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## Payments: A Veteran Dies Before Receiving Payment

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Care has been taken to ensure these policies accurately reflect the acts and regulations. Should any inconsistencies be found, the acts and regulations will prevail.

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction on how to administer a payment when a person dies before having received the payment from the Department under the [Veterans Well-being Act](#) (previously known as the [Veterans Well-being Act](#)).

### Policy

### Definitions

1. For the purposes of this policy, as per the Payments subsection 87.1(3), a survivor is defined as a person who, at the time of a person's death, was a spouse or common-law partner.
2. "Spouse" refers to a person who is married to and residing with another person. For details on couples living apart and recent marriage, refer to the policy [Definition of Survivor for the Purposes of Disability and Death Benefits](#).
3. "Common-law partner" refers to a person who is cohabiting with another person in a conjugal relationship and has done so for a period of at least one year. For further detail, refer to the policy entitled [Establishment of a Common-Law Partnership](#).
4. The term "survivor" excludes surviving separated spouses, surviving former (divorced) spouses, and surviving former common-law partners.
5. A "person" refers to a member, Veteran, spouse, common-law partner, survivor, child, orphan or dependent entitled to any benefit under the [Veterans Well-being Act](#).
6. The above definitions for survivor only apply for the determination of payments when a person dies prior to receiving their payment(s), under section 87.1.
7. The definition of a survivor as defined in subsection 2(1) of the [Veterans Well-being Act](#) still applies for determining survivor eligibility and

entitlement for applicable benefits and are not affected by the Payments section (87.1).

## General

8. The rules set out in the Payments section (87.1) of the [Veterans Well-being Act](#) do not replace the Eligibility rules for each of the benefits under the Act. The Payments section only applies when an amount is payable to a person who dies before receiving it.
9. Under the [Veterans Well-being Act](#), subsection 87.1(1) for Payments states that any amount that is payable to a person, who dies before receiving the payment, is to be paid to their survivor.
10. Amount payable under the Act means a payment amount that has already been determined and is in transition or is a payment that is outstanding to a person. For example, a cheque has been issued and the person dies before receiving the cheque or a benefit has been approved but the person dies before the first payment has been issued.
11. If the person does not have a survivor or the survivor dies before receiving the payment, then the payment is to be paid to the person's estate or succession, as per subsection 87.1(2).
12. If a survivor is not identified within a reasonable amount of time, and the Department has made a reasonable effort to identify a survivor on behalf of the deceased person, then the payment will be paid to the person's estate or succession. Reasonable efforts and reasonable amount of time will be determined at the Department's discretion on a case by case basis.
13. If a payment has been returned to Veterans Affairs Canada, then that payment will be dealt with on a case by case basis in accordance with section 87.1.

## References

The [Veterans Well-being Act](#) - subsections 2(2), 2(4), section 87.1

[Definition of Survivor for the Purposes of Disability and Death Benefits](#)

[Establishment of a Common-Law Partnership](#)

## Speak to a chaplain

You and your immediate family can get spiritual support when the need arises through VAC's pastoral outreach service.

### About this program

If you are dealing with end of life issues, the death of a Veteran, a burial in the National Cemetery, or bereavement, we can connect you with spiritual support.

Many of the clergy associated with the pastoral outreach service are retired Canadian Forces Padres or Royal Canadian Legion Chaplains who are familiar with the military way of life and the challenges you may face as you transition to post-

service life, or deal with the loss of a loved one.

Do you qualify?

Pastoral outreach services are available to:

- Any Veteran, including Merchant Navy Veterans
- Immediate family of Veterans

How to apply

You do not need to apply for this service. To access pastoral outreach, please call the 24-Hour VAC Assistance Service at 1-800-268-7708.

Additional information

Find out more

These services are not intended to replace the ministry of civilian clergy when you are a regular member of a civilian parish. However, we are able to provide a prompt response when pastoral emergencies occur and you do not have access to local clergy.

Related programs

[Bereavement support](#): Emotional support when Veterans or their families are dealing with end of life issues or bereavement.

[Funeral and burial services](#): Income-tested financial assistance when Veterans meet certain military criteria.

[Veteran family program](#): If you're medically releasing or released, find help and advice during transition to post-military life.

Frequently asked questions

What services does Veterans Affairs Canada provide to families?

Veterans Affairs offers both direct and indirect support to Veterans' family members through a variety of benefits and services, for which the following are a few examples:

- Case management services
- Transition services
- Mental health services
- Rehabilitation services and vocational assistance
- The Family Caregiver Relief Benefit (replaced by Caregiver Recognition Benefit, April 01, 2018)
- The Public Service Healthcare Plan
- Educational assistance
- Financial benefits and disability / death benefits

- VAC Assistance Service
- Operational Stress Injuries Social Support (OSSIS)

if you are aware of any Canadian Italian Campaign Veterans who would be interested in joining the Government of Canada delegation

Comrades All, Please see the below request from Veterans Affairs regarding a Veteran who has either :

Service in the Canadian Armed Forces and has some familial connection to the Italian Campaign

A Veteran of the Second World War

An Italian Campaign Veteran themselves.

If you have any members, or know any Veterans that fit this criteria, I ask that you forward their name and contact information to the Dominion office at your earliest convenience and prior to August 10, 2019.

The Government of Canada is planning an overseas commemorative program to mark the 75th anniversary of the Italian Campaign. An official Government of Canada delegation will travel overseas from approximately November 27 to December 6, 2019, to attend remembrance ceremonies and events at a number of sites in Italy.

I would like to invite you to nominate one Canadian Veteran to represent your organization for this overseas trip. It is recommended that the Veteran have a connection to the Italian Campaign or the Second World War. A nomination form is enclosed.

Additionally, if you are aware of any Canadian Italian Campaign Veterans who would be interested in joining the Government of Canada delegation, I would be pleased to have you nominate them to join the delegation. The same nomination form can be used for this purpose.

When preparing your nomination(s), please consider your nominee's level of comfort and ability to share information with others or make informal presentations about their military service.

Although a medical team will accompany the delegation, all delegates must be in good health. Nominees will be asked to have their family physician certify that they are in good health and that they are able to withstand the rigors of traveling overseas. The delegation doctor will also review the medical forms for each nominee to provide final approval.

Delegates will participate in a full schedule of events and days will be tiring. It should be noted as well that the weather in Italy in November is typically cold and sometimes rainy, and the majority of events will be held outdoors.

In order for Veterans Affairs Canada to ensure that each Veteran receives the best possible care and support during the trip, Veterans over the age of 80, or those who have a medical condition that requires help with daily living requirements, are required to choose a caregiver to accompany them on the trip. The caregiver will assist with such things as getting in and out of the bath/shower, administering medication, pushing wheelchairs, etc. Each Veteran and his

or her caregiver will share a room. It is very important to note that the caregiver will be required to remain with the delegate at all times. Additional details regarding the role of the caregiver will be provided to the nominated Veteran. All travelling and living expenses for the Veteran and their caregiver, both in Canada and overseas, will be the responsibility of Veterans Affairs Canada.

Bonjour.

Le gouvernement du Canada planifie un événement commémoratif à l'étranger en novembre 2019 afin de souligner le 75e anniversaire de la campagne d'Italie. Une délégation officielle du gouvernement du Canada se déplacera du 27 novembre au 6 décembre 2019 (dates approximatives) pour assister aux cérémonies et aux activités commémoratives tenues partout en Italie.

À cette occasion, nous vous saurions gré de nommer un vétéran canadien pour représenter votre association régimentaire lors de ce voyage à l'étranger. Nous recommandons que le vétéran se joignant à la délégation ait un lien avec la campagne d'Italie ou qu'il ait servi lors de la Seconde Guerre mondiale. Vous trouverez ci-joint un formulaire de nomination.

En outre, si vous connaissez des vétérans canadiens ayant participé à la campagne d'Italie qui seraient intéressés à se joindre à la délégation du gouvernement du Canada, nous vous invitons à les nommer. Le même formulaire de nomination peut être utilisé à cet effet.

Lorsque vous ferez votre nomination, n'oubliez pas de tenir compte du niveau de confort de la personne et de sa capacité à partager de l'information avec d'autres ou à parler, de façon informelle, de son service militaire.

Un équipe médicale accompagnera la délégation, mais il importe que les membres de la délégation soient en bonne santé. Les vétérans choisis devront

obtenir une attestation de leur médecin de famille affirmant qu'ils sont en bonne santé et capables de résister à la fatigue attribuable à des voyages prolongés. Le médecin de la délégation passera en revue les formulaires médicaux de chaque vétéran avant de fournir une approbation finale.

Les délégués participeront à toute une panoplie d'événements et les journées seront très occupées. Prenez aussi note que le temps est habituellement très froid et parfois pluvieux en Italie au mois de novembre et que la majorité des événements auront lieu à l'extérieur.

Afin de permettre à Anciens Combattants Canada de veiller à ce que tous les vétérans reçoivent les meilleurs soins et soutien possibles tout au long du voyage, les vétérans âgés de plus de 80 ans ou qui ont besoin d'aide pour accomplir des tâches quotidiennes en raison d'un problème de santé, doivent choisir un accompagnateur pour les accompagner pendant le voyage. Celui-ci ou celle-ci pourra l'aider, au besoin, pour : son hygiène quotidienne (douche, bain), sa prise de médicaments, sa mobilité (assistance avec fauteuil roulant), etc. Les vétérans et leur accompagnateur devront partager une chambre. Il est important de noter que l'accompagnateur devra demeurer aux côtés du délégué en tout temps. Des détails supplémentaires concernant le rôle d'accompagnateur seront fournis au vétéran choisi. Tous les frais de voyage et de subsistance pour le vétéran et l'accompagnateur seront assumés par Anciens Combattants Canada.

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Active and retired members of the Canadian Armed Forces who are residents of Ontario are eligible to fish anywhere in the province without an Outdoors Card, provided that they bring their CF ID, Record of Service Card, or CF Veteran's Service Card. Terms and conditions apply ( [source](#) ).

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## **'He was the love of her life': Lost WWII love letter makes its way home**

CBC News

When Véronique Côté started renovating her house in Chambly, QC, southeast of Montreal, she had no idea that she'd stumble across a long-lost love letter from the Second World War — or that the writer's son would show up at her door a day later to collect it. "It was really moving. He was so touched," she said. "I was so happy for him to find a souvenir like this of his parents." The letter, dated Sunday, May 23, 1943, was written by Lt. Robert Macfarlane, an engineer serving with the Canadian Armed Forces overseas. [READ MORE](#)

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## **Army researchers building 'smart' landmines for future combat**

Army Times

Army leaders see a future battlefield with networked minefields a commander can see from across the globe through satellite communications and that can be scattered in minutes but also retrieved and reused when needed. The push is an effort to keep landmines of various types in the weapons portfolio while still meeting the agreements made to get out of the old school "dumb" landmine use. [READ MORE](#)

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## **Op REASSURANCE: des militaires de Valcartier de retour d'Europe**

45e Nord

Quelque 110 militaires de Valcartier rentraient d'Europe de matin suivant leur participation à la onzième rotation de l'opération REASSURANCE en Europe centrale et en Europe de l'Est. Ils sont arrivés au Terminal des vols internationaux de l'Aéroport international Jean-Lesage de Québec où ils ont été accueillis par leurs camarades, leurs familles et leurs amis. [LIRE PLUS](#)

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## **2 amphibious bridges in bids for 500 billion won contract**

Korea JoongAng Daily

Hyundai Rotem and Hanwha Defense are competing for a 500 billion won (\$425 million) contract to

supply self-propelled amphibious bridge laying equipment to the Korean military. The bidding is being closely watched, as defense tenders have been few and far between following a series of corruption scandals. According to the JoongAng Ilbo, the Defense Acquisition Program Administration is planning to open public bidding on the supply of armored amphibious bridge vehicles at the end of this month. [READ MORE](#)

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## **'Nothing suspicious' so far in mine clearance efforts**

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Cyprus Mail

Nothing suspicious has so far been found in mine clearance efforts at targeted hazardous locations south of the green line in cooperation with the UN, a Cyprus News Agency source said recently. The clearance of mines from 18 hazardous areas along the green line — nine on each side of the divide — was one of several confidence-building measures (CBMs) agreed by the two leaders in February. [READ MORE](#)

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## **Royal Canadian Engineer Book of Remembrance for Korea**

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CMEA

July 27 is the anniversary of the occasion of the end of the fighting of the Korean War when the Korean Armistice Agreement was signed in 1953. Since 1997, this anniversary has been marked in Brampton, On, at the Meadowvale Cemetery. Here the Korea Veterans Association of Canada erected the Wall of Remembrance to honour and commemorate the 516 Korean War dead. The entire book is available now on the CMEA website. [READ MORE](#)