



RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION VANCOUVER DIVISION

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MAY 2021

DIVISION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



WOW. Another month has come and gone. It seems I now note the passage of time by our Association Secretary reminding me to prepare something for this month's report. Thanks Karen.

Well, if the Pandemic had not occurred, this long weekend we would be recuperating from having just hosted the mini AGM. However, as it stands the AGM will be occurring shortly, on Saturday June 5th at 1300 hrs. This will be happening in Virtual format, something by this date I need not explain. All members are able to tune in and there will be further info coming from National to explain this.

Your Division Executive met virtually last week to address plans for the future. We all miss the ability to meet together, and I hope that with the continuing role out of vaccines we will put this pandemic behind us. Until then we will carry on protecting one another. I would like to offer to any of our membership if you are experiencing difficulties navigating the vaccine registration or are in need of transportation to shots, please advise someone on the executive. We will make sure someone will assist you.

I have also recently participated in meetings with other Division Presidents and National concerning the Defining of the Strategic Direction for the RCMPVA. It is a very real concern, the declining membership and involvement in the Vets. I personally am very impressed by our National President, Sandy Glenn, and the things I hear coming out of National. I hope we can all pull together to rejuvenate our Association. If you have any ideas concerning this, let me know.

Keep safe, stay healthy, until we meet again.

Gord Cave, President
Vancouver Division

VANCOUVER DIVISION:

We are now into the second year of the Covid pandemic and while the current Provincial Health Orders, limit the numbers for in person gatherings, we are hoping the end is in sight. The Health Authorities are indicating that sometime this summer most of us who want the vaccine will have had it. With that in mind, we are hoping that our Association may be able to meet sometime in the last quarter of this year. In the mean-time, please stay safe and stay healthy.

VACCINE UPDATE:

The vaccination program has ramped up over the past months, with most of our Vets receiving their First Shot. For those who are still waiting for their First Shot or are Registered for their Second, please remember that your fellow members are there for a quick phone call, to catch up on friendships and future endeavours.

More importantly, your executive is here for assistance should you need Transportation to your Vaccination Appointment. Our email contact information is located at the bottom of this Newsletter. Do not hesitate to contact one of us and we will assist you with a ride to your Vaccination Appointment.

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. Remember to update your profile on the National website as we are not able to do so any longer at the Division level. Directions can be found further down in the newsletter.

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 have three stories from veterans of the Force about how they donate their time to some very worthwhile causes.

If you are involved with a project that may be of interest to our members, please send us the story and any photos you may have.

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.

Our Division e-mail address is: rcmpvavancouver@gmail.com.

Ron Morse, Vice President
Vancouver Division.

BETWEEN THE BLADE & BULLET: The 1975 BC Pen Hostage Taking

Tim Short, is a member of our Vancouver Vets. His wife, Margaret Franz, just published a book about the 41 hour Hostage Taking at the BC Pen in 1975, which took the life of her older sister, Mary Steinhauser. This is a very compelling, deeply emotional, and thought-provoking look into the life and death of one heroic woman. Definitely worth the Read.

GUNS AND HOSES GOLF DAY:

Formally the Vets Golf, this event has been relabelled to the Guns and Hoses Golf (GHG) by organizers Paul McGowan, Bill Yake and Brian Lambie (Pro Shop Manager).

Paul et al are again planning a series of golf outings. What began as the RCMP Veterans Golf tournaments has grown to include everyone who wishes to join us in a game of golf, some exercise and hopefully a few laughs along the way. Some young Firefighters have joined the event, hence the inclusive name change.

Where: Pagoda Ridge Golf Course
Address: 7887 264th Street Langley
Phone: (604) 856-0929

Scheduled for every fourth Thursday of the month, starting in June: June 24, July 22, August 19, (3rd Thursday), September 23, October 28 (October will be weather dependent). First tee times begin approximately 10:00 a.m.

Current Senior rate (Age 60+) is \$67.00

There is no Handicap needed, in fact we do not collect score cards and do not care how you played (LOL). This is simply an opportunity to come out and have some fun in a socially distances environment.

To book a spot, call Pro Shop at 604-856-0929. Tell them you want to play in the Guns and Hoses Tournament. You can book at any time, you do not need to wait for the 7 day out requirement. The farther out, the better, call now!

When you arrive at the Course, you will see my Smiling Face and my hand out, as we charge another \$5.00 per player (Optional). These monies go back to the players with "Closest to the Pin" prizes and Gift Certificates, redeemable at Pagoda Ridge. Every cent collected, goes back to the players.

Retired member, Brian Lambie, is the Pro Shop Manager, and if he is working when you call, he can help you out.

Paul McGowan

INQUIRIES AND UPDATES:

We welcome your Comments and Suggestions on items that you would like to see added to or removed from the Newsletter,

- a. In these times of Covid Reality, where personal contacts are limited and we keep in contact with Friends and family through Virtual means, The Vets Newsletter is an important tool. It is YOUR Tool, so let us know what can be done to keep it viable.
 - b. Send your suggestions to Karen Frost (Newsletter, Editor) with a cc to Ron Morse. We will discuss your suggestions and see how they can fit into future Newsletters. Thanks in advance for your ideas.
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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.

The Payment through National has proven to be a great process, as along with streamlining the Application Process but enable members payment to be made directly at the same time.

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: 5.renaud@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Our Vancouver Veterans membership in 2020 was 365 members. We are happy to announce that as of mid-May, 326 members have renewed/new memberships through National. 35 members have yet to renew. We are very happy to hear that we have had over 20 new members join our Vancouver Vets, Congratulations!!!

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 or phone: 604-533-5354.

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

UPDATING YOUR RCMPVA PROFILE:

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.

Have you updated your personal information on the RCMPVA National 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.
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

VOLUNTEER STORIES:

In the April edition of our Newsletter, I noted that April 18 – 24, 2021 was National Volunteer week, which was a bit late to circulate a request for stories. But better late than never. Throughout our careers in the Force, many of us became involved as volunteers in our communities. Through sports, service groups, youth groups, charities and more, we tried to make a difference, and many continue to be involved well into their retirement. There are many ways to help out in our communities especially in these days of Covid.

Thanks to Bette Anne, Brian, and Dennis for sharing their stories. If you are a volunteer, we encourage you to submit a story and include photos if you wish. Please send it to Karen or Ron for inclusion in the newsletter. Thanks.

Ron

PACIFIC RIDING FOR DEVELOPING ABILITIES:

For many years, RCMPVA, Vancouver Division has provided financial support to PRDA through an annual donation. Ex-member, Bette Anne tells how she became involved with the organization and the positive experiences that she has had. For further information on PRDA, please click on this link. <http://www.prda.ca/>



I am Bette Anne. I am an ex-member of the RCMP and an avid horse lover. As a girl growing up, I had two things I wanted. One to get a horse and another was joining the RCMP. I had a horse when I was growing up and competed in three day eventing. This is a multi-event completion in which there is dressage, stadium jumping and cross country events. I stopped riding once I was going to post-secondary as school and work took over. Once I joined the RCMP I did take some riding lessons but then children came along.

In 2017 my husband was transferred to Surrey. I was no longer working was thinking of getting involved in something where I could combine my love for horses and helping people. I had previously helped at another therapeutic riding farm in the Okanagan. I made

inquiries as to where I should put my name in. Hands down I was told go to PDRA.

Once I contacted PDRA I had to be screened and attend for an orientation. I was so impressed by the farm. It is meticulous and set up as well as any large stable I have been at. I put my name

in to help in lessons. PRDA have volunteers that help fundraise, help in the office, help with various farm duties, and of course help with lessons.

I have been with PRDA now for four years. I go every Wednesday to help with set lessons and riders. Before COVID hit I used to help with five lessons each Wednesday and there were three other volunteers working with me. My duties back then were to go and get the horse for the first class, groom it, tack it up and get it into the arena for the first class. The rest of my shift I'd be leading and assisting in lessons. Those pre COVID weds were filled with various riders coming almost every half hour in Handi-dart or with care workers. The riders I work with are mainly adults with a variety of physical capabilities. Some can walk and some may arrive in a wheelchair. The farm is set up with a ramp and an electric lift to assist rider onto the horse. Once the first class would start, I'd be jumping for different horses with different riders every half hour.

The instructors for classes always predetermine the lesson for any rider. For some riders just balance and core strength is worked on, some prefer games like hunting for things in the arena. Others enjoy going over poles on ground or heading across the street into the vast Campbell Valley trails. Every class the rider, if able to communicate, will get a choice of what they'd like to do.

I've worked with the same riders now for years. To see rider's eyes, light up to see and touch the horse is amazing. I've seen one rider barely stay in the saddle to then strengthen their core body and be able to sit without us holding them. For wheelchair riders being on a walking horse is like they are walking again.

Now with COVID rules PRDA now has less riders. There were once around 180 riders and over 100 volunteers each week coming to the farm. They are now not allowed any Handi-darts on site. Riders must be able to walk into the arena, get on the horse without a lift and leave right after classes. Due to these rules the farm is running at 1/3 the riders and 1/3 the volunteers. Everyone cannot enter farm without an employee allowing them onto the property. We all get temperatures taken and are masked up.

On my Wednesday classes I am now the only volunteer. It's up to me to go get the horses for the lesson, groom them, saddle them up and then lead them in classes. I work with same riders each week.

Working with same riders every week has been great. I've been invited into their life. Sometimes they give me a gift at Christmas or give me a hug after class. I've seen breakthroughs with some riders. They'd gained confidence and core strength. Last week a rider who does not like ever been touched actually shook my hand at the end of class. Their smiles and sparkle in their eyes show their sheer enjoyment.

PRDA is one amazing place. They have a fabulous set up. There is a large barn with stalls and two indoor arenas. They coordinated 180 riders in and out their doors each week prior to COVID. They ensure each rider has an appropriate horse ready to go for each class. Lessons are geared to each rider's skill and aimed to work on things just for them. Yearly they have put on a rider's horse show. Each rider can enter, and all get a ribbon. Gone for now is the annual barn dance and Wine Run and annual horse show.

The farm relies on fundraising to keep it running. Horses and farm upkeep is expensive. Even so they ensure to make us volunteers feel like we are important to them. As they always say without us helping out they could never run these lessons!

For me volunteering at PDRA is perfect! Where else can you be outdoors, get exercise, help people and best of all.... spend time with horses.



DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL:

Vancouver Division member Brian Brasnett and his wife, retired P/S Ewa Brasnett are giving back to their communities, here in BC and in Mexico.

Here is what I have been doing for the past few years.



OUR GROUP IN THE DINING HALL TWO YEARS AGO

After retiring from the Force, I was fortunate to have been invited to help at the Ladies PGA tournament here in the lower mainland at the Vancouver golf club, the summer of 2015. Several retired police officers were required to volunteer for player security. I did, and I have to say it was quite exciting to be walking the course with some of the top players in the LPGA. We were required to be there for several days during the tournament and walk the course with our designated player.

I also volunteered as a Venue Commander for Security at the Langley Events Centre for the 2013 Special Olympics BC Summer Games in July.

The event took place over two days and was very interesting as I had never done anything like this before. The athletes involved were fun to be around and happy to have us around looking after them. Always a good event for many high fives.

My wife (Ewa) and I spend our winters for the most part, in La Paz, Mexico. We have been going to La Paz since buying a time share there in 2001 while posted in Mexico City. In 2008 we bought a house and made it our second home. Since that time, we have helped out with an organization that rescues, treats, and then adopts dogs mostly to the US, Canada, and some locations within Mexico. My wife has helped out and volunteered since around 2007 both while in Mexico and while here in Canada. I don't think most people understand the amount of volunteer work that goes into rescuing a dog and then getting it adopted to a good family. From the time the dog is found on the street, and eventually adopted by a family, it can take months and sometimes years. There are vet bills, dog sitters, socialization, food for the dogs while they are in the program. Dog training prior to adoption and then getting the dogs on the website and then transported to their respective homes in either Mexico, the US or Canada. My wife is still involved with Baja Dogs.

In 2017 I started to volunteer for an organization that helps kids in La Paz. It's called FANLAP (Fundacion Ayuda Nino de La Paz). Basically, a foundation that was formed some 35 years ago by an American couple visiting La Paz. The foundation has two streams of fund-raising. Firstly, they raise money for scholarships for local kids. What that means is kids who want to get more education, whether it be secondary school, college, or university, they go through an application process and apply. Second is a food program, here the organization solicits money, food products and cooks' breakfast and lunch for school age kids. The food program runs parallel to the school year and each day volunteers cook two breakfasts and five lunches a week. The kitchen is staffed by volunteer women, (moms) and one foreigner. As you can guess, I am the one foreigner who comes in and cooks with the local ladies. When my wife and I are in México, I usually volunteer on Tuesday and Thursday. These are the two days a week when we serve both breakfast and lunch. Both these days are an early start at 5:30 am when I come in with another lady and we prep and cook breakfast. Then closer to the serving time a second and third lady come in to help with the service. At the end of the breakfast service, two more ladies come in and we clean up and have breakfast ourselves, and then start the prep and cooking for lunch. When lunch is prepped, we all go home for several hours and then come back to serve lunch (which is later in Mexico) and then clean up and are finished for the day. FANLAP built a library with computers, books, and a volunteer resource coordinator. They also have an activities centre for younger kids. The dining hall is located in the same building which is located in one of the poorer neighbourhoods of La Paz.

I also help with the scholarship program by helping to organize the yearly FANLAP golf tournament the first week in March. Myself and two of my friends along with the lady who started the foundation, all work to solicit donations for prizes, cash donations, raffles, secret auction, advertising, and food for lunch on the day of the golf tournament. My wife, Ewa, also helps me out with this tournament by volunteering to help on game day.

Back in Canada, Ewa volunteers with a local service dog organization called PADS (Pacific Assistance Dogs Society). Here she helps with part time raising and training when the full-time trainers need to take time off. She also continues to help out with Baja Dogs by arranging pick-ups for the new adopters, as well as collecting kennels and storing kennels and then bringing them back to La Paz.

Last year in September, I started volunteering as a part time driver with LMOW (Langley Meals on Wheels). As a part time driver, you are basically on call and asked to fill in when full time drivers are not available. This can be once or even twice a week depending on the need.

It doesn't matter where, or how you volunteer. All that matters is that you volunteer. I have met some extraordinary people while volunteering. They are what motivate me to get up at 4:30 in the morning. They are the ones that put a smile on my face each time I head out the door.

FRASER VALLEY GLEANERS SOCIETY:

Vancouver Division member Dennis Lyall has been assisting at Fraser Valley Gleaners Society for many years. As Dennis indicates, there is always a need for further hands to assist with this ongoing project. To learn more about the Gleaners and watch a video about the project, please click on this link: <https://www.fvgleaners.org/>



Twenty Years, that is where you will usually find me on Thursdays - 8 am to 12 pm. Estimate, each person contributes 350 meals plus per shift.

Each meal goes to hungry kids in the 3rd World. They were hungry before Covid, now they are starving. Open 5 days a Week, plus Saturdays in late Spring to Early fall.

We can get 85+ volunteers a day, or 35, never know the numbers, but never enough. Registration consists of just showing up, whenever you have some free time. In 2019 we shipped 15+ million

meals. Covid has hit us hard. With the restrictions, "Covid Rules" limits us to 25 Volunteers per morning. Usual years supply from donors, e.g. pounds or tons of Brussel Sprouts, Onions, Carrots, Peppers, frozen, & fresh, dried, of all sorts, plus, instead of the landfill, this comes to us. We package/fill shipping containers at about 4 cents per meal. Charities pay for the shipping.

Today Wholesalers and Growers and Grocers are producing/inventorying less and less, keeping their costs down, thus the surpluses just are not there. This Thursday we may not have enough, only the 2nd time in 20 years I have seen that. Now supply is hit and miss; 2 months ago, us 25 limited in numbers by restrictions, we could not handle supply. Our Safeways etc. show little sign of shortage, but with continuing Covid, watch the shelves.

Looking forward to "normal" whatever normal is; always need more hands. Paves the way to the next life, aided by drinking your Scotch with three ice cubes: "father, son and holy ghost". Only a Scot knows the answer to that.

Stay Safe "Retired Horsemen" Reg. #really old, Dennis Lyall

RCMP GRAVESITES:

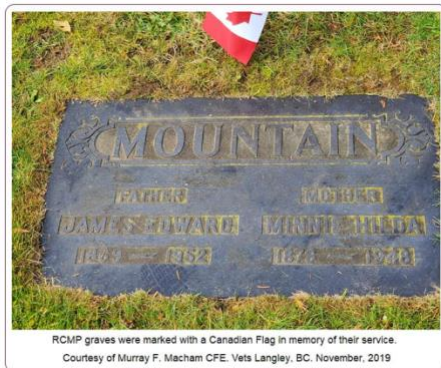
A special thanks to Veterans Orv and Maria Nickel. Maria posted a comment together with some photos on the MP Mates Facebook page. "Orv and I did our annual cleanup of the RCMP graves

in Boundary Bay Cemetery today. Beautiful day for being outdoors and paying respect to those who served.” The post stirred numerous comments from across the country and hopefully has stimulated others to get involved with this great project to honour the service of those members who have passed.

Director Murray Macham, who has been active in this project for many years, commented on the post:

“What better way to look after our passed veterans.

It’s a project I took on years ago and Maria and Orv stepped up to do their local community cemetery. Health reasons dialed me back, but I still look after the Langley Cemetery, Murrayville Cemetery, and Fort Langley Cemetery.



It’s a fun project if you need a walk on a nice sunny day and you never know who you run across. For instance, this Marker below is of a veteran of the NWMP serving from January 1891 through to July 1895 all service being in Alberta. In December 1894, he was convicted in Service Court, for breaking barracks (leaving w/o a pass), was sentenced to 21 days hard labour and recommended for dismissal. Tough times in those days. The surname Mountain has much importance in Langley where such things as a school bears that name. Because he was discharged, he gets some special attention when I visit.

If you are so inclined reach out to me (mmacham@telus.net) and I’ll give you some tips of how to start up. You don’t need to take on the world as I found out. One cemetery is often enough, and you will find the history of those you look after often very interesting, or as I have also found out, you worked alongside that veteran during your own career. Please note there are veterans of several veterans’ associations who spent long hours helping Joe Healy with the data on the RCMP Graves Site and they need to be given a tip of the hat also.”

FAIRMONT BARRACKS – MAY 2021 UPDATE:



any action regarding the building will not occur until during the final phase of development on the Fairmont Lands.

During the past months, I have been asked to participate in several zoom meetings to discuss the future of Fairmont. The University of British Columbia’s Department of Economics has completed

a study at the request of the Riley Park/South Cambie Community Group (RPSC) to research the financial cost of converting the Fairmont building into a possible arts centre. Part of their research was to look at various community opinions on preserving the building and how to incorporate important historical information into the “proposed” arts centre. I had a lengthy conversation with the Economic students who were tasked with completing the report. Their full report can be found on the RPSC website at <https://rpscvisions.ca>.

I have also met “via zoom” with two representatives from the RPSC organization who seem very intent on ensuring that the Fairmont building is preserved. It was during that conversation that I was advised of a man living in Vancouver who was possibly a stepson of Supt Joe Atherton whose remains were buried under the Fairmont flagpole back in 1988. There had been a lot of research and storytelling of how Atherton’s remains came to be buried under the Fairmont flagpole. (Retired Supt. Joe Healy’s story “Mystery of a Mountie Buried under an Ocean of Stone” can be found at www.rcmpgraves.com) It had been previously thought that Supt Atherton had no living relatives so being informed that there was the possibility of a stepson living in Vancouver further investigation was needed! I have now spoken with the “confirmed” stepson and he shared a few stories of the Atherton family. On his approval, I shared his contact information with Joe Healy who has also been in contact with him. This was an important step as Vancouver Division is wanting to ensure that any remains found will be reinterred as is appropriate and it is always helpful having family involved.

Finally, the “**Memories of Fairmont Barracks**” manuscript and photos are now with the editor in Regina. It is hoped that the book will be published fall of 2021, but more information will come on this. Thanks to Veteran Laird Allan who took over the work of ensuring the pictures submitted were in the resolution required by the editor. Laird did not hesitate when I reached out to him for help as I did not understand any of the resolution requirements for the photos. Certainly, outside my level of expertise!! Thanks again, Laird.

As things progress on the status of Fairmont, I will keep you updated via the Veterans’ Newsletter. If you have any questions or wish to contact me directly, please do so at donna.morse@shaw.ca

Take care and stay healthy.

Donna Morse

MOUNTIE HONOURED FOR HIS WORK SUPPORTING SURREY’S VULNERABLE:

(Story Credit Surrey Now-Leader)



Corporal Scotty Schumann of the Surrey RCMP Police Mental Health Outreach Team (PMHOT) is the recipient of the 2020 RCMP Veteran's Award.

Policing

A Mountie is being recognized for his work in Surrey to help people overcome the challenges of homelessness, addictions, and mental health.

Corporal Scotty Schumann of the Surrey RCMP Police Mental Health Outreach Team (PMHOT) is the recipient of the 2020 RCMP Veteran's Award, Surrey RCMP announced Friday morning.

"I can't think of an officer who is more deserving of this award," says Assistant Commissioner Brian Edwards, Officer in Charge of Surrey RCMP. "Corporal Schumann always leads his team by example, demonstrating kindness and compassion to those around him."

The RCMP Veteran's Association presents the award to a Surrey RCMP officer who exemplifies the force's core values (accountability, respect, professionalism, honesty, compassion, integrity). The member must also promote a safe community, and initiate progressive ideas in service delivery, community engagement and law enforcement.

During the past three years as a member of the Surrey Outreach Team and PMHOT, Schumann played a "significant role ensuring Surrey's vulnerable community members are supported and offered the appropriate services," an RCMP release states.

"In 2018, Schumann was instrumental in helping 160 people who were living on 135A street, transition from homelessness to housing and shelters. As part of the Surrey Outreach Team, he worked tirelessly alongside Fraser Health, BC Housing, and the City of Surrey to provide services and support, assisting area residents to transition into housing safely and with dignity."

The PMHOT was established in March 2019 – an amalgamation of the Surrey Outreach Team with the Police Mental Health Intervention Unit – after it was recognized that homeless people were more spread out throughout the city.



Corporal Scotty Schumann of the Surrey RCMP Police Mental Health Outreach Team, centre, is the recipient of the 2020 RCMP Veteran's Award. (Surrey RCMP photo)

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 till 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 undoubtedly 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: Don Belke has resigned from his position as Association Treasurer and Director. To date we have not received any update on a

replacement. 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 came into effective on April 1st, 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

MARRIAGE OVER SIXTY:

President Sandy GLENN as asked that this message be sent to all out to all Division Presidents for circulation throughout your respective membership if you agree to do so.

I have been attempting to have the "Marriage over Sixty" legislation removed as have other former Presidents of the Association and I discussed this with RCMP Headquarters, Compensation Services, and received no support.

They argued a pensioner could divert 20, 30, or 50% of his/her pension so the survivor could receive something subsequent to the pensioner passing.

This would mean the pensioner and spouse would have to live on the remaining portion of the pension for the rest of the pensioner's life. In many cases, especially with those who retired early, this could be less than \$1000 per month (after taxes) and undoubtedly would be a hardship and grossly unfair, especially since the pensioner paid into his/her pension during service with the RCMP, Canadian Military, or Public Service.

Imagine getting remarried at the age of 60 + 1 day and living to 85 years of age or longer and trying to live on such a low amount if you contributed. I have had members of our Association bring this issue to my attention, thus my willingness to sign this petition which was generated by a former CAF member via the NDP Veterans Affairs critic.

I witnessed the Critic questioning the current Minister of Veterans Affairs about his position on this matter and he refused to answer.

Note also, the current Prime Minister clearly indicated he would have the clause removed but no action has been taken and that was many years ago.

The link below is a petition to table in the House of Commons and continue to pressure the Liberals to eliminate this ridiculous, archaic, and sexist clause.

Tabling the petition mandates the Government to provide a written response on the issue. Simply click on to it and like any other petition to the House of Commons, you have to fill in the areas requesting your information. Once you submit, you will receive a message from the House of Commons asking you to confirm.

Please share this link to help spread the word:

[Petition e-3441 - Petitions \(ourcommons.ca\)](https://ourcommons.ca/petitions/e-3441)

Sandy Glenn
National President
RCMP Veterans Association

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,

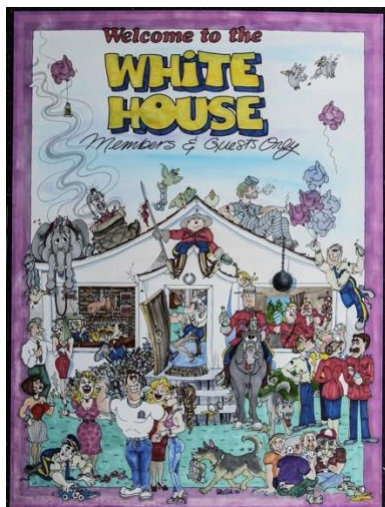
and meetings have been suspended.

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.

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 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. Response to this project has been relatively slow. We have many Vancouver Vets who spent some of their Service in Surrey: this is your opportunity to Share those experiences.

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 sub-office, 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 stories to be told and photos to be shared! It seems that there is a slow response to the

Project. Hope many of you Ex Surrey members will check your Storage Lockers (basements and attics too).

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.

Ric Hall 24394/O.1330
Director – Historian
Vancouver Division
RCMP Veterans' Association
bootsandspurs65@gmail.com

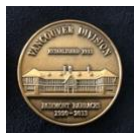
REPORT FROM THE LIAISON TO THE FORCE DIRECTOR:

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 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.

Ric Hall 24394/O.1330

NEW MEMBERS – VANCOUVER DIVISION:

Many of our New Members are recently retired. We hope you are able to not only recruit new membership but give your Executive some ideas on how to promote the RCMP Veterans Association to both your communities and fellow members.



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

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Theodore (Ted) DeJager

35201

Michael Diack

35511

Eldon Dueck

38617

Gilles Deziel

26265

Wade B. Johannson

D0026

Allison MacPhee

34838

Deborah Lourme

45828

Darin Sheppard

49133

Pamela Esplan

45154

Raj Uppal

36884

Richard Brown

30460

Fred Leibel

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) for further details.

No Service Bars awarded in late April or May.

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
21238	RUTLEDGE: Ronald Barry	Cst.	2021-05-08
17518 / O.890	KOLMOTYCKI: John	Supt.	2021-05-14
22180 / O.1436	BUNN: Richard Alvon AL	Supt.	2021-05-06
22827	RENNIE; Thomas Murray	S/Sgt.	2021-04-18
33458	ARMIT: Kerry Ronald	Cst.	2021-05-21
24644	BUCK: Wayne John	S/Sgt.	2021-03-20
24667	GREENING: Gerald David	S/Sgt.	2021-05-02
41445	HIGNELL, James Lindsey	S/Sgt.	2021-05-21
	SUNDQUIST, Keith Edwin	A/Cst.	2021-05-23
A1198	BRISLEY, Michael John	A/Cst.	2021-05-06

MY COVID EXPERIENCE & UPDATE: Firsthand knowledge by A/Comm Al MacIntyre

From Global News: A former senior commander with the RCMP came forward to talk about his experience battling COVID-19 at the end of March. This article is worth a 2nd read. We all know someone who has been affected by this terrible affliction.

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 VCH ICU and treated me like a king ever since then," he told Global News Monday morning, April 19th, from his hospital bed. MacIntyre said it started as a sore throat and a runny nose and then 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."

Al began to eat without a feeding tube and his catheter was removed. "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."

"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.

UPDATE: We are happy to report the AI and his wife are now home from Hospital, recuperating and trying to get back to Normal!!

We at the Vancouver Veterans wish AI and his wife a speedy recovery and thank them very much for sharing this heart-felt part of their lives.

‘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.

The warm weather over the past month brings out the younger people who want to reconnect at the Public Beaches, and from the News reports are not adhering to Public Health measures. We hope they realize their actions are undermining all the good work and continuing Vaccine rollout that BC is in taking on. . . BE SAFE, BE SMART.

ALBERTA EMERGENCY SERVICES MEDAL – REMINDER:

As we have several new members, this is article will be kept in for the benefit of those who served in `K` Division. 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.

More information about the Alberta Emergency Services Medal can be found at: <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-emergency-services-medal.aspx>

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,

Her email is angela.morrison@rcmp-grc.gc.ca and her direct line is 1-780-412-5307

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/>

VETERANS DISABILITY PENSION INDEXING ERROR CLASS ACTION:



Dear Members of the Association,

"Murphy Battista LLP has filed a 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. The error was allegedly discovered by the Government in 2010, but not disclosed to veterans until 2017 as a result of a report by the Veterans Ombudsman. The Government of Canada has admitted there was an error and that \$165 million dollars is owed to the affected veterans. The Government of Canada has advised they will pay out the money in 2020 without interest."

The link to view the announcement follows. It is also noted that if you wish to receive information about the progress of the court process you may find out how to do it through the announcement.

Earlier messages have discussed this situation and that discussion is available on the Association website and may be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).

The Murphy Battista announcement, which follows is only available in English.

James Forrest
Director of Communication

[MURPHY BATTISTA CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT](#)

VAC TREATMENT BENEFITS PROGRAM – COVID 19 SUPPLIES:



Dear Members of the Association,

Chief Advocate Ruby Burns and Nova Scotia Division members, Vic and Jan Gorman have provided the following information regarding the availability of COVID-19 supplies to certain recipients of VAC benefits.

The information follows. Unfortunately, we do not have a French version of the order form referenced in the message and linked at the end of the message.

James Forrest
Director of Communications

VAC Treatment Benefits Program – Covid 19 Supplies

During this National Covid 19 pandemic, VAC has made some temporary changes, including paying for masks and sanitizers if required for personal treatments and if the member/veteran is receiving a pension from VAC.

As for limits of supplies and applicability, the member/veteran should confirm with VAC (1-866-522-2122) before purchasing.

Please click on this link to learn more about this issue.

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

Personal Protective Equipment

Q; I need personal protective equipment to attend my health appointments. Will VAC pay?

A: Yes, you may be covered if you need to wear personal protective equipment such as non-medical masks and/or gloves to receive treatment. Additionally, if you need an escort OR family member to attend your appointment VAC authorized treatment with you, their personal protective equipment will also be covered.

What type of personal protective equipment is covered?

VAC will reimburse the cost for personal protective equipment including non-medical masks and/or gloves, if your health professional requires you wear personal protective equipment. The current year is \$200.00/CY – Benefit Code 400935

How do I get reimbursed for personal protective equipment?

You can use your VAC Health Identification Card to purchase personal protective equipment. You can use this card with VAC registered health care providers such as your local pharmacy or treating health professional. They will bill VAC directly, so you do not need to pay out of pocket.

If you are unable to use your VAC Health Identification Card, please complete a VAC 918 Client Reimbursement Claim Form and submit to Medavie Blue Cross by mail to:

- National Reimbursement Centre
- PO Box 6700
- Moncton, NB E1C 0T8

You will need to submit your proof of payment (original receipt or invoice) that shows:

- the date you received the benefit or service.
- the name of the benefit or service.
- the amount you paid; and,
- the name and address of the provider.

Prescriber Required	No
Recommender Required	No
Preauthorization Required	No
Limit	\$200.00/CY
Frequency	N/A
Negotiated Fee	N/A
Provincial Coverage	No

Comments

For specific information on pricing and availability, please contact the Regional or District Office in your area. Get help if you have questions about your health coverage or about VAC's treatment benefits program, visit any VAC office or call them 1-866-522-2122. You can also contact Medavie Blue Cross.

The attached document can be printed off by Veterans who qualify for this program and present it to your pharmacy.

FORM – VAC PROGRAM OF CHOICE (07) MEDICAL SUPPLIES

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**](#)

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.**

If you or someone you know is interested in receiving tis great Newsletter, please send an email to frank.richter@shaw.ca and I will put you on my new distribution list. Thanks again.

Cheers.

Frank

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

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:

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](#)

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

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>

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.

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

Public Works and Government Services Canada (RCMP work pension)

Government of Canada Pension Centre – Mail Facility PO Box 8500 Matane QC G4W 0E2
Telephone: Toll Free: 1-855-502-7090

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

Service Canada - CPP and OAS benefits

www.servicecanada.gc.ca

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

Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC Disability Pensions)

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

Supporting Veterans in Need - 24/7 counselling services –

Veterans and their immediate families can access free, short-term, confidential, and professional counselling services. If you are experiencing work-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>

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	jag140@telus.net
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Liaison to The Force	Ric HALL	rshall69@shaw.ca
Social	Dorothy A. MARTINSON	demartinson@shaw.ca

Presidential Appointments & Governors:

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

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

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.

Obtain notice of website updates

Enter your email address to receive notice of updates to the website. No membership required and no other messages will be sent to you.

Email Address

Do you remember Dennis the Menace?



"HOW DO YOU HAVE ROOM FOR THAT CAKE?
MY DAD JUST TOLD ME YOU'RE **FULL OF
BALONEY.**"



"IT'S NOT MY FAULT. SHE SAID THEY WERE
THROW PILLOWS!"



"MOM SAID YOU MARRIED FOR MONEY.
HOW MUCH DID YOU GET?"



"BUT DAD, YOU SAID AN OLD GOAT AND
HIS NANNY WERE COMING OVER."