monthly tax-free clothing allowance.

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14 Wing Greenwood — The Aurora	17 Wing Winnipeg — The Voxair
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CFSU Ottawa — The Guard	CFB Kingston — Garrison News
CFB Shilo — The Shilo Stag	CFB St Jean — The Servir
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