

AFP/AAC launches new online petition program

The AFP/AAC website has a new interactive feature. The online petition program has been created to allow members to have their voices heard on the issues that matter – from the Marriage After 60 clause, to the recent decision by the government not to renew Pat Stogran’s contract as VAC ombudsman.

All petitions will be posted in two formats with the subject and wording of the petition clearly displayed: one in a print version so members can download, and circulate for signature and send either directly to the PMO and VAC or to the association to forward on their behalf. Relevant addresses for the Prime Minister, etc. will also be posted for the members’ convenience.

The online version will allow members to enter their name and contact information (without identifying information being displayed publically). All petitions will have a closing date clearly identified.

Once the closing date is passed, the names collected on the online petition will be sent to the Prime Minister, Minister of Veterans Affairs and possibly the Minister of National Defence with a cover letter from AFP/AAC.

While online petitions cannot be presented in the House by a member of parliament as they do not have signatures, they do let the government know their citizens feel strongly on an issue. Those entering their names must reside in Canada.

For those who would like to see a petition tabled in the House, please ensure all those signing reside in Canada, using the document we will post on the website. All petitions must have the subject at the top of each page, without alterations or text crossed out, and have a minimum 25 names to be valid. Smaller petitions can be sent to AFP/AAC and we will compile them all and send to the government.

Notices about upcoming petitions will be posted in the newsletter, if timing allows, and will be sent via email. To ensure you have the opportunity to participate in any upcoming petition, please visit the website regularly at www.afpaac.ca or contact us to ensure we have your email address on file at 1-613-432-9491.