

## Media Report 31 May 2019, Part 1 of 2

I Have put this in the Media Report before, some of our newer members may not be aware

Subject: Disability Benefits

This is from Legion Command Service Officer -

If you are in receipt of partial entitlement ( 20,40,60,or 80%) for hearing loss, you should contact a RC Legion command service officer to review your file. Because on Feb, 23 2018 Veterans Affairs Canada promulgated a new partial entitlement policy. The new policy provides guidance in awarding partial or full disability entitlement benefits for: Disability arising from both service-related and non-service-related injury or disease (causation); -Disability arising from non-service-related injury of disease that was aggravated by service (aggravation);and- Disabilities arising from a consequential relationship (consequential).

Where it is determined that a hearing loss was documented during service, or at the time of discharge, and/or service is reasonably found to be the initiating factor causing the current hearing-loss disability, then full entitlement to disability benefits may be awarded. If the first injury/event factor to cause a hearing loss is service related, then causation is considered and full entitlement is awarded. There would be no need to consider other possible contributing factors.

Prior to Feb 23, partial entitlement was awarded where the disability was the result of both service and non-service related factors. When it is discovered that partial entitlement has been granted for causation, the department will initiate a departmental review on the minister's own motion and provide full entitlement. In cases where entitlement was granted by Veterans Review and Appeal Board, the department does not have the jurisdiction to do a departmental review unless the case has been referred back to Veterans Affairs Canada. Members or veterans in receipt of partial entitlement for a hearing-loss disability can contact a command service officer to review their file by calling 613-591-3335 or toll-free at 1-877-534-4666 to speak with a service officer. They can also e-mail [veteransservices@legion.ca](mailto:veteransservices@legion.ca) or visit the web site [Home - The Royal Canadian Legion](#) to contact a local command service officer.

Hope this will apply to some members and they can get proper compensation.

## Military medals for former Canadian Forces members

Application form for former members of the Canadian Forces (CF) to get new or replacement medals from the Department of National Defence, Directorate of Honours and Recognition (DH&R).

- [Application for Honours and Awards \(DND 4010-E\)](#) [PDF, 512 KB]

Who can apply

This form is only for former CF members. You can use it if you are:

- a retired CF member
- the executor of the estate or power of attorney of a deceased CF member

If you are a serving CF member, do not use this form. Go through your unit Chain of Command to apply on your behalf, following procedures in CANFORGEN 106/00.

If you are a civilian employee or other non-military personnel, and you believe you might be eligible for a medal, do not use this form. Apply through your employing organization's honours and awards representative.

What medals you can apply for

You can use this form for both initial issue and replacement of medals.

If you have never been awarded the medal, it is initial issue. If you have previously been awarded the medal and lost the old one, it is a replacement.

You can use this form for:

- service medals
- individual honours

A service medal recognizes your service in a campaign, operation or war. An individual honour recognizes a specific action that earned you the award.

You can find information on eligibility, policies and directives under each order, decoration or medal in the [Medals Chart](#).

### How to apply

1. Complete the form
2. Print the completed form
3. Sign it
4. Send the form by mail only:

Directorate of Honours and Recognition  
National Defence Headquarters  
101 Colonel By Dr  
Ottawa ON K1A 0K2

Include all documentation to prove your service. This will speed up your application. We process applications on a first-come first-serve basis.

### Contact us if you:

- need clarification on eligibility
- need help completing this form
- want an update to your application

By phone: 1-877-741-8332 (toll free Mon-Fri 8 am to 4 pm Eastern Time)

By email: [medals-medailles@forces.gc.ca](mailto:medals-medailles@forces.gc.ca).

### Fees

#### Initial issue of medals

There are no fees for initial issue of medals.

#### Replacement medals

Do not send payment with your application for a replacement medal. DH&R will contact you at a later date with the exact amount to submit. You might need a money order or bank draft made out to the Receiver General for Canada. Personal cheques are not accepted.

### Contacts

- [List of medals contacts](#)

Buying and selling war medals can be big money. But should it be?

<http://www.msn.com/en-ca/money/topstories/buying-and-selling-war-medals-can-be-big-money-but-should-it-be/ar-AABYG7L?li=AAgh0dA>

Remains of B.C. soldier identified in France more than a century after death

<https://ottawacitizen.com/news/canada/remains-of-b-c-soldier-identified-in-france-more-than-a-century-after-death-2/wcm/27cb778d-102c-4a09-9b9c-9ccc0daf1adc>

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## **A little token of appreciation': Mint honours D-Day soldiers with \$2 coin**

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CTV News

A New Brunswick veteran who will turn 100 years old in October was recently presented with a new \$2 coin commemorating the landing on D-Day. Alphonse Vautour, who served in the 37 Brigade of the North Shore Regiment, was one of 14,000 Canadians who landed in Normandy, France on June 6, 1944. The operation allowed Allied forces to establish a foothold on the continent that led to the liberation of Europe from Nazi Germany and the end of the Second World War. [READ MORE](#)

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## **Début des commémorations du 75e anniversaire du Débarquement de Normandie, le Jour-J**

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Radio Canada International

À une semaine du début des célébrations du 75e anniversaire du Débarquement en Normandie — 6 juin 1944 — le bureau du premier ministre canadien, Justin Trudeau, annonce qu'il y sera. Son périple commémoratif s'amorcera le 4 juin à Portsmouth dans le sud de l'Angleterre. C'est de ce port qu'a appareillé le contingent canadien au sein de la flotte de débarquement vers les plages de Normandie. [LIRE PLUS](#)

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## **Rheinmetall rolls out robot rescue vehicle at CANSEC 2019**

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Ottawa Citizen

Rheinmetall has rolled out at CANSEC 2019 in Ottawa a rescue model of its "Mission Master" robotic vehicle. The vehicle gives soldiers the ability to evacuate casualties over long distances either autonomously or via remote control. The rescue robot vehicle comes equipped with two basket stretchers with sliding provisions, head and foot immobilizers, oxygen masks and canisters, a monitor defibrillator, and other medical gear. All of these items would be impossible for a medic to carry on foot, Rheinmetall points out. [READ MORE](#)

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## **Explosive-sniffing dogs trade ruff life for cushy retirement back home**

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Military Times

Not all veterans walk on two legs. The State Department's Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement has been overseeing a program that trains military dogs to detect explosive devices such as mines and improvised explosive devices. Dozens of canines have been sent to places like Iraq and Syria to sniff out explosives, and their efforts have helped make those areas safer for humans and animals alike. [READ MORE](#)

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## **Inondations : la Municipalité de Saint-André-Avellin chiffre les dégâts**

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Radio-Canada

L'heure est au nettoyage et à l'évaluation des dommages dans la Municipalité de Saint-André-Avellin où un grand nombre de citoyens ont été touchés par les inondations. Selon le maire, Jean-René Carrière, il reste beaucoup de travail pour que les citoyens retrouvent une vie normale. "C'est un soulagement", a dit d'emblée le maire de la Municipalité, "l'eau est encore haute, mais la rivière n'est plus sortie de son lit." [LIRE PLUS](#)

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## **Swamp Fox Airmen improve quality of life at Bellows Air Force Station, Hawaii**

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DVIDS

The South Carolina Air National Guard sent nearly 60 Airmen to Bellows Air Force Station in Waimanalo, Hawaii for the 169th Civil Engineer Squadron's 2019 Deployment for Training. Bellows is an Air Force gem with its own private beaches and beautiful Hawaiian scenery, but the Swamp Foxes arrived to work hard to leave their mark by heavily improving the base. [READ MORE](#)