## WarriorHealth CombatCare

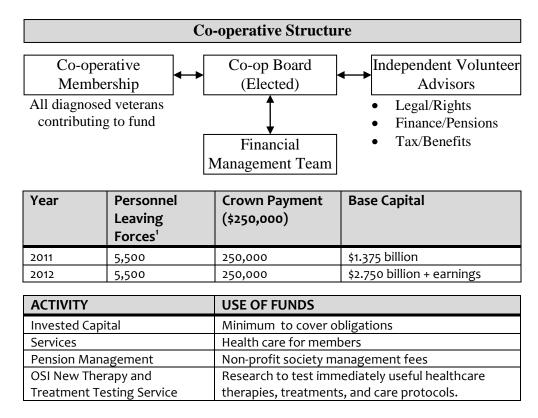
Time to Come Home



## PROPOSAL – CANADIAN VETERANS OSI CARE FUND

**PRÉCIS:** During 2011, the Government of Canada decided to pay veterans a lump sum payment of \$250,000 when leaving service. There are numerous physical injury services, but this payment may not be sufficient to cover life-long costs that each veteran faces to manage post-service Operational Stress Injuries, which may include Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and related issues such as Anxiety, Depression, and Substance Abuse.

A PEER-TO-PEER CO-OPERATIVE SOLUTION: OSI-injured veterans could manage long-term costs by banding together as a private healthcare co-operative fund (here, for discussion purposes, called CVOCF), that is similar to Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), designed to maximize returns that are available from a grouped benefit structure. All members leverage the principal, tax outcomes, and leveraged proceeds.



**ABOUT PSTD:** PTSD develops when a person survives a horrible and life-threatening experience but cannot emotionally 'move on' once safety is reached. Sufferers often despair in silence. PTSD is not an easily manageable injury. An effective solution is urgently needed for this profound social dilemma. Pharmaceuticals have been shown not to work, and talk therapy treatments take a lifetime, and other solutions are not easily accessible. Combat PTSD kills more veterans from suicide than combat—17% of Canadian soldiers vs. 5% from combat. PTSD affects 30% of civilians in war zones, disasters, and 8% generally from terrifying civilian and combined civilian/military experiences such as child soldiering, rape, accidents, terrorist attack, and child abuse.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.legionmagazine.com/en/index.php/2011/07/canadian-forces-introduces-a-three-year-adjustment-period/