



## The Original Three Hundred

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by  
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In 1874, a contingent of police on horseback headed west from Manitoba through uncharted land, intent on bringing law and order to the Canadian prairie. Resplendent in their scarlet tunics, these men literally rode into history. The question that many have asked but few have satisfactorily answered, is how this band of 300 evolved into a national police force, of international renown.

It was the vision of Canada's first Prime Minister, the brilliant but very human John A. Macdonald, that there should be a unit of soldier police, who could accomplish certain of his goals for the fledgling nation. Having recently experienced the Fenian raids, Macdonald was determined to resist political and military incursions from Canada's neighbour to the south. He also wished to open the West to European settlement and allow a railway to be constructed, completing a promise made to entice British Columbia into Confederation. He wanted to accomplish these goals without the Indian Wars which were ongoing in the United States. Reports of depredations committed by American whiskey and fur traders in what is now southern Alberta, spurred action and allowed his plan to come to fruition.<sup>2</sup>

The challenge for Macdonald was to find a policing model that worked in the wilderness. Not surprisingly, he turned to the British policing system, which had developed in two parallel tracts – a civil police, based upon the model of Sir Robert Peel, for policing within England; and a cavalry police, based

loosely on the Royal Irish Constabulary and the gendarmerie of Europe, for policing the far-flung colonies of the British Empire. The concept of a cavalry police, or mounted rifles appealed to Macdonald.

Royal Assent for enabling legislation creating the North West Mounted Police, was obtained on May 23, 1873.<sup>3</sup> Although little progress toward establishing the Force was evident during the summer, on September 25<sup>th</sup> the first officers, many with strong political connections, were sworn in and immediately dispatched to the provinces. Their task was to select three troops of 50 men from the many hundreds who applied. Section 13 of the statute defined the criteria for those joining the Force:

“No person shall be appointed to the Police Force unless he be of a sound constitution, able to ride, active and able bodied, of good character, and between the ages of eighteen and forty years.”

The recruits were a cross-section of the Canadian mosaic of the day; including English and French speaking men, professionals and labourers, educated and self-taught, the politically connected and others not. In addition, recruits from seven other countries were included in the ranks. They all had traits in common; a desire for adventure in one of the largest, unsettled tracts of land in the world, and the promise of a land grant of 160 acres after three years of service. Few had police training, although a number were members of the British regular forces garrisoned in

<sup>1</sup>This article is an updated version of one published in the RCMP Quarterly. Comments are welcome at [peter.german@shaw.ca](mailto:peter.german@shaw.ca).

<sup>2</sup>The classic account of the Canadian West prior to the arrival of the NWMP, is that of Sir William Francis Butler, *The Great Lone Land* (Toronto: Macmillan). It was reprinted 17 times by 1910.

<sup>3</sup>36 Victoria, Chapter 35.

Canada or of the Canadian militia (reserve) forces. Many had travelled, and some had fought in foreign lands under Her Majesty's flag.<sup>5</sup>

Most recruits were engaged as sub-constables, at the princely sum of 75 cents per day, while non-commissioned officers were appointed as chief constables, constables, and acting constables, at a marginally higher rate of pay. The youngest, Fred Bagley, was fifteen years old and served as a trumpeter

The original 150 police officers were dispatched to Lower Fort Garry, Manitoba via an overland route through Northern Ontario, reporting on arrival to the Force's Temporary Commissioner, Lieutenant Colonel Osborne Smith. On October 18<sup>th</sup>, Macdonald obtained the secondment of Lieutenant Colonel George A.

French of the Royal Artillery, stationed at Kingston, Ontario, as the first permanent Commissioner. Recruiting continued in the East for an additional 150 men, who assembled in Toronto and brought the Force to its complement of 300. The second wave drilled during the Spring of 1874 and departed to join their comrades on June 6<sup>th</sup>. They rendezvoused two weeks later in Manitoba. To his great dismay, Colonel French discovered that many of the recruits, particularly from the first wave, could either not ride or rode poorly, and others suffered from a variety of disabilities.

The task of turning this eclectic group into a disciplined unit fell to a cadre of instructors, some of whom would distinguish themselves in the years ahead. The most prominent was Sam Steele, a name which became inseparable with the Force and the birth of modern Western Canada. Steele had been a

member of the militia and was known for his physical strength, and strength of character, an unflinching loyalty to the flag, and a drill instructor's talent for getting the best out of his charges.

The Force's challenge was to somehow navigate the vast expanse of the Prairies. To do so called for a potpourri of talent; including those who could hew wood, grow crops, hunt game, drive animals, cook by campfire, maintain records, care for the in-

jured and sick, treat horses, and perform any number of other tasks. The assembled multitude had most, but not all of the necessary skill sets. Included were butchers, saddlers, blacksmiths, surveyors, a gardener, a jeweller, a druggist, an architect, a cabinet maker, a law clerk, sailors, and soldiers. Missing from the ranks were scouts with local knowledge of the land. To fill that gap, the

Commissioner turned to First Nations and Metis trackers, the most famous being Jerry Potts.

The March West, which began with a brilliant exit from Fort Dufferin on July 8, 1874, has been described as the Great March West. It was great in terms of adventure, yet hardly heroic in terms of its planning and execution.<sup>7</sup> Commissioner French did not follow the route blazed earlier by the Boundary Commission along the 49<sup>th</sup> Parallel. Instead he set forth on a course across the arid prairie, where the police encountered virtually everything that Mother Nature could thrust upon them; including wind, rain, hail, electric storms, scorching heat, vermin and varmints, a paucity of food and water, and a supply chain which consisted of a trail of slow moving oxen extending back for 10 miles - farther than the eye could see.



<sup>4</sup>Among the 300 were 41 former British Army soldiers; 14 former police officers, including from the Royal Irish Constabulary; 32 soldiers from the Canadian Artillery; and 87 reservists from the Canadian Militia. Prominent among these was Joseph Francis, a veteran of the Crimean War, believed to have been a survivor of the Charge of the Light Brigade.

<sup>6</sup>Archives Canada maintains the files of many of the original members of the Force and has made most available online.

<sup>7</sup>A modern and very readable account is that of David Cruise and Alison Griffiths, *The Great Adventure – How the Mounties Conquered the West* (Toronto: Viking, 1996).



The long line of men, horses, and carts often appeared more akin to a lost colony in search of providence than a harbinger of law and order. That they survived the trek is testament to their strength of character, and a fair bit of luck. French himself returned east before completing the March and set up his headquarters in Manitoba, leaving his deputy, James Macleod to reach the goal of Fort Whoop-up, south of present-day Calgary.<sup>8</sup>

Although referred to as a police force, in reality the NWMP's primary task was to be a visible presence of the Queen's authority, accomplished in large part by their scarlet uniforms. In addition to routine policing duties, they acted as a quasi-militia, and as a benevolent, yet authoritarian presence among the First Nations peoples. The Force built a number of forts throughout the prairies and got down to work.

A small number of the 'Originals' remained with the Force and made it their chosen career, Steele being a prime example. Others re-enlisted for one or more years, while some were quick to depart

after their original enlistment and venture forward as settlers of the New West. Still others choose to return from whence they came. A number did not last long enough to satisfy their commitment. Many deserted during the first three years and numerous others were dismissed for all manner of disciplinary infractions. Drinking and gambling were rampant. Some died from a variety of maladies and accidents, however none of the originals died as a result of hostile action in the first three years.<sup>9</sup>

For all their warts and imperfections, the 'Originals' were a proud lot of hard boiled and hard-working men, who overcame great adversity to carry forward Macdonald's vision. They laid the fabric for the Force which was to develop over the next century. It is that legacy which binds them to those who serve today, and to the very heart and soul of Canada.

<sup>8</sup>Macleod became the second permanent Commissioner, upon the resignation of Colonel French.

<sup>9</sup>The Force began a system of numbering for its non-commissioned officers and men shortly after its establishment. This Original Series of numbers was actually two series, one maintained at the Comptroller's office in Ottawa and the other by the Commissioner. The Force was renumbered late in the 1870s, with numbers being re-issued to those still serving. These New Series numbers have continued in sequence to the present, however have led to great confusion as some of the original members received three different numbers and many with New Series numbers below 300 did not join until long after the March West.



**Last Post**  
**19767 - Harry William BEVERIDGE**

Thank you Dan (Lemieux) for the picture and you kindness.

My family's appreciation goes out to you, the honour guard members, and Mike (bag piper) for helping to make our Dad's service special and honouring him with RCMP veteran attendance.

Kind regards,  
Lynda Beveridge



### Time Change

Only a white man would cut an inch off the top of his blanket and sew it on to the bottom and figure he had a longer blanket.

## President's Report

November has certainly arrived in the typical November fashion and it is that time of year that many "to do" lists are filling up quickly. One of the tasks the Division Executive are working hard at right now is to ensure the continued success of the Vancouver Veterans' annual Christmas Levee. Remember to mark your calendars for Friday, December 7th, 2018 and join us in honouring the Bruce Denniston Bone Marrow Society at this annual event. The Levee will be held at Hazelmere Golf and Country Club, 18150 – 8th Avenue, Surrey, B.C. Doors open at 3:30 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$55.00 per person. Please contact Social Director, Dorothy Martinson at demartinson@shaw.ca, preferably before November 19th to reserve tickets. The absolute final date to receive payment is November 30th. As per last year, spouses and partners are being invited to attend. As a reminder, hotel rooms have been blocked for the RCMP Veterans, and guests, at the Ocean Promenade Hotel, 15611 Marine Drive, White Rock, B.C. for the night of December 7th. To reserve your room, contact the hotel at 604-542-0102. Rooms have been quoted for a standard deluxe room - \$129.00 per night. When booking ensure you advise you are with the RCMP Veterans. Hotel website: [www.oceanpromenadehotel.com](http://www.oceanpromenadehotel.com). Email: [infor@oceanpromenadehotel.com](mailto:infor@oceanpromenadehotel.com). Finally, after being in the works for over two years, a video "Have You Got a Match" has been completed and will be showcased at the Levee. The video depicts Veteran John Gould's battle with a rare form of blood cancer, his recovery and the poignant meeting with his bone marrow donor, Sebastian Obermeier. Representatives from the Bruce Denniston Bone Marrow Society will be attending along with Jim Morrison, Morrison Productions, who graciously donated his talent and time to complete this important video. As well, the Commanding Officer "E" Division, along with other serving members, will join us and it is the intent to distribute the video, not only to the RCMP, but other agencies throughout Canada in order to promote bone marrow/stem cell donation awareness. The RCMP Veterans' Association, Vancouver Division, have the "ownership/rights" to the video footage.

Nominations and elections for 2019/20 Vancouver Division Executive will take place at the General Meeting scheduled on November 15, 2018, at Hazelmere Golf and Country Club. Doors will open at 11:30 am with lunch being served at 12 Noon. Cost of lunch is \$30.00. Please come out and support the Division in the election of your new executive. Information pertaining to the positions and incumbents are as follows. You will note that we are still seeking members to assume the Membership, Communications and Ceremonies/Memorabilia roles.

Position	Incumbent/Candidate	Election/Nominations
President (Term 2019/20)	Bob Underhill	Nominations being accepted
V/President (Term 2019/20)	Gord Cave	Nominations being accepted
Past President (Term 2019/20)	Donna Morse	Not an elected position
Secretary (Term 2019/20)	Ron Morse	Nominations being accepted
Health/Welfare/Advocacy (Term 2019/20)	John Sherstone	Nominations being accepted
Social (Term 2019/20)	Dorothy Martinson	Nominations being accepted
Liaison to the Force (Term 2019/20)	Ric Hall	Nominations being accepted
Membership (Term 2019/20)	Vacant (Ric Hall interim)	Nominations being accepted
Strategic Planning (Term 2019/20)	Eric Ross	Nominations being accepted
Communications (Term 2019/20)	Vacant (Eric Ross interim)	Nominations being accepted
Ceremonies and Memorabilia (Term 2019/20)	Vacant (Gord Cave Interim)	Nominations accepted

I would also like to thank the following Vancouver Division members who have agreed to assume and/or continue in a Presidential Appointment role capacity as noted below:

Honour Guard Coordinator	Alf Erickson
Liaison to Officer's Mess	Fraser MacRae
Liaison to NCO's Mess	Laurier Cadieux
Newsletter Coordinator	Peter Bond
Visitation Coordinator	Ray Kielen

On October 23, Veterans attended Surrey Detachment in honour of RCMP Veteran Robert Gordon Teather (1947-2004). An October 23, 2018 Facebook post by Surrey Detachment states, "The late Cpl Bob Teather was a Surrey RCMP officer and one of the founding members of the "E" Division Dive Team. In September 1981, he rescued two fishermen trapped in an overturned hull of a boat. For his efforts, he was awarded the Cross of Valour, the highest ranking of Canadian Bravery Decorations. Canada's highest award for bravery, for the rescue. Today, we dedicated the Teather Training Room at Surrey Detachment in his name. His wife, the RCMP Veterans' Association and his colleagues were present." It was an honour for the Vancouver Division to support and assist (in small ways) with the planning of this dedication. And thanks to Surrey Detachment for their continued support of our Veterans.

As you know this November 11th will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice and many RCMP Veterans will be attending parades in honour of the contributions and sacrifices of fallen Veterans. Vancouver Division Veterans will also be attending a "Tribute to Veterans" at Elgin Park Secondary School, South Surrey, which is being held on November 8th. They will be accompanied by several WWII Veterans and a Legion Piper. Thanks goes out to all our Veterans who will be attending the many functions being held to honour this day of memorial.

In closing, an Open House is being planned for the Vancouver Division new RCMP Veterans' office located in the main building at Surrey Detachment. The Open House will be held on Thursday, November 22, 2018 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Division members are welcome to attend and view "the new digs" but please ensure that you confirm you will be attending by replying to [rcmpvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:rcmpvancouver@gmail.com).

Donna





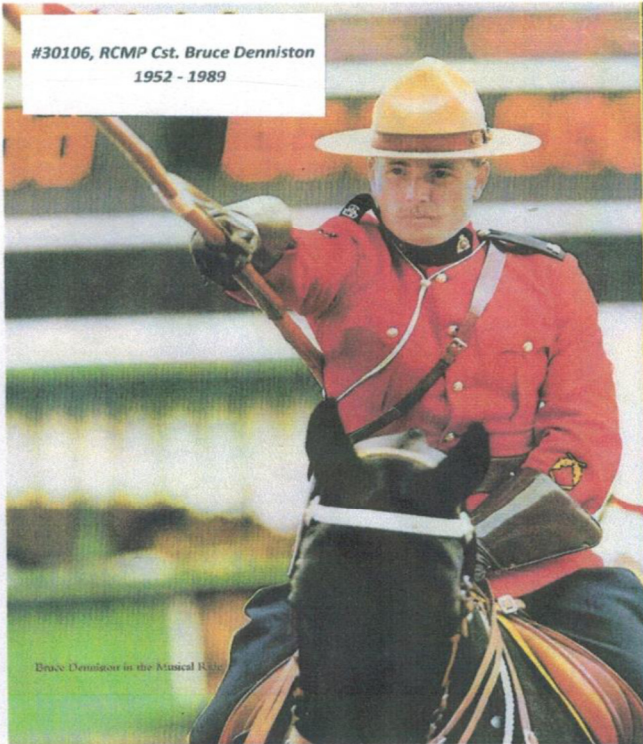
## R.C.M.P. VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

Vancouver Division

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LEVEE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018**

**LEVEE OPEN TO ALL RCMP VETERANS & SERVING MEMBERS**  
**(including Wives/Husbands/Partners/Guests)**

#30106, RCMP Cst. Bruce Denniston  
1952 - 1989



**#30106, CST. BRUCE DENNISTON**  
*This Levee is dedicated to the "Bruce Denniston Bone Marrow Society" which is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year since inception. Bruce was stationed at Powell River Detachment at the time of his illness. Many of the couriers, and people involved with this Society, will be in attendance. Bruce Denniston did not survive in time to receive compatible bone marrow, but the Society was formed to ensure that other patients would receive bone marrow for transplant. We invite you to join us at this Levee, and to view a recently released video, detailing the journey of another RCMP Veteran, John Gould, who received a successful bone marrow transplant. John will be in attendance at our Levee.*

### LEVEE TO BE HELD IN THE

**Panorama Ballroom, "Hazelmere Golf & Tennis Club,"  
18150 - 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Surrey, B.C.**

**Doors & No-Host Bar Open at 3:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Baron-of-Beef Buffet Dinner at 6:00 p.m.**

**Cost is \$55.00 per person (incl. tax & grat.)**

### DOOR PRIZES & 50/50

**Order of Dress: Business Suit/Dinner Attire  
Walking-Out-Order for Serving Members**

**By reservation only: Contact Social Director: Dorothy Martinson  
[demartinson@shaw.ca](mailto:demartinson@shaw.ca) or (604) 261-4630, prior to Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Payment by cheque or money order to be received no later than  
Nov. 23, 2018, mailed to: R.C.M.P. Veterans' Association,  
Vancouver Division, Mailstop 1004,  
14200 Green Timbers Way,  
Surrey, B.C., V3T 6P3**



# R.C.M.P. VETERANS' LADIES AUXILIARY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

PANORAMA BALLROOM,

"HAZELMERE GOLF & TENNIS CLUB"

18150 – 8<sup>th</sup> AVENUE, SURREY, B.C.

**COST IS \$35.00 PER PERSON**

*Doors open 10:30 a.m. & Christmas Buffet*

*Lunch 12:00 Noon*

*No-Host Bar*

**EVENT OPEN TO LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERS,**

**R.C.M.P. VETERANS,**

**& R.C.M.P. SERVING MEMBERS**

**(AND SPOUSES, & GUESTS)**

**DOOR PRIZES**

**SWEARING IN OF LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERS**

**AS VETERANS' ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

**ATTENDANCE BY RESERVATION ONLY**

**Contact Dorothy Martinson @ [demartinson@shaw.ca](mailto:demartinson@shaw.ca)  
or (604) 261-4630, prior to November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**



Did you know Vancouver Division supports BC Guide Dogs? Treasurer, Rupert Bullock, and his wife, Bev, have been training dogs for BC Guide Dogs for quite some time and below is an email excerpt from Rupert with a picture of BC Guide Dog prospect Maggie. Rupert and Bev's dog, Max, has certainly been a busy fella!

Donna

"Maggie is one of the puppies that Vancouver Division sponsors. Maggie refers to Max as being her Dad. Max is the dog that Bev and I raised and trained from a little pup (on behalf of BC Guide Dogs). He is seven years old. To date he has Fathered 96 pups around the world. He is patiently waiting for another female to come into heat to do his thing and hopefully this will put his production over 100., I don't know if that will be a record, but it has to be close." Rupert Bullock



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**Vacant**

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

**Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon/Meeting, November 1, 2018:** This meeting is referred to as our Auxiliary's AGM when we elect our Executive for the next 2-Year term, 2019-2020. The elected slate of Executives for the next 2-Year Term are: **President**, Denise Martinson; **Vice-President**, Susan Rivard; **Secretary**, Sonja Zwick; incumbent **Treasurer**, Lillian Keen; and **Past-President**, Dorothy Martinson. We thank our previous Secretary, Bea Scott, and Immediate Past President, Kathy Turnbull, for their dedicated service to the Auxiliary. The new slate of officers will be sworn in at the Auxiliary's 83<sup>rd</sup> Birthday at our first meeting for 2019 on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Also, at this November meeting, two of our Auxiliary members, Kathy Druchet and Margaret Whitaker, (in photo) were each presented with their 20-Year Life Membership certificate. Auxiliary Member, Margaret Whitaker, has agreed to be our new "Sunshine Convener, taking this position over from Auxiliary Member, Margaret Maidens, who has served in this capacity for the past number of years, mailing out birthday, get-well, and sympathy cards, etc. We thank both of these Auxiliary members for their willingness to serve in this capacity.

### **Ladies Auxiliary Annual Christmas Luncheon, Thursday, December 6, 2018:**

This annual luncheon will be held in the "Panorama Ballroom" at "Hazelmere Golf & Tennis Club" with a Christmas buffet lunch served at 12:00 noon. This event is open to all Ladies Auxiliary members, R.C.M.P. Veterans and Serving Members, including families and guests. Attendance is by reservation only so please e-mail or phone Auxiliary President, Dorothy Martinson [demartinson@shaw.ca](mailto:demartinson@shaw.ca) or (604) 261-4630 preferably before November 19<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$35.00 per person, the doors and no-host-bar open at 10:30 a.m. At this event, the members of the Ladies Auxiliary will officially be sworn in as Associate Members of the Vancouver Division of the R.C.M.P. Veterans' Association by Vancouver Veterans' President, Donna Morse. See block ad in this "Scarlet & Gold" for further information regarding this Christmas Luncheon.

**R.C.M.P. Veterans' Annual Christmas Levee, Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018:** This year's theme is to honour "The Bruce Denniston Bone Marrow Society," celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year since inception. Bruce Denniston was a young member of the R.C.M.P. when he contracted a form of cancer but died before he could receive a bone marrow transplant. The Society was formed to ensure that others

would benefit from receiving bone marrow transplants. Many of the couriers for these transplant materials are R.C.M.P. Members and Veterans. For further information regarding particulars of this Levee, see block ad/poster in this issue of the "Scarlet & Gold."

As this will be the last issue of the "Scarlet & Gold" for 2018, the Ladies Auxiliary wishes everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

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## Newsletter Sick Parade

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

Have you noticed that Ray Keiland rarely hears of a member who is hospitalized or house bound. We, as members of the MP Veterans' Association, like to provide comfort to fellow vets who are ailing. The names of ailing members are published in the Sick Parade so you can then visit the individual and provide comfort and support. So we ask you to report an ailing vet. Be sure he/she would like his/her name published under Sick Parade. If he/she does, let Ray know at 604-936-6062 or email: [rayandhelen@telus.net](mailto:rayandhelen@telus.net)



### 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.  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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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- Old Age Security (OAS) & Canada Pension Plan (CPP) 1-800-277-9914
- RCMP Veterans' National Association: [www.rcmpvetsnational.ca](http://www.rcmpvetsnational.ca).
- <http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/>

**Dinners and Lunches** Contact Social Director,  
Dorothy Martinson at [demartinson@shaw.ca](mailto:demartinson@shaw.ca) or (604)  
261-4630 prior to meeting to ensure a meal will be avail-  
able for you. Bar opens 11:30 a.m., meals served at  
12:00 noon.

**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

Vancouver Division

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By Ray Kielan

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