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## NEWS RELEASE

### **VON WINS MAJOR CONTRACT WITH VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA TO ENSURE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF SASKATCHEWAN'S VETERANS ARE TOP PRIORITY**

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**March 13, 2007 (Ottawa, ON)** — VON (Victorian Order of Nurses) has been awarded a contract, with Department of Veteran Affairs (VAC), to provide nursing assessment and nursing advisory services on an as needed basis for the province of Saskatchewan.

“VON is dedicated to supporting and caring for veterans. We must ensure that these men and women are able to age well in their home and communities,” said Dr. Judith Shamian, President and CEO of VON Canada. “Through this arrangement VON will provide services that will improve the quality of life of veterans throughout Saskatchewan. We look forward to working closely with Veterans Affairs Canada to ensure we provide the highest quality of care to veterans when they need it.”

The five-year contract will begin with the training of VON nurses. VON will conduct nursing assessment services for VAC clients in their homes or the facilities in which the clients reside; provide advice on a wide variety of nursing issues related to the care of adult and older clients including mini-mental status, levels of depression, pain and possible placement issues and will prepare reports on the health status and medical needs of the client, which will be submitted to the VAC for review and action.

VON is dedicated to being a leader in the delivery of innovative comprehensive health and social services and to influencing the development of health and social policy in Canada. We are a national health organization and registered charity offering a wide range of community health care solutions that meet the needs of Canadians from coast to coast. VON is committed to continuous quality improvement and is accredited by the Canadian Council of Health Services Accreditation.

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