

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

IN LIGHT OF THE CONCERNS SURROUNDING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND IN KEEPING WITH THE CAUTIONARY MESSAGES OF THE PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES, THE EXECUTIVE OF THE RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION, VANCOUVER DIVISION, HAS DECIDED TO SUSPEND ALL GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE VANCOUVER DIVISION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION CLOSELY AND WILL RESUME OUR GENERAL MEETINGS ONCE IT IS DEEMED APPROPRIATE TO DO SO. PLEASE CHECK THE VANCOUVER DIVISION WEBSITE FOR UPDATES. [HTTP://WWW.RCMPVETERANSVANCOUVER.COM/](http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/)

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE GENERAL MEETING, SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 19, 2020, HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

### UPDATES:

**Theme For 2020:** For the past few years, we have had a theme and honored a specific group, section or function of the Force and for this year, 2020, the RCMP Bands was chosen. In the Vancouver area, we are fortunate to have the 6+ Division Pipe Band. The Pipe Band is a volunteer organization operated under the auspices of the Buffalo Celtic Music Society. A short posting about the band can be found on the Division website at:

<http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/buffalo-celtic-music-society/>

The Pipe Band website has a more detailed history and some interesting facts including the history of the tartan which was designed by Vancouver Division Associate Member Violet Holmes. <http://rcmppipeband.com/>

**Challenge Coin:** At our February General Meeting, the membership approved the purchase of the Vancouver Division challenge coin.



The membership also approved the distribution of one challenge coin to each member of the Division in good standing for 2020 (dues paid) and for all new members of the Division. Distribution details will be forthcoming; however, the Division will not bear any cost of postage or shipping of the challenge coins. Additional challenge coins will be available for purchase at a cost to be determined.



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**Dues for 2020:** This posting on the Division website details how your 2020 dues can be paid if you haven't already done so.

<http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/rcmp-veterans-association-vancouver-division-2020-membership-dues/>

**Executive Position Vacancies:** Would you like to be more involved in the Veterans Association? The terms for some of the Director positions on the executive will be up at the end of 2020. Positions that are currently vacant or will become vacant are:

1. Director Ceremonies and Memorabilia (term 2020/21)
2. Vice President (term 2021/22)
3. Secretary (term 2021/22)

Further information on how to become involved is contained in the website posting

<http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/vancouver-division-needs-your-help/>

**Planned Events:** Planning is also underway for the presentation of long/good service pins & bars as well as a memorial service during an upcoming General Meeting for members of the Division who have passed in the last year.

**AGM 2020 – Regina:** The RCMPVA National Annual General Meeting is being held in Regina, SK, June 4 - 7, 2020. Further details can be found on the National website:

<https://rcmpva.org/agm-2020/>

The unveiling of the Pillars of The Force at the RCMP Heritage Centre will coincide with the AGM. For further information on the Pillars, please refer to:

<https://rcmpva.org/pillars-of-the-force/>

Vancouver Division Past President Donna Morse is an Ambassador for the program and may be able to answer questions that you may have. Donna will be making a presentation on the Pillars program at our next General Meeting. If you have any questions please contact Donna at:

[donna.morse@shaw.ca](mailto:donna.morse@shaw.ca)

**AGM 2021 Vancouver:** Vancouver Division will be hosting the National AGM for 2021. Volunteers are needed for the planning committee and to assist at the event. If you are interested, please contact Vice-President Gord Cave at: [jag140@telus.net](mailto:jag140@telus.net).