



RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION VANCOUVER DIVISION

WEBSITE: <http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/>

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GENERAL MEETINGS:

As you know, we have been unable to hold General Meetings since February of this year and as we approach the fall the uncertainty of COVID-19 remains. The health and safety of our membership is paramount and like it or not, most of us are considered to be in the high-risk category. Provincial Health guidelines place restrictions on the number of people in a gathering and the configuration of seating in dining establishments.

At our recent executive meeting, we discussed the idea of a modified "Koffee Klatch" meeting in September and we are working with Hazelmere Golf & Tennis Club to ascertain how we might be able to safely hold this type of event. At this time, there is no definite date, but we would like to do a "straw poll" to determine if there is any interest. If you would be interested in attending a Koffee Klatch style meeting, please send a quick note to: rcmpvancouver@gmail.com. Negative replies are not required.

DIVISION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



I trust you are all adapting to the new normal which is Covid 19. It will be a long time before we return to anything that resembled what life was like prior to Covid arriving in BC. I believe that we will see restrictions, in place, until well after a vaccine is available and the chance of catching the virus is greatly reduced. Your Executive, is here to assist any member of the Association who requires assistance. All you need do, is reach out to one of us and make a request. Something as simple as just being able to talk to someone can go a long way in dealing with the current situation. The National Office has cancelled the in person Annual General Meeting that was planned for Regina this year. They may opt to hold a virtual meeting of Presidents, but that is still under consideration. This Division was to co-host a mini AGM next year. We have already spoken with the

National Office and suggested, that this meeting be held on one of the Virtual Meeting sites on computer. This would save the risk, that current large gatherings pose, of spreading the virus to our members. This can also be held at a significant lower cost than an in-person meeting. The National Office has agreed to do this and may continue this practice with all mini AGM's being held in the future. You may be aware, that we had some office space allocated at Surrey

Detachment. This has recently been rescinded and the office had to be closed. The historical material that was held there, has now been moved into storage. Thank you to our Membership chair Ray Power for assisting in finding us space. At the Executive Meeting, held last Thursday, the Executive came up with a tentative plan of holding a coffee gathering at Hazelmere Golf Club. This is being explored. We do not know how many of our members would be willing to attend such a gathering. In following Dr. Henry's Health Order, this would be limited based on the space available at the Golf Course. Further details will be forwarded when known. Let us know if this is something that you would be willing to attend. To quote Dr. Henry, "Be safe, be careful and be kind."

Hope that we will be able to see you soon.

Bob Underhill, President
RCMP Veterans' Association, Vancouver Division

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT - JULY 2020:



Greetings from your Association Office

It is now 6 weeks since I was elected as President of the RCMP Veterans Association and much has happened since then.

MEDIA ATTACK ON THE RCMP

The RCMP has come under fire by the media and politicians as having systemic racism within its ranks and as Veterans, this impacts us as well. Unfortunately, the term "Systemic" has a wide variety of definitions, but after being stated so many times, one can begin to believe the RCMP is inherently racist and that is so very incorrect. Yes, there may be occasions

where a member will show a bias and even a prejudice based upon previous encounters within the same neighborhood or region, but an act of aggression based upon racism, although rare, cannot be tolerated.

With this in mind, about two weeks ago I prepared a letter that was individually sent directly to each and every Senator and Federal Member of Parliament asking them to show support for our serving brothers and sisters. Our Communications Director, James Forrest certainly deserves thanks for taking so much time researching names and addresses to ensure the messages were sent to the correct persons.

In case you haven't seen this letter, I am sending a copy to all our members and invite you to use any or all of it to communicate with your respective Provincial MLAs and Municipal officials. We have received positive responses from both the Senate and MLAs, however, they are few and far between. It seems many of our politicians have jumped on the current bandwagon of negativity or simply fear losing votes by speaking out in support.

VETERANS ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE RCMP

A special thanks goes out to Calgary and Lethbridge for their very visible actions in support of the RCMP. Calgary had organized a series of Drive-By caravans of support that visited all the RCMP Detachments within their region while Lethbridge paid personal visits to their Detachments. Similar visitations were conducted by members of the Nova Scotia Division, many of which involved Veteran motorcycle riders. I am advised similar actions are also taking place by our Veterans Association members in locations across Canada so I invite any and all Divisions to let me know if they have or intend to do support efforts within your respective areas. I will be pleased to circulate the news.

I can personally relate to a number of really worthwhile support efforts which have been taking place over the past couple of years here in Nova Scotia where I am a member. Every time our Veterans perform a worthwhile public act it benefits our serving RCMP members. Nova Scotia Division, with a strength of over 900 Active and Associate members is divided into geographic Regions and a number of these Regions have put special efforts into promoting the RCMP name. For example, the NS Valley Region, with a strength of about 140 members has a very active Associate member group who have produced many hundreds of receiving blankets, fidget vests for Alzheimer patients, face masks for the local Hospital Authority, and numerous other items and this bodes well for the RCMP name. They even have received requests from charity groups outside the province. The NS "Tabs for wheelchairs" effort has seen a substantial number of refurbished and motorized wheelchairs donated to needy persons as well as the Nova Scotia Easter Seals program. Christmas family programs are becoming so well known that requests are regularly coming in seeking assistance. All these efforts clearly show our serving members we support them while contributing to positive public relations. Although not every Division has memberships that number in the hundreds, there are many things you can consider in support of the Force.

I also want to add, Divisions should take advantage of the "Associate Member" category. Spouses of former Members have lived the RCMP experience and have much to offer. They are just as much a part of the RCMP as we are and I am willing to wager they would be pleased to become a part of and play an equal role in the Association.

VAC ISSUES

Once per month, the National President has met with the Ombudsman for Veterans Affairs and I had my first opportunity this week. Sharon Squire (Ottawa) is performing the acting role and electronically, I connected with her and her Communications Director, Bobby Joe Walker. Not a whole lot to report since this was basically an introductory meeting. She did advise the following:

- New monies are being injected into the VAC Claims procedures to hire even more reviewers that reported last week. She expects this will not be just a temporary measure and is hopeful new hires will be occupying permanent positions. That's a timely effort since there are many thousands of submissions in the queue.
- Submission procedures are being enhanced to better accommodate health benefits claims related to women's issues
- Although the RCMP does not have their own Ombudsman position, the current Ombudsman will continue to support the RCMP and Veterans
- Since I had mentioned it would be advantageous if our Veterans were eligible for the VIP program providing funding for work done on the outside of homes such as lawn care, snow removal, etc., this topic was briefly discussed. In essence, RCMP Veterans are eligible for

Attendance Allowance instead since we fall within the RCMP Pension legislation. The VIP program is available to Military Veterans only since they come under a different legislation. For us to receive this outside maintenance allowance, the RCMP would have to go through Treasury Board for this added benefit and when I mentioned this earlier this month, I was asked what we were willing to give up in order to have the VIP benefit. I thought it best to hold off on any formal request, at least for the time being. There could be negative impacts and now might not be the best time for financial costs increase requests but certainly could be a topic for later times.

- Veterans Affairs Rating Tables: One of the factors when submitting a pension claim to VAC is your doctor's reports. VAC, on their website provides a whole lot of support information for us in this respect and in some cases, this information really should be provided to your doctor to assist in ensuring an accurate and meaningful submission. One of the important available documents is the "Table of Disability, Rating Table" The rating table categorizes the severity of the illness or injury and can go a long way in supporting your claim.

NOTE: it is up to you to provide the Rating Table to your doctor. You can bet he/she is likely far too busy to access, read, and use the document unless you give it to him/her. Using your search engine such as "Google" enter the following:

Veterans Affairs Canada Table of Disability;

Choose the injury or illness from the list provided such as "musculoskeletal" Go to the "Rating Table". This table measures the severity of the illness/injury. Copy the table and give it to your doctor and hopefully he/she will use it. If you do not have a computer or if you are having trouble retrieving this information online, please call your nearest Veterans Affairs Canada office and ask for copies to be sent to you via mail.

MEDICAL AND SERVICE FILES

I am advised Division Admin offices will no longer provide you with a CD containing your medical, service, or personal files. The reason is the newer computers don't have a CD/DVD Drive. Instead, they are suggesting you visit your Division HQ Admin office and they will access the files for you to read, but I'm not sure if they are willing to print off the many pages involved. Our Support and Advocacy Co-Directors here in NS met with the appropriate folks within H Division and arranged for them to accept a blank thumb drive from anyone requesting their files and they will load the information on to that device. Your Division President may wish to have someone located near the RCMP Division Headquarters to see if a similar arrangement can be made. It really isn't practical for locations a distance away from Division HQ to drive there. NOTE: Whether or not you are currently thinking about a VAC claim, you should obtain your Personal, Service, and Medical files for future reference, especially the Medical. It's important to know, if you were to pass away and your family wishes to submit a later claim requiring a medical or service detail(s), they cannot access your files for a period of 20 years after death. Something to consider.

DUES

I did a check and there are over \$14,000 in dues still not paid for this year alone. That's a huge chunk of operating funds so Jim Brown from our BOD will be sending individual Division Presidents the unpaid numbers from their specific Division. It's so easy to forget to pay dues so if you aren't sure, please check with your President or Treasurer. Steps are being taken to provide for easier electronic payment and further information will be forthcoming.

WEB PAGE

We soon will have good news with respect to our Web Page. Wish I could say more but cannot until the new arrangements/contracts are finalized but from what I have seen, we will soon be in a sound position to provide you the information you may be seeking, especially the Support and Advocacy information. More to come shortly.

Sincerely
Sandy Glenn, President
RCMP Veterans' Association
Veterans helping Veterans and their families

NATIONAL BULLETIN - THE CF-1 CARD:



As many of you know, some time ago the Canadian Military extended their CF1 benefits cards to former members and employees of the RCMP. These CF1 cards can be obtained by applying on-line. Instructions via a direct link are included in the message from Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services (CFMWS) shown in italics below.

Thanks to the efforts of fellow Association member, Graham Muir of Ottawa Division, we now can provide a better understanding of the benefits offered by the CF1 Card. Although the card will not provide you with the 'enhanced' benefits enjoyed by members and former members of the Canadian Armed Forces, such as the waiving of luggage charges for Air Canada and WestJet, there are a number of discounts. Using your search engine such as Google, enter www.cfappreciation and then go into "Browse Everyday Discounts" for a wide variety of benefits or go to "Plan your Getaway" for travel. Unfortunately, not all benefits are available to all geographical areas but some may apply to you.

There are a comparatively small number of our association members who are entitled to 'enhanced' benefits, such as the air carrier baggage allowance and more, because they have served on UN missions or in other Special Duty Areas (SDAs). We are aware that there are 'glitches' in the online registration process that prevent those qualified from applying. CFMWS is asking these members to contact their service desk at either the phone number or email listed below.

The following is the message from CFMWS:

RCMP Veterans' Association members and former RCMP members, along with their families, are eligible to join CFOne and benefit from the programs and services developed to support the Canadian Military community, including access to the discount program, retail options at CANEX stores, and financial services offered through SISIP Financial. Haven't joined yet? Click here to register at www.cf1fc.ca
Have you served as a peace officer in a special duty area or operations, e.g. United Nations deployment? If so, you may qualify for extended benefits. To get more information or learn

how to apply, please contact Canadian Forces Morale & Welfare Services (CFMWS) at 1-855-245-0330 or service@cfmws.com.

NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

The minutes of the National Board of Directors Meeting held via video conference on August 3, 2020 were circulated to all members of the Association via a National Bulletin. The document can be accessed at:

https://mcusercontent.com/3298eb9daeda46e9effc59a09/files/d0b6edce-fb23-4fa8-a93e-fee7f4400ed3/BOD_Meeting_2020_08_03.pdf

VANCOUVER DIVISION CHALLENGE COINS:



As you know from our last Division Bulletin at our January meeting the purchase of Challenge Coins for our division was approved. They arrived this spring. The executive decided that each member of the Vancouver Division would be given a coin at no cost to individual members. The caveat being that the coins would not be mailed out due to the cost involved and that they would be provided to members at General (luncheon)

Meetings in order to entice members to attend. Then Covid-19 struck and meetings were cancelled. I volunteered to coordinate the distribution of our coins...why do I do this to myself? I would still like to stick to the plan of handing out the coins at our General Meetings when they commence, hopefully, in the fall. Rules are often broken. I know that we have many members that have belonged to our division for many years but due to their, or their spouse's, health issues are unable to attend our meetings. I would like to be able to give them personally, or by the proxy of a friend, or by mail, their Challenge Coin. If you fall into this category, please let me know how we can get you your Challenge Coin. Challenge Coins have become very collectible. I have received many requests for additional coins so that members can pass them onto friends. If you wish an additional coin the cost is \$15.00. If it has to be mailed there is an additional cost of \$2.00. Postage increases with the number to be mailed.

Questions? I can be contacted at bootsandspurs65@gmail.com or 604-853-5500 (Abbotsford)

Ric Hall
2020-6-20

REQUEST FROM CHALLENGE COIN COLLECTOR:

Dominic Duchesneau is a serving member and an avid challenge coin collector. Dom would like to acquire the coins depicted below for his collection. If you know of anyone who may have these coins and would be willing to sell them, please have them contact Dom directly at domduchesneau@gmail.com.



COPS FOR CANCER:



COVID-19 has created challenges for all charitable organizations. Cops for Cancer is a fundraising event where law enforcement and emergency services personnel cycle across regions and engage communities en-route. This event helps the Canadian Cancer Society fund childhood cancer research and the largest cancer support system in the country. The Coordinators of the Cops for Cancer Tour De Valley and Tour De Coast have requested the support of Vancouver Division. Both of these events are scheduled for September 21, 2020.

Cops for Cancer began in 1997 with one police officer who wanted to make a difference. Ever since, it's grown into a collective effort across Canada and become one of the largest fundraising events of childhood cancer research in the country.

As a partnership between first responders and the Canadian Cancer Society, they have raised over \$46 million to increase survival rates and support children living with cancer and their families.

Further information on the organization and ways to donate can be found on the webpage.
https://support.cancer.ca/site/SPageServer/?pagename=COPS_NW_homepage

BC PROVINCIAL POLICE:



On August 1, 1950, the RCMP assumed provincial policing responsibilities in British Columbia and absorbed the members of the BC Provincial Police into its ranks. Division Historian, Ric Hall compiled an article detailing the events which is posted on our Division website:

<http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/it-happened-70-years-ago/>

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The annual membership dues for Active Members of the Vancouver Division of \$65 were due on January 1st. As at June 23, 2020, a total of 347 members have paid their dues for 2020. There are still 41 members who have not paid. The policy of the Vancouver Division is to strike members from our Division roster if they have not paid their dues for two consecutive years.

Payments to our Division can be made in three ways:

1. Interac e-Transfer. Log into your financial institution's online or mobile banking and navigate to Interac e-Transfer. Select the account you would like funds transferred from. Fill out the email address for the Vancouver Division which is rcmpvetsvan@shaw.ca. If your financial institution requires a contact name, use RCMP Vets Vancouver.

2. Sending a cheque to:

RCMP Veterans' Association
Vancouver Division
Mailstop #1004
14200 Green Timbers Way
Surrey, B.C.
V3T 6P3

3. Cheque or cash paid when attending a Division function.

All cheques must be made payable to "RCMP Veterans' Association – Vancouver"
If you have any questions about the status of your membership dues or renewal, you can email me at: bullock2@shaw.ca or phone: 604-533-5354.

Rupert L. Bullock, Treasurer
RCMP Veterans' Association
Vancouver Division

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

EXECUTIVE POSITION VACANCIES:

If you would like to become more involved in the Veterans Association, there are still openings on the Executive that may be of interest to you. 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)*
4. *Honour Guard Coordinator*

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

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

AGM 2021 VANCOUVER:

Vancouver Division was scheduled to host the National AGM for 2021. Our Vice-President, Gord Cave, who was chairing our Vancouver Division AGM Committee advised that after consultation with National President Sandy Glenn, the National Board of Directors has decided to conduct the 2021 AGM via teleconference as opposed to an in-person meeting. The uncertainties caused by the pandemic and the demographics of our membership was the driving force behind this decision.

Vancouver Division would like to thank Gord and the Committee members for all of the work that they put into the planning of this event. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

LADIES' AUXILIARY:

COVID-19 has had a similar affect on the Ladies' Auxiliary as it has had on the Veterans' Association. Restrictions put in place by Provincial Health Authorities has forced the cancellation of meetings. Like the Vets, the Ladies' Auxiliary are awaiting the phased lifting of restrictions to resume their meetings.

FAIRMONT BARRACKS LEGACY PROJECT:



A Special Newsletter pertaining to a Fairmont Barracks Legacy Project was sent out on May 28. The newsletter was posted on our website (link below), subject of a National bulletin and circulated in Frank's Facts & Funnies. To date, there have been approximately 40 responses. If you trained, lived or worked at Fairmont Barracks or may have tales from the two messes, please share your memories and any photos. Please send the information to Donna Morse at: fairmontlegacy@gmail.com.

The current status of the Fairmont Barracks building remains unchanged. The financial impact of COVID-19 on the City of Vancouver may well have a detrimental effect on efforts to preserve this city heritage property. It may well be that the stories and photos will be all that is left of this proud old Tudor style building.

<http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/fairmont-barracks-special-newsletter/>

RCMP VETERANS BADGE:



Vancouver Division receives numerous inquiries about the availability of a "Veteran" badge. This badge is sold exclusively by the Quebec Division and further details on how to acquire one are available on their website.

<https://grc-rcmp-vets.qc.ca/en/who-are-we>

UPDATE ON VANCOUVER DIVISION CHAPLAIN JIM TURNER:



As you may or may not be aware, our Division Chaplain, Jim Turner, has been hospitalized for the past three months with a serious medical condition. Jim's family has advised that as of †his week, Jim has been discharged from Langley Memorial Hospital and is currently in a rehabilitation facility in Maple Ridge. Jim and his family have expressed their gratitude to the medical staff at LMH for the excellent care and kindness during his stay. We wish Jim all the best in his continued recovery.

Previous updates from Jim's family, detailing his condition, can be found at this link:

<http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/update-on-vancouver-division-chaplain-jim-turner/>

HEALTH, WELFARE AND ADVOCACY:

Director John Sherstone advised that he has dealt with approximately ten requests for assistance. John indicated that dealing with the various agencies has been more challenging as many of the staff at these agencies have been working remotely. However, all requests were dealt with to the satisfaction of the parties involved.

VANCOUVER DIVISION SERVICE BAR ELIGIBILITY - as at 2020-01-01:

The following members of Vancouver Division have been awarded service pins / bars:

35 Year Bar:

Richard HACKSHAW
Stephen HOLOTUK
Harvey FINCH

30 Year Pin and Bar:

Alan ALEKSICH
Kent STUBMAN
Ronald CURRIE

25 Year:

Robert STUBBINGS

John PATERSON
Harry NIELSEN
Edwin VIRGO

20 Year:

Ben GWALTNEY
David JEFFREY

15 Year:

David MCAREE
Paul GIFFIN
Gary FORBES

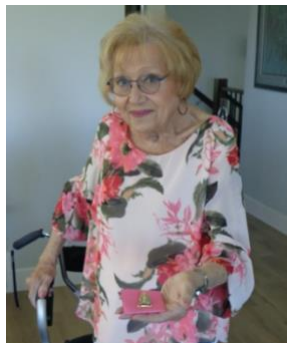
10 Year:

Ernest KOTT
Ron ANGELL

Posthumously to Family Member

30 Year Pin and Bar
Phillip Raymond ZERR

25 Year Pin and Bar
Robert A BRUCKER



Vancouver Division Veteran Robert A. (Bob) BRUCKER was eligible to receive a 25-year service bar and pin. Unfortunately, Bob passed away on June 11, 2020 prior to receiving his service recognition award. At the time of his passing, Bob and his wife Carol were residing in Comox, BC. Vancouver Division would like to thank Veteran George Sveinbjornson, Central Vancouver Island Division, who presented Bob's 25-year service award to Carol Brucker on behalf of the Division.



The following members of Vancouver Division may be eligible for service pins / bars as noted. Please contact Membership Director Ray Power for further details and confirm eligibility. rayjpower@yahoo.com

SURNAME

FIRST NAME

REG. #

50 Year Service Bar
STACEY

William J. (Bill)

16069

ADOLPH	Norman Allan	15934
40 Year Service Bar		
TAPLEY	Laurence Edward	16849
BERROW	Leland Wilfred	14922
WEYS	Victor Karl	22020
MACGREGOR	Leo Wilfred	15089
BOWYER	Hugh Dickson	17909
LIVINGSTONE	Donald Wallace	15817
SEMENOFF	Walter Fred	17803
IRVING	Victor	17484
35 Year Service Bar		
BUDD	Ronald Myron	18240
MACWHIRTER	Billie Burton	17521
MEIKLEJOHN	Hugh Harrison	18856
WHETSTONE	Harold Alfred	15355
MCCHEYNE	William Frederick	15156
DOANE	David Keith	19415
PATTON	Edwin John	19036
FORTEMS	Vernon Bernard	19434
30 Year Service Bar		
ANDERSON	Kenneth Robert	16820
HEWAT	Michael Leo	22165
GORKOFF	Koozma	23715
25 Year Service Bar		
BROWNELL	Lane	26688
ERICKSON	Alfred J.	21108
MCLEOD	Donald Frank	21420
CRAIG	William Samuel	18475
GIESBRECHT	Arthur R	20699
SKOLROOD	Robert Wayne	19733
RILEY	James Smith	18411
KIRK	Alexander Frederick	20439
CHURCH	C. David	20710
MARTIN	Gerald Kenneth	17533
DRUCHET	James G.	19656
LEISHMAN	R. Keith	22222
PACHAL	Fred Clifford	16737
QUILLEY	Thomas Marvin	19526
KIELAN	Raymond Rodger	22396
GILHOLME	James Robert	19061
WALLACE	Harry G.	20869
STAREK	Hank	18362
RANDLE	John Thomas	19593
RICHARDSON	Ross I	17817
REYNOLDS	Donald B.	25752
WILSON	Edward Russell	18942
KELLEY	Frank P.	21040
DEROON	Ronald Martin	20617
COLLIS	Robert E	19303
BENNINGTON	Robert Morley	20156
BERKEY	Donald J.	15676

TOWNSEND	John Ross	19584
BRAMHILL	James	17848
WILSON	Donald K	20143
VIKANES	Garry B	27035
HOLMES	William Leslie	19209
EWING	James David	19399
RICHERT	Karl Herman	19180
KOROLEK	Mervin	27726
MCKAY	J.R. Sandy	23343
PILOT	Robert (Bob)	17873
HOLMBERG	Kenneth James	25834
HALE	Robert George	23514
GARRETT	Dennis	22625
MOORE	Joseph Louis	20545
BOND	Peter E	21843
ZWICK	Edward I.	19258
ROTH	Michael Ronald	22598

20 Year Service Bar

VADIK	Joseph T	22873
MACKENZIE	Everett B	20328
BRADLEY	Barry F	21523
HOIVIK	Arthur Melvin	20714
WARBURTON	James Berry	25209
STARK	Siegfried E	22248
PARROTT	William Clarence	20251
MEDLEY	Norman John	21875
VAN'T SLOT	Willem H.	23979
CHERSAK	John P	28436
BORYS	Russell L. Robert	22487
JEFFREY	John Douglas	26713
HUPKA	Dennis Michael	24120
KILPATRICK	Donald Brian	23950
PEARSON	Donald K	23704
WHITAKER	Joseph Lee	22827
YARD	Gilbert Fraser	21890
GILLESPIE	James Dalton	21181
BODDY	Peter Arthur	30954
NIMCHUK	Wallace Donald	20370
SINGER	Daryl William	23583
GULKIEWICH	George Donald	23625
ROSS	Barry James	23222
ROWE	Peter Robert	24935
DOUGLAS	Brian Robert	27703
KELLS	David L.	34285
THOMSON	Donald M	24460
OLFERT	Leonard	21473
DONNACHIE	Jean Agnes	AF1936
KENDEL	Lynn Fred Walter	23861
SKARBO	Terrance Murray	25994
SCHAUFELLE	Blair Thomas.	25688
JOHNSTON	Murray James	22865

CONVEY	Robert J	29260
HOMENIUK	Allan	32299
WHEELER	Eric Rankine	25035
MCCARTNEY	David J.	35455
ROSS	Murray	27303
15 Year Service Bar		
BROWN	Robert Clayton	28311
DUCKWORTH	William Clinton	21008
BROMBALE	Lou	27646
TURNER	David C.	29127
MACMILLAN	Ian Donald	25285
HOVEN	Brian William	25531
BIRD	Peter Malcolm	26530
JANSEN	James Bernard	24674
CHARLTON	Walter	32024
SEMPLE	Robert John	24117
DOUCETTE	Charlie	29512
TIESSEN	Ted William	26604
ATKINSON	Larry L	29582
ELLIS	John	24386
CHAN	Henry	35407
LAMON	James Ernest	C01958
BREDENHOF	Lloyd Henry	27603
WAITE	Bruce	26443
CAMERON	Stuart R.	26873
GERTZEN	Richard William	22221
MEAGHER	John Patrick	33467
BERGERMAN	Michael Leo	25576
LAWRENCE	Richard F.	27387
KELLY	Compton S.	S00036
GRATTAN SR.	Gerald R	26829
GLAS	Michael Martin	27611
MALONE	Ernest	29963
10 Year Service Bar		
DAUK	Murray Walter	28106
HALL	Ric	24394
MACDONALD	Clifford Carl	25084
WHITTA	Robert Bryan	24063
ROSS	Eric Victor	28447
PAUQUETTE	Dave Russell	35850
DOP	T.M. Jack	28945
LONG	Frank L	18918
DEANS	E.B, (Elton)	24413
JEFFREY	David Wayne	24079
JEFFERY	Wayne K.	C00811
MOORE	James Arthur	28426
DINWOODIE	Richard J.	32427
ALLAN	D. Laird	28821
JONES	Kenneth Allan	C02000
BROUSSEAU	Paul	28539
WILKINSON	Larry Raymond	31705

MORSE	Donna Irene	31800
KRAEMER	Geoffrey C.	29738
MURDOCH	Dave	27934
MORSE	Ronald Irvin	30980
DAVIDGE	Neal C.E.	26547
WILLIAMS	David George	X01499
SILCOX	Don Gregory	28828
STENE	Daniel Inglis	21664
PROVOST	Edward James	29456
BENNIE	Raymond Gemmell	32265
HALL	Jane	34023
PAYSEN	Ronald Boyd	29133
SCHMIETENKNOP	Carl George	29013
MCRAE	Gordon C	27145
BROWN	Robert Sheffield	21771
WOOLF	Carolyn	42667
BENT	Richard	31650
BRASNETT	Brian Hugh	33183
SCHNEIDER	John E.H.	30678
POWELL	Robert Edwin	32628
NICKS	Fred	33916
VAN OVERBEEK	Theodore Henry	34170
OLFERT	Edward I	18876
HUNDT	Randolph Otto	29996
MACALPINE	Richard A	C01125
KRATCHMER	Patrick John	31565
MACHAM	Murray Frederick	26613
MORRISON	Glen Alexander	27520

NEW MEMBERS – VANCOUVER DIVISION:

Vancouver Division would like to welcome the following new members to the RCMP Veterans' Association.

Reg Number	Name
A1460	Guy LOUIE
33360	Peter SMIDT
36459	John ALLEMAN
A2828	Barbara KINSELLA
39050	Patricia YENDRYS

LAST POST:



The following members who were listed as having served in “E” Division have passed away since the publication of our last newsletter. Information is provided to our Division from HQ and other sources and may not be received in a timely manner. For the full list of Last Post, please go to:

<https://lastpostrecent.rcmpvets.ca/>

Reg Number	Name	Rank (Ret'd)	Date Passed
18371	Donald WEBER	S/Sgt.	2020-06-14
S/834	Travers E.M. CUSTANCE	S/Cst.	2020-06-08
34443	Christopher Douglas STEWART	S/Sgt.	2020-06-20
20973	Robert Adam BRUCKER	S/Sgt.	2020-06-11
18854	Frank Victor MEYER	S/Sgt.	2020-06-28
30740	Kenneth Harold DAGG	Sgt.	2020-06-27
17833	Kenneth L. SCOTT	Cst.	2020-07-21
17771	Donat Leonard PAQUETTE	S/Sgt.	2020-07-12
23671	David Ian MANLY	Cst.	2020-07-26
18552/O.593	Randolf Roland SCHRAMM	A/Comm.	2020-07-24
17876	Raymond John PLETZ	S/Sgt.	2020-07-31
Auxiliary	Brett Murray WILLIAMS	A/Cst.	2020-07-30
18018	Alan Beverley SEXSMITH	Sgt.	2020-08-09

UPDATES TO GUIDES:

The RCMP Veterans' Association has now published the 2020 edition of the “National Survivor’s and Executor’s Guide” which can be accessed at this link:

<https://rcmpva.org/ottawa-association-en/resources-ottawa-en/survivors-and-executors-guide-en/>

Please feel free to share this and other pertinent documents with all former and retired members of the Force.

This Information should be Shared and Retained by Family Members prior to the illness or passing of a Serving or Former Member of the RCMP.

For many years, the Nova Scotia RCMP Veterans' Association, through the Executive and the Support and Advocacy Committee, has been assisting family members following the passing of their loved one. However, it is difficult to provide timely assistance when the surviving family members do not have at hand the vital information that must be provided to agencies when reporting the passing of the individual. These elements are also critical when attempting to quickly transition pensions without overpayments to a qualified surviving spouse.

The Executive and Support and Advocacy Committee strongly recommend that each member document the following numbers and provide them to their family members and/or retain them where they are easily retrieved following death.

1. RCMP Regimental Number
2. RCMP Pension #
3. Veterans Affairs Canada K#
4. Social Insurance Number #

In addition, it will be important that documents such as marriage certificates and birth certificates for both the member and the surviving spouse are readily accessible as copies will be immediately required by some of the agencies when transitioning the pensions to the survivors. If you do not have these numbers and documents, then now is the time to apply for them through Vital Statistics in the province of birth/ marriage and through the various government agencies.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Morneau Shepel (RCMP insurance plan)

RCM Police Group Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plans
C/O Morneau Shepel 1060 University Street
9th Floor, Montreal, Quebec H3B 4V3,
Telephone: 1-800-661-7595 - 7:30 a.m. to 7: p.m. (ET) Monday to Friday,
Fax: 1-514-395-7404 www.pbs-sra.ca

Public Works and Government Services Canada (RCMP work pension) Government of
Canada Pension Centre – Mail Facility PO Box 8500 Matane QC G4W 0E2
Telephone: Toll Free: 1-855-502-7090

Note - for Executive Services use: 1-855-502-7088 (C/Supt, EX-01 and above).
Monday to Friday: 8:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (your local time)
Outside Canada and the United States: 506-533-5800 (collect call accepted).
Monday to Friday: 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. (Atlantic Time)
Telephone Teletype (TTY) 506-533-5990 (collect call accepted).
Monday to Friday: 8:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Atlantic Time)
Email: pensioncentrercmp.centredespensionsgrc@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca
Website: www.rcmp.pension.gc.ca The RCMP Pension and Benefits Web site, hosted by
PWGSC, has detailed information on all aspects of pension administration.

Service Canada - CPP and OAS benefits

www.servicecanada.gc.ca Note: If there is any doubt about the eligibility for this or any Federal
pension call: 1- 800- 277-9914.

Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC Disability Pensions)

Veterans Affairs Canada, PO Box 7700, Charlottetown, PEI, C1A 8M9
1-866-522-2122 www.vac-acc.gc.ca
<http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/providers/sub.cfm?source=salute/july2004/fund>

Supporting Veterans in Need - 24/7 counselling services -

Veterans and their immediate families can access free, short-term, confidential and professional
counselling services. If you are experiencing work-related issues family or marital problems, or high
levels of stress or anxiety, call 24/7 Veterans Affairs Canada Assistance Services at **1-800-268-
7708**.

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RCMPVA NATIONAL WEBSITE: <https://rcmpva.org/>

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We would also like to thank our Vancouver Division Website Administrator, Bev Bullock, for her work in keeping our website up to date.



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