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Vellacott Trumpets Changes to Reserve Force Personnel Pension Plan

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OTTAWA – Yesterday, Minister O'Connor, and General Rick Hillier, the Chief of Defence announced that all Reserve Force members will now be eligible to contribute to and earn benefits from the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) for all periods of Reserve service.

Saskatoon-Wanuskewin MP Maurice Vellacott says, "Canada's New Government is committed to ensuring that all members of the Canadian Forces family who serve our country have a level of financial security commensurate with that received by other federal employees."

Vellacott states, "Canada's New Government is proud of the brave men and women who serve our country daily. In recognition of their service, we are pleased that all CF members will now benefit from the Canada Pension Plan and enjoy greater security for the future. This amendment is another example of our commitment to support them."

Effective January 1, 2007, this regulation will allow all CF Reservists to contribute to and earn benefits from the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) for all periods of Reserve Service.

At least 8,500 Reserve Force members previously excluded will now be eligible to contribute to and earn benefits under the CPP.

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