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Service Officer Training

25 November 2017



Prince Edward Island Royal Canadian Legion
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Prince Edward Island Royal Canadian Legion PROVINCIAL COMMAND



Provincial Service Officer

- Meaghan Rockman
- 1st Thursday of each month –
**G.R Pearkes VC Branch
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- At Command office Monday,
Wednesday and Thursday from
9:00am to 2:00pm

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Got Questions?

As a **Veteran**, where can I turn for answers?

In a **financial emergency**, who can I contact?

I have a **disability**, how can I get help?

What are my **next steps**?

WE CARE for all Veterans of all ages and their families

The Royal Canadian Legion Service Bureau Network

Did you know that Legion Command Service Officers across the country:

- provide **FREE** representation with disability claims to Veterans Affairs Canada.
- provide **FREE** representation with Appeals to the Veterans Review and Appeal Board Canada.
- provide assistance to **all Veterans including serving Canadian Forces, RCMP members and their families.**
- provide assistance navigating and understanding the bureaucracy, legislation and policies.
- provide assistance to **all Veterans in financial need** to meet emergency requirements.

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Role of Command Service Officer

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- ✚ Resource for the Branch Service Officer and Poppy Chair related to service work upon referral from branches;
- ✚ **Authority for disability claim preparation and submission:**
 - First application, Departmental review, VRAB's, and co-representation with the Bureau of Pension Advocates;
 - Poppy Fund assistance, Benevolent Fund Applications, Housing Referrals, and Senior Housing Requirements.
- ✚ **Our role is to serve veterans new and old, and their dependents, to promote Remembrance and to act in the service of Canada and it's communities.**
- ✚ A client does not need to be a Legion member to receive support as any Canadians Forces Veterans can obtain support from the Legion.



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How we can help....

Legion Branch Service Officers are the eyes and ears of the Service Bureau Network at the grass roots level, who often first come into contact with Veterans and their families. Branch Service Officers assist Veterans by identifying those with unmet health needs and possible benefits from VAC and then by making appropriate referrals to Command Service Officers.



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Role of Branch Service Officer

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- ✚ As defined in General Bylaws, Service Officer Handbook and Branch Manual, the Branch Officer investigates Poppy Fund Applications and approves grants for:
 - Food, clothing, shelter and the necessity of life;
 - Works with the Branch Poppy Chair.
- ✚ Referral agent to the Command Service Officer for disability claims.
- ✚ However, the Branch Service Officer may assist applicants with paper work and claim application forms that have been registered by VAC.
- ✚ Legion Claim Application Form (2013) must be signed and dated by the applicant before representation can be affected.
- ✚ For security reasons and the safeguard of personal related information the Branch Service Officer does not have access to DVA personal data.



Terms of references – Branch Service Officer

Reference material:

General Bylaws

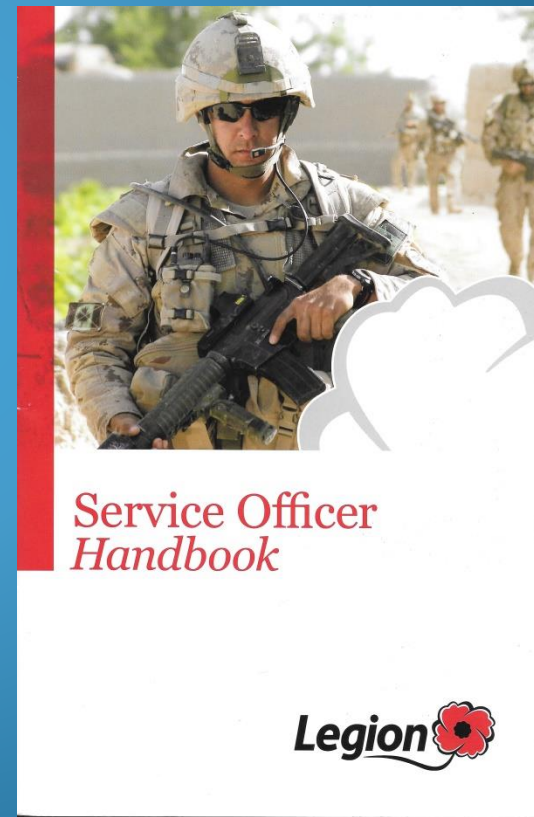
Service Officer Handbook

Branch Manual

Branch Bylaws

Poppy Manual and;

RCL website at: www.legion.ca



The Legion Service Bureau



- **The Legion Service Bureau Puts Client Confidentiality First When Representing Veterans**
- The Royal Canadian Legion provides free, professional counselling and representation services for still-serving Canadian Armed Forces members, Veterans, RCMP members and their families regarding disability claims or related issues with Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) and the Veterans Review and Appeal Board (VRAB). Professional Command Service Officers are mandated by legislation to provide representation at all levels of the disability claim process under the *Pension Act* or the *Canadian Forces Members and Veterans Re-establishment and Compensation Act*.
- In order to do this important work on behalf of Veterans and their families, the Legion requires access to confidential client information. VAC has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Legion to maintain client confidentiality and ensure appropriate use of client information.
- Access to client information is controlled and monitored by VAC and is in accordance with *the Access to Information Act and Privacy Act*. As defined in the MOU, VAC will grant the Legion Command Service Officers access to Veterans Affairs' client information only on signed consent from the client authorizing access. At any time, the client may limit or cancel the Legion's access to their file by advising any VAC office.
- The privacy and confidentiality of Veterans and their families are of utmost importance to the Legion. Our Command Service Officers are security cleared through VAC and adhere to the same safeguards and level of care as is provided by VAC departmental personnel.
- In any given year, the Legion helps an average of 3,200 Veterans with their disability claims. If you or a Veteran you know needs help, please contact the Legion Service Bureau. All services are free of charge, and you do not need to be a Legion member to access our services.
- We are here to help! Call 1-877-534-4666 or email servicebureau@legion.ca

DVA District Office

Location:

- **Jean Canfield Building**
1st Floor
191 Great George Street
Charlottetown, PEI
C1A 4L2
- **Telephone: 1-866-522-2122**
- **Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 to 4:30, local time**

- What they do?
- Services provided.....



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Programs offered through DVA

- ✓ Disability Benefits
- ✓ Mental Health
- ✓ Financial support
- ✓ Transition to Civilian life
- ✓ Health and well-being
- ✓ Veterans, CAF, RCMP, and Families
- ✓ Homeless
- ✓ Reviews and Appeals



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contact: www.veterans.gc.ca/services
information@vac-acc.gc.ca



Disability Benefits



- **Disability Benefits**
- Disability benefits are financial payments provided to individuals who have a service-related disability.
- **To receive a disability benefit you must:**
- have a diagnosed medical condition or disability; **and**
- be able to show that the condition or disability is related to your service.
- **There are two types of disability benefits**
- Disability Pension
- Disability Award
- The amount of a Disability Pension depends on:
 - the degree to which that disability is related to your service (entitlement); **and**
 - the extent of the disability (assessment).
- Your rank or years of military service have no impact on the amount you may receive.
- Additional pension amounts may also be awarded for qualified dependents (e.g. spouse, common-law partner and/or children).
- You may also qualify for additional allowances if you receive a Disability Pension.

Disability Applications

➤ **First Application**

- is the very first application made by the veteran for any and all disability applications. Must establish cause and effect and link to the military;

➤ **Departmental Review**

- is the second review for an unfavorable First Application. Can only be submitted if there is new evidence or proof of an error in law;

➤ **Veterans Review and Appeal Board Hearing**

- Is the third level of appeal or review for an unfavorable decision of the second level (Departmental Review);
- Applicant is able to attend Appeal Hearing and give evidence in front of a panel of two adjudicators. Bureau of Pension advocates (lawyer) Representative and Legion Co-Representation. (District Office)

➤ **Veterans Review and Appeal Board**

- Bureau of Pension Advocate Lawyer or Dominion Command Legion Representative. Teleconference Hearing;

➤ **Supreme Court of Canada**

- Applicant obtains legal representation at own expense



Programs offered through the Legion

- ✓ Assistance with VAC
 - ✓ Financial assistance
 - ✓ Mental Health and PTSD
 - ✓ Homeless veterans
 - ✓ Outreach and Visitation Initiative
 - ✓ VIP
 - ✓ Support for families
 - ✓ Support for Seniors
 - ✓ Funerals and Burials
 - ✓ Poppy Fund Assistance
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- ✓ Further explanation on some of these programs



Financial assistance....



The Royal Canadian Legion provides financial assistance to serving and former Canadian Armed Forces members, RCMP, and their families who are in financial distress. Grants are available for food, heating, clothing, prescription medication, medical appliances and equipment, essential home repairs and emergency shelter or assistance. Smaller comforts can also be provided to Veterans and surviving spouses who are hospitalized.

Any Veteran or Veteran's dependent in need of assistance is eligible to apply for financial aid from the Poppy Trust Fund, including:

Any person who is serving or who has honorably served in the Canadian Armed Forces or the RCMP, as well as their dependents

Merchant Navy personnel who have been awarded campaign stars or decorations, as well as their dependents

Ex-service personnel of Commonwealth countries and their dependents who reside in Canada



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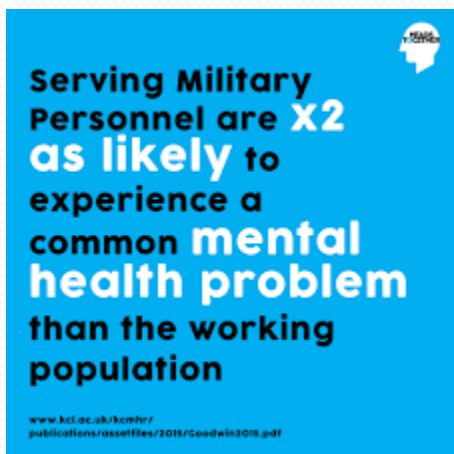


Mental Health and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

Mental illness is one of the most widespread health issues in Canada, and The Royal Canadian Legion is committed to ensuring Veterans and their families have access to the help and support they need.

- **Immediate, emergency help is available:**
- For an emergency or crisis situation, **call 911.**
- Call the crisis help line at **1-800-268-7708.**

This is a 24-hour toll-free crisis help line offering short-term professional counselling and referral services.



Medicinal Marijuana



Legalization and Regulation of Cannabis

as recommended by the Task Force, the cannabis for medical purposes regime will continue to exist to provide access to individuals who have the authorization of their healthcare practitioner to use cannabis for medical purposes. The Task Force also recommended that the Government monitor and evaluate patients' reasonable access to cannabis for medical purposes during the implementation of the new law, and then evaluate the medical access framework within five years of implementation of the law, which the Government intends to do.

Will be officially legalized in Canada in July 2018

Info at www.Canada.ca

Legion Claim Application Form



THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION CLAIM APPLICATION FORM



I _____ (please print) _____ (given names) _____ (Surname)

the applicant, authorize The Royal Canadian Legion to act as my representative and to have access to my relevant medical records, service records, client case files, and Client Service Delivery Network (CSDN) database records held by Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC), including those records held by the National Archives of Canada necessary to prepare a claim under the Pension Act and all other Acts as they relate to benefits and programs administered by VAC.

Representation and access to my records is to remain in effect as follows: (choose one of "A" or "B") (signature in block "C" is optional)

A Indefinite representation/access unless cancelled by me in writing to Veterans Affairs Canada. I understand Veterans Affairs Canada will notify The Royal Canadian Legion of this action upon receipt of my request.

B Representation access to end upon completion of specified claim(s). (Specify)

OR

Applicant's signature _____

Applicant's signature _____

Date _____

Date _____

C I understand that in certain circumstances decisions rendered in case(s) may be used by The Royal Canadian Legion as precedents to assist other applicants. I authorize The Royal Canadian Legion to have indefinite access to past and future decisions made on all my claim(s) for the purpose of assisting in the decisions of other applicants.

Applicant's signature _____

Date _____

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE AND CLAIM (please print)

Date of interview _____

1. Service N° _____ SIN _____ Rank _____ Marital status _____

of Dependants _____ Tel. N° (H) _____ (W) _____

Name of applicant _____ Email _____

(if not the veteran or member)

2. Address _____

(Street)

(City)

(Province)

(Postal code)

3. Date of birth _____ 4. If deceased, date of death _____

(veteran or member)

5. Date of enrolment _____ Date of release _____

6. Have you previously applied for a disability entitlement or other benefit from Veterans Affairs Canada? Yes No

If yes, are you currently receiving disability benefits? Yes No VAC file N° _____

VAC Blue Cross TAPS Card "A" benefits "B" benefits

7. Proof of identity attached for veteran Yes No Proof of identity attached for spouse Yes No

8. Explain what your claim is now _____

Please use a separate sheet of paper if you need more room

NOTES TO APPLICANT

- Physician's Diagnosis of Claimed Condition(s) is necessary and should be provided as soon as possible.
- In the even of your death, The Royal Canadian Legion will continue to have access to your records for a period of 90 days in order to finalize any claims pending at the time of your death.

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THE FOLLOWING AUTHORITY MUST BE SIGNED

I _____ (Given names) _____ (Surname), Service N° _____

authorize The Royal Canadian Legion to access all medical and service records including those held by the National Archives of Canada and to prosecute a claim through any agency of Veterans Affairs Canada.

Applicant's signature _____

X

Date _____

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FILLING OUT THE CLAIM FORM

- **Filling out the claim form**

- Block printing;
- Two signatures required;
- Date each signature;
- Requires service information.

- **Particulars**

- Ensure that all service dates are included;
- Regular force or reserve force choice;
- Enrollment date – release date;
- #8 as brief as possible;
- Ensure that Service Number is in Section 1 & D on the form;
- Mail in the original with two pueces of ID centered on one page.



10. Validation of Identity Bulletin

VALIDATION OF IDENTITY BULLETIN

Effective September 1, 2010, Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) will require proof of identity of all new applicants. This applies to any individual who is applying for the first time for any VAC program, benefit or service (i.e., member/Veteran, spouse/common-law partner, survivor/dependent child).

The identity of **new** applicants for any departmental program must be confirmed, with one piece of independent identification (current and valid).

Acceptable documents include

- Driver's license (provincial)
- Provincial health care card (*excluding Alberta and Manitoba)
- Other provincial identification card
- Other federal identification card
- Certificate of Indian Status
- Vital statistics documents: birth certificate, marriage certificate
- Employee identification card (federal, provincial or municipal)
- Canadian passport

Original and Photocopied Documents

Proof of identity can be presented in both original and photocopied form.

- **Original documents** - Will be accepted by VAC when applying in person. A photocopy of the identification document(s) presented will be made by VAC staff.
- **Photocopied documents** - Must be attached to applications sent by mail. Photocopies do not need to be certified. Ensure the appropriate service number is written on the photocopied documents.

Note: Once proof of identity is received by VAC, there is no requirement to provide proof of identity for future applications.



Note: Branch Service Officers do not need to certify Photo ID, as Command Service Officers will do this.

IDENTIFICATION PAGE

- Two pieces of ID centered on one page;
- First one must be photo ID:
 - Drivers license, passport, service ID, etc
- Second ID can be:
PEI Medical card, PEI ID card, or anything proving who the applicant is.
- If Power of Attorney is making application for applicant:
copy of the notarized POA and ID must accompany Legion Claim Form.



Poppy Fund Request for Assistance



Application For Special Use Of Poppy Trust Funds



(Please print)

Command: _____ Branch Name: _____ Branch #: _____

Branch Address: _____

Branch Telephone #: _____ Branch Fax #: _____

Contact Name: _____ Contact Phone # / email: _____ Date: _____

Poppy Manual Section 403 **USE OF FUNDS CATEGORIES** (Check only one of the following boxes)

- Poppy Manual Subsection 403.ii.a: **Housing Accommodation or Care Facilities** (Choose all which apply)
 - Purchases Construction Repair Furnishings
- Poppy Manual Subsection 403.ii.b: **Medical** (Choose one of the following)
 - Community Medical Appliance Medical Training Medical Research
- Poppy Manual Subsection 403.ii.c: **Senior Services** (Choose one of the following)
 - Drop-In Centre for the Elderly Meals on Wheels
- Poppy Manual Subsection 403.ii.d: **Relief of Disasters declared by the Federal or Provincial Government**
- Poppy Manual Subsection 403.ii.e: **Monuments**
- Poppy Manual Subsection 403.ii.f: **Support of Cadet Units**
- Poppy Manual Subsection 403.ii.g: **Annual Veterans Visit**
- Poppy Manual Subsection 403.ii.h: **Transportation**
- Poppy Manual Subsection 403.ii.i: **Accessibility Modifications**
- Poppy Manual Subsection 403.ii.j: **Call to Remembrance Program**
- Poppy Manual Subsection 403.ii.k: **Coin sorting machine**
- Poppy Manual Subsection 403.ii.l: **Transition Programs for Veterans**
- Poppy Manual Subsection 403.ii.m: **Post Traumatic Stress Disorder—Service Dogs**
- Poppy Manual Subsection 403.ii.n: **Support to Resource Centres** (Choose one of the following)
 - Military Family Resource Centre Other—Supporting Veterans

Current Poppy Account Balance as of date motion approved by branch: \$ _____

Projected Cost: \$ _____ Amount Requested: \$ _____

Description of how the funds will be used or item being donated: _____

_____ Date of General Meeting at which this expenditure was approved: _____ (yyyy/mm/dd)

Motion Moved By: _____ Motion Seconded By: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____
 Poppy Chairman / Treasurer Branch President / Administrator

PROVINCIAL COMMAND APPROVAL Copy of minutes may be required by Provincial Command.

YES By: _____ Date: _____

NO: More information is required, please complete highlighted areas and return to Command.

Benevolent Fund

- Providing Basic Emergency Assistance
- There are a number of Benevolent Funds which provide assistance to veterans, ex-service personnel and their dependents.
- Applications for Benevolent Fund assistance are made through a Veterans Affairs counsellor or your Provincial Service Officer.
- The purpose of these funds is to provide emergency assistance, which is not otherwise available. Requests for assistance usually relate to the basic needs of food, shelter and medical care and the assistance is designed to be on a one time basis.
- Need to fill in “VAC 1278” application



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Benevolent Fund Application



Benevolent Fund Application

POPPY RCNBF ALLIED VAC SOT OTHER Please specify: _____
 Use a blank sheet of paper if additional space is required for any of the following questions.

1) Service identification of eligible Veteran

Family name	Given name(s)	Service No.	Rank	Date of birth
Enrolment date	Release date	Unit	Location (if serving) Country & Service (if Allied)	

2) Address

Home address of applicant	Telephone number and email of Veteran/applicant
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3) Family particulars (All those residing in the house)

Name	Relationship to Veteran	Age	Single or married
Employment	Monthly Income	Monthly contribution to household	Health
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Employment or school	Monthly Income	Monthly contribution to household	Health

4) Summary

State previous assistance (Name of Fund)	Date	Amount
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Problem and type of assistance requested

Remarks, special instructions and recommendations of interviewer

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5) Real estate owned by Veteran/applicant and/or spouse/common-law partner

Name(s) of registered owner	Location
Description	if private dwelling, state number of bedrooms
Cost price	Current value
	Amt. of Mortgage-loan

6) Assets of Veteran/applicant and spouse/common-law partner

Assets	Value (\$)	Assets	Value (\$)
Available cash resources	\$	Insurance - Surrender Value	\$
Auto- Year and make	\$	Bonds - Other investments	\$
2nd vehicle	\$	Other assets	\$
A Total	\$	B Total	\$
		A + B =	
		Total	

7) Debts

Name and address of creditors	Articles or services obtained	Date incurred	Original amount (\$)	Monthly repayment rate (\$)	Balance Owng (\$)
Total					

8) Monthly Income

Monthly Income		Monthly Expenses		
Salary of Veteran or applicant	\$	Food and personal care	\$	
		Rent	\$	
		Mortgage (including interest)	\$	
		Property taxes	\$	
		Clothing	\$	
Salary of spouse	\$	Utilities	Electricity	\$
Contributing wage earning	Children residing at home		Water	\$
	Children not residing at home		Phone	\$
	Rents from tenants and boarders		T.V.	\$
			Internet	\$
		Home Fuel	\$	
Pension or other annuities (specify) (Veteran)	\$	Insurance (Medical, Life, Property etc)	\$	
		Transportation/Car expenses/gas	\$	
		Pension plans	\$	
Pension or other annuities (specify) (Spouse/widow)	\$	Child/Spousal Support	\$	
		Mess dues (if serving)	\$	
		Recreation	\$	
		Continuing medical expenses	\$	
		Other, Include debt from above	\$	
A Total income	\$	B Total expenses \$		
B Total expenses	\$			
A-B= Monthly surplus <input type="checkbox"/>	\$	State total family gross income for past 12 months (attach pay information slips or most recent income tax summaries)		
Monthly deficit <input type="checkbox"/>	\$			

Veteran's/applicant's Signature	Spouse's/common-law partner's signature (if readily available)	Date
Application approved <input type="checkbox"/>	If application declined, reason for declining	Date
Application declined <input type="checkbox"/>		

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Leave the Street Behind

- **How we can help**
- Trained Legion Command Service Officers can assist with the following:
- **Finding suitable accommodation:** Legion Provincial Commands work closely with Veterans Affairs Canada, shelters and community organizations to get Veterans off the street and into temporary and/or long term accommodations.
- **Financial assistance:** Through the Poppy Fund, housing support is provided through financial assistance for items such as first and last month's rent, rental arrears and furnishings.



Legion Sponsored Accommodations

- Miscouche #18 – Legion Senior Citizen Home (9)
- Montague #8 – Legion Senior Citizens Home (12)
- O’Leary #2 – O’Leary Legion Dev. Corp (16)
- North Rustico – Sunrise Lodge (6) as the Branch closed its doors the community took over its administration



Funerals and Burials Assistance

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REQUEST FOR CONTACT

Identification of Deceased Veteran

Surname:	<input type="text"/>	Given name(s):	<input type="text"/>
VAC file No.	<input type="text"/>	Date of birth	<input type="text"/> (yyyy/mm/dd)
Place of death	<input type="text"/>	Date of death	<input type="text"/> (yyyy/mm/dd)
Service No.	<input type="text"/>	Veterans province of residence	<input type="text"/>
Marital Status	<input type="text"/>		

Identification of Contact Person

Contact's name, address, comments and other information:

Relationship with Veteran:

Contact's Phone Number: xxx-xxx-xxxx

E-mail Address:

Veteran's Province of Residence at Time of Death
(For applications outside of Canada, select: From Outside of Canada)

Quebec
British Columbia
Ontario
United Kingdom

- The Veterans Affairs Canada Funeral and Burial Program ensures that eligible Veterans receive dignified funeral and burial services.
- The Last Post Fund (LPF), a non-profit organization, delivers the program on behalf of Veterans Affairs Canada. To be eligible for the program, Veterans must meet both military and financial criteria.



LAST POST FUND
FONDS DU SOUVENIR

Veterans Independence Program



The Veterans Independence Program (VIP) helps you remain independent and self-sufficient in your home and your community. Depending on your circumstances and health needs you may qualify for financial assistance to obtain services such as grounds maintenance; housekeeping; personal care; access to nutrition; health and support services provided by a health professional.

Outreach & Visitation Initiative

Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) supports approximately 6,800 Veterans in almost 1,400 long-term care facilities.

The Royal Canadian Legion delivers the Outreach and Visitation Initiative (OVI) on behalf of Veterans Affairs Canada.

Through this partnership, the Legion facilitates face-to-face visits with these Veterans, providing them with an opportunity to have a social visit with a Legion volunteer and to raise concerns or identify needs that might be addressed by Veterans Affairs Canada.

Contact: Gary Foster – Project Coordinator
Toll-free: 1-877-534-4666
E-mail gfoster@legion.ca

- You can become a volunteer for OVI.....
Training is provided.



Long Term Care Settings



LONG TERM CARE SETTING

- ❑ Veterans may receive financial support for long term care in:
 - **Contract beds** in facilities where VAC has agreements with the province, health authority and/or facility for priority access to a designated number of beds
 - **Community beds** in facilities operated by health authorities, private and not-for-profit sectors that provide care to provincial residents
 - **Departmental beds** at Ste. Anne's Hospital



Program Eligibility



Program Eligibility

- ❑ VAC contributes to the cost of care if specific criteria are met, including the type and location of military service, income, and whether the need for care is linked to a service-related disability.
- ❑ Veterans eligible for care in a contract, community or departmental bed include:
 - War Veterans who served overseas, are income qualified, or are receiving a disability pension
 - Allied Veterans whose needs cannot be met in community beds
- ❑ Veterans eligible for care in a community bed only include:
 - War Veterans who served in Canada only
 - Allied Veterans
 - Canadian Forces Veterans who need care because of a disability from an injury or illness related to military service

How does it work?



How does it work?

- ❑ The delivery of long term care is a provincial/territorial responsibility
- ❑ The assessment and placement process to access most long term care facilities is managed by provincial / regional / local health authorities
- ❑ If a veteran needs long term care, VAC can contribute to the cost of care if the veteran meets certain criteria (e.g. military service, income eligibility, etc)
- ❑ If a facility is full, a Veteran may be placed on a waitlist or given other placement options
- ❑ With home care services and support available from the Veterans Independence Program, many Veterans remain independent at home

Current Situation



Current Situation

- 9,423 Veteran clients are in long term care in Canada
 - 2,697 Veterans in *contract* beds
 - 6,322 Veterans in *community* beds
 - 404 Veterans in *Ste. Anne's Hospital*
- Veterans are in contact beds in 159 facilities and in community beds in approximately 1,750 facilities across the country.
- Most Veterans prefer to access community beds in facilities close to family, friends and other social support.

Community & Youth

Legion Riders

National Memorial Ride

The National Memorial Ride (NMR) is an annual commemorative event that brings together motorcycle enthusiasts and supporters to remember and commemorate Canada's Fallen Veterans at the National Military Cemetery at Beechwood Cemetery. Held annually in June.

Legion partnership with Ride For Dad

The Legion is a proud partner of Ride For Dad, a non-profit organization that combines the love of motorcycles with a commitment to supporting prostate cancer research and raising public awareness of the disease.



Track & Field

The Legions' **National Youth Track & Field** competition is the only one of its kind in Canada and has come to be regarded as one of the best in the country. Annually, it helps hundreds of athletes aged 12 to 17 years to develop their potential and strive to become Canada's future Olympians.



Many Canadians don't realize that the Legion is one of the largest supporters of community youth activities in the country.

The Legion promotes Remembrance to the younger generation and works with schools and youth organizations to keep the memories of our Fallen Veterans alive.

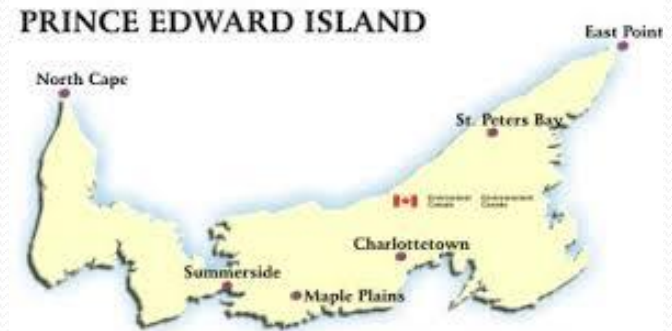
The Legion also supports youth leadership programs and activities such as Cadets, Scouts and Guides, and youth sports, helping build the next generation of leaders.

Youth scholarship and bursary programs, coordinated at the Branch level.

Through The Royal Canadian Legion's longstanding **Annual Poster and Literary Contests**, Canadian school children honour Canada's Veterans through creative art and writing, and help perpetuate Remembrance.

Finding Veterans on PEI

- ❖ The Legion does not know where and who they are.....
- ❖ DVA knows of those who have pension or benefits – about 2,500 on their database....
- ❖ It is estimated the number to be about 6,000 on the Island.....
- ❖ The Veterans with mental illness are harder to find as they tend to live by themselves.
- ❖ In the last couple of years new Armed Forces recruits are added to DVA database as they join the military.
- ❖ How to find them?



Contact Information

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Command Office (902) 892-2161
e-mail: royalcanadianlegion@pei.aibn.com
Web: www.peilegion.com

✓ **DVA/VAC** -
134 Kent St, Charlottetown, PE C1A 1N2
Ph: (902) 566-8677 Charlottetown Office
Web: www.veterans.gc.ca
e-mail: generalenquiries@dva.gov.au.

✓ **Dominion Command – RCL**
Main reception: 1- 613-591-3335
Toll-free: 1-888-556-6222
Web: www.legion.ca

Service Bureau/Veteran Support: 877-534-4666

- RCL Partnership:
- OSISS
- Vets Canada
- RCMP Pension
- Wounded Warriors
- MFRC
- Soldier ON



Thank You for Participating

Questions.....?



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