



## **RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION VANCOUVER DIVISION**

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

**OCTOBER 2020**

### **DIVISION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**



I trust this newsletter finds you well. Unfortunately, the number of Covid-19 cases has started to increase once again which makes it impossible to hold our monthly meetings. The experts in the health field state that this second wave is going to be worse than the first. We need to do all we can to flatten the curve and make sure we and our loved ones stay safe.

Listening to Dr. Tam in Ottawa, she states that an approved vaccine may not be available until the latter half of 2021. Let us hope that it will be sooner than that. The sooner one is in place that sooner we will be able to hold our face to face meetings. We will also be able to restart or Honour Guard duties as well.

Your Executive has been working diligently to keep the Division running. I have had several conversations with the National President over e-mail. Our 2021 National Annual General Meeting is going to be held by a Zoom Conference. This will save the Association significant money. I expect that this will be the way to the future for our Association. We may only see face to face meetings every four or five years. Finally, some savings at the National Level.

The National Office is also in the process of revamping the Membership data base. We will see how that turns out in the future. Hopefully it will be finished by the time membership renewals that are fast approaching.

The National Office has also been having meetings with Veteran Affairs and the Veteran Ombudsman, advocating for our veterans. We will have to wait and see what results are from those discussions.

Just a quick reminder that the Division elections are fast approaching. If you have a nominee in mind, please get the nomination in to Donna Morse ASAP. More hands make for lighter workloads for everyone.

Please stay safe.

Bob Underhill, President  
RCMP Veterans' Association, Vancouver Division

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### **GENERAL MEETINGS:**

We have been unable to hold General Meetings since February of this year and the uncertainty of the pandemic remains. As it appears that we are into the second wave of this pandemic, the health and safety of our membership remains our highest priority. Provincial Health guidelines place restrictions on the number of people in gatherings and the configuration of seating in dining establishments. Thus, we are left with little choice but to suspend our General Meetings indefinitely.

Health and safety guidelines pertaining to gatherings has regrettably forced the suspension of the Veterans' Honour Guard for members who have passed. Our Director of Health, Welfare and Advocacy, John Sherstone will continue to provide support and assistance, upon request, to the families of members who have passed. John can be contacted at [sherst01@telus.net](mailto:sherst01@telus.net).

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### **REMEMBRANCE DAY 2020:**



This year, 2020, marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II. In years past, members of the Force donned review order on November 11<sup>th</sup> and participated in Remembrance Day Ceremonies in their communities.

The Remembrance Day Ceremonies this year will be markedly different. Some ceremonies have been cancelled and others have been scaled back considerably. The Royal Canadian Legion is discouraging members of the general public from attending ceremonies this year and their website indicates that all events are by invitation only. For further information or suggestions on ways to observe this important day, the Legion BC & Yukon Command website link is provided below:

<https://www.legionbcyukon.ca/what-we-do/find-remembrance-day-ceremony>

Poppy sales this year will also be different. You likely won't see legion members, cadets and others standing outside retail establishments ready to pin on a poppy. Locations where poppies are being sold are noted on the Legion website.

<https://www.legionbcyukon.ca/what-we-do/2020-poppy-campaign>

The RCMPVA Vancouver Division has received an official invitation from the North Shore Veterans' Council Canada (NSVCC) to attend the Remembrance Day Service Ceremony at the North Vancouver Cenotaph in the City of North Vancouver. If you would like to represent Vancouver Division, please contact President Bob Underhill ([runder@telus.net](mailto:runder@telus.net)) for further details.



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### **PILLARS OF THE FORCE GRAND OPENING:**



The Grand Opening of the Pillars of The Force exhibit was held on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at the RCMP Heritage Centre in Regina, SK. This event was originally scheduled to coincide with the RCMPVA Annual General Meeting in June 2020; however, it too became a victim of the pandemic. The following message was received from the Heritage Centre:

*Thank you again for your contribution to the Pillars of the Force initiative. We are so excited to have launched our Virtual Grand Opening and hope you have had an opportunity to see it! If you haven't, check it out on our YouTube Channel or on our website:*

<https://rcmphcfriends.com/pillars-of-the-force/>

*We are providing our donors with an update of what's coming next for the Pillars of the Force. The Virtual Pillars Wall is operational inside the Heritage Centre, but in keeping with the COVID-19 pandemic guidelines, public access is temporarily restricted for all interactive exhibits, including our Virtual Pillars Wall. We know many of you are interested in seeing the Virtual Pillars Wall which will display the stories you and your families or friends have submitted for the world to see. We will however be initiating online access later this fall before the holiday season, which will allow you to access the stories on the virtual wall right from the convenience of your home.*

*Since travel is highly restricted and many of you aren't able to come and see your Nameplate, on the Pillars, we have been working tirelessly to provide you with a way to see the Pillars right at home. We have created a Pillars Directory which will allow you to either find the location of your Nameplate if you're visiting the Centre or view your Nameplate right at home. To see your Nameplate or find its location, you can use the instructions at the top of the page to help guide you. You can access the directory here:*

<https://mpvirtualpillars.ca/pillars-directory/>

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - FRASER VALLEY DIVISION:

**Please share this information with any retired members in the Fraser Valley who are not members of the RCMPVA.**

As noted in the September Newsletter (<http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/vancouver-division-september-2020-newsletter/>), Murray Macham advised the Vancouver Division that he is leading an initiative to form a new RCMPVA Division in the Fraser Valley. As you may know, the geographic catchment area of Vancouver Division encompasses the Lower Mainland from Hope to the Sunshine Coast. The size of the area and the ever-increasing traffic volume has made it challenging for many members of our Division to attend events on a regular basis. The requirements for the formation of a new Division, as set out in the RCMPVA bylaws, and the criteria for membership in the RCMPVA were posted in the Vancouver Division September Newsletter.

Murray has provided the attached update detailing the progress, to date, of this initiative. If you are interested in obtaining further information, please contact Murray directly at [mmacham@telus.net](mailto:mmacham@telus.net).

As Murray has indicated, this initiative is still in the exploratory stages and if successful, there will be many details to be worked out. In the meantime, to remain a member in good standing of the RCMPVA, please continue to remit your dues to Vancouver Division. Details on how to remit dues for 2021, which are payable by January 1, 2021, can be found on the Division website:

<http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/about/membership-renewal-2/>

*Just to keep you all informed as to this initiative this is a first update, so you know where we stand.*

- 1. In total to date 48 Veterans have shown support for this initiative.*
- 2. John McDougall, Hugh Meiklejohn, and Jim Simmill are also in the numbers but have not provided me with an email etc.*
- 3. Veterans Kelly Hyswick, Ric Hall, Roger Jones, Jim Druchet, Ken Gisborne, Grant Wilson, and Jim Westman have indicated they are willing to take a position on the Board or Executive. Kelly has indicated that he can fill the Treasurer Position and Ric Hall the Force Liaison Position and Historian.*
- 4. Two vital positions need to be filled and those are the Vice President and Secretary. If you are willing and able or know someone who is please step up.*

*A diary date window of **November 30, 2020** was set to establish what is needed prior to going forward and setting some of this in stone. So, you will see other emails coming through various mediums and hopefully they will attract some more names. Then after November 30, 2020, a meeting will be arranged with those who wish to get involved in the planning and Board and we can discuss as a group what this should look like going forward (Probably via Zoom).*

*A new division is not necessarily our only option, as this could be done also by getting the Vancouver Vets to consider a split and forming a Vice President of the East and the West where we coexist together but provide events that are easier to attend in strategic locations. The other suggestion, and I say this very quietly as I do not wish to start a war, but perhaps we might just want to start a Valley Social Club.*

*One thing is for sure. The virus that affects us right now is not going away any time soon which means meeting in groups is just not going to happen any time soon. So, a long planning window is welcome. Some of you have shared your ideas which are appreciated and more are encouraged if you are so inclined.*

*A special thank you to Kelly Hyswick, Art Hoivik, and Ric Hall for your input and help so far. The remainder of those mentioned in Point 3 will be contacted privately in time for more input.*

*One thing is for sure Veterans. You all want to meet and see your old buddies and work mates. We can make that happen when the virus is over, and my commitment to you all is that you will meet again and enjoy your comradeship, I just don't know at this time how that will be delivered and my whom, but an event will be planned if my feet continue to hit the floor each morning and I am not touching wood when I first stretch my arms out. Enjoy your Thanksgiving with your family and loved ones and join me in giving thanks to that career that I enjoyed and was part of.*

*Thanks all*

*Murray F. Macham CFE  
604-329-1273*

*To Willingly Undergo Hardship  
For The Sake Of Others  
Is Compassion*

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### **NEW NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:**

**The attached bulletin was distributed by the RCMPVA National Office on October 12, 2020. The launch date for these changes has yet to be announced. Until the launch, current application and dues processes are still in force.**



Dear Members of the Association,

As you will be aware, we are developing a new membership management system for the Association.

And, as has been previously noted, our contractor for this project is Barrie, Ont., - based Signal Flare Media Company.

Signal Flare have asked that we distribute the following message to ensure that all members are up to speed on where the project is headed.

The memorandum from Signal Flare follows.

James Forrest  
Director of Communications  
RCMP Veterans' Association

## **RCMPVA Membership**

As part of our commitment to you, the membership, we are refreshing our online presence and our administrative capabilities.

### **Why the change?**

- Privacy considerations have been addressed, in this endeavor, which were necessary for compliance with federal privacy legislation to insure the highest level of security for member information.
- It will allow us to automate processes and alleviate issues that have been identified through reports we have received through the divisions and our reviews.
- Standardized data entry and consistency
  - To conform with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) and the Canada Not for Profit Corporations Act
  - Accounting and financial integration including change management
- Improved administrative workflow
  - Improved internal communications
  - Improved reporting (financial, status, and other detailed reports will be made available to the divisions).

Our service provider can create custom reports for divisions on any data combination they require. While transparent to the membership, this system will garner greater efficiencies and be of benefit to all.

### **What are the changes?**

- To enable consistency, member information will be managed centrally by our service provider. Support will be available to members having issues, during normal business hours.
- All members must register online and accept the privacy policy to insure compliance with Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) and the Canada Not for Profit Corporations Act.
- Members can renew their membership dues and purchase the Quarterly online.
- Membership dues, including renewals, must be made online or by cheque.
- All cheques must be from the individual member and sent to the association office. The payment will be attributed to the online registration. Receipts will be provided.
- An encrypted card vault will allow members who choose to use it, ease of access during renewals.
- The system allows for members to access their information online in a portal. They can self-manage information (address, phone, email, awards, rank on discharge, etc.).
- Members will be sent renewal reminders automatically.
- Only paid or payment exempt members will have access to the private members area.
- A committee meetings calendar will be available
- In the private members portal, a calendar of events will be available to be used by divisions. Functions will include:
  - Event registration
  - Event online payment I.E. Golf Tournaments, etc.
  - An event feed will post upcoming events without members having to access the calendar

## **New System Features:**

**Online new member registration**

**Member information self-management**

**Community events calendar**

**Member directory**

- New members can easily apply for membership and pay online. Applications will be vetted by the division and the new member will be given access to the RCMPVA Portal.

### **Online store**

- Members will be able to purchase their subscription to The Quarterly online Secure RCMPVA member portal This area is exclusive to the current membership of the RCMPVA and is accessed by login that is provided at the time of acceptance into the association.

### **Membership Renewal**

- Existing members can go online and renew their membership with ease.
- Reminders will be automatically sent out during renewal time and receipts provided immediately. To make it even easier, if you wish to store your payment information, the system will send you a message informing you of the upcoming billing and send you a receipt when it is processed.
- If you are moving or your phone number is changing, members will be able to log in and change their contact information online.

### **Committee meeting calendar**

- Division and national committee and sub-committee meetings all organized in one space.

### **Member events calendar**

- Events exclusive to the membership, either divisional or national, can be posted here. If there is a paid event such as a golf tournament the system can help with registration.
- This calendar is to advertise community events that are not for members only but may be of interest to other local members so they can attend and help spread the word (fishing tournament, concerts, etc.).
- Event Feed - An event feed will post upcoming events without members having to access the calendar.
- Available only to the division and national executive, a secure online directory of the membership will be made available to certain members of each executive.
- The directory can be used to contact the membership right from the member portal.

More communications will follow as we close in on the launch date.

## VANCOUVER DIVISION CHALLENGE COINS:



At our January meeting the purchase of Challenge Coins for our division was approved. 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 have been suspended. 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](mailto:bootsandspurs65@gmail.com) or 604-853-5500 (Abbotsford)

Ric Hall  
2020-6-20

## RCMP VETERANS VANCOUVER WEBSITE:

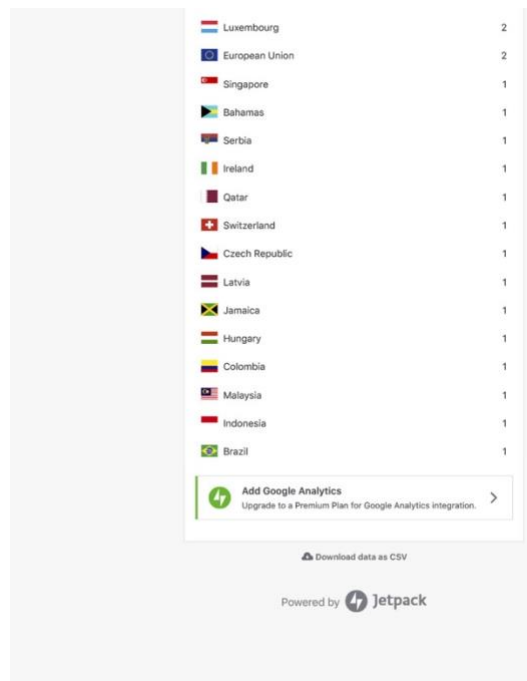
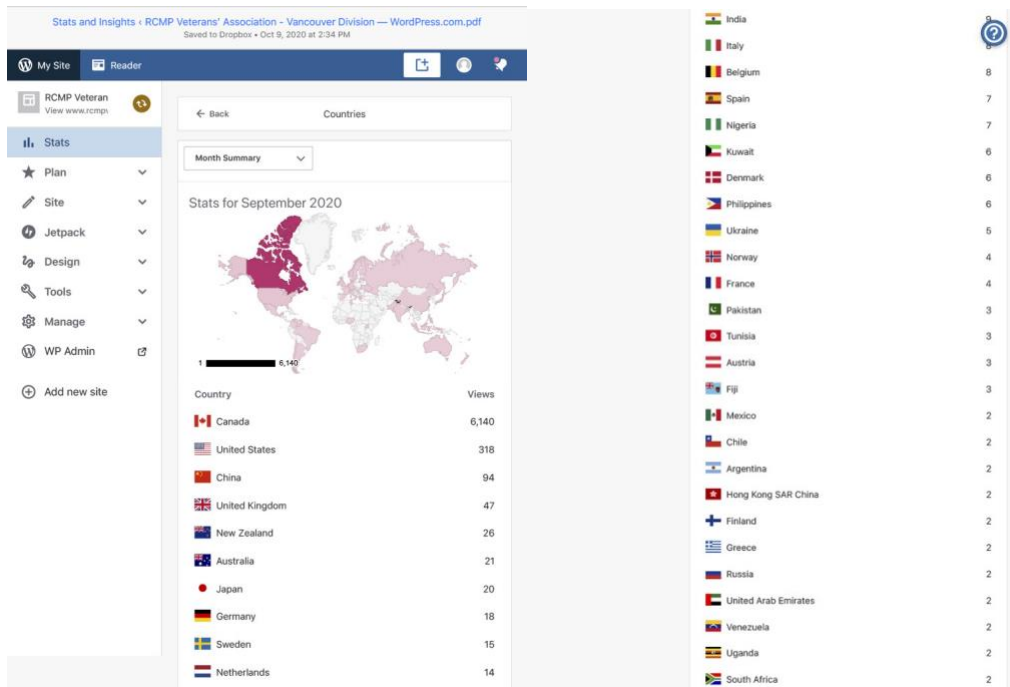


Have you ever wondered how much web traffic is generated by Vancouver Division website? Bev Bullock has been the website administrator (<http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com>) for the past



couple of years and we appreciate the excellent job that she does in posting information in a timely manner. Bev provided the Vancouver Division website stats for September 2020.

There were 6,835 views and 2,913 visitors. The two main units of traffic measurement are **views** and unique **visitors**. A view is counted when a **visitor** loads or reloads a page. A **visitor** is counted when we see a user or browser for the first time **in a** given period (day, week, month). For your info, the attached images which clearly show most views are from Canada (90%) but it is also interesting to see where the others are from.



## **INVITATION - THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF WOMEN IN UNIFORM:**

**THE SPECIFIC NEEDS  
OF WOMEN  
IN UNIFORM**

WOMEN ONLY!

**WEBINAR - CONFERENCE**  
DECEMBER 2, 2020  
02:00 - 05:30 P.M. (EST) - ON LINE

Are you a woman wearing or have worn a uniform?  
Are you a woman working in support organizations for uniformed personnel?

**Join us to discuss and share your experience about the specific needs of women in uniform.**

Organized around three testimonies, this women-only event is intended to be a place of exchange and discussion to put forward your life experiences, the challenges encountered but also your good ideas to overcome them.

Register today!

Information and registration: [servane@respectcanada.org](mailto:servane@respectcanada.org)  
\*Please note that the number of places is limited to create a more user-friendly virtual place.

I hope you are doing well in these special times!

As the National Coordinator of Women's Outreach for the Respect Forum, I am pleased to invite you to our first Webinar-Conference on the topic: "The Specific Needs of Women in Uniform".

The objective of this webinar is to reflect on the specific needs of women wearing uniform in Canada, such as veterans and military women, firefighters, paramedics, and policewomen. This non-mixed event will allow women to speak about their daily lives, their challenges, but also their good ideas and solutions. Bringing together both women wearing uniforms and women working in aid and support organizations, this conference is intended to be a place of sharing with the objective of developing knowledge and collaboration.

Organized around 3 conferences, this event will take place on December 2, 2020, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (EST). Exclusively reserved

for women and with a limited number of places, I invite you to complete the attached registration form in order to participate in this event.

I remain available for any further information, Have a nice day,

Servane Roupnel

National Coordinator, University Outreach, Women's Outreach and Program Evaluation

Respect Campaign | Respect Forum

1 (418) 271-6203

[servane@respectcanada.org](mailto:servane@respectcanada.org) <<mailto:servane@respectcanada.org>>

[www.respectcanada.org](http://www.respectcanada.org) <<http://www.respectcanada.org>>

Registration form for this event can be found at:

<http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/invitation-the-specific-needs-of-women-in-uniform/>

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## **MEDOC TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

Many of our members have MEDOC Travel Insurance. The following coverage information was recently disseminated:



Dear MEDOC customer,

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We are pleased to announce that effective October 1, 2020 medical coverage under your MEDOC policy will include COVID-19 for the remainder of 2020 and with your new MEDOC policy beginning January 1, 2021.

Although coverage for eligible medical expenses is now available, we strongly encourage customers to review the Government of Canada travel advisories before booking and travelling. Return transportation options and availability of medical care may become very limited outside Canada.

Your MEDOC policy now provides coverage for travel to areas outside Canada where travel advisories due to COVID-19 may still be in place. Please carefully review the details of the modifications to your MEDOC policy, which can be downloaded, printed and saved by [clicking here](#).

Trip Cancellation and Interruption coverage remains in place and is currently available for COVID-19 related cancellations if your trip was booked prior to the travel advisories being issued. However, as of January 1, 2021, Trip Cancellation and Interruption coverage related to COVID-19 will not be available for any travel bookings made since the March 2020 travel advisories. Customers who have not made a trip cancellation claim for bookings made prior to the pandemic should refer to their policy to understand timelines to submit a claim, as travel advisory changes by the Government of Canada may impact claim eligibility.

### **MEDOC Reissue for 2021**

In a recent communication we announced the extension of your MEDOC policy Base Plan at no additional charge for a total of 4 months until December 31, 2020. Because of this coverage extension your annual MEDOC reissue documentation will now be sent in November for a new policy term of January 1 to August 31, 2021. While we are finalizing the terms and pricing for the January 1, 2021 reissue, we confirm medical coverage under your new MEDOC policy will include COVID-19.

We value your patronage and hope that you and your family are staying safe and well.

**Johnson Insurance**

## **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>

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## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The annual membership dues for Active Members of the Vancouver Division of \$65 were due on January 1st. As at October 14, 2020, a total of 362 members have paid their dues for 2020. There are still 36 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>

As our President has indicated in his message, the current executive is currently discussing a way for members to vote for these positions. You will be advised of the positions requiring a vote and the process in due course.

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



Several members of Vancouver Division have been awarded service pins / bars and many more are eligible to receive these awards. If you have been a member in good standing of RCMPVA Vancouver Division for ten or more years, please check the September 2020 Newsletter to confirm that you are listed as an eligible

recipient.

[\(http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/vancouver-division-september-2020-newsletter/\)](http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/vancouver-division-september-2020-newsletter/)

If you are eligible and would like to receive the award, please contact Membership Director Ray Power ([rayjpower@yahoo.com](mailto:rayjpower@yahoo.com)) for further details.

Service Bars awarded since the September newsletter:

25 Year

17848	James BRAMHILL
27726	Mervin KOROLEK

15 Year

29582	Larry ATKINSON
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## **NEW MEMBERS – VANCOUVER DIVISION:**

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

33277	Sgt. Anton (Tony) James PERGER
38231	S/Sgt. Thomas (Tom) Edward NORTON
36947	Sgt. Walter DONA
30969	Cst. Stephen WHIDDEN
43826	S/Sgt. Cheryl GRAVELLE

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## **LAST POST:**



The following members who were listed as having served in "E" Division or as serving members 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/>

<b>Reg Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank (Ret'd)</b>	<b>Date Passed</b>
32947	KENNEDY, Timothy Michael	S/Sgt.	2020-09-05
22306	HILL, Howard Albert	S/Sgt.	2020-08-07
25200	CALHOUN, William John	Cst.	2020-07-20
18712	NYLUND, Arnold Rodney	S/Sgt.	2020-09-20
27514	PORTER, Earl James	Cst.	2019-09-26
20457 / O.872	RENDER, Donald Lowell	Supt.	2020-08-12
37711 / O.2200	BURTON, Ross	Insp.	2020-09-21
15648	BARAGER, Clifford Albert	Sgt.	2020-09-19
25845 / O.1700	WILLIAMS, Robert John	Supt.	2020-04-20
R/1442	WARREN, James Stewart	R/Cst.	2020-10-05

Arnold NYLUND was a member of Vancouver Division

James WARREN was a life member and Past President of Vancouver Division.

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## **LADIES' AUXILIARY:**

COVID-19 has had a similar effect 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.

## **CANADIAN FORCES MORALE AND WELFARE SERVICES:**



Active and retired members of the RCMP are eligible to apply for the CFOne card. There are a number of services, rewards and discounts available to former members of the Force through this program. Attached is the link to apply for a CFOne card.

<https://www.cafconnection.ca/National/Programs-Services/CFOne.aspx>

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## **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES:**



National Association of Federal Retirees  
Association nationale des retraités fédéraux

well as their partners and survivors. The site contains a great deal of information that you may find useful.

The National Association of Federal Retirees (Federal Retirees) is the largest national advocacy organization representing active and retired members of the federal public service, Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and retired federally appointed judges, as

<https://www.federalretirees.ca/en>

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## **VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA:**



Veterans Affairs Canada  
Anciens Combattants Canada

The attached link may be of some assistance to members who are submitting claims to VAC. It would appear that this booklet was compiled by and independent body in 2017, however, there are links to the current VAC website.

<https://www.multibriefs.com/briefs/rcaa/vacdisabilityawards.pdf>

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## **UPDATES TO BOOKLETS AND 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](http://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)

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Email: [pensioncentrercmp.centredespensionsgrc@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca](mailto:pensioncentrercmp.centredespensionsgrc@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca)

Website: [www.rcmp.pension.gc.ca](http://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-relate 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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