

Government extends CWATRP

From CFPN

The federal government has extended the Chemical Warfare Agent Testing Recognition Program (CWATRP). It now includes Canadian veterans who served as test subjects at Allied Forces' test establishments such as the Chemical Warfare Experimental Station at Porton, Wiltshire, U.K. during the Second World War.

In 2004, the Ministers of National Defence and Veterans Affairs announced the CWATRP for Canadian veterans who served as test subjects in chemical warfare agent experiments in Canada between the 1940s and the 1970s.

Eligible veterans have been receiving a one-time tax-free payment of \$24 000 in recognition of their service to Canada. Those eligible for payment under the program include members or former members of the Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Army, Royal Canadian Air Force or the Canadian Forces, who volunteered and participated as test subjects at Suffield, Alberta, from 1941 to the early 1970s, or the Chemical Warfare Laboratories, Ottawa, 1941 to 1945.

Now, eligible veterans can receive the same payment if they served as test



Second World War-era gas masks, Stirling, Stirlingshire, U.K.

subjects at Allied Forces' test establishments. In both cases, this amount is in addition to any disability pension benefits to which they may also be entitled.

Where eligible veterans are deceased, the executor of an estate that is still open—or the primary beneficiary of the veteran's will where the estate is fully dispersed—may submit an application. In those cases where an eligible veteran died without a valid will, the last unremunerated adult person(s) ordinarily residing with the veteran at the time of the

veteran's death may also apply for the one-time, non-taxable payment of \$24 000. Healthcare givers, housekeepers and other individuals paid to provide services to these veterans are not eligible to receive this ex gratia payment.

Many Canadian military personnel attended courses at the "Army School of Chemical Warfare" at Winterbourne Gunner in the U.K. during the Second World War. While this establishment is close to the Chemical Defence Experimental Station, Porton, it is a

separate unit and service at this school, which often included exposure to chemical warfare agents, does not equate to being a chemical warfare agent test subject.

Applications from, or on behalf of, Canadian chemical warfare agent test subjects who served at Allied Forces' test establishments must be received by February 28, 2007.

➤ For more information, contact the CWATRP office at 1-800-883-6094, at recognition-2006@forces.gc.ca, or at Chemical Warfare Agent Testing Recognition Program Office, National Defence Headquarters, 101 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa ON, K1A 0K2.

➤ Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) provides for the award of disability pension and other health-related services and benefits for service-related disability or death. If you believe you suffer from a disability related to your military service, including a disability related to chemical warfare agent testing—or if you are the surviving spouse/partner of a deceased veteran who you believe suffered from a disability related to military service—please call VAC at 1-866-522-2122 (English). ♦

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military. Your call will be held strictly confidential – even your deployed family member will not know you have used our services unless you wish to relay a message into the theatre of operations where he or she is serving.

CF family members are not alone during deployments. Most calls we receive are from family members who just want to speak with someone who can understand and empathize with how they're feeling about what they're going through. Don't hesitate to call us; we're here to listen and help.

1-800-866-4546

➤ Check out the Mission Information Line at www.cfpsa.com/en/psp/mil/.



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the occupation you wish to enter. If you have training that met requirements in the past but does not meet the current requirements, you are not eligible for this allowance, even if you retrain.

The first instalment of \$10 000 is paid when you meet all the eligibility requirements; the second is paid one calendar year after the first.

General

If you receive an NCM recruiting allowance, you will be required to serve for three years (from the date of your enrolment or transfer) in the CF Regular Force in your assigned understrength military occupation.

You may receive only one recruiting allowance even if you are eligible for more than one – it's up to you to decide which is the best option for you. RAs are subject to income tax, and Canada Pension Plan (CPP) and Employment Insurance (EI) deductions.

Officer candidates

CF officer candidate requirements vary depending on the field in or to which the candidate wishes to enrol or transfer.

If you think you may meet the eligibility requirements, or are a serving officer seeking a component transfer, read Compensation and Benefit Instruction (CBI) 205.525 at www.forces.gc.ca/dgcb/cbi/engraph/home_e.asp or at http://hr.ottawa-hull.mil.ca/dgcb/cbi/engraph/home_e.asp for detailed information about Recruiting Allowances and eligibility requirements for officer candidates and serving officers.

Information

➤ Consult CF General Message (CANFORGEN) 164/06 at http://vcds.dwan.dnd.ca/vcde-xec/pubs/canforgen/2006/intro_e.asp.

Peacekeeping Service Medal

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Missions that qualify for the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal (CPSM) are carried out under the auspices of the UN, or with another international force. Belligerents who agree to a peace-support deployment must also agree to participation by the Canadian Forces (CF).

Qualifying missions include support of preventive diplomacy, peacekeeping and post-conflict peace building, and sanctions-monitoring missions and monitoring no-fly zones (observing and noting violations, but not attempting enforcement). You must have served at least 30 cumulative days in a qualifying theatre of operations to be eligible for the CPSM.

After a review of the missions qualifying for the CPSM, some have been deleted from the list while others have been added. If you have already received a CPSM for service on a mission that no longer qualifies for the CPSM, your medal will not, of course, be rescinded. However, no other CPSMs will be awarded for service on that mission.

Now that the CPSM has criteria that are distinct from the criteria for the awarding of the Peace bar to the Special

Service Medal (SSM), #2 of CANFORGENs 107/00 and 097/00, and #3e of CANFORGEN 050/00 no longer apply. Further to CANFORGEN 094/05, service on *Operation HALO*, in its entirety, qualifies for the CPSM.

Service on two other operations has been added to the list of CPSM qualifying services: service on *Op AUGURAL* (the African Union's Darfur Integrated Task Force, since September 1, 2004); and service on *Op SAFARI* (the UN Mission in Sudan, since March 24, 2005).

➤ Read Canadian Forces General Messages (CANFORGENs) 169/06, 094/05, 050/01, 107/00, 106/00 and 097/00 at http://vcds.dwan.dnd.ca/vcde-xec/pubs/canforgen/intro_e.asp.

➤ Visit www.forces.gc.ca/hr/dhh/honours_awards/engraph/honour_awards_e.asp or http://hr.ottawa-hull.mil.ca/dhh/honours_awards/engraph/chart_display_e.asp for a list of missions that qualify for the CPSM.

➤ Find an application form at www.forces.gc.ca/hr/dhh/honours_awards/engraph/app_home_e.asp or at http://hr.dndhq.dnd.ca/dhh/honours_awards/applications/engraph/home_e.asp. ♦

➤ Read Compensation and Benefit Instruction (CBI) 205.525 at www.forces.gc.ca/dgcb/cbi/engraph/home_e.asp or at http://hr.ottawa-hull.mil.ca/dgcb/cbi/engraph/home_e.asp.

➤ Go to www.forces.ca/v3/engraph/jobs/careermatcher_en.aspx for information about careers in the CF.

➤ Email Parsons.YJH@forces.gc.ca with specific queries.

