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Support once your regular service has finished.

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Here's how we can support you, and how you can support your family and whānau.

[Non-military personnel](#)

Non-military personnel can have Qualifying Operational Service in certain circumstances.

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We're proud to honour the service of the veteran community.

[Services Cemeteries and plaques and headstones](#)

We help look after Services Cemeteries. We're also able to contribute towards plaques and headstones.

[Commemorative funding](#)

There are two types of financial contributions available from the Commemorative Fund.

[Medals and service records](#)

The NZ Defence Force's Personnel Archives and Medals team administer medals and hold most New Zealand military service records.

[When someone dies](#)

We may be able to provide support when someone who had Qualifying Service dies.

[Your family's military history](#)

Learning more about your family's military history is a great way to honour their service.

[Certificate of Appreciation and Veterans' Pins](#)

The Certificate of Appreciation and Veteran's Pin recognise operational service.

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To be eligible to receive support from us, you—or certain family members—need to have Qualifying Service.

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Check the support, services, or entitlements you may be able to get from us.

[Qualifying Service](#)

To get support from us you — or certain family members — need to have Qualifying Service.

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You can still get support from us even if you live outside NZ.

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You may be able to get support if you're the spouse, partner, child or dependant of someone with Qualifying Service.

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Veterans' Affairs New Zealand was established to support New Zealand veterans.

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We put veterans and our clients at the heart of everything we do.

If you have a question at any stage please contact us—we're here to help.

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Your treatment card helps you get no-cost treatment and medication for your approved conditions.

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We want to make sure you have the best possible experience when you deal with us.

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We use a number of tools and processes to make decisions. This helps ensure each decision we make is fair and treats our clients consistently.

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On a sunny late autumn day close to 300 veterans and their whānau joined Veterans' Affairs and a number of other veteran agencies at the Claudelands Event Centre in Hamilton.

Claudelands has been the biggest event space we have used so far for our forums, but it soon filled up with veterans talking with exhibitors, reminiscing with mates and lining up for a scone.

These forums are designed with veterans and their whānau in mind. It's an opportunity for them to meet with a case manager in person, connect with local service providers, attend presentations from veterans' support organisations and to catch up with their friends.

For veteran Corey, "attending events like this is a great way to see what else I can gain or add for me and my family." While for Rick, "It's better when it's face-to-face as there's more of a connection" and they both agreed that it's also a good way to catch up with mates they haven't seen in a while.

Head of Veterans' Affairs Bernadine Mackenzie feels that the value of meeting face to face can't be overstated; "Veterans feel more comfortable discussing issues, asking questions, learning about entitlements and giving appreciation in person and we're here to listen."

Our Waikato Forum followed two successful forums in Whangārei and Tairāwhiti/Gisborne. Keep an eye out for future events on our Facebook page and website.

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