Aging Veterans: Past, Present and Future
INTRODUCTION

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OBJECTIVES

Past

History of programs for aging Veterans

Present

Program Use Disability/Frailty

Future

Veteran Population Data Sources
Canadian Regular Force Personnel

- >650,000 served in WWI of 8 million Canadians
- 1.1 million served in WWII of 11 million Canadians
- ~20,000 served in Korean War
- Increased tempo of operations
- >40,000 served in Afghanistan
Expansion of Programs over Time

1915 Hospitals
1919 Disability & Treatment Benefits
1930s War Veterans Allowance
1945 Veterans Charter

1960s Contract LTC beds
1981 Aging Veterans Program (renamed Veterans Independence Program (VIP))

1991 VIP Extended to post-Korean War Veterans

1915 to 1950s
Reestablisment

1960 to 1980s
Aging War Service Veterans

1990s to today
Aging Post Korean War Veterans
Three Powerful Drivers Responsible for Canada’s Veterans Independence Program

Canada's Veterans Independence Program – A Pioneer of Aging at Home

More than 115,000 younger and older Veterans using VAC Programs

### Total Veteran Clients

- **CAF**
- **War Service**

### VIP Veteran Clients

- **CAF**
- **War Service**
Frailty prevalence the same as other Canadians

But more recent Regular Force Veterans appear to be worse off

Mean age 44

Veteran population declining mostly due to the aging of War Service Veterans

Post-Korean War Veterans are aging rapidly as well

Canadian Veteran Population ~640,000
QUESTIONS?