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## **CALL FOR ARTICLES: “Medical welfare and care of military communities: a collection of historical studies”.**

The *Journal of Military, Veteran and Family Health (JMVFH)* is seeking high-quality articles that explore the historical healthcare provisions for military personnel and their families for publication in a September 2027 special edition. Guest Editors of the edition are Dr Paul Huddie and Dr Michael Robinson.

The medical services provided by militaries throughout time and across the world are and have always been integral to the effectiveness of such fighting forces. Their size and capabilities determine the health outcomes of those who become sick or injured during service. Analysis of such provisions throughout history is a core function of the Military Welfare History Network. So, in 2027 its coordinator, Dr Paul Huddie, and long-time member, Dr Michael Robinson, will edit a special issue of *JMVFH* for the purposes of bringing together historians, social scientists, medical professionals, and service providers from Canada and around the world to discuss the historical challenges faced by military medical services regarding the health of active service personnel and veterans and the families of both, and how, if at all, these challenges and the responses to them have changed over the centuries.

“*Medical welfare and care of military communities: a collection of historical studies*” will use a dozen historical case studies to provide a historical underpinning for current practices and provisions and inform the same, both in Canada and around the world. Articles included in the special edition will provide better understanding to military medical practitioners, military medical units, military communities and policy makers of the origins and evolutions of current practices and provisions and inform the same amongst, both in Canada and around the world. The special issue serves as a signpost to a broad and multidisciplinary academic perspective and collection of scholarship that is already well-respected within certain academic and military circles, but which requires broader promotion and understanding.

Articles are welcome that focus on any category of recipient: service personnel, service families, veterans and their families, and widows and orphans, and on any aspect of their welfare or care: medical care within military installations or during active operations, and medical, nursing and healthcare provisions on the ‘home front’. The goal is to inform practice, influence policy, and generate debate in this specific area of military and health research. Submissions from

Canadian and international researchers are encouraged. Articles may include, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- Geographic comparative approaches, including how nations responded similarly or differently to returning veterans of the same conflict.
- Trans-temporal comparative approaches, including how nations respond similarly or differently to returning veterans diagnosed with the same war-related wounding or disability but in different historical conflicts and contexts.
- Healthcare provisions, including nursing and midwifery, provided to military communities by charities and philanthropic organizations
- The place and influences of gender, class, disability, religion, and race on military medical welfare and care provisions and programs
- Social, economic and political factors influencing and impacting military healthcare provision

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

January 15, 2026 — Statement of Intent due

July 15, 2026 — Manuscript submission due

July 2026 to April 2027 — Decision and revisions

April 15, 2027— Final manuscripts due

June to September 2027 — Articles released online in Advance Access

September 2027 — Publication released

### **DETAILS**

*JMVFH* publishes original [research, reviews, and perspectives](#) that enhance the health and well-being of military personnel, Veterans, public safety personnel, and their families. Submitted manuscripts should not have been published previously, nor be under consideration for publication elsewhere. All manuscripts are thoroughly adjudicated through a double-blind peer review process.

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Authors intending to contribute to the *JMVFH* special edition, “Medical welfare and care of military communities: a collection of historical studies”, are asked to submit a maximum 500-word Statement of Intent by **Jan. 15 2026**, to assist with planning. Statements of Intent must include:

- Title of the proposed manuscript
- Names of authors
- Article type (e.g., research, review)
- Brief description/abstract of the proposed manuscript (e.g., introduction, methods, results, discussion)

Email Statements of Intent to the *JMVFH* Acting Managing Editor at:

[Maxime.Valsamas@queensu.ca](mailto:Maxime.Valsamas@queensu.ca).

## **MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION**

Manuscripts for the special edition are due **July 15, 2026**. Late submissions will not be accepted. Please visit the [Instructions for Authors](#) page before submitting a manuscript. Upload manuscripts using the *JMVFH* [submission portal](#) and label them as a “Special Issue” article type. Clearly articulate in your cover letter the category of manuscript for consideration (i.e., Research, Review, Arts & Humanities, etc.) and the approximate word count (excluding abstract, key words, lay summary, and references).

## **NOTES ON MANUSCRIPT**

Manuscripts should be between 3,500-4,500 words. Additionally, submissions should include a 250-word structured abstract and no more than 50 references. There is no limit to the number of tables/figures.

## **BACKGROUND**

*JMVFH* is the official, peer-reviewed scholarly journal of the Canadian Institute for Military and Veteran Health Research (CIMVHR). It aims to maximize the mental and physical health, and social well-being, of military personnel, Veterans, public safety personnel, and their families, by publishing world-class research to a broad international and multidisciplinary readership of researchers, health practitioners, administrators, community members, and policymakers.

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