



## RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION VANCOUVER DIVISION

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

APRIL 2021

### DIVISION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



As I write this missive, I can still feel the tenderness in my left shoulder from the AstraZeneca shot I received yesterday. Very happy to have got this shot, I registered online for both methods, the pharmacy shot or the government administered one. I took that which came soonest.

While case counts are still high, I am hopeful that as more and more of us receive our vaccinations we may be able to meet together before the year is out.

We are marking a sad anniversary, that of the mass shooting in Nova Scotia which also saw one of our own taken away, she showing all that is best in us. Recently the President of the Nova Scotia Vets Division sent out a message of support for the members there who still struggle with this event and the criticism/backlash. I personally have little knowledge of the hows and whys, I try to avoid the politics, both internal and external, that is voiced online concerning this affair. I'm just a front-line guy and I know the detachment personnel in the region did their utmost to deal with this fluid, dynamic spree. That's what we have always done and will do. Let the arm-chair quarterbacks say what they want. If you are not willing to put your life on the line for your community, you have no right to criticize.

Hope this is OK. Also, Peter German told me that Al MacIntyre and his wife were both in hospital with Covid related issues. Both are recovering: Al was in ICU and will be telling his story to CKNW. His story is being covered in this Newsletter.

So, until we can meet in person again, we will carry on carrying on. Take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

Stay safe, please.

Gord Cave, President  
Vancouver Division

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In response to a request from one of our members, Gord has written a letter of support of a request to the City of Richmond to name a street in honour of Cst. Tom Agar. Cst. Agar was shot and killed while on duty at Richmond Detachment on September 19, 1980. The City of Richmond had previously announced the naming on two streets in the city in honour of Cst. Jimmy Ng who was killed in a motor vehicle crash while on duty on September 15, 2002.

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### **VANCOUVER DIVISION:**

There have been no changes in our ability to have face to face meetings. At this time, most of our membership should have received their first vaccination leading to some optimism that between vaccinations and adherence to health order protocols that our Association may be able to resume our meetings sometime in the last quarter of this year.

In the mean-time, please stay safe and stay healthy.

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### **NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE APRIL 2021:**



It's been a while since I last communicated a general update with you, and I apologize for that. There is just so much going on from an administration perspective that I have lost track of time.

I will cover a number of topics relating to what we, the Board of Directors, have been involved in as of late.

- The Annual General Meeting will be held in June of this year and details will be forthcoming. Our Vancouver Division was to be the host, however, as all of us are painfully aware, the traditional meeting is not possible until the Covid situation eases. Consequently, this year will be "Virtual" and held using the "Microsoft Teams" video format. Your Board of Directors with the valuable assistance of our new Chief Administration Officer will be coordinating it.
- Microsoft Teams is apparently the most secure means of virtual communication and is now the format used by the RCMP and various Canadian Government Departments. If you are using Office 365 and its "Outlook" program, the invitation to attend will automatically go to your Outlook calendar and all you will have to do is click on to it to join. Our Communications Director, James Forrest, will be issuing full instructions to assist you, regardless of what program you are using and there is no limit to the number of participants.
- There will be resolutions presented to you in advance of the meeting, allowing you to vote electronically. Likewise, many of our current and new Board of Directors positions will be up for election and that will be available electronically as well.
- We are hopeful the 2022 AGM will take place in the traditional in-person manner, hosted by Calgary Division. The folks in Calgary are actively preparing and it will be a good one.

- Mefloquine Anti-Malarial Drug is something that has been provided to many RCMP and Canadian Forces members prior to their postings to various sites around the world where the possibility of Malaria exists. There have been many very serious side effects and the RCMP had issued a bulletin with details back in December of 2019. I am advised there is a Class Action civil suit in the works, and I have asked James Forrest to circulate the details. I have also reached out to “Franks Facts and Funnies” asking Frank to circulate the details as well.
- There are two really important VAC benefits I am chasing. One is the extension of the Attendance Allowance to include assistance for outdoors chores. Currently we are eligible for financial assistance to obtain help in carrying out daily household chores such as personal assistance and normal indoors maintenance, however, no outdoor chores are considered. The Canadian Forces are eligible for outdoors work such as lawn maintenance, snow removal, painting, etc. via the Veterans Independence Program or “VIP”. They used to get this rather than the Attendance Allowance, however, Canadian Forces veterans can now get both and receipts are not required for this non-taxable pension, with payments made every month for the rest of their lives.
- I cannot understand that we, as former RCMP members, can be covered for indoors work, yet not for outdoors chores. If you cannot do indoors chores because of physical restrictions, then what makes anyone think you are capable of doing outdoors stuff? Also, how come the Canadian Forces now get both and we don't?
- I have decided I will take every means available to correct this unfair situation. I attend monthly meetings with the Deputy Minister Veterans Affairs and former RCMP Veterans Association President, Al Rivard meets with the Veterans Affairs Ombudsman on a regular basis. I don't know what we can achieve by sounding out our concerns with these folks, however, it's certainly worth a shot. The other route I am taking is holding conversations with Members of Parliament, and in particular, Opposition party Veterans Affairs critics. I will be having one of these meetings this month and considering this is likely an election year, I'm pretty sure opposition parties will entertain talking points. There's an old saying in the sales profession, that being if you don't ask then it's an automatic “NO”.
- I have also been chatting with the RCMP Director General, Compensation Services about this. In fact, I can find nothing legislated or documented that states outdoors chores cannot be considered for the Attendance Allowance. She is looking into this, but just in case, I will present her with a formal letter asking her to examine what is legally stated versus what is assumed.
- The other topic both former President, Steve Walker and I are chasing is the grossly discriminatory “Marriage over 60” legislation. Can you believe if you, a pensioner, gets married or re-married after the age of 60, your spouse is not eligible for one-half your pension after you die. Get married at the age of 59 and 364 days and the normal one-half goes to your spouse after your passing. This is actually a legislated rule that came about way back around 1914 and is disgustingly referred to as the “Golddigger clause”. How discriminatory is this? Yes, the pensioner can divert 20, 30, or 50% of pension to cover the spouse after the pensioners death, but this means they must try to live on what is left over after the deduction.
- I have been working closely with a former Canadian Forces veteran in trying to right this wrong. The NAFR group challenged this some time ago but lost the case since it's not anything Human rights can correct. The reason being this is a legislated rule. Indeed, it is, however, that doesn't make it right.
- Apparently, the waves we have generated is catching the attention of a number of veterans groups, including the Public Service and others. It seems many others are now jumping on board and we all recognize this is a situation that can be corrected by our

Members of Parliament. It seems our current Prime Minister stated this was one of his priorities prior to his being elected but apparently the file is gathering dust at the moment.

- On another pension related topic, I want to bring your attention to the Veterans Affairs benefits many of you are missing. Firstly, you should know there is well over \$300,000,000 available to assist former members of the Canadian Forces and RCMP for injuries, afflictions, and illnesses being experienced due to work related circumstances. Not one penny of this grant impacts the RCMP administration or operational budget in any way, shape, or form. Nor does it impact any serving members paycheck. It's totally unrelated and its purpose is to assist you.
- Speaking from my personal experience via my home Division, our Support and Advocacy Team, including the two Co-Directors and over a dozen counsellors scattered throughout the Province receive upwards of 400 requests for assistance every year and virtually all are acted upon. The success rate for first time VAC Pension applications in situations where our counsellors have assisted is over 90%.
- I encourage all of you to reach out to your Division Support team for assistance in properly submitting your VAC pension applications. The Canadian Legion will assist as well, however, they will likely deal with the situation on hand and don't look for consequential injuries or such other government benefits as the Income Tax relief program. I was talking with a friend from another Division, and he did not realize if you are receiving a VAC pension, upwards of 50% of it will go to your spouse if you predecease, and that's for his or her life. Knowing your RCMP pension is reduced to 50% when you pass, it's comforting to know you have provided for other tax free income for him/her. Did you realize VAC scores your specific injuries and if you have numerous claims that reach over 47%, then your spouse will receive the survivor's benefit. This means for the first year after your passing he/she will receive your entire VAC pension and after that, the survivors benefit. Currently the survivor's benefit is about \$2200 tax free per month for the rest of his/her life. You can't take it with you but you sure as heck can leave it for someone.
- Did you know if you are suffering and pensioned for PTSD there are a number of related afflictions that also make you eligible for addition pension? This can include sleep disorders, ED, teeth grinding, etc. Your Division Support person can help you with this. Also, if you've ever driven the police cars of the 70's and earlier, you suffered through the hard seats and poor suspensions. VAC accepts this as a reason for your chronic back pain. Did you drive your PC with the window open because you didn't have air conditioning? That's an acceptable reason for hearing loss.
- Your Division Support person will tell you to get statements from anyone who witnessed your situation that has caused your injury. I cannot emphasise this point too much. Also, think of the consequential injury you are suffering from. Did you damage or break your ankle on duty or during an off duty exercise you participated in to maintain your condition? Perhaps now you have hip problems and that could be a consequence of your original injury.
- Unfortunately, I have heard some folks state it isn't right to claim for your afflictions. If you suffered any injury, illness, or affliction due to duty related activities then this is what the VAC pension is for and it doesn't cost the Force one penny (whatever a penny is). However, make sure you thoroughly document everything and give VAC the details. They don't look to refuse an application. Rather, they evaluate what you have submitted in support. It does take upwards of 18 months to have the adjudication, but you get nothing if you don't try.
- Visit our [Membership Management System](#). It will get better now that we have reached out to professional companies for assistance. Take a look at your personal information to ensure its correct and do the corrections when necessary. If you are having trouble

manipulating your way through the page, reach out to the “Help” desk. It’s there to help you.

- If you haven’t read the Quarterly lately, it’s now back to being as interesting as it was years ago. Loads of really good stories and situations. Also, the Last Post and lists of Retirees are up to date. It’s not costly and worth every penny.
- We have recently completed a new Governance Manual with the expert help of Jack Briscoe. The principles we, the BOD, use as our guide are well laid out, current, and most appropriate. We are also working on an updated Association Manual.
- We recently completed our financial audit and subsequently submitted our financial reports to the Canada Revenue Agency. Since we are registered as a Soliciting Corporation under the Canada Not for Profit Legislation, this is an expensive venture but one that must be followed. Thankfully the CRA recognizes us as a single entity rather than 30 individual Divisions, therefore each Division saves many thousands of dollars each year. We will not be raising the Association fee of \$37 this year and I believe it has been at least five years since the last Association increase. Having said that, your respective Divisions may have additional costs connected to your individual operations so the amount you submit to your Division (referred to as a contribution) varies.
- In the very near future, we will be circulating a questionnaire to all the Division Presidents asking for suggestions that could improve what we provide. Likewise, the RCMP Warrants will be doing the same with serving members. We’ve noticed an increase in membership so far this year and it’s important we continue to stay on top of your needs. Our most important role is to provide support for you and stand up for your rights. We need to know what we may be missing.
- I have more things to share with you but the aforementioned captures quite a bit and I don’t wish to bore you with too many pages of details. I am looking forward to preparing updates on a regular basis.

Kindest regards to all and stay safe.

A.P. (Sandy) Glenn’ President  
RCMP Veterans Association

*Veterans Helping Veterans and Their Families*

### **MEMBERS CORNER:**

A couple of years ago, our Scarlet & Gold newsletter ceased the print format and shifted online to the Vancouver Division website that now bears the Scarlet & Gold name. (<http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/>). The present newsletter came about as the result of the pandemic to augment the website in an effort to keep our membership in touch.

The RCMPVA National website (<https://rcmpva.org>) continues to evolve under a new web service provider.

For the most part, information contained in this newsletter is gathered from various sources and we attempt to address the concerns raised by our members and keep you informed. We do, however, need your input. If you come across an article or information that you may wish to share with the members of the Division, please feel free to send it forward.

If you are trying to locate someone, i.e., a troopmate or someone you worked with let us know. If you have an inquiry that another member may be able to assist with, contact us.

Director Murray Macham has also pointed out that for those of you who dare be so bold and have a Facebook account you can join a closed page set up just for Members and Veterans. It is called **MP Mates** and you have to be approved. Murray acknowledges that at times some have no filter so be forewarned. Murray also claims to be an expert on the Facebook Penal System.

Just a reminder that most of the bulletins sent by National as well as some other interesting articles and information can be found on our Vancouver Division website. Click [HERE](#) to access the webpage.

Our Division e-mail address is: [rcmpvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:rcmpvancouver@gmail.com).  
Ron Morse, Vice President  
Vancouver Division.

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### **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

April 18 – 24 is designated as National Volunteer Week in Canada. How many of us “stuck up our hand” during our service in the Force and after we had hung up the uniforms in the back of the closet? Thinking back, many of our ranks served our communities in so many ways from coaching, leading youth groups, volunteering through places of worship and service groups of all kinds to name a few. Not to be forgotten are the hundreds who have volunteered their time to serve their communities through the RCMP Auxiliary Program. They are valuable members of our RCMP family, and we thank them for their service.

If you have a story about a program for which you are/were a volunteer, we would love to hear from you. If your organization needs additional assistance, we may be able get the information out for you. Our Division e-mail address is: [rcmpvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:rcmpvancouver@gmail.com).

Thank you to all who give of their time to make our communities a better place.

Ron Morse, Vice President  
Vancouver Division

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### **MY COVID EXPERIENCE: A FIRSTHAND ACCOUNT BY A/COMM AL MACINTYRE:**



**From Global News:** A former senior commander with the RCMP is coming forward to talk about his experience battling COVID-19.

Al Macintyre, Reg # 29201/O.1680, served with the RCMP for 39 years and held the position of Assistant Commissioner while serving at “E” Division HQs of the RCMP.

He contracted an extreme case of COVID-19 just before the end of March. “They brought me into VGH - ICU and treated me like a king ever since then”, he told Global News Monday morning, April 19<sup>th</sup>, from his

hospital bed. Macintyre said it started as a sore throat and a runny nose and the on April 1 “it just turned into something horrible.”

He ended up being intubated, being fed through a tube but two days ago was removed from the ventilator. “I was hallucinating and I saw my dead dad,” he said. “I saw it all man.” “I never thought I’d breathe again, I never thought I’d see my wife again, it was just a horrible, horrible thing.”

Macintyre said while he was on the ventilator, he remembers some activity around him but he was kept quite sedated.

“I’ve been shot at a few times by the bad guys, I’ve laid in a ditch and tried to save a young girl’s life. I’ve been peed on, I’ve been crapped on,” he said. “But you’re never ready for this. This is like nothing else. Nothing.”

Macintyre can now eat without a feeding tube and he no longer has to have a catheter inserted. “Every day is a step,” he said. “And I’ll tell you, we’ve got to listen to the professionals. To Dr Bonnie Henry, to Adrian Dix. We’ve got to listen to them.”

### **‘Reassessing’ approach after large beach parties during COVID-19**

After multiple videos were shared this past weekend of large crowds of people gathering at Kits Beach, many of them not socially distancing and not wearing masks, Macintyre said people cannot be too careful about spreading COVID-19.

“My daughter works in ICU, my son-in-law works in the ER, they’re working for us. They’re trying to save us and all we can do is kick them in the nuts by ignoring [health official’s] advice, it’s not right.”

He said he does not know how he contracted COVID-19 but he said we all need to do everything that is asked of us to avoid spreading and catching this virus.

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### **TREASURER’S REPORT – DUES 2021:**

#### **REMINDER: IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR PAYING ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES –**

Effective immediately, all membership dues **should** be paid to the RCMP Veterans’ Association in Ottawa, Ontario since the administration of membership information has now been centralized.

There are three ways to pay your dues:

1. **Online (credit card):** Members can pay online on the National RCMPVA website by going to: <https://rcmpva.org/> “Log in” and click on “Memberships” and on the far right of the page click on the “Renew” option and pay by credit card.

- 2. Cheque:** Members wishing to pay by cheque may do so directly to the National association office. **\*\*Please provide your name and contact and clearly indicate which division and which year you would like funds applied to\*\*.**

**NOTE:** All cheques must be made payable to “**RCMP Veterans’ Association**”.

Please send the cheque to:

RCMP Veterans’ Association  
P.O. Box 8900 Canadian Police College  
1 Sandridge Road  
Ottawa, Ontario K1G 3J2

- 3. E-Transfer:** Members who choose to pay by E-transfer may do so by sending to the contact below:

ATT: Chantal Renaud – by e-Transfer: [8enaud8.renaud@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:8enaud8.renaud@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

**\*\*\* NOTE: Although you can still pay the Division levels at the present time, including Vancouver, it adds another step.**

**I have to collect your cheque from EHQ, take it to the bank then do another cheque to Ottawa and mail it. This adds extra time and expense as I do not attend EHQ on a regular basis.**

**We request those outstanding members; renew your 2021 Vets Association Membership through National.**

**In addition, I cannot update the data base, and must rely on National to do it and do not know their timeline.**

**Should you need to update your personal Information, you need to do it yourself through the Membership Management System directly, (instructions are listed below), as it can no longer be done at the Division level.**

Our Vancouver Veterans membership in 2020 was 365 members. We are happy to announce that as of mid-April, 317 members have renewed/new memberships through National. We now sit at 45-50 members yet to pay.

If your 2021 Dues are still outstanding, we urge you to renew, as although travel is limited, your voice is still being heard in Ottawa on issues of National and Local importance to our Vets.

If you have any questions about the status of your ~~membership dues~~ or renewal, please contact our Division Treasurer, Rupert L. Bullock: email: [bullock2@shaw.ca](mailto:bullock2@shaw.ca) or phone: 604-533-5354.  
Rupert L. Bullock, Treasurer  
RCMP Veterans’ Association  
Vancouver Division

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## **UPDATING YOUR RCMPVA PROFILE:**

Have you updated your personal information on the RCMPVA Membership Management System Database? Many have not updated address, telephone number or e-mail address since they joined the association. Unless your personal information is correct, you may not receive communication distributed by National Headquarters or Vancouver Division. **At the Division level, we are no longer able to update your information.**

You must sign into the MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM area of the National website and make the necessary changes to your profile: <https://membership.rcmpva.org>

A few steps will ensure that you receive communication for the Association:

1. Open the National Website: [www.rcmpva.org](http://www.rcmpva.org).
2. Click on MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM
3. Click on MEMBER LOGIN.
4. On the login screen, enter your e-mail address and your password.
5. Click on RCMPVA MEMBER PROFILE UPDATE.
6. Click on the EDIT PROFILE bar.
7. SAVE the changes and updates and exit.

If you have difficulties contact: [membership.admin@rcmpva.org](mailto:membership.admin@rcmpva.org)

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## **DIRECTOR OF HEALTH & WELFARE – ADVOCACY:**

I had a number of Vets contact me regarding assistance with medical claims, and follow up on their pensions. From February til mid-April, I am still dealing with and 2 additional ones from April. It has been a little quieter than previous months.

The recent National Bulletin regarding the absence of the COLA clause on Medical pensions, and the proposed catch up naturally raised a number of enquires that were resolved.

I have recently developed a number of contacts that I can now deal with direct, as a number of employees both RCMP Pension Division and the Veterans Affairs Branch are working from home, and undoubtably a number of phone calls go directly to voice mail at these branches. A lot of the staff with these agencies are going the extra mile to assist during these difficult times.

**Mike DUFFY, the new National Advocacy Director:** Mike Is a member of the Lethbridge RCMP Vets. Mike recently completed a revision of the Advocates Manual, bringing it up to date for 2021. The manual has been retitled 'Guide to Health Benefits Services 2020" and is available on the Association website.

**Resignation of RCMP Veteran National Treasurer:** It was announced on April 12, 2021, that Don Belke has resigned from his position as Association Treasurer and Director. He took over Peter Sorensen in 2020. An election will be held for the vacant Treasurer position. As more information becomes available, it will be passed on to our membership.

**Public Service Health Care Plan/PSHCP - Rate Changes:** For members currently enrolled in the PSHCP, National Association of Federal Retirees (NAFR) has advised that new contribution rates for PSHCP benefits coverage will be coming in effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Please refer to the recent Email from dated March 13, 2021 from the RCMP Veterans' Association.

Be sure to check your April Pension documents to ensure you are familiar with these changes.

John Sherstone, Director  
Health, Welfare and Advocacy

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### **VAC APPLICATION GUIDES:**

The VAC Application Guides were distributed via email by National. If you did not receive a copy, please see the attachments included with the email distributing this newsletter.

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### **VETERANS DISABILITY PENSION INDEXING ERROR CLASS ACTION:**



Click [HERE](#) for further information on the proposed class action against the Government of Canada concerning an error that was made in the calculation of Veterans Affairs Canada Disability Benefits payable for the period 2002 to 2010.

[\*\*MURPHY BATTISTA CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT\*\*](#)

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### **PILLARS OF THE FORCE:**



**PILLARS**  
OF THE **FORCE**

The Friends and RCMP Heritage Centre are proud to announce the Global Launch of the Pillars of the Force which was held on December 24, 2020. "No One Left Behind" honors those who have Fallen in the Line of Duty, unknown family members, or those experiencing challenging life circumstances.

Donations towards both the Nameplate and Walkway Bricks are fully Tax Deductible.

You now have the opportunity to get caught up on the stories and journeys of other old friends, family members, and acquaintances whose stories are posted on the Virtual Pillars Wall:

<https://mpvirtualpillars.ca/>

The launch included nearly 200 stories and stories will continue to be posted in the coming months and years as they are received and reviewed. You can stake your claim at:

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

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## VANCOUVER DIVISION CHALLENGE COINS – Ric HALL



At our January 2020 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. 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 on to friends. If you wish an additional coin the cost is \$20.00 which includes postage.

When we decided to purchase the Challenge Coins we voted to provide a free coin to each member who had paid their 2020 dues. I recommend that we continue to provide a Challenge Coin to new members joining in 2021. If the executive agrees then a motion should be put forward making it official.

At the Executive Meeting on Friday, March 12, 2021, a motion was Passed to give a Challenge Coin to both members who paid their 2020 Dues and to new members joining in 2021.

73- Challenge coins have been provided to members - 60 mailed - 13 personally delivered

108 - have been purchased (many of those to non-members of our division)

19 - freebies have been given to those who have provided assistance to the division

**It should be noted that after the monthly update has been sent out there is USUALLY a surge in requests for coins and then it goes very quiet till the next bulletin.**

**Although this has been the case in the past, Ric just advised me that since the last newsletter, he has only received ONE request for the Challenge Coin.**

Please contact Ric if you are interested in getting your Coin: as a personal memento and getting extras for those who you know would like a Piece of History.

Any Questions or to follow up on obtaining your Challenge Coin/ purchase extra, I can be contacted at [bootsandspurs65@gmail.com](mailto:bootsandspurs65@gmail.com) or 604-853-5500 (Abbotsford)

## **SURREY DETACHMENT 70TH ANNIVERSARY:**

In 2021, the Surrey RCMP will mark 70 years of service to the City of Surrey.

In order to honour this important milestone, Surrey Detachment is reaching out to veterans who served at Surrey to work on a special commemorative project. We would like to put together a collection of photos and stories to show what policing was like in the days of the old Cloverdale Detachments, Whalley Detachment, Whalley suboffice, the "White House", and the current Main Detachment, West Main, and District Offices.

With the number of members who have served at Surrey over 70 years, we know there must be many be stories to be told and photos to be shared!

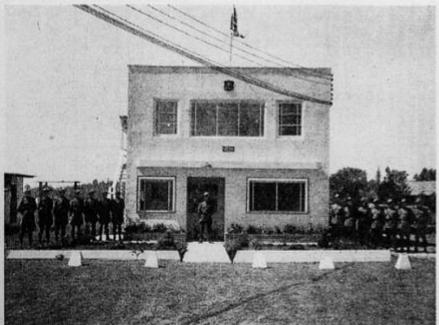
If you would like to be part of this project by sharing your photos or stories (funny, serious, sad, historic or "do you believe this?" stories are all welcome), please send them to me at the email below.

### *CLOVERDALE DETACHMENT*

The R.C.M. Police took over the police duties for Surrey Municipality on the 1st May, 1951, Corpl. W. C. Turner, Reg. No. 12495 was placed in charge of the detachment of 18 Constables, he had previously been in charge of the detachment for over four years on Customs duties.

Agreement follows almost word for word the proposal placed before the Council last fall prior to the referendum held at the annual election, when the ratepayers of Surrey endorsed the policing of the district by the R.C.M.P.

The police detachment moved into their quarters on July 1st, and are operating six cars in the district. A special meeting of the Municipal Council was held to ratify the agreement for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to handle enforcement of law and order in the district. While some "fireworks" had been anticipated at the meeting, it failed to materialize.



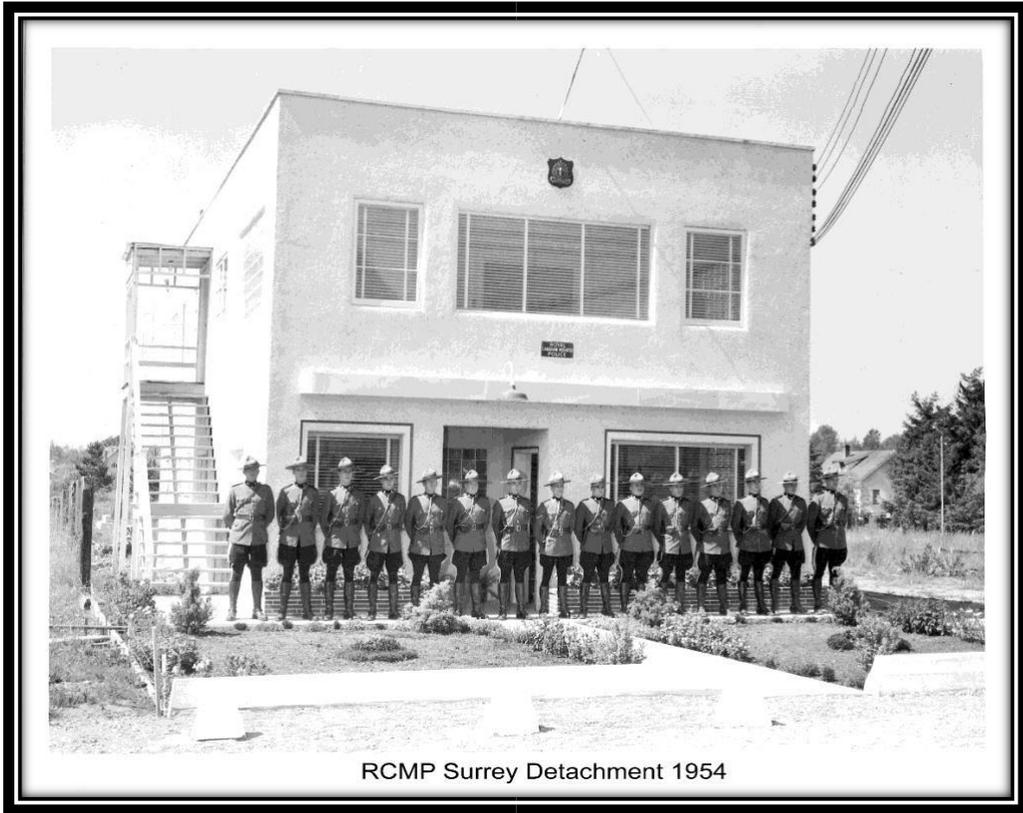
*New Police detachment quarters at Cloverdale, B.C. Reg. No. 12495  
Corporal W. C. Turner in doorway in charge of detachment.*

*Front Row left to right: Reg. No. 16106 Const. G. R. Blake. Reg. No. 15430 Const. T. Ciunyk. Reg. No. 16065 Const. R. E. Odegard. Reg. No. 15701 Const. P. W. King.*

*Rear row left to right: Reg. No. 16736 Const. R. Cave. Reg. No. 16400 Const. J. K. McNamara. Reg. No. 15207 Const. A. E. Porter. Reg. No. 16712 Const. F. G. Pierce. Reg. No. 16093 Const. D. A. H. Morrioe. Reg. No. 15713 Cst. R. J. Cox. Reg. No. 15577 Const. C. W. Thomas. Reg. No. 16086 Const. W. Welyobke. Reg. No. 15156 Cst. W. F. McCheyne.*

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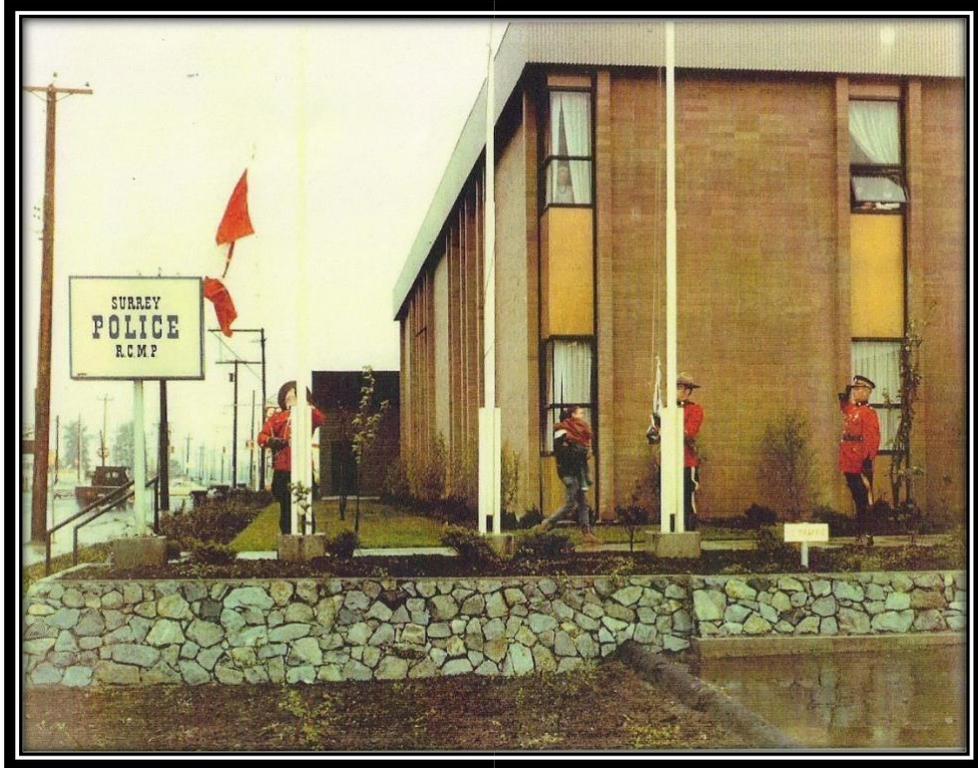
Story from the RCMP Veterans' Association Vancouver Division's Scarlet & Gold magazine



RCMP Surrey Detachment 1954



Fatigues at Cloverdale Detachment. Simpler times!



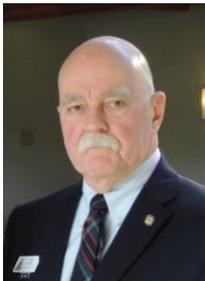
Surrey Detachment (Cloverdale 1973-1990)



The famous (or infamous) "White House"



Surrey Detachment – 1990 – 2021



Ric Hall 24394/O.1330  
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**RESEARCHER REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS:**

The Vancouver Division has been contacted by Megan Robinson a researcher who wishes to contact members who may have been involved with residential schools. If you have that experience and are so inclined, she can be reached at [meganrobinsonmedia@gmail.com](mailto:meganrobinsonmedia@gmail.com)

Ric Hall – Director  
Vancouver Division  
2021-04-09

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** You may wish to read the publisher's announcement ([CLICK HERE](#)) or follow the link below, as it indicates that the book will be critical of the Force.

*Hello Mr. Hall,*

*Thank you for your response and allowing me to connect with you.*

*I am currently doing research on behalf of author Jane Gerster, who is writing a book about the history of the RCMP called 'For the Good of the Force' to be published in 2022. More on the book can be found on the following web site:*

*<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.ca/news/1848/mcclelland-stewart-publish-critical-history-rcmp-journalist-jane-gerster>*

*In my specific research, I am looking to speak with RCMP veterans who were active in the 1940s to late-1960s and had any direct or indirect connection with Canada's residential schools - it could be with an Indian Act Agent or with children bound for a school itself, for example. The book is a narrative nonfiction, so no detail is too small or too insignificant. I would love to speak to anyone who fits the bill by phone if they're willing.*

*I have reached out to the Toronto, PEI, and Vancouver associations so far - with responses from the latter two - and I will continue to reach out to various others.*

*Thank you again for your time and consideration,*

*Megan*

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### **REPORT FROM THE LIAISON TO THE FORCE DIRECTOR:**

Although the Executive has only had a couple of meetings due to COVID, I have been kept very busy with requests from non-members who have been seeking assistance in finding out information on relatives, looking for photographs, and folks coming forward with information on Force history. I have been helping out the Victoria Division in going through the process of getting a Headstone for an unmarked grave of a NWPM member. Considering the lack of meetings, I have been keeping busy on behalf of the Division.

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### **VETERANS' LADIES AUXILIARY:**

**VANCOUVER DIVISION      BI-MONTHLY REPORT      FEBRUARY/MARCH 2021**

**How Time Flies!!** Here it is at the end of March 2021 and we are still in the COVID-19 Epidemic. We have survived a whole year of face masks, isolations, line-ups to grocery stores, etc., and now entering our Third Wave, but we are still here! And, hopefully, with the inoculations, we will

be able to get together for some form of Ladies Auxiliary luncheon/meetings before the end of 2021. Many of us have not seen each other for the whole year, but we encourage everyone to contact other members who might appreciate a phone call. If you cannot reach one of our Ladies Auxiliary members by phone, give me a call for a possible new phone number.

**Documentation of RCMP Wives' Stories:** This item appeared in our last December/January Bi-Monthly Report and we haven't had much in the way of actual stories but have had several telephone calls from members of the Ladies Auxiliary asking if their stories might be of interest. The stories do not have to be exciting, dramatic tales, although that would also be interesting, but they can be of day-to-day, year-to-year life that would be of interest to current readers, showing life as it was "back then." Life in the Force has had so many changes over the years . . . for the members themselves, as well as their families.

**Feeling Bored, with Nothing to Do or Nothing to Take up Your Time??** Look up your Family Tree by having your DNA tested!!! Our family did this as a Christmas Gift and it is fascinating, and time consuming, if you let it. Names and places turn up that complete the family trees and gives new perspectives on where our families came from and how we are connected. If you don't have a computer, see if you can find someone to help you. Give it a try!! [www.ancestry.ca](http://www.ancestry.ca) . . . also jigsaw puzzles (500 pieces, preferably!)

**Hazelmere Golf & Tennis Club:** The catering staff at "Hazelmere" were contacted recently and their Patio only is currently open (being a golf course where people can still safely enjoy an outdoor sport and have a meal). When we can return there for our luncheon/meetings, we will probably have our food served to us individually by the catering staff instead of everyone using the buffet tables, i.e., quiche, soup & sandwiches, salads, fish & chips, pasta, crepes, etc., plus desserts. They are looking forward to having us return for our monthly meetings, and for a Fashion Show, if we can still arrange it!

We hope that all of our members will be receiving their inoculations in the near future, and that we won't have to wait too long for our Second Dose!

Dorothy Martinson, Past-President R.C.M.P. Veterans' Ladies Auxiliary (Vancouver Division)  
[demartinson@shaw.ca](mailto:demartinson@shaw.ca) (604)261-4630

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### **REQUEST TO LOCATE:**

The Vancouver Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association was recently contacted by the "E" Division Sgt. Major's office seeking our assistance in locating a retired member and the family of a deceased member. The Acting Sgt. Major, on behalf of the Commanding Officer, "E" Division, has asked us to assist in the presentation of historical awards to one retired member and the family of the deceased member. All enquires to date have proven unsuccessful in making contact.

It is hoped that this message may assist in locating at least one of the two, and perhaps, friends of the family or fellow co-workers of the deceased member.

**#27062, S/Sgt. Dale Djos retired out of Campbell River Detachment, December 16, 1999**

**#19452, Sgt. Robert Martin - passed away at Cranbrook, BC, May 10, 2002.**

If any of our Veterans have any information that may assist the "E" Division Acting Sgt. Major, she may be contacted at [heather.lew@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:heather.lew@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

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**FROM CONSTABLE TO TOP COP - THREE COMMISSIONERS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES:**

Together, RCMP Commissioner Brenda Lucki, former RCMP Commissioner Bev Busson and former OPP Commissioner Gwen Boniface have more than 100 years of policing experience.

Read this personal account of their careers on [www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/gazette/constable-top-cop-three-commissioners-share-experiences-ga?fb](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/gazette/constable-top-cop-three-commissioners-share-experiences-ga?fb).

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**GORD CAVE : A BIT OF ROYAL HISTORY:**



The RCMP Veterans' Association wishes to convey its condolences to the Royal Family on the passing of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The mourning of his death around the world reminds us all of what a singularly spectacular individual he was and how much he contributed both to Great Britain and other countries around the world.

Many members of this Veterans' Association provided escort services to the Queen and Prince Philip over the years and he will certainly be remembered as an engaging man of the people.



This picture was taken in July 1970; Manitoba's centenary of joining Canada. My father, S/Sgt Ralph Cave, is on the right side riding Captain, looking back at the Prince of Wales. Next to him is the Duke of Edinburgh on Revue, also looking back. HM The Queen is next on Dick, then the Farmer of the year, on Drake. Charles is fiddling with his stirrup leather, riding on Diamond. Barely visible behind is The Princess Royal, Anne, on Clara. Clara is a full blood sister to Burmese, one year younger.

Gord

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#### **FRANK'S FACTS AND FUNNIES/FFF:**

Many of our members receive Frank Richter's informative newsletter, "Frank's Facts and Funnies". During this Pandemic, FFF is another way to keep in contact with our Friends. This Newsletter is very thorough and keep our members up to date on transfers, locating members, full obituary details and highlights on Veteran issues. **DEFINITELY A GREAT READ.**

**Update:** As some of you know I experienced computer problems in early November which ultimately ended up **deleting my entire Address Book**. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your support. I currently have over 250 FFF readers on my new distribution list which is a very good start. I will be asking our readers to let me know if they also wish to continue to receive the FFF newsletter. **All you need to do is to send me an email at [frank.richter@shaw.ca](mailto:frank.richter@shaw.ca)** and I will put you on my new distribution list.

Thanks again.

Frank

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### **NEW MEMBERS – VANCOUVER DIVISION:**



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

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35201

Theodore (Ted) DeJager  
Michael Diack

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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 [CLICK HERE](#) to access the September 2020 Newsletter to confirm that you are listed as an eligible recipient.

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 March Newsletter:

15 Year	27611	Michael Glass
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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 click [HERE](#):

### LAST POST

Reg Number	Name	Rank (Ret'd)	Date Passed
38844	HARDY: Carolyn Gay (nee Krieger)	Cst	2021-03-21
37431	LANGILLE: John A.G.	S/Sgt.	2021-03-27
Dispatcher	CHOLODYLO: William “Bill”		2021-03-08
23683	CLARKE: Gerald “G: Gerry	Cst.	2021-04-04
43015	TULK: Carl Bruce	Cst	2021-03-25
45653	JOHNSTON: Paul Thomas	Cpl.	2021-04-01
21013	JOHNSTONE; John Edwin “Jack”	S/Sgt	2021-04-06
21370	BAMFORD: Robert George “Bob”	Sgt	2021-03-07
41464	LECLERC, Rino V	Sgt.	2021-04-18

### RCMP VETERANS IDENTIFICATION CARDS:

As a reminder, RCMP ID coordinators in the divisions are no longer processing these cards and National Compensation is currently reviewing the national rollout of this program to determine the most efficient process for distributing identification cards to former employees.

As you can appreciate, it will take some time to identify all those who are eligible to receive a retirement ID card. To aid in this process could you please provide the following information:

Your name:  
Rank at retirement:  
Division at retirement:  
Years of Service:  
Date of Discharge:  
Regimental number/HRMIS number:  
Contact info: (email address and home address)

Additional information pertaining to the process for receiving your card will follow in the coming months.

Thank you for your patience.  
RCMP Member Benefits Unit  
[RCMP.RetiredID-IDRetraite.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:RCMP.RetiredID-IDRetraite.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

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### **RCMP VETERANS BADGE:**



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

Click [HERE](#) for further details and purchase information:

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### **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.

[CFONE Card Application](#)

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### **ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION:**



The Royal Canadian Legion offers currently serving and retired Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP members a free, one-year membership to welcome them to the Legion!

Your support helps the Legion make a difference for Veterans and their families in need, and helps ensure Canada ‘never forgets’.

If you are not a yet member, join online through the Veteran Welcome Program and get to know your Legion.

**JOIN ONLINE TODAY**

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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 an independent body in 2017, however, there are links to the current VAC website. This information is being provided for your information only and the accuracy of the information posted therein has not been verified.

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

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



National Association  
of Federal Retirees

Association nationale  
des retraités fédéraux

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 well as their partners and survivors. The site contains a great deal of information that you may find useful. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the NAFR website.

A newly released "**You and Your Survivors Guide**" has been published by the National Association of Federal Retirees in partnership with Arbor Memorial Services.

The book is 58 pages. By [CLICKING HERE](#) you will be taken directly to the "document and workbook". Once completed, you may wish to have it printed in order to have a hard copy of the document for your records.

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## **CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES:**



The Canadian Blood Services has been running an advertising campaign to encourage registration for the stem cell donor program. Registration for this life saving program has dropped dramatically during the pandemic and the need for donors is greater than ever. While most of us are not likely eligible to donate,

younger family members or friends may be. We would ask that you bring this information to their attention so that they may consider registering as potential donors.

Through the Bruce Denniston Bone Marrow Society, many of our Veterans and other retired members are or have been volunteer couriers for the program, travelling to locations around the world, where a match has been found for a local patient. Again, the pandemic travel restrictions have greatly impacted this program as well.

Without the ability to travel the Globe to pick up Matching Stem Cells or Bone Marrow, those in need who live here, we must rely on Local Donors. Someone in your Bubble or group of friends has the capacity to Save A Life.

Vancouver Division created a video (**HAVE YOU GOT A MATCH**), that is available on YouTube, which tells the story of a retired RCMP member who received this life saving treatment, which came from Europe!! CLICK on the links below to access the video, the Canadian Blood Services site and the Bruce Denniston Bone Marrow Society site:

[HAVE YOU GOT A MATCH](#)

[CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES STEM CELL PROGRAM](#)

[BRUCE DENNISTON BONE MARROW SOCIETY](#)

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### **ALBERTA EMERGENCY SERVICES MEDAL – REMINDER:**



For those Vancouver Vets that served in Alberta, you may be eligible to receive the Alberta Emergency Services Medal/AESM, This Provincial Medal recognizes individuals who served at least 12 Years in Alberta, in a public safety role. There are also 22, 32 and 40 year medals/bars.

You can check Alberta Emergence Services Medal under [www.aberta.ca](http://www.aberta.ca) for information on this Medal. Eligibility states you must have been serving on or after 2000. This was not my case as I left Alberta in 1995, with 14 years' service. I served in K Div. from 1981 – 95, and received an email from the RCMP K Div. that I qualified for the 12-year medal (served 12 years as of May 21, 1993).

Those of you who served in Alberta for at least 12 years and are interested in more information and clarification, please contact

Angela MORRISON

Honours and Recognition Co-ordinator

K Division, 11140 -109 Street, Edmonton, AB, T5G 2T4

Email: [angela.morrison@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:angela.morrison@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)

Direct line is 1-780-412-5307

### **VAC TREATMENT BENEFITS PROGRAM – COVID 19 SUPPLIES:**



Click [HERE](#) for further information on the VAC treatment benefits program for COVID-19 supplies

Link to VAC website

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/help/faq/info-veterans-covid-19/treatment-benefits>

## **FORM – VAC PROGRAM OF CHOICE (07) MEDICAL SUPPLIES**

### **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 on the National website. [CLICK HERE - SURVIVORS & EXECUTORS GUIDEBOOK.](#)

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.**

### **SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:**

Below is a list of the many frequently used services for veterans. For a more complete list of links, please visit the RCMPVA National website by [CLICKING HERE.](#)

#### **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)  
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](http://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)

<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**.

### **Public Service Health Care Plan**

<http://www.pshcp.ca/#>

### **Medoc Travel Insurance**

<https://www.federalretirees.ca/en/my-health/insurance/medoc-travel-insurance>

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### **VANCOUVER DIVISION EXECUTIVE – 2021:**

Your Executive for the 2year term took office on January 1, 2021. Formal “swearing in” ceremonies will be conducted as soon as Health Orders permit.

President	Gordon CAVE	<a href="mailto:jag140@telus.net">jag140@telus.net</a>
Past-President	Robert R. “Bob” UNDERHILL	<a href="mailto:runder@telus.net">runder@telus.net</a>
Vice-President	Ron MORSE	<a href="mailto:rirmorse021@gmail.com">rirmorse021@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer	Rupert L. BULLOCK	<a href="mailto:bullock2@shaw.ca">bullock2@shaw.ca</a>
Secretary	Karen FROST (Cell: 778-232-7044)	<a href="mailto:kosovok2002@yahoo.ca">kosovok2002@yahoo.ca</a>

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Ceremonies & Memorabilia	Murray MACHAM	<a href="mailto:mmacham@telus.net">mmacham@telus.net</a>

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**Presidential Appointments & Governors:**

<http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/about/executive/>

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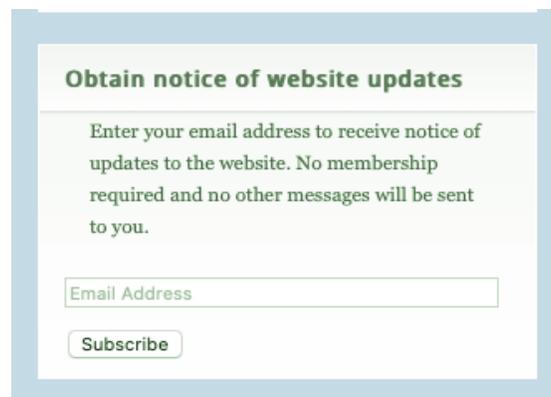
**STAY HEALTHY, STAY SAFE AND STAY IN TOUCH:**

Just a reminder that the print edition of Scarlet & Gold is no longer being published. To stay up to date, please visit our Division website.

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

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

If you would like to receive updates to the website as they are posted, scroll down on the right side of the homepage and enter your email address.



The image shows a screenshot of a web form titled "Obtain notice of website updates". The form has a light green background and a blue border. It contains the following text: "Enter your email address to receive notice of updates to the website. No membership required and no other messages will be sent to you." Below this text is a text input field labeled "Email Address" and a "Subscribe" button.

**Always a Cop...**

Once the badge goes on, it never comes off, whether they can see it, or not. It fuses to the soul through adversity, fear, and adrenaline, and no one who has ever worn it with pride, integrity, and guts, can ever sleep through the 'call of the wild' that wafts through bedroom windows in the deep of the night.

**When Cops Retire:**

When a good cop leaves the 'job' and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased and yet others, who may have already retired, wonder.

We wonder if he knows what he is leaving behind because we already know. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experiences, it will remain as a longing for those past times.

We know in the law enforcement life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and, in his heart, still is.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore, and always will look at the rest of the law enforcement world with a respect for what they do; only grown in a lifetime of knowing. Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life. You are only escaping the 'job' and merely being allowed to leave 'active' duty.

So, what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment that 'Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called children of God,' (Matt.5:9) and you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

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### **Civilian Friends vs. Police Friends**

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Get upset if you're too busy to talk to them for a week.

POLICE FRIENDS: Are glad to see you after years and will happily carry on the same conversation you were having the last time you met.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Have never seen you cry.

POLICE FRIENDS: Have cried with you.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Borrow your stuff for a few days then give it back.

POLICE FRIENDS: Keep your stuff so long they forget it's yours.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Know a few things about you.

POLICE FRIENDS: Could write a book with direct quotes from you.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Are for a while.

POLICE FRIENDS: Are for life.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Have shared a few experiences.

POLICE FRIENDS: Have shared a lifetime of experiences no citizen could ever dream of.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Would ignore this.

POLICE FRIENDS: Will forward this.

There are those that think they understand.

And then . . . there are cops

