

## Media Report 19 June 2020 - part One

**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 then a disability pensioner dies, if he or she was pensioned at 5% or greater, the survivor will continue to receive (for a period of one year) the same [Disability Pension](#) or Prisoner of War compensation that was being paid to the pensioner. This includes any Attendance Allowance and/or Exceptional Incapacity Allowance the pensioner was receiving at the time of death. After this one year period, a survivor's pension will be automatically paid.**

## **Benefits for Survivors (of Disability Pension Recipients)**

### **Continuation of Disability Pension**

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### **Survivor's Pension**

A survivor's pension will be paid to the survivor of a disability pensioner commencing one year from the time of death. The pensioner's benefits continue in full for the first year.

If the pensioner was receiving a pension of 48% or greater, the survivor is entitled to a full survivor's pension. If the pensioner was receiving a pension between the 5% and 47% rate, the survivor will receive one-half of the Disability Pension that was paid to the pensioner.

Surviving spouses/surviving common-law partners who remarry will continue to receive the survivor's pension. Children and other qualified dependents may also qualify for benefits following a pensioner's death. Please contact us for more information.

## **Education Assistance Program**

If you are a child of a deceased Veteran or Canadian Armed Forces member or Veteran, you may receive financial assistance for post-secondary education if your parent:

- died as a result of military service;
- or
- had received a disability benefit of 48% or greater at the time of death.

To qualify, you must enter the program before you turn 25 years of age. This assistance cannot be extended beyond the year in which you turn 30. This support may be provided for four years or 36 academic months, whichever is less.

For more information on any of the above programs or to apply please [contact us](#).

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### **Frequently Asked Questions in part two**

## Advocacy group helps veterans at national level

•SCOTT STANFIELD•May. 25, 2020 4:30 p.m. •LOCAL NEWS•NEWS••••••

An advocacy group is helping members of the military receive the support they deserve from the country they served. When it first began, the NATO Veterans Organization of Canada (NVOC) was about camaraderie and support for those who served on North Atlantic Treaty Organization missions. It has since evolved into a national body comprised of veterans from all branches of service, and from all eras. Membership is open to anyone who has served or is serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, regular or reserve force. "Our biggest issue right now is long- and short-term care for veterans," said Comox resident Jack Shapka, director of the Pacific/Territories region of NVOC. He spent more than 45 years in the air force. "Over the last several years, our infamous federal governments have been shutting down the veterans hospitals that were providing long-term care." While the number of Second World War and Korean War veterans has diminished, he said there are many modern-day veterans who served in the Gulf War, Afghanistan and other conflicts who have issues and who "probably could use some of these beds and some of this care." "We take issues like this, pump it up through our chain, and when they meet with DVA (Department of Veterans Affairs), we try and make some changes or improvements," Shapka said. One change they made was to eliminate some of the red tape in the Veterans Independence Program, which provides funding for housekeeping and other such services. NVOC is one of only six veterans organizations that meets regularly with Veterans Affairs Canada. Yearly membership dues are \$20. FMI: [natoveterans.org](http://natoveterans.org)

\$100,000.00 fund available to non profit organizations

## [Enabling Accessibility Fund – Canada.ca](http://Canada.ca)

- [RCMP Veterans' Association speaks out against accusations of systemic racism](#)
- [In an open letter posted to the association's website, President Sandy P. Glenn calls the claims "extremely disappointing."](#)
- <https://rcmpva.org/ottawa-police-service-c-platoon-night-shift-memorial-ceremony-cst-heidi-stevenson/>The RCMP Veterans' Association is extremely disappointed in the failure to support the Members of our National Police Force, The Royal Canadian Mounted Police. It is the job of that senior executive to support and, if necessary, guide the nation's federal agencies of which the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is an integral one. Not for a moment do we deny that there are anomalies in the National Police Force. It will happen in any organization and the RCMP is no exception. But the anomalies are not the rule and to paint the entire organization with the same brush is to deny the dramatic role that the Force has played in the establishment of this country and in continuing over many years to ensure peace in Canada for all our citizens. Not some of our citizens – all of our citizens regardless of race, creed, colour or gender. They found their way to the red serge, each with their own hopes and goals. But now, along their way through their career, they have changed. They have responded to calls for help where a child has been beaten by an abusive family member, a spouse beaten to death by a drunken partner, a horrific crime scene where bodies, or in recent times, multiple bodies lie on front yards or in burning houses. In far too many situations they have been met by a gun- or knife-wielding suspect yet are expected to and except in the rarest of circumstances indeed do act with prudence and composure. Race is not necessarily one of those biases. Indeed, if an officer is frequently called to a particular area or neighborhood, they are aware of what may be expected upon arrival. Although there are hopes all will be well or the situation can be diffused using their skill set and training in various means of peaceful crisis intervention, sometimes firmer steps become necessary. This is especially so if the people begin to act in such a manner that causes the Member to believe there is a risk of grievous bodily harm or death, not only for innocent people but for the Member as well. Sandy P. Glenn  
President  
RCMP Veterans' Association
- I do not believe racism is systemic within the RCMP or any other Canadian police agency. Having said that, there are Members who, after far too many similar situations find their frustration overcoming their normal restraint. Unfortunately, this, sometimes, is a consequence of excessive exposure to difficult situations. A Member who is overstressed by the personal workload caused by personnel shortages or frustrations from

witnessing all too frequent anti-social behaviour from individuals or from within a specific neighborhood may reach the end of the ability to tolerate these events. Yes, these frustrations can cause overreactions where the amount of force is not warranted but the root cause is not “systemic” racism.

- Members of the Force are trained to deal with violent situations and are trained to use force, within the bounds of reasonable necessity – not as the default response. And, I assure you, they deal with these situations every day and especially after dark. It’s natural for the Member to rely upon instincts, fed by experience and yes, some will have a bias.
- The Members of the RCMP are not from some distant land. The Members are the kids from a small Newfoundland community struggling to make ends meet due to the collapse of the fisheries, the prairie farm boy or girl driving their dad’s farm combine dreaming of what is beyond the horizon, the young graduate with thoughts of making lives safer, and even the young daughter of a first nations elder who has suffered the hideous legacy of boil-water advisories and who wants to believe things will get better.
- It is not the task of that senior executive to denigrate all the members of a particular organization numbering in excess of 30,000 individuals.
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News Release

June 18 – Ottawa – Veterans Affairs Canada

[Veterans Affairs Canada releases annual study on Veteran suicide mortality](https://www.canada.ca/en/veterans-affairs-canada/news/2020/06/veterans-affairs-canada-releases-annual-study-on-veteran-suicide-mortality.html)

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Sincerely,

Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach Team

Veterans Affairs Canada

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Cher(e)s intervenant(e)s et membres des groupes consultatifs,

Nous aimerions partager avec vous le communiqué de presse suivant – Anciens Combattants Canada publie l'étude sur la mortalité par suicide chez les vétérans 2019. Ce communiqué de presse a été affiché sur le site Web d'Anciens Combattants Canada. Nous vous encourageons à le transmettre à tous ceux qui pourraient être intéressés.

Communiqué

Le 18 juin – Ottawa – Anciens Combattants Canada

Anciens Combattants Canada publie une étude annuelle sur la mortalité par suicide chez les vétérans

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/anciens-combattants-canada/nouvelles/2020/06/anciens-combattants-canada-publie-une-etude-annuelle-sur-la-mortalite-par-suicide-chez-les-veterans.html>

Cordialement,

L'Équipe de mobilisation et sensibilisation des intervenants

Anciens Combattants Canada

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**45e Nord**

Pendant que tous les yeux étaient tournés vers les établissements de soins de longue durée dans le sud du

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Québec et de l'Ontario où, dans le cadre de l'opération LASER, les membres des Forces armées canadiennes assistaient le personnel civil dans la lutte à la pandémie de la COVID-19, nos militaires accomplissaient une mission non moins difficile, tout au contraire, dans 28 collectivités nordiques de la Côte-Nord, de la Basse-Côte-Nord et du Nunavik.

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## Canadian Korean War veterans receive medical masks from Korea as gift

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**CTV News**

It's often referred to as the forgotten war, but the Koreans who were helped by Canadian forces 70 years ago are still remembering their sacrifices. As an expression of gratitude for their service, the Government of the Republic of Korea is sending face masks to Korean War Veterans across Canada. According to a press release from the Republic of Korea, over one million protective face masks will be distributed across 22 countries to veterans of the Korean War.

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## Russian military engineering troops sent to restore Murmansk railway connection

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**Radio Canada International**

It was in early June the railway bridge across the Kola River collapsed as the spring flood destroyed one of the pillars in the water. The railway is of utmost importance for Russia's commercial cargo flow to the port of Murmansk, but also for the numerous military bases on the coast to the Barents Sea and in the Pechenga valley near the border to Norway.

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# Analysis: New combat vehicles unveiled by Russian army at Victory Day Military Parade 2020

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## Army Recognition

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The rehearsal of the forthcoming Victory parade celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Allied victory against Nazi Germany in 1945 has taken place in Alabino, near Moscow. At this occasion, the Russian army involved a series of vehicles and pieces of equipment either so far unknown or participating for the first time.

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