



# Supports for Older Veterans

Resources for Community-Based Seniors  
Organizations serving Veterans in Alberta

## Key Programs and Supports

Here is a list of and key programs and supports for veterans. This may be valuable when you are working with older veterans, to help promote awareness about supports available to them.

### Government of Alberta

- The [Veterans Service Centre](#) is a centre in Edmonton where veterans can find financial, employment, housing and crisis supports.
- The [Operational Stress Injury Clinic](#) is an Alberta Health Services clinic that offers mental health services for veterans, Canadian Forces members, RCMP members, and their families.
- The [Alex Decoteau Award of Honour](#) is a Government of Alberta scholarship of \$5,000 for CAF members, veterans, and their families to pursue post-secondary education.

### Government of Canada

- [Veterans Affairs Canada](#) has a mandate to support all veterans. Their website offers information about varied supports for veterans including:
  - [Veterans Independence Program](#) – The Veterans Independence Program provides annual tax-free funding for services such as ground maintenance, housekeeping, meal preparation, and professional health and support services.
  - [Long-term Care](#) – All health systems in Canada provide some level of long-term care support in provincially licensed or regulated facilities. This resource provide helpful links to support seniors looking for long-term care facilities.
  - [Mental Health supports](#) – Mental Health resources offered by Veterans Affairs.

### Non-profit Organizations

- [VETS Canada](#) is a large non-profit organization that provides support services to veterans in need across Canada.
- [The Royal Canadian Legion](#) offers a variety of different programs for veterans including some specifically for older veterans. There are service branches across the province.
- [Homes for Heroes](#) creates villages for veterans that consist of 15-25 tiny homes arranged in a park-like setting. There is a veterans village located in Edmonton and in Calgary.
- Veteran's Association Food Bank offers support at their [Calgary location](#) and their [Edmonton location](#).

### Contact

If you have questions, or would like to share information about issues affecting older veterans in Alberta, please contact the Military Liaison at [military.liaison@gov.ab.ca](mailto:military.liaison@gov.ab.ca).