



Artist: Madeleine Vrignon

Location: RCMP E Division Headquarters (14200 Green Timbers Way)

Category: Private

Owner: RCMP

Year Installed: 2004, relocated to current site in 2013

About Fallen Peace Officers Memorial Monument

This **monument to fallen RCMP officers** in British Columbia is composed of multiple parts: an officer in repose, two slabs with a bilingual inscription and an RCMP badge between them, and a pair of gloves and Stetson hat lying on the granite steps leading to the slabs.

The bilingual inscription reads “Dedicated to the members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who lost their lives during the course of duty in the province of British Columbia.”

The bronze sculpture of the officer is two metres high. Behind him, tall prairie grasses grow, reminiscent of the RCMP’s prairie origins in the 1870s. The shape of the granite slabs bearing the inscription represents the Rocky Mountains—an iconic presence in British Columbia. The bronze badge is an emblem of the RCMP and the hat and gloves represent the officers on a more personal level.

Originally installed in Vancouver, the sculpture was moved in 2013 when the BC RCMP Headquarters (E Division) relocated to its new home in Surrey.

About the Artist

Madeleine Vrignon has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Manitoba and lives in Winnipeg. She primarily creates sculptures in bronze and stainless steel and has made two other bronze and granite monuments for the RCMP. Many of her works can be found in St. Boniface Sculpture Garden and Assiniboine Park’s Citizens Hall of Fame featuring busts of famous Winnipeggers. Vrignon also produces conceptual design for signs, illustrates books for children and adults, has served as an engraver for Brunet Monuments, and taught art at Collège B

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Detail of hat and gloves



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Profile view of pensive officer



With the thanks to RCMP Corps Sergeant Major Alan McCambridge, the RCMP Veterans' Association has been authorized to accept new applications for Veterans for the Generational Insignia and Territorial Insignia pins.

The criteria for each insignia is provided later in this bulletin.

RCMP Veterans who qualify will be required to submit their application forms to the RCMP Veterans' Association Division to which they belong. Contact addresses for the 30 RCMP Veterans' Association Divisions can be found on this [website](#) under the "Divisions" menu.

The insignia will be identical as those issued to qualified serving members and employees of the Force, and will be custom-ordered from the same manufacturer. The cost per insignia will be \$20.00. All proceeds above the cost of manufacturing will be donated to the RCMP Veterans' Association registered charity. Cheques or money orders only please.

Divisions are asked to further inform your members that new applications are once again being received via Regular General Meetings or your own communications channels and to encourage submissions from members who missed the first opportunity in 2017 or new members who have not yet applied and who meet the eligibility criteria. All applications must be submitted through the Divisions. Separate applications will not be processed.

Each application will be reviewed and approved by the RCMP Corps Sergeant Major. The approval / denial decision is solely that of the CSM; not the RCMP Veterans' Association. The decision of the CSM then authorizes the RCMP Veterans' Association to make an order to the manufacturer to produce the insignia. The RCMP Veterans' Association will hold limited stock of the insignia to support this ongoing program. Once received from the manufacturer, the insignia will be returned to the Divisions for presentation or distribution as per their local procedures or customs.

Criteria: RCMP Generational Service Insignia

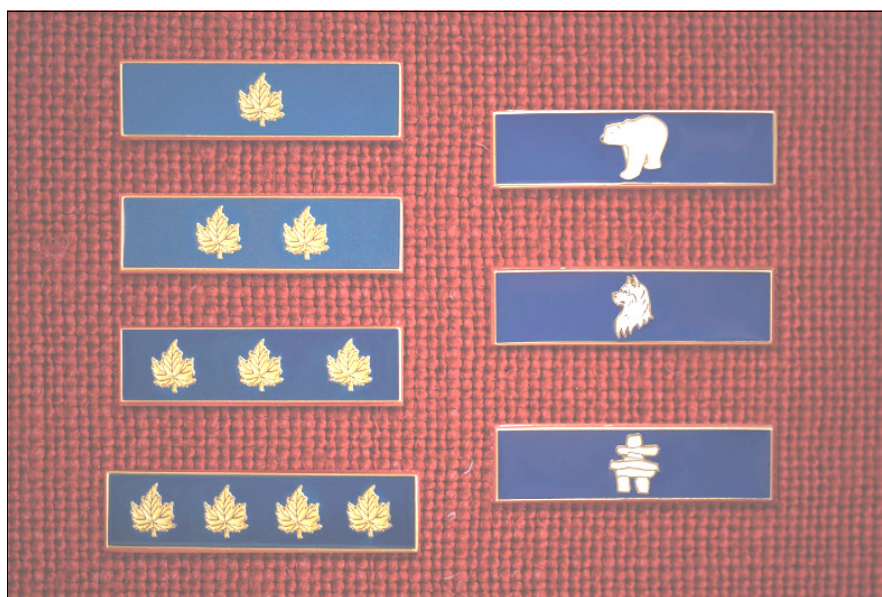
The RCMP Generational Service Insignia pin was launched on November 9, 2016 to honour families who have served the Force over the generations. Maple-leaf designs will indicate the number of direct generations in the family who have served. The Generational Service Insignia pin is open to all Regular Members and Civilian Members. Public

Service Employees who are currently working for the RCMP with more than ten years' service with the Force may also apply. Immediate family members are defined as grandparents, parents, children, siblings and spouses who have served the Force. Family members with other police services do not qualify.

Criteria: RCMP Territorial Service Insignia

To recognize those who have served and continue to serve our Northern Territories, the Force launched the RCMP Territorial Service Insignia on November 22, 2016.

The RCMP Territorial Service Insignia consists of a 32 x 9 mm rectangular royal blue pin, edged in gold with a Husky representing "M" Division, a



Polar Bear representing "G" Division, and an Inuksuk representing "V" Division. Combinations of the Husky, Polar Bear, and Inuksuk are also available for those employees who have served in multiple Territorial Divisions. All RCMP employees, including Public Service Employees, Municipal Employees and Auxiliary Constables who are serving or who have completed their commitment of service in one or more Territorial Division are eligible to receive the Insignia.

The pins are similar in size to existing Commendation pins and can be worn on operational uniforms, dress uniforms and civilian clothes, including Association Dress, on the right lapel.

The Association Manual is being amended to reflect the proper placement of the pins upon the right lapel.

Submitted by Director Ric Hall

May 2018 Scarlett and Gold

Well spring is certainly upon us on the west coast. Having just arrived back from spending a month in Ottawa, I certainly enjoy seeing the flowers and the greenery blooming on the west coast. Not much green in Ottawa right now!

While I was in Ottawa, I had the good fortune to be able to meet with both Ralph Mahar, National Executive Officer, RCMP Veterans' Association, and Michael Duncan, Executive Officer for the Quarterly. It was a great opportunity to discuss issues which impact our Association. Planning for the future, including building and strengthening of the Association, was discussed and how these would relate to Vancouver Division while our Division continues to support the National objectives. Further discussion surrounded the St. Roch, housed at the Vancouver Maritime Museum, and the issues regarding the redevelopment of the Fairmont Lands. While there were no definitive solutions/direction arising from the meeting, it was extremely beneficial overall.

The final planning is underway for the AGM being held in Winnipeg at the end of May. Vice President, Bob Underhill, will be representing Vancouver Division at this AGM. As per the email message received from the RCMP VA on

April 23, 2018, please ensure that you exercise your right to vote on the resolutions and Board of Director Members. Voting is open until May 15, 2018 at 17:00 PM Eastern Standard Time.

Regarding the Fairmont Lands redevelopment, there has been nothing further received from Vancouver City since the March 6th meeting which was reported on in last month's Scarlett and Gold issue. As soon as information is received, it will be communicated to our members.

I encourage you to join other Vancouver Division members at our Division's "Ease into Summer" event being held at the Pacific Regional Training Centre (PRTC) in Chilliwack on June 16th. Much effort has been taken by executive members in the planning of this event and your support is needed. Details on the event have already been distributed via our Veterans' Updates and further updates will be provided as necessary.

Still looking for Vancouver Division members to step up and take on a role within the executive. If you are interested, or would like further information, please contact Past Pres. Keith Leishman at kleishman@telus.net.

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NEW ANNOUNCEMENT RE DATE CHANGE



THERE WILL BE A VETERANS' REGULAR GENERAL MEETING

& BUFFET LUNCHEON ON THURSDAY, MAY 17TH, 2018

AT 12:00 NOON, "HAZELMERE GOLF & TENNIS CLUB,"

\$30.00 PER PERSON, CASH/CHEQUE, & 50/50 DRAW.

NEW CONTACT FOR LUNCHEONS:

DOROTHY MARTINSON,

demartinson@shaw.ca or (604) 261-4630, NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, MAY 15TH, TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT & MEAL!!

PLEASE NOTE: THE VETS' "SPRING SOCIAL" ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 26TH, 2018 HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH AT PRTC, CHILLIWACK. See block ad in this Newsletter for cost, times, and to make reservations.



Vancouver Division RCMP Veterans' Association, Hazelmere Golf and Tennis Club, Surrey, BC

The meeting was called to order at Noon by Vice President, Bob Underhill. Following the President's welcome message, the National Anthem was led by Gordon Cave. Bob read the roll of those who had recently passed and called for a moment of silence. Retired Padre Dr. Frank McLeod gave the blessing for the Lunch. The Life Members were asked to stand and be recognized and lunch followed.

Business Meeting:

1. Director Gordon Cave to speak on the Honour Guard. Gordon spoke on Honour Guard and was presently updating the list of Guard Members, contact numbers and addresses. Gordon also invited other members to take part in this program.
2. Past President Keith Leishman spoke on the June 16th "Ease into Summer" event at the RCMP Pacific Region Training Centre. This will be a dinner event and the speaker will be the OIC PRTC. Overnight accommodation and breakfast can be arranged at PRTC (\$92.09 including tax and \$10.00 for Breakfast). Full particulars will be posted and set out in Scarlet and Gold. There is a deadline of June 8th for notification of attendance. Contact Dorothy Martinson for tickets (\$50.00) and book accommodation with the Hotel at PRTC.
3. Treasurer Rupert Bullock advised that 327 members have paid dues and fees for this year. There are still 60 who are active but not paid.
4. Approval of Travel costs for the Vice President to attend the 2018 National AGM was discussed briefly. Rupert Bullock spoke on the costs and moved that the registration and travel expenses for Bob to represent the Division at the 2018 AGM. The motion was seconded by Frank McLeod. The motion was carried.
5. Health and Welfare Director Ron Budd spoke on the Survivors Guide and to contact him for a copy.
6. Mental Health Fair at "E" Division. Keith Leishman advised that we had again been invited to participate in this activity on May 5th. The Division will be setting up a table with brochures and advertising. If you can attend contact Keith or Gordon Cave.
7. Membership Director Ric Hall introduced new member John Sherstone.
8. Membership Director Ric presented Service Bars to Dave Turnbull (40), Robbie Robertson (40), Bill Schindeler (30), and Mert Rowden (40).
9. Vice President Bob Underhill presented the 50/50 winner Bryan Whitta with \$52.50. The balance to the PRDA Charity.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting May 17th 2018.



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A young student, taking a first flying lesson, was in a two seater airplane with just the pilot.

When the pilot had a heart attack and died, the frantic student called out, "Help, Help, May Day, My pilot had a heart attack and is dead and I don't know how to fly. I need help."

The student gets a response, "This is Air Traffic and I hear you. I will talk you through this and get you down safely. I've had experience with this kind of problem. Now, just breath deeply. All will be okay. Now give me you height and position?"

"I'm 5'10" and in the front seat.

"Okay, says the voice on the radio" "Repeat after me: Our Father who are in heaven

From Russ Borys



40/40 Winner Bryan Whitta(R) with Vice President Bob Underhill



40 year bar recipient Robbie Robertson(C) with Director Ric Hall and Vice President Bob



40 year bar recipient Dave Turnbull(C)



New member John Sherstone(L) introduced by Director Ric Hall.



40 year bar recipient Bill Schindeler (C)



40 year bar recipient Mert Rowden (C)

Photos by Secretary Mert Rowden





RCMP Veterans “Ease Into Summer”

Date: Saturday, June 16, 2018
**Location: Pacific Region Training
Centre (PRTC), 1100-45337 Calais,
Crescent, Chilliwack, B.C. V2R 0N6**

**Time: 6:00 pm - Speaker (Officer i/c
PRTC)**

7:00 pm - Dinner

DRESS: business casual (no shorts, jeans)

COST: \$50 (Deadline for Payment: Friday, June 8, 2018)

**Payment: Cheque/Money Order: pay to “RCMP
Veterans Association Van. Div.” w/notation “PRTC
Event”, send to:**

**RCMP Veterans’ Association (Van. Div.)
Mailstop 1004
14200 Green Timbers Way
Surrey, B.C. V3A 3T2**

**ALSO: please register your attendance with Dorothy
Martinson: 604-261-4630; demartinson@shaw.ca**

NOTE: a minimum of 50 attendees is required

For those who haven’t visited the RCMP’s Pacific Region Training Centre, this is an opportunity for RCMP Veterans and their families, and retired non-Vet RCMP members, to learn about the PRTC from the Officer-in-Charge, followed by a buffet dinner and fellowship afterwards. The PRTC Lounge offers a full range of libations at very reasonable prices.



BONUS!!!: Want to carry on socializing but worried about the drive home? Reserve a hotel room and stay at the on-site hotel.

EXECUTIVE HOTELS & RESORTS (PRTC) - INDIVIDUALS MUST PRE-BOOK

Phone: 1-604-703-2400

Email: chilli@executivehotels.net

Cost: \$92.09 (incl taxes) - Double Room

Check In/Check Out: 1600 hrs/1200 hrs

Breakfast available Sunday @ PRTC dining room: \$10.50

For PRTC facility information (including photos of hotel rooms, and travel directions to the facility) see the web site: www.prtc-chilliwack.com

Driving Directions:

Exit Highway #1 at Lickman Road and drive south to Keith Wilson Road and turn left,
At Sicley Road turn right,
At Calais Crescent turn Right
Watch for 45337 on Calais Crescent

Treasurer's Report

Dues for 2018 are continuing to come in, however, at a slower pace. We now have a total of 333 paid up members with 89 yet to pay. I remind you that the dues for this year are \$65.00 and can be sent to: RCMP Veterans' Association, Vancouver Division, Mailstop #1004, 14200 Green Timbers Way, Surrey, B.C., V3T 6P3. Cheques are payable to the 'RCMP Veterans' Association'.

As the Vancouver Division's national data base manager, I am responsible for keeping our Division information up to date. Over the past couple of months, I have noted that the information is sometimes out of date or inaccurate. For example, phone numbers, residential or email addresses need to be updated. In some cases, this is the only way we can keep in touch with our members. It is important that if any of your personal information has changed, please send me an email at bullock2@shaw.ca

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R.C.M.P. Veterans' Ladies' Auxiliary

May 3, 2018 Auxiliary "Annual Spring Luncheon":

For this luncheon, we dispensed with committee reports, etc. and enjoyed the sunshine and the company. Our luncheon theme was "Hawaiian" and most of the ladies wore either Hawaiian style clothing or their summer attire. Each attendee was supplied with a lei (not real) and other adornment to add to the theme. One member wore an authentic grass skirt! The catering staff at "Hazelmere" prepared a Hawaiian themed buffet which was very much appreciated by all in attendance. Auxiliary member, Violet Homes, said Grace. We gained a new member to our Auxiliary this day when Cheryl Saundry joined. She is the daughter of Auxiliary Life Member, Sharon Saundry, and her father was a member of the Force. The winners of the "Royal Baby's Birth" contest were awarded their prizes at this luncheon. Auxiliary Member, Ollie McPherson, won first prize by guessing the correct birth date of April 23rd, that the birth occurred before noon that day, and the baby is a boy. The second prize winner was Auxiliary Member, Dorothy Robinson, who was the only one who had guessed the name of "Louis" as one of the names for the new prince. A motion was passed to donate \$300.00 to "Honour House" as part of our 2018 Outreach donations. "Honour House" will use this money to buy plant containers to place in their garden where a spot is being designed as a patio/garden area for use as a "quiet" area and for meditation for patients and their families. Originally, we had planned on making a donation toward a toy chest for the children at "Honour House," but a toy chest and toys were donated by the (Honour House) President's wife before our offer came in. The Auxiliary is planning on having a group from the Auxiliary attend "Honour House" either in June or July to visit their premises and the new garden area and the planters. Any members (Aux. members & spouses) wishing to join the group can contact me at my telephone number

listed below and we will set a date. Twenty-seven afghans/blankets were handed in this day for delivery to the "Variety Club."

Ladies Auxiliary Members registering as Associate members the Vancouver Veterans' Association:

A number of members of our Vancouver Division Ladies Auxiliary have already filled out and signed the forms for this process and any Auxiliary members who were not at this May luncheon can phone me at my telephone number listed below and application forms can be mailed to them. For those who have paid their 2018 Auxiliary Membership dues (\$25.00), there will be an additional charge of \$5.00. The membership fee for the Veterans' Association Associate Membership is \$30.00 (\$25.00 + \$5.00). The Veterans' Hqtrs. in Ottawa is waiting for us to

complete our process of joining the Veterans' Association so we are projecting to have all of our Auxiliary members signed up by our September 2018 meeting. The Canadian Government's "Not-for-Profit Act" requires that all members of the R.C.M.P. Veterans' Ladies Auxiliaries in Canada must register as Associate

Members of the R.C.M.P. Veterans' Associations.

Ladies Auxiliary Membership Drive: Starting in June of this year, we will begin work on our Membership Drive to gain more new members. A committee will be formed to make the necessary contacts, either by phoning, or contacting prospective members by mail.

The next Luncheon/Meeting for the Ladies Auxiliary will be Thursday, September 6, 2018.

Dorothy Martinson, President, RCMP Veterans' Ladies Auxiliary (Vancouver Division)
(604) 261-4630



R.C.M.P. VETS' LADIES AUXILIARY COFFEE KLATCHES

CHILLIWACK/ABBOTSFORD: Last Wed. every month, 10 am Chilliwack at "I-HOP" Cottonwood Corners/Freeway, and alternating monthly in Abbotsford at "Ricky's Restaurant" (Best Western) off Clearbrook Road & Freeway. Myrna Meyer (604) 847-8977.

WHITE ROCK/SURREY/RICHMOND: Third Wed. every month, 10 AM at White Spot restaurant, 1681 152nd Avenue (Semiahmoo Mall) White Rock Kathy Turnbull, 778-292-1864.

VANCOUVER: First Thurs. Summer months & January only, 9:30 AM, "Bean Bros., W. 41st Ave. in Kerrisdale. Dorothy Martinson (604) 261-4630.

NORTH & WEST VANCOUVER: Summer months only. TBA

COQUITLAM/PT. MOODY/NORTH FRASER: Third Thurs. every month, 10:30 a.m., "Coquitlam Grill," 2635 Barnet Hwy. Helen Kielan (604) 936-6062

DELTA/SAWWASSEN: Locations vary each month., Last Thurs. each month, 10:30 a.m. Sheila Zerr, 604-943-3012



White Rock Koffee Klatch

Ricky's Restaurant on King George Hwy.
10:00 AM, Second Tuesday of Every Month

Abbotsford Koffee Klatch

Roseland Family Restaurant, 5 Corners
33550 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford
10:00 AM, last Wednesday

Richmond Koffee Klatch

... has been disbanded and now meets in with the
Vancouver Klatch, see below

Friday Lunch Crew

Every Friday at 11:00 AM at the Legion in Ladner.

Chilliwack Vets & Ladies Coffee Klatch

Homer's Restaurant
46090 Yale Road, Chilliwack
2nd Monday each month, 10 AM

North Shore Koffee Klatch

The 2 Lions Pub, Westview Mall, 11:00 AM,
1st Tuesday of every month

Vancouver Koffee Klatch

White Spot Restaurant in Oakridge Mall
Second Thursday each Month, 10 AM
Call Herb Martinson, 604-261-4630

Coquitlam Koffee Klatch

Coquitlam Grill on the Barnet Hwy.
3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:30 AM

Maple Ridge Coffee Crew

Town Hall Public House, 206-20690 Lougheed Hwy.
Every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM

Langley Koffee Klatch

Langley Golf Centre, 21550—44th Avenue, Corner
of 216th Street and 44th Avenue, Langley 9 AM, first
Tuesday of the month.

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Important Phone Numbers and Website Links

- Moreau Shepell - for RCMP Insurance only - 1-800-661-7595
- Public Works & Government Services Canada - PWGSC - For all aspects of Pension Administration - 1-855-502-7090
- Veteran Affairs (DVA) for Hearing Pensions 1-866-522-2122
- B.C. Health Care Plan (MSPBC) Vancouver 604-736-2033
- Old Age Security (OAS) & Canada Pension Plan (CPP) 1-800-277-9914
- RCMP Veterans' National Association: www.rcmpvetsnational.ca
- <http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/>

Dinners and Lunches Call Secretary Mert Rowden
at 604-434-0424 prior to meeting to ensure a meal will be
available for you. Bars open 11:30AM/5:00PM, meals
served 12 NN/5:30PM

Are you shut in? Would you like a visit from a fellow
vet? Call Jim Druchet at (604)-536-1925.

Dues The dues for the Veterans Association at \$65.00
per year and are due on January 1 of each year. Funds
should be forwarded to the Veterans Association office
using **our mailing address**.

RCMP Vets' Association

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Rides to Vet's Meetings Don't drive at night?
Don't drive in the rain. Don't drive at all but want to go to
a meeting? **Ray Kielan** will arrange transportation for
you. If you're willing to provide a ride for a fellow vet to a
meeting please call Ray at 604-936-6062.

Sick Parade

By Ray Kielan

None reported



If you know of someone who is ailing please
advise **Ray Kielan** at 604936-6062 or
rayandhelen@telus.net by email.

Last Post

By Dan Lemieux

19204 - Arthur George ASLESON
39464 - Sean Keven BOURIE
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