

Media Report 12 JAN 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'

Armed Forces Vacation Club is built around the idea that our military deserve the best, and that's why we offer weeklong resort stays from just \$409*. That price might sound unbelievable, but search our R&R page for resorts and see for yourself! We offer over 200,000 resort accommodations in over 100 countries in a wide range of unit sizes from studio to two or even three bedroom. Vacation rentals are priced per unit not per person, and typically sleep 2-

8. <https://www.afvclub.ca/new-member-welcome>

Who is eligible?

A membership with Armed Forces Vacation Club is free to all members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Last Minute Vacations

Last Minute Vacations offer smaller properties (like hotel rooms, studios, and 1-bedroom accommodations) for \$359 a week, or bigger properties (with 2 or more bedrooms) for just \$379 a week.

To be eligible to participate, you must meet one of the following conditions:

- Regular and Reserve Force members
- Former military members
- DND employees and Staff of the Non-Public Funds, Canadian and Australian Forces
- Foreign Military members with the Canadian and Australian Forces

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<https://us8.campaign-archive.com/?u=e3ac4a30959c3a73fb47df888&id=a112fc37f9>



FREE daily admission for Canadian Armed Forces members, veterans & their families at Parks Canada administered places is now in effect.

Take a breath of fresh air and tap into all the health benefits of being outdoors. Parks Canada destinations provide the perfect setting for a memorable experience. From lighthouses to battlefields, historic neighbourhoods to cultural landscapes, there is an amazing array of places and stories to discover.

Parks Canada administered places will waive daily admission fees when you present your CF One card with CF, CF-F, V or V-F designation at the entry gate, visitor centre, or reception desk upon arrival. Don't have your CF One Card? [Sign up today!](#)

The vast network of protected areas administered by Parks Canada is a gateway to nature, history, and 450 000 km² of stories from coast to coast to coast. To make the most of your Parks Canada experience, be sure to plan ahead and visit parks.canada.ca where you can also sign up to our newsletter and follow us on social media.

Certain conditions apply at some locations. Additional fees for services such as camping, parking, guided tours, lockage and mooring still apply.

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Vocational assistance

About this program

Vocational assistance provides skills development, education or training and other supports to help you establish a new career.

Vocational specialists and other professionals will work with you to build your vocational assistance plan. The plan can include:

- employability assessments
- career counselling
- training, and
- job-search assistance

You will build your vocational assistance plan with the direct assistance of our service provider [Partners in Canadian Veterans Rehabilitation Services](#).

Do you qualify?

You should apply for vocational assistance if you are:

- the **spouse/common-law partner** of a Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Veteran who will not be able to take part in vocational rehabilitation due to their health condition, or
- a **survivor** of a CAF member or Veteran whose death was service-related.

How to apply

Apply online

If you are registered for My VAC Account, you can submit your application for this benefit online. My VAC Account offers a guided web form that makes applying easier. If you aren't registered, you can [register now](#).

[My VAC Account](#)

Mail or in person

Download the application form. Then, drop it off at [VAC Office or CAF Transition Centre](#). You can also mail your completed form directly to the address listed on the form.

[Go to form](#)

If you are the surviving spouse or common-law partner, [please use this form](#).

Get help with your application

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

Building a rehabilitation plan

We can usually make decisions about Vocational Assistance eligibility within a few weeks of receiving your application. If approved, you will receive the one-on-one support of a [VAC case manager](#) and be referred to our service provider, Partners in Canadian Veterans Rehabilitation Services, for an assessment of your vocational assistance needs. Your case manager will work

with you (and your family) to identify your goals. Together you will build your vocational assistance plan.

To ensure your success, the plan will identify:

- your goals;
- the services and benefits you will need to reach those goals; and
- a timeframe to complete it all.

You are the most important part of any successful rehab plan. As you work through your plan, it is important to keep in touch about your services or any challenges you face. Give feedback to your case manager or anyone who is working with you.

From start to finish, **your VAC case manager** will:

- work closely with you and your family;
- respect your privacy and confidentiality;
- help identify information and services you need;
- help you develop support networks;
- coordinate between you, your vocational professional, and other service providers; and
- track and discuss your progress on a regular basis.

Additional information

Related Services

- Vocational rehabilitation – Coaching, support and any other training you need to return to work or find a new job after an injury.
- Case management – A case manager can help you set goals and find the services you need to overcome a challenge in your life.

Frequently asked questions

Does vocational assistance include support for child care so I can go to school for retraining?

Yes. If retraining is part of your vocational assistance plan, we can include support for additional child care expenses. Your case manager will identify the need for this, and other supports, as you develop your vocational assistance plan together.

Are there policies for this program?

Yes. Read more about the [policies related to Rehabilitation Services and Vocational Assistance Program](#).

IN THE MEDIA

[Senior military leader: Canadians 'overly comfortable' as global security shifts](#)

The Canadian Press via CTV News

The Canadian Joint Operations Command had an exceptionally busy year in 2023, evacuating Canadians from two countries and deploying troops to areas devastated by wildfires, floods and disasters. CJOC commander Vice-Admiral Bob Auchterlonie says there's increasing pressure on the Armed Forces to respond to crises in Canada and around the world. [Read More](#)

[Not Alone](#)

CBC

A phone call from a fellow military chaplain was the catalyst for Maj. Ryan Carter. In June 2020, Carter remembers the conversation where his colleague wanted action in the wake of George Floyd's death. [Read More](#)

[Le Canada se porte à la défense de l'Ukraine après une importante attaque russe](#)

Noovo Info

Plusieurs ministres du gouvernement fédéral se sont portés à la défense de l'Ukraine,

vendredi sur les réseaux sociaux, à la suite d'une importante offensive russe qui a fait au moins 30 morts et 144 blessés dans les dernières heures. [Lire Plus](#)

[Canadian military buying armed drones for \\$2.49B](#)

CBC

After more than two decades of debate, discussion and policy dissection, Canada's air force finally has the green light to acquire armed drones. A fleet of 11 MQ-9B Reaper drones, built by U.S. defence contractor General Atomics, will be purchased in a \$2.49 billion package, Liberal MPs announced on behalf of Defence Minister Bill Blair. [Read More](#)

[Parks Canada offers free visits to military](#)

The Brandon Sun

The new year brought in a change for military personnel at the gates leading into Canada's national parks. People who currently or formerly served in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and their immediate families will be able to visit any of the country's national parks for free. [Read More](#)

[Canadian special forces to remain in Niger, but details about role are unclear](#)

Ottawa Citizen

Canadian special forces will remain in Niger even though the military it has been involved in training booted out the country's democratically elected government. The small team of special forces members will no longer train members of Niger's military, according to a statement from the Canadian Forces. [Read More](#)

[Arctique: Ottawa et Washington négocieront sur la propriété de fonds marins](#)

La Presse canadienne via Radio Canada

Le Canada s'engage à travailler avec les États-Unis après que Washington eut revendiqué des parties du fond marin de l'Arctique que le gouvernement canadien réclame lui aussi. Grantly Franklin, porte-parole d'Affaires mondiales Canada, a affirmé dans un courriel que le Canada s'attend à suivre le processus établi dans un traité des Nations unies malgré le fait que les États-Unis n'ont pas ratifié la Convention sur le droit de la mer. [Lire Plus](#)

[Canadian Coding for Veterans float takes top international prize at Rose Parade](#)

Global News

A Canadian float captured the top international prize at the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California on New Year's Day. The float is from Coding for Veterans, a Toronto-based not-for-profit that provides courses to train current and former military members in the information technology sector. [Read More](#)

[Canadian Army stops promoting Conservative party material online after receiving complaint](#)

Ottawa Citizen

A Canadian Army unit has removed Conservative party material it was promoting online after receiving a complaint that the information violated military rules. The Canadian Armed Forces is supposed to be non-partisan, but last weekend the 39 Canadian Brigade Group, based in Vancouver, highlighted Conservative party Leader Pierre Poilievre's message to British Columbia MP Todd Doherty. [Read More](#)

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