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TO: All Branches
For Information of Members of Command Executive Council

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SUBJECT: War Veterans Allowance

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There is a Veterans Affairs Canada program that might prove useful to you when you are assisting low-income Veterans of WWII or the Korean War. This program is called the *War Veterans Allowance* (WVA).

WVA provides monthly financial assistance to help low-income Veterans or their surviving spouse meet their basic needs. The amount provided is based on income, marital status and if they have any dependents.

In its essential form, WVA guarantees a minimum level of income by topping up a person's existing income to a pre-established "floor." Please see the monthly rate table below:

War Veterans Allowance Rate Table

Single Rate	Married Rate	Each additional dependent child
\$1,410.78	\$2,139.66	\$235.79

The amount listed in each column acts as the maximum amount of **total** income for a Veteran from every source **including** WVA. For example: if a single Veteran had a monthly income of \$1,200.00 per month, they could potentially receive \$210.78 per month in order to bring them up to the Single Rate's floor; if a single Veteran only had a monthly income of \$700.00 per month, then they could potentially receive \$710.78 per month.

Eligibility is very simple: it is available to any low income Veteran of WWII or the Korean War who has a monthly income less than that specified in the rate table. Typically speaking, War-Veterans who receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement are usually eligible for the program.

If you have been made aware of a Veteran who is eligible to apply to this program, then application can be made directly to Veterans Affairs Canada by calling their National Hotline at **1-866-522-2122**.

I hope this information adds a new tool to your branch Service Officer toolbox, and allows you to better serve the Veterans in your community.

Respectfully,
Joseph

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