

Media Report 12 June 2020

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 No one plans to get sick or hurt, but most people will need medical care at some point. Group health insurance can help cover many of the costs related to that care.

[Everything you wanted to know about stage 2](#)

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario-whats-each-stage#section-2>

- Restaurants, bars and food trucks will be able to open for outdoor dining on patios and in parking lots or adjacent premises.
- Licensed establishments can set up or expand their outdoor eating spaces without an application fee to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.
- Related Allowances

[Attendance Allowance](#)

Attendance Allowance is an additional tax-free [monthly assistance](#) to individuals who:

- have a Disability Pension of 1% or more or receive Prisoner of War compensation;
- are totally disabled, whether by reason of military service or not; AND
- need help with daily living tasks.

The amount payable is based on the degree of attendance needed for your day-to-day personal care.

Clothing Allowance

If you are receiving a disability benefit for a condition that causes wear and tear on your clothing or requires you to wear specially-made clothing, you may qualify for a monthly tax-free clothing allowance.

Rates

Effective from: January 1, 2020

Attendance Allowance

Grade Amount	
1	\$1,926.24
2	\$1,733.70
3	\$1,155.78
4	\$770.58
5	\$308.30

[Read More about the Attendance Allowance...](#)

Caregiver Recognition Benefit

A monthly payment increased annually by the Consumer Price Index. The current payment is \$1,043.46 per month.

[Read more about the Caregiver Recognition Benefit...](#)

Veterans Independence Program

This [PDF chart](#) shows the maximum VIP amounts.

[Read more about the Veterans Independence Program...](#)

Clothing Allowance

GradeAmount	
1	\$218.28
2	\$174.58
3	\$130.98
4	\$87.28
5	\$77.55
6	\$63.04
7	\$58.18
8	\$48.46
9	\$38.82
10	\$24.20

The Clothing Allowance is provided if you are receiving a disability benefit for a condition that causes wear and tear on your clothing or requires you to wear specially-made clothing.

Pain and Suffering Compensation

Extent of disability (%)	Monthly benefit	Lump sum amount
5	\$58.59	\$19,063.94
20	\$234.37	\$76,255.76
40	\$468.74	\$152,511.53
60	\$703.11	\$228,767.29
80	\$937.48	\$305,023.06
100	\$1,171.85	\$381,278.82

View the complete [Pain and suffering compensation rate table](#).

Read more about [Disability benefits...](#)

Income Replacement Benefit

This income replacement provides 90% of your gross pre-release military salary while you are participating in Rehabilitation services. This ensures a pre-tax income of at least \$49,523.40 per year.

[Read more about the Income Replacement Benefit...](#)

Canadian Forces Income Support

Maximum per month			
Veteran or Survivor	Veteran with Spouse/Partner	Additional amount for each dependent child	Orphan
\$1,653.81	\$2,462.62	\$366.68	\$785.99

[Read more about the Canadian Forces Income Support...](#)

War Veterans Allowance

Maximum per month					
Veteran or Survivor	Veteran or Survivor (blind)	Veteran with Spouse/Partner	Veteran with Spouse/Partner (both blind)	Additional amount for each dependent child	Orphan
\$1,653.81	\$1,715.21	\$2,464.61	\$2,525.81	\$262.30	\$785.99

Important note to Veterans and qualified civilians:

If you had wartime service and your income is higher than the maximum level because you or your spouse/common-law partner receive OAS benefits, in certain cases, you may qualify for [treatment benefits](#).

[Read more about the War Veterans Allowance...](#)

Disability Pension

Class	Monthly Rate		Additional Monthly Amounts		
	Single	Spouse	One Child	Second Child	Each Other Child
1	\$2,911.04	\$727.76	\$378.44	\$276.54	\$218.33
5	\$2,328.83	\$582.21	\$302.75	\$221.24	\$174.66
10	\$1,601.07	\$400.27	\$208.14	\$152.10	\$120.08
15	\$873.31	\$218.33	\$113.53	\$82.96	\$65.50
20	\$145.55	\$36.39	\$18.92	\$13.83	\$10.92

[Read more about the Disability Pension...](#)

[View the complete Disability Pension rate tables](#)

Exceptional Incapacity Allowance

Grade	Amount
1	\$1,541.02
2	\$1,284.15
3	\$1,027.33
4	\$770.58
5	\$513.69

[Read more about the Exceptional Incapacity Allowance...](#)

Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation

Grade	Monthly amount
1	\$1,528.50
2	\$1,019.00
3	\$509.50

[Read more about the Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation...](#)

Critical Injury Benefit

The Critical Injury Benefit is a \$76,077.58 tax-free lump-sum award to address the immediate impacts of the most severe and traumatic

service-related injuries or diseases sustained by Canadian Armed Forces members.

[Read more about the Critical Injury Benefit...](#)

Death Benefit

The death benefit is a one-time, tax-free amount of \$381,278.82 paid to a spouse or common-law partner and any dependent children if a CAF member dies while in service.

[Read more about this assistance...](#)

Education Training Benefit

This program offers funding for college, university, technical education or short-term programs.

Years of Service (authorized paid days)	Maximum Amount
6 years	\$41,738.24
12 years	\$83,476.48

You can use \$5,217.28 of this benefit to participate in one-time courses aimed at certification, professional designations, or professional development.

[Read more about the Education Training Benefit...](#)

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Good afternoon comrades.

Hope all is well. Things are looking up in Eastern Ontario with with the lessening of restrictions associated to the pandemic this coming Friday. I am sure this is welcoming news for all.

The forwarded e-mail regarding the Legion's new member discount program appears to be a great initiative on behalf of our organization. I have reviewed the site and would suggest all members take advantage of this opportunity by signing up.

Please share with your Branches and membership.

Blaine Kiley

District G Membership Chairman

The Royal Canadian Legion is excited to announce the launch of MemberPerks®, our newest member discount program.

MemberPerks® gives you access to thousands of money-saving offers and deals at stores and restaurants across Canada. You can save on just about everything, including clothing, furniture, electronics, dining and more.

And the best part? It's all included with your Legion membership. Register today to start saving.

See how MemberPerks® can help you save

Save money at thousands of stores and restaurants

Get discounts at national chains and local businesses

Use the app,
print out coupons or shop online

With MemberPerks®, you and your family can save **\$1000s** per year.

That more than pays for your Legion membership fees.

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Initial report for CH-148 Cyclone accident released

Canadian Military Family Magazine

The Directorate of Flight Safety released the initial report regarding the CH-148 Cyclone accident. The report does not provide the full details surrounding the accident, which is still under investigation.

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Soldiers are finally getting a robot mule that can haul 1,000 pounds of gear

Task & Purpose

The Army is poised to award a contract this month to produce hundreds of robotic mules to tackle the scourge of hauling tons of gear and other bullshit downrange, the service announced. The service will award a contract to one of four defense contractors — General Dynamics Land Systems, Textron subsidiary Howe & Howe, a team of Applied Research Associates and Polaris Defense, and HDT Expeditionary Systems — to produce its tracked Small Multipurpose Equipment Transport (SMET) planned to be fielded some time in fiscal year 2021. Each SMET will haul 1,000 pounds, operate over 60 miles in a three-day period, and generate a kilowatt when moving and 3 kilowatts when stationary to recharge both its batteries and assorted equipment, according to the Army.

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Military deployed to Woodbridge long-term care home ravaged by COVID-19

CP24

The military has been deployed to a Woodbridge long-term care home that has been hit hard by COVID-

19. In a statement, the Ministry of Long-Term Care said the Canadian Armed Forces are onsite at Woodbridge Vista Care Community to do an assessment. "We are grateful for CAF's continued support, and we will have more news to share about next steps in the coming days," the ministry said. "Long-term care homes determined to be the highest priority for the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) deployment were those that have the most acute staffing challenges leading to poor resident outcomes."

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'Zero indication' military spending will be cut amid COVID-19, defence official says

The Canadian Press via Global News

The Defence Department's top civilian official is touting the importance of continued investments in the Canadian Armed Forces, and says she has received no indications the Liberal government is planning to cut spending because of the COVID-19 crisis. The comments by Defence Department deputy minister Jody Thomas come amid questions about how the Liberal government plans to find the tens of billions of dollars doled out in recent months to support Canadians during the pandemic.

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Engineering company wins £6.4m US Army contract

The Business Desk

A Stockport engineering firm has clinched a £6.4m contract from the U.S. military. WFEL, a supplier of rapidly deployable military bridging systems, has been awarded another contract by the U.S. Department of Defense to upgrade a further tranche of DSB (Dry Support Bridges) already in service with the U.S. Army. This contract allows 20 more DSBs to be enhanced, increasing gap-crossing capabilities from 40 metres to 46 metres.

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Minister of National Defence and Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada mark Canadian Armed Forces Day 2020

National Defence via Mirage News

The Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of National Defence, and the Honourable Lawrence A. MacAulay, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence, issued the following statement today in recognition of Canadian Armed Forces Day.

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Military Operation Laser underway at Canadian Forces Base Borden

CTV News

Military personnel with Canadian Forces Base Borden have been busy over the past week setting up a camp for what's being called "Operation Laser," a site that can accommodate hundreds of people in an emergency. One hundred personnel from the Canadian Forces Joint Support Group are taking part in the exercise. Lieutenant Colonel Dan McKinney says building a camp like this in the military is a familiar routine for the Canadian Armed Forces. Still, this time it's different because of the pandemic.

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China set to complete its BeiDou satellite network, rival to GPS

Marketplace

Later this month, China is set to launch an important location satellite into space. It's the last satellite in its global network, which is an alternative — or perhaps competitor — to the network the U.S. built, known as GPS. The network has implications for Chinese industries and phone users everywhere.
