

Media Report 29 November 2019,

This weeks media reports will cover and answer great questions veterans are still asking such as direction respecting entitlement of survivors and dependent children to a death and/or disability benefit following the death of a member or Veteran from a service related injury or disease, Current information on the rollout of the Veteran's Service Card. and local Media Articles.

Disability Benefits in Respect of Death for Survivors and Dependent Children

Effective Date: April 1, 2019

Purpose

To provide direction respecting entitlement of survivors and dependent children to a death and/or disability benefit following the death of a member or Veteran from a service related injury or disease.

Policy

General

- 1.If the member or Veteran died prior to the implementation of the [Veterans Well-being Act \(VWA\)](#) (April 1, 2006), any claims related to the member's or Veteran's disability or death must be pursued under the [Pension Act](#).
- 2.Only a survivor and/or dependent child may apply for a death or disability benefit in respect of a member's or Veteran's death.
- 3.A survivor and/or dependent child may receive a survivor pension under the Pension Act and/or a Pain and Suffering Compensation (PSC) under the Veterans Well-being Act up to a maximum percentage of 100% or a Death Benefit.
- 4.The maximum percentage of disability benefits payable to a survivor and/or dependent child is 100% less any disability pension, disability award (DA) and/or PSC previously paid to the member or Veteran.
- 5.In cases where a disability benefit is not provided in respect of the death of the member or Veteran, a survivor and/or dependent child may apply for;
 - 1.a disability benefit with respect to a new condition for which the member or Veteran did not apply prior to his/her death; and/or
 - 2.an additional/increased disability benefit in respect of an entitled condition if they have evidence that the member's or Veteran's condition deteriorated between the last time he/she was assessed and the time of death.

6. In cases where the survivor or dependent child is also a member or Veteran, the survivor/dependent child may receive:
 1. a disability pension and/or a PSC with respect to his/her own disability (up to a total maximum percentage of 100%);
 2. a pension and/or a PSC with respect to the death or disability of the deceased member or Veteran (up to a total maximum percentage of 100%); and/or
 3. a death benefit with respect to the death of the deceased member.
7. Estates are not eligible to apply for a death or disability benefit.

Disability Pension

1. A disability pension for death is payable when a member or Veteran dies as a result of a service-related injury or disease, or a non-service related injury or disease which was aggravated by service.
2. When a member or Veteran dies as a result of an injury or disease for which a disability pension under the Pension Act is being paid, the member or Veteran is deemed to have been assessed at 100% for that disability.
3. Full entitlement is granted for death related to a partially entitled condition.

Pain and Suffering Compensation

1. For information on PSC for survivors and dependent children, see the Pain and Suffering Compensation Policy.

Death Benefit

1. Under the Veterans Well-being Act, a death benefit is payable when a member dies as a result of a service-related injury or disease, or a non-service related injury or disease aggravated by service, and the death occurs within 30 days of the injury occurring or the disease being contracted, or the injury or disease being aggravated by service.
2. A death benefit is paid over and above any disability benefits (e.g. disability pension, DA, PSC) paid or payable under the Pension Act and/or Veterans Well-being Act.
3. If a death benefit is paid in respect of a member's death, a PSC will not be paid for the same condition for which a death benefit has been paid.
4. A death benefit is not payable in cases where a member has died prior to April 1, 2006, or dies of a condition for which a disability pension was paid or is payable under the Pension Act.
5. A survivor and/or dependent child may receive a death benefit in respect of the death of more than one member.

Division of a PSC/Death Benefit Amongst Beneficiaries

1. Cases where a survivor or dependent child come forward after the payment of a PSC or death benefit has been disbursed will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. The issue of liability would be dependent on the facts of each case and the reason the beneficiary was missed.
2. In relation to an unborn child of a deceased member or Veteran a PSC or death benefit may be paid to such a child who is subsequently born alive. An unborn child who is subsequently born alive is deemed to have been a dependent child at the time of the member's or Veteran's death.
3. The PSC or death benefit payable will be divided taking into consideration the unborn child. If the child is not subsequently born alive, the child's share will be divided amongst the other beneficiaries, as per section 56.1 and 59 of the Veterans Well-being Act.

Critical Injury Benefit

1. Survivors and surviving dependent children are not eligible to apply for and/or be paid the Critical Injury benefit of behalf of a deceased member or Veteran.

References

[Pension Act](#), paragraphs 21(1)(b), 21(2)(b)

[Veterans Well-being Act](#), sections 49, 50, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and 59

[Consequential Disability](#)

[Pain and Suffering Compensation Policy](#)

[Disability Benefits in Respect of Peacetime Military Service – The Compensation Principle](#)

[Disability Benefits in Respect of Wartime and Special Duty Service – The Insurance Principle](#)

[Disability Resulting From a Non-Service Related Injury or Disease](#)

[Payments: A Person Dies Before Receiving Payment](#)

PASSING OF Thurston Kaulbach, Tud

Thurston Kaulbach Thurston passed away early this week. He had been ill for some time and undergoing treatments. The only information regarding a funeral the family are looking at Saturday, December 7th. That has not been finalized

Tud was always supportive and encouraging in his communications with everyone.

His military service; his family; his interests; his travels; his contribution to veterans serving as a Director of NVOC; his character and "gentlemanliness" [he really was an Officer and a Gentleman]

Tud will be truly missed as a NVOC team member and for his sage advice

Tud thank for your many years of service to Queen and country.

More info to follow

Veterans House

This link is to a CBC.ca article put out when subject was first announced (9 Jul 19): <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/funding-ottawa-veteran-shelter-1.5204173>

Near the bottom, it says that VAC is throwing in \$6.5 M of the total requirement of \$11.5M and that of the remaining \$5M, half had already been raised.

Here is the link to the actual project website: <https://www.multifaithhousing.ca/veterans-house.html>

From the FAQs at the bottom under – how much is Veterans House: tenant nominal rent \$497/month (covers majority of operations costs like heat and maintenance.

Military training simulation has soldiers sweating bullets in Charlottetown

The Guardian

Pte. Christena Visser was trying to focus amidst the sound of gunfire. The smell of gunpowder didn't bother the army medic as much — neither did the thick smoke or the flashes of light. But the loud noises and infantry officers yelling at her amplified the intensity as she did her best to tend to bloodied soldiers. "It's designed to make you sweat," she said. "That's what makes it valuable training." [READ MORE](#)

Guerre de jungle : qualification de base réussie

Journal Adsum

Vingt-neuf membres du 5e Groupe-brigade mécanisé du Canada (5 GBMC) ont été déployés en Guyane française, du 2 au 27 octobre. Supervisés par les combattants élités de la Légion étrangère, les Canadiens ont fait honneur à leur régiment en obtenant leur qualification militaire de base «jungle». Le groupe comptait 25 militaires de la compagnie B du 3e Bataillon, Royal 22e Régiment (3 R22eR), qui est au centre du développement de la capacité jungle de la brigade. Deux membres du 5e Régiment du génie de combat et deux techniciens médicaux de la 5e Ambulance de campagne s'ajoutaient à ce nombre. [LIRE PLUS](#)

'It would mean a lot': Canadian Armed Forces asks residents to send holiday greetings to troops

Global News

As the holiday season approaches, the Canadian Armed Forces are asking residents to write personnel who are going to be away from family in the coming weeks. The friendly request was shared on the Canadian Armed Forces in the United States Twitter account. "Many of us will spend the holidays with our families. Many of us will not," the message said before sharing the Canadian Armed Forces mailing address. [READ MORE](#)

[Women flooded into war industry jobs](#)

Kingston Whig-Standard

The situation was alarming and grim. The Allies suffered catastrophic loss of men and heavy equipment at the Battle of Dunkirk in June 1940 and Britain requested critical war materials from Canada. The time had come for all citizens to mobilize in the military — on the home front. “A total war effort is needed to protect everything we hold dear, including the family and family life, and that the employment of women is essential to a total war effort,” stated Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King in a speech to the nation on Aug. 19, 1942. [READ MORE](#)

[Incursion dans le manège militaire à Drummondville](#)

Journal L'Express

Peu de gens le savent, mais il existe un endroit appartenant aux Forces armées canadiennes, dans le quartier Saint-Joseph, et où une trentaine de soldats s'entraînent hebdomadairement. L'Express Magazine a visité le manège militaire de Drummondville, qui abrite le 6e Bataillon royal 22e régiment. [LIRE PLUS](#)

[Jennie Carignan prend officiellement le commandement de la mission de l'OTAN en Irak](#)

45e Nord

Ce 26 novembre 2019, la major-général Jennie Carignan a officiellement pris la relève du major-général Dany Fortin, qui en était le premier commandant, à titre de commandant de la mission de l'OTAN en Irak. C'est l'amiral de la U.S. Navy James Foggo, commandant du commandement de la force interalliée basée à Naples (Italie), qui a présidé la cérémonie aujourd'hui à la Base d'opérations avancée Union III, en Irak, en présence d'invités spéciaux et de membres de la mission. [LIRE PLUS](#)

[How a military vet built this iconic Canadian recruitment firm](#)

Human Resources Director

Discipline is the fire that transforms talent into an ability — or so old wisdom tells us. For Bryan Brulotte, the level of discipline he developed in the military has stayed with him in the years since he established his staffing and consulting firm MaxSys. In the early days of MaxSys, Brulotte worked tirelessly — often on his own — to get the business up and running — he told HRD. [READ MORE](#)