

Benefit of Doubt (Veterans Health Care Regulations)

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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

This policy provides direction on ensuring that clients and applicants receive every reasonable consideration in their requests for benefits, services and care under the [Veterans Health Care Regulations](#) (VHCR).

Policy

General

1. VHCR policies aim to ensure that clients in need of health care:
 1. have their needs assessed by professionals;
 2. have these needs met through a combination of resources available to them as residents of the province or community in which they reside, and through the Department;
 3. Receive the benefits, services and care they require and for which they are eligible under the VHCR; and
 4. Receive equal consideration from the Department wherever they choose to live in Canada.

Provision of Benefit of Doubt

2. If, after a client's eligibility for health care programs has been established, a question arises on the provision of benefits, services or care, Departmental staff will:
 1. draw from all circumstances of the case and the health care and other assessments, every reasonable inference in favour of the client/applicant;
 2. where a fact must be proven, accept as proof the evidence provided by the client/applicant or representative in the absence of contradictory evidence; and
 3. where there is doubt as to a client/applicant's eligibility, resolve such doubt in favour of the client/applicant.

References

[Department of Veterans Affairs Act](#)

[Veterans Health Care Regulations](#)

Motion Passes and Confirms Federal Leadership to End Veteran Homelessness by 2025

Motion M-225 has received full support of the House of Commons.

<https://webmail.bell.net/appsuite/api/mail/MP%20Ellis--PMB%20M-225%20Motion%20Passes%20%2528June%2013%2C%202019%2529.pdf?action=attachment&folder=default0%2FZ+%3D+District+G&id=1007&attachment=2&delivery=view>

Minister of Defence announces increase to Reserve Forces pay and personnel

Canadian Military Family Magazine

Recently at the 4th Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment in Laval, QC, the Minister of National Defence Harjit S. Sajjan announced the changes to the Reserve Force of pay and personnel. The restructuring of pay is part of an overall vision outlined in our defence policy, Strong, Secure, Engaged, which also includes increasing the Reserve Force by 1,500 members and further integrating reservists into operations. [READ MORE](#)

Sajjan annonce l'augmentation de la rémunération des réservistes

45e Nord

Le ministre de la Défense nationale Harjit S. Sajjan, a annoncé un changement important à la rémunération des réservistes au 4e Bataillon, Royal 22e Régiment, à Laval (QC). Le nouveau mode de calcul, rétroactif au 1er avril 2019, entraînera une augmentation moyenne de 7,8 % de la paye. Par exemple, le taux de rémunération d'un caporal ayant une année d'ancienneté dans son grade passera de 140 \$ à 153 \$ par jour. La solde de base d'un lieutenant en classe A passera de 147,62 \$ à 161,18 \$ par jour. [LIRE PLUS](#)

Chris Lythgo confirmed Commissionaires National Chair

Commissionaires

Retired Col. Chris Lythgo, CD was confirmed National Chair during the Commissionaires' Annual General Meeting held recently in Winnipeg. He replaces retired Vice-Admiral Duncan (Dusty) Miller, CMM MSC CD RCN whose three-year term had concluded. "So much good work has been done by previous National Board chairs," Col. Lythgo said following his appointment. "My challenge is to help guide Commissionaires in showcasing its relevance, building a more diversified capability, and proving that Commissionaires has a national service delivery capability." [READ MORE](#)

Searching for Veterans for Renos

Canadian Military Family Magazine

Founded in 2010 by HGTV host Jim Caruk and his brother Deryl, Renos for Heroes was created to

support wounded soldiers and help them make necessary changes to their homes while minimizing the expense and reducing the stress to do so. [READ MORE](#)

[Les militaires de Valcartier de retour après 6 mois de mission en Irak](#)

Le Soleil

La centaine de soldats de la base militaire des Forces canadiennes de Valcartier ont participé à une mission de formation, non combattante, menée par l'Organisation du traité de l'Atlantique nord (OTAN). L'objectif est de transmettre des informations importantes aux autorités irakiennes quant à la sécurité, aux méthodes de combat, à la médecine militaire ou à l'entretien de véhicules blindés. [LIRE PLUS](#)

[This new mapping tool helped Ottawa handle the 2019 floods](#)

CBC News

City of Ottawa officials had a new tool at their disposal during this spring's flooding: A mapping program that showed the danger each additional centimetre of water could pose to buildings and infrastructure. Laila Gibbons, director of roads and parking services, said the predictive mapping tool contributed to the decision to declare a state of emergency after the Ottawa River Regulation and Planning Board released its forecast in late April. [READ MORE](#)

[Prince Harry picks up Diana's mantle on landmine removal](#)

CNN

Prince Harry has urged governments around the world to finally clear Angola of landmines, continuing the work of his mother, Princess Diana, who famously walked through minefields in the war-torn country months before her death. Diana made landmine removal a focal point of her humanitarian work, and drew international attention to the issue when she visited the Angolan province of Cuando Cubango in January 1997 with the Halo Trust charity. [READ MORE](#)

[Plongeur de combat : une sélection unique](#)

Journal Adsum

Près de vingt candidats se sont frottés à la sélection du cours de plongeur de combat du 5e Régiment du génie de combat (5 RGC). La sélection, qui s'est déroulée en juin pendant deux semaines, comportait des épreuves qui ont repoussé les limites des participants. [LIRE PLUS](#)

[Houthi landmines: A tool of terrorism in Yemen](#)

The Defense Post

In the past four years, the Iran-backed Houthi militia has indiscriminately littered Yemen with more than a million landmines, not with any strategic military purpose, but rather as a tool of domestic terrorism aimed directly against the Yemeni civilian population. The Houthi use of landmines is a clear, undeniable violation of international humanitarian law, but so far no one is holding them accountable for this war crime, so they continue to produce and scatter landmines, 1.1 million dispersed and counting, making Yemen the most mined nation since World War II, according to data from the Saudi Project to Demine Yemen (Masam). [READ MORE](#)

[Tokyo event for a world free of landmines](#)

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The HALO Trust and its partner, Association for Aid and Relief, Japan, recently joined forces with the

Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to celebrate the contribution Japan has made to clear the world of landmines at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo. A photo exhibition and reception celebrated the multi-year, multi-million dollar contribution Japan has made to mine clearance throughout the world. [READ MORE](#)