

Media Report 03 March 2023

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

Veterans and Marriage after 60

The National Council of Veteran Associations in Canada (NCVA) have made submissions to government for over 25 years with respect to concerns vis-à-vis Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) retirees and the infamous “marriage after 60” clawback provision. This provision dates back to the end of WW I – Over the last 100 years, the average lifespan in Canada increased by about 20 years, from 60 years in 1920 to more than 80 today. Veterans do re-marry after age 60 and a century old policy is an ongoing penalty that needs to be fixed. This policy is a legacy and Colonial policy that is very much in need of correction.

Representing a major development with respect to this crusade, the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (ACVA), after many months of study, released its final report in December 2022 on this contentious marriage after 60 provision of the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act (the “gold digger’s clause”).

On balance, the report contains a strong set of recommendations, particularly Recommendation 9 which calls for the Government of Canada to repeal the Marriage after 60 clause in the CFSA and the RCMP Superannuation Act.

“Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs calls for elimination of the ‘gold digger’s clause’” was recently published in Esprit de Corps

(<http://espritdecorps.ca/perspectives-1/standing-committee-on-veterans-affairs-calls-for-elimination-of-the-gold-diggers-clause>).

Simon Logan v. His Majesty The King

A settlement approval hearing is scheduled for April 13, 2023, in the class action Simon Logan v. His Majesty The King (Court file no. T-1358-18).

Details on the hearing can be found here. [Notice](#)

Services for Uniformed personnel and their families

For several months, the Respect Forum team has been working on an innovative project: the mapping of services for personnel in uniform, RESPECTMap. This project, in the form of a mapping platform, is intended to be a relevant tool created with and for support organizations to provide them with a baseline for the existing program offering for uniformed personnel across Canada. Here is the link to access this platform: <https://respectmap.ca/>

Currently, our mapping is in development and that is why I am contacting you today.

Would you be interested in promoting your services within our mapping?

To do this, the process is simple, we invite you - with your team - to register into our RESPECTMap and click on "Add listing" to answer our questionnaire: <https://respectmap.ca/login/>

I remain available to assist you in the process and answer all your questions. Do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a nice day,

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Long-term care

Financial support from Veterans Affairs Canada may be available when you have been admitted to 24-hour care in a community bed (available to any provincial resident) or contract bed (only available to Second World War or Korean War Veterans).

The assessment process and admission to long-term care facilities is managed by your provincial, regional, or local health authority. Please contact the agency responsible for long-term care in your province or territory:

- [Alberta](#)
 - [British Columbia](#)
 - [Manitoba](#)
 - [New Brunswick](#)
 - [Newfoundland and Labrador](#)
 - [Northwest Territories](#)
 - [Nova Scotia](#)
 - [Nunavut](#)
 - [Ontario](#)
 - [Prince Edward Island](#)
 - [Quebec](#)
 - [Saskatchewan](#)
 - [Yukon](#)
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If you have been admitted to a long-term care facility, you may qualify for and should apply for financial assistance if you served in the Canadian Armed Forces and have:

- a low income,
 - a service-related disability, or
 - a health need for long-term care.
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Before you apply

Before you apply for financial assistance from Veterans Affairs Canada, you must first be admitted to a long-term care facility.

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 package](#) (VAC1503APe). Then, drop it off at a [VAC office](#). You can also mail your completed form 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.

Note for legal representatives: Include a copy of the document that shows you to be the legal representative (e.g. Power of Attorney). If you have previously provided this, you do not need to send it again.

Related programs

[Treatment Benefits](#) - Coverage for medical and health related services.

[Veterans Independence Program](#) - Payments for home and health care services that you need to remain independent at home.

[War Veterans Allowance](#) - Monthly payments if you have a low household income.

What is the maximum a Veteran must pay toward their long-term care accommodation costs?
Effective 1 October 2022, the maximum accommodation and meals monthly amount paid by a Veteran is \$1,190.63. Any supplementary charges such as the costs of semi-private or private rooms are not part of this calculation.

Do some Veterans pay less than the maximum amount?

Veterans who are admitted to care as a direct result of a condition for which they are in receipt of a disability benefit are not required to pay toward their long-term care. Also, Veterans may have a reduced contribution if they are married or have a lower income.

Where can I find the policies for this program?

Read the [policies related to the long-term care program](#).

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[Building for the future: Preparation for Canada's new fighter jet fleet underway](#)

[How Canada helped Ukraine learn to stop fighting wars the Soviet way](#)

[Andrew Leslie: Canada must get more serious about what is happening overseas: Ukraine, Budget 2022, readiness and retention](#)

[Des Néerlandais retrouvent la jeep conduite par un Néo-Brunswickois pendant la guerre](#)

[The saga of 'Pioneer Bridge': Ladakh's first Bailey Suspension Bridge](#)

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