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Commemoration Overview

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Overview

- Commemoration – one of three Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) core responsibilities
- Delivered through:
 - Canada Remembers Program
 - Primary focus to engage Canadians in remembrance
 - In collaboration with local, federal and international partners
 - Funeral and Burial Program
 - Provision of financial assistance for funeral, burial and grave marking expenses of eligible Veterans
 - Delivered for VAC by Last Post Fund Corporation, an independent, non-profit organization



Canada Remembers Program

- Suite of components to honour those who served and to engage Canadians in remembrance, including:
 - Ceremonies and events (e.g. Veterans' Week)
 - Care, preservation and presentation of overseas memorials
 - Books of Remembrance and Canadian Virtual War Memorial
 - Cemetery and grave maintenance
 - Learning resources to engage youth, educators, etc.
 - Grants and contributions for commemorative projects
 - Honours and awards (e.g. war service medals, Memorial Cross, Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation)



Funeral and Burial Program

- In recognition of their service to Canada, financial assistance is provided for the dignified funeral and burial of eligible Veterans.
- Under the *Veterans Burial Regulations*, assistance is provided for Veterans:
 - whose deaths were a result of their service (matter-of-right); or
 - whose estates do not have sufficient funds for a dignified funeral, burial, and grave-marking (means-tested).



Questions/Discussion