

Veterans Voice #5 – January 2018

Welcome to Veterans Voice – a monthly column by members of Woodstock Unit #95 ANAVETS for all veterans, RCMP, still serving members, first responders, and for anyone who cares about the issues.

Did You Know?

Service dogs are partners to many people from all walks of life, to those who are visually impaired, epileptics, autism, different diseases. Over the last several years, it has become increasingly apparent how valuable a service dog can be to someone suffering from PTSD. The problem seems to be that the Canada Revenue Agency does not recognize PTSD as an eligible condition. This means no tax deduction for vet bills, food etc. This seems to be biased against someone suffering from the invisible injury of PTSD. We think ALL service dogs should be a medical deduction. I also remind you that a service dog is a working dog..do not bother them by patting or talking to them unless given permission by the owner.



Do You Care?

If you care about this lack in our tax deductions, please write to your MP and let them know how you feel. A letter to your MP requires no postage so it only costs a few minutes of you time.

For Your Information

We, as a Unit, as well as our Dominion Headquarters are studying the recent announcement by the Minister of Veterans Affairs, Seamus O'Regan. We will not be commenting or voicing an opinion until some key questions are answered and the whole plan becomes more transparent.

What's Happening?

ANAVETS:

General Meeting – Feb. 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm at St. Gertrude's Parish Centre

Reminder to RCL Branches, 318 RCACC, and 89th Bty to let me know your special events the first week of every month so I can include them here.

We welcome your suggestions and questions. Please email to: r1macfarlane@xplornet.com. Check out our website at <http://woodstocknavets95.ca> and find us on Facebook.

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