



RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION VANCOUVER DIVISION

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

SUMMER 2021

DIVISION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Greetings and salutations to all. As I write this, the temperature in this old house shows 96F. It got to 105F on June 27th inside. Fortunately, there are two bedrooms here with AC Units, in which we are prisoners. In my opinion, we need look a little further for evidence of climate change.

The Virtual AGM went ahead very effectively on June 5th. Some of you may have participated in this, as all our membership was welcome. Like any AGM there were items to be voted on, housekeeping if you will. Again, this was done electronically and generally it worked very well.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Division Presidents had a break away meeting. All in all, it was about 2 ½ hours of sitting and watching. As many of you may be aware, this was technically the year we would have hosted the mini-AGM. In my opinion, this virtual meeting was a great and cost-effective way to hold the AGM. Admittedly we missed the opportunity to meet one another and network. Possibly when the full AGMs are held, every third year I believe, these could be in person. These things are presently under consideration.

As per usual, your executive is now going into recess for the summer. It is arguable that we have been in recess since Covid began to rear its head, however we have endeavoured to meet regularly on-line and address concerns that arose. At this point we will simply not be meeting until September. Hopefully at that time, in early September, we will meet in person with permission to resume monthly Association meeting of the membership later that month. We shall let you know.

In the interim, I would like to remind everyone that you can still contact any of the Executive during the summer as needed our email addresses/numbers are listed on the end of the Newsletter.

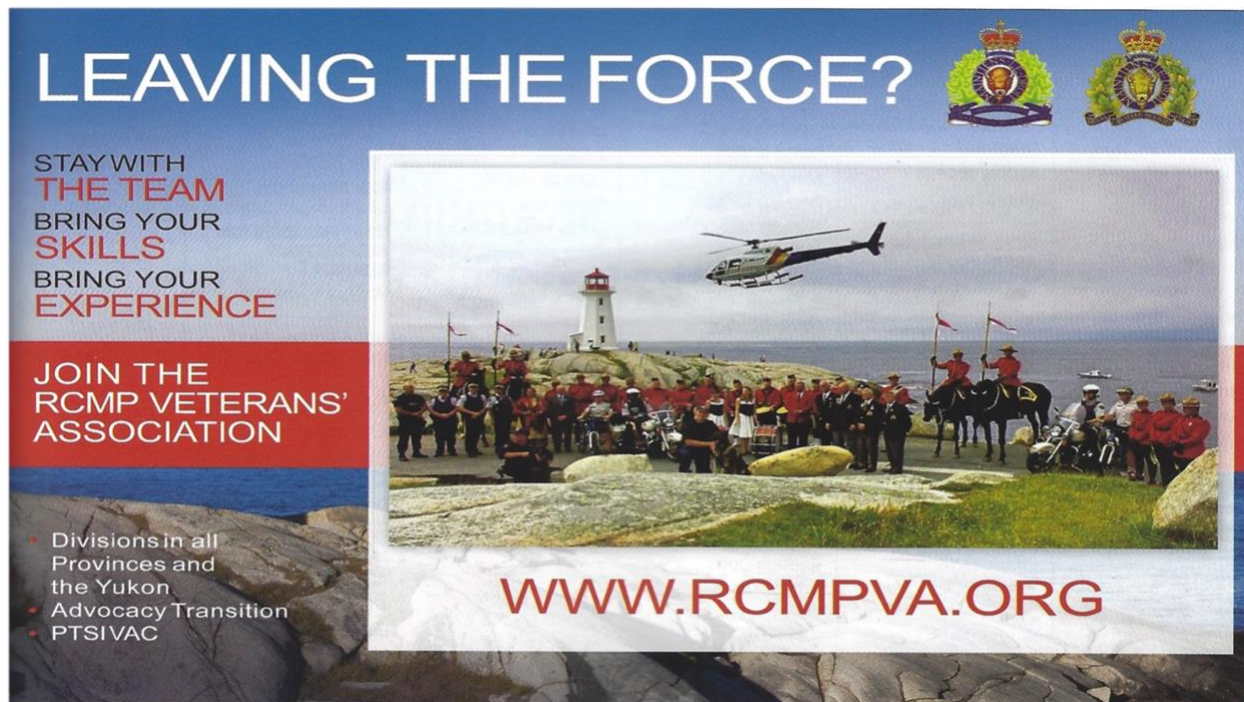
I hope the weather is not a harbinger of the whole summer. Too much heat is oppressive and restrictive.

I wish health and happiness to all and look forward to greeting you all at the waning of summer.

Gord Cave, President
Vancouver Division

NEW RCMPVA ADVERTISING:

The advertisement depicted below appeared in the recent edition of the National Association of Federal Retirees magazine.



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VANCOUVER DIVISION:

The Provincial Health Orders have moved to Phase 3 of the Reopening Program for our Province! As of early July, we are able to extend our social bubbles (bearing in mind our own personal boundaries and comfort zone), take part in more social activities and remove those masks (if we so choose). We can get together with friends and family members, who have been in our hearts (through Zoom, Facetime or just a simple phone call) for over a year. By early summer, most should be fully vaccinated (should you choose or your medical situation allow).

As we are entering our Summer Break, your Division Executive will not be holding any further virtual meetings and we plan to return to an in person executive meeting in September. The Newsletter will also be taking a summer break, and will continue publication in September/Fall 2021.

We were optimistic that our Association would be able to meet in person in September, however, the uncertainty of the move to Phase 4 prompted us to rethink this. The current Covid safety plan at Hazelmere would not have allowed us to hold the type of personal gathering that we would like. Accordingly, our first General Meeting has been booked at **Hazelmere for Thursday, October**

21st pending a move to Phase 4. Details will be sent in due course. In the mean-time, please stay safe and stay healthy.

Just a reminder that some of the Division Executive positions for the 2022-23 term will come open this year. If you are interested in serving on the executive of the Division, please contact Past President Bob Underhill to submit your name.

SAVE THE DATE:

Listed below are some dates that you may wish to circle on your calendar. Further details pertaining to these events will be forthcoming. Please note that these events will be subject to the Provincial Health Orders that may be in place at the time of the event.

October 21: Vancouver Division General Meeting. Hazelmere Golf & Tennis at 11:30 am. Cost to be determined.

November 18: Vancouver Division General Meeting. Hazelmere Golf & Tennis at 11:30 am. Cost to be determined.

December 3: Vancouver Division Levee. Hazelmere Golf & Tennis Club. Time and cost to be determined. Spouses welcome.

December 6: Fraser Valley Veterans Christmas Dinner. Chilliwack Curling Club at 5:00 pm. Cost is \$36 per persons. Spouses welcome.

LYTTON FIRE:

Most of the Village of Lytton was tragically destroyed by a wildfire on June 30, 2021. Along with the residents of the community, the members and staff of the Detachment as well as the widow a retired member and a retired member were impacted by the fire. The "RCMP family" has come together to assist in this tragedy. Vancouver Division will be donating to the relief fund. If you wish to make a personal donation, the directions on how to do so are noted below.

President Sandy Glenn has provided the following information,

Folks, I want to provide you with more detail with respect to who we are attempting to fund, as it relates to the Lytton fires.

There are 5 Regular Members affected; 2 Public Service Employees; 1 RCMP Veteran; and 1 RCMP Veteran's widow. All have lost their residences and contents, and have only their clothing and other personal possessions they could gather together during the short period of time they had to evacuate. From what I have been told, the Regular Members occupied Force housing in Lytton, and they and their families are now currently being accommodated in RCMP barracks in Chilliwack.

They have been granted special leave; and are currently on family relocation expenses. At this point in time, I am not sure how the PSEs are being accommodated. The Veteran's widow is now living temporarily with her daughter in Vancouver. The RCMP Veteran and his family have temporary accommodations elsewhere. Like the others, they have lost all their possessions.

A.P. (Sandy) Glenn, National President
RCMP Veterans Association

Members Helping Members and Their Families

A further addendum to our earlier message (which remains below).
Ken Parent advises that the Division cannot issue receipts for donations that are received. If you are going to donate please send it to Ken's email address ken.parent@outlook.com the e-transfer system will not accept his hotmail address.

Further to our earlier message regarding donations we are now advised that the RCMPVA Foundation would prefer that all donations (Division and individual) be sent directly to Kamloops Division and not to the Foundation.

Instructions for this have been provided by Kamloops Advocate, Bob Stephens as follows:

To answer your question, we have set up a separate account within our treasurers account and contributions are being sent by e-transfer to Ken Parent at ken.parent@outlook.com, cheques can be sent to:

Ken Parent, 2364 Dunrobin Place, Kamloops, BC V1S 1W1.

This was the quickest way we could go to get the funds out quickly to our unfortunate folks. Of course, the account is closely monitored by the BOD Kamloops Division and we have full trust in Ken. We will be sending \$1000.00 to each of 9 folks affected by the fire beginning today We will send more as funds arrive .

Bob Stephens,
V/P & Advocate,
RCMPVA, Kamloops Division,
Kamloops, BC

NEW COMMANDING OFFICER "E" DIVISION:



Vancouver Division would like to congratulate Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald on his appointment as CO "E" Division. We look forward to working with D/Comm. McDonald on matters of mutual concern. We hope to be able to arrange to have D/Comm. McDonald as a guest at one of our upcoming meetings.

The RCMP on June 25th announced the appointment of Assistant Commissioner Dwayne McDonald as the next Commanding Officer of the RCMP in British Columbia and took over command from Deputy

Commissioner Jennifer Strachan on July 1st. No decisions have been made yet with respect to a formal change of command ceremony.

Deputy Commissioner McDonald's 26-year career in the RCMP started as a front-line officer with the Burnaby Detachment and includes serving as Officer in Charge (OIC) of the Surrey Detachment. He also served as OIC of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team, a senior role with the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit and most recently as Criminal Operations Officer, Federal Investigative Services and Organized Crime.

D/Comm. Strachan retired after 33 years with the RCMP. She worked in multiple detachments, sections, Provinces and a peace keeping mission in Haiti. When she was named the Commanding Officer of the RCMP in BC, her 13th and now last physical relocation, brought her back home to BC where her policing career started.

LINKS TO BULLETINS FROM NATIONAL:

Attached are some links from our website for articles that may be of interest to you.

1. How to promote brain health. <http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/how-to-promote-brain-health/>
2. Fraudulent go-fund-me for Cst. Patton's family. <http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/fraudulent-go-fund-me-page/>
3. Topics of interest from National. <http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/topics-of-interest/>
4. Topics of interest from National. <http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/topics-of-interest-2/>

VACCINE UPDATE:

The vaccination program has ramped up over the past months, with most of our Vets receiving their First Shot and well under way for our 2nd shots. 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.

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 to our Division e-mail address: rcmpvancouver@gmail.com

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 Facebook 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.

Ron Morse, Vice President
Vancouver Division.

GUNS AND HOSES GOLF DAY:



With summer upon us, many think of enjoying that quality time outdoors. Walking and socializing with your friends and family. Parks, picnic locations, and beaches are great ideas. Many also are checking storage lockers and basements for their "sticks". If they are looking for a chance to breathe, check this out! 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 rates (Age 60+) are \$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 distanced environment.

To book a spot, call Pro Shop at 605-856-0929. 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. 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:

1. **Vancouver Division Members:** We have received a request in trying to help locate Cpl. Dennis Weisner, Reg # 29576. He retired in "E" Division in 2011. See message below.

Ric Hall – Director-Historian

My name is John Wilson Reg# 29587, a member of the Edmonton vets. I am putting together a spreadsheet of our troop (Troop 24 71/72) in anticipation of a 50-year reunion next year. We have contacted 20 of the 29 available members.

Does anyone of the Vancouver Vets know the whereabouts of a Dennis Weisner (Reg #29576) who was stationed in the Vancouver area?

If this is possible, please ask him to contact me as per below.

*John Wilson
cell: 780-446-1212
email: 15frankst@gmail.com*

2. 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 Vitrual 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.
- c) As noted, The Newsletter will be taking “a summer break”. If you have any interesting articles or ideas, please keep them coming. I will use them in the Fall editions.

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

Our Vancouver Veterans membership in 2020 was 365 members. We are happy to announce that as of June, 340 members have renewed/new memberships through National.

We are very happy to hear that we have had over 25 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:

Are you receiving the bulletins from RCMPVA National office? National recently transitioned to a new webservice provider and although every effort was made to ensure that the database was correct, some updates may not have been made and your email address on the National database may not be correct. Many have not updated address, telephone number or e-mail address since they joined the association. **Your information can no longer be updated at the Division level – you must do it yourself through the National Membership Management System directly, (instructions are listed below)**

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

NATIONAL POLICE FEDERATION – PAY NEGOTIATIONS:

The attached letter from Commissioner Lucki to RCMPVA President Sandy Glenn details how the negotiated pay settlement with the National Police Federation may impact retired members of the Force. The new contract has been ratified by members of the NPF.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Commissioner



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Mr. Sandy Glenn
National President
RCMP Veterans Association
association.president@rcmpva.org

Dear Mr. Glenn:

I am writing to advise you that a tentative agreement has been reached with the National Police Federation (NPF) on behalf of non-commissioned regular members and reservists. The NPF has advised its active members of the tentative agreement and I hope you will advise members of the RCMP Veterans Association.

Over the past few months, the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat has been working in close collaboration with the RCMP and the NPF to negotiate an agreement that is both meaningful and fair for our members and reservists. Details of the tentative agreement will be communicated shortly by the NPF.

Once the agreement has been ratified, there will be an implementation period to adjust the rates of pay and process any retroactive pay owing to active and retired members. Revised salary information will be provided to the Government of Canada Pension Centre to adjust pension benefits for retired members who qualified. A dedicated team at the Pension Centre will be established to ensure that any retroactive pension benefits are processed within 12 months of receiving the adjusted pay rates.

I am hopeful that this agreement will demonstrate our shared commitment to the dedicated and proud members of our organization.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B Lucki".

Brenda Lucki
Commissioner

Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0R2

Ottawa (Ontario)
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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. 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.

Public Service Health Care Plan/PSHCP - Rate Changes:

For members currently enrolled in the PSHCP, National Association of Federal Retires (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

ALBERTA EMERGENCY SERVICES MEDAL – REMINDER:

For those members who have served in `K` Division on or after January1, 2000, 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.

For an overview and to check eligibility for the AESM, click on the link <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-emergency-services-medal.aspx> or 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

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.

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.

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.

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)

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. During this Pandemic, I have been keeping busy on behalf of the Division.

Ric Hall, Director

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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45390
32980

Melvin Spielman
Michael LeSage
Jerome Malysh

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 (raypower@yahoo.com) for further details.

No Service Bars awarded in June.

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
S/1389	BROWN: Thomas Oliver	S/Cst	2021-06-01
16652	ARNOULD: William Askew	S/Sgt.	2021-03-22
39323****	CALLAGHAN: Kenneth H.	Cpl.	2021-06-29
24793	EYJOLFSON: Garnet Lyndor S	Cst.	2021-06-07
61298***	PATTON: Shelby C	Cst.	2021-06-12
32324	BRANCATO, Thomas William Francesco	Cst.	2021-07-09
39974	RITCHIE: Ian Robert	Cst.	2021-05-25
PSS***	"JAGO"	PSD	2021-06-17
PSD***	"GATOR"	PSD	2021-07-08
17014	MCKAY, Douglas I.	S/Sgt.	2021-06-26
25746	TKACHUK, Robert H.P.	Cpl.	2021-06-02
17347	GOWER, Allen Edward	Cst.	2021-05-23
17505/O.1012	DUKESHIRE, Joseph Carl	Insp.	2021-06-29
17768	PLUMMER, John Robert (Jack)	Sgt.	2021-07-14
17533	MARTIN, Gerald Kenneth	Cpl.	2021-07-07
22407	De BALINHARD, Edward (Ted)	Sgt.	2021-07-09

With the move to Phase 3 of the Provincial Recovery Plan, we were able to provide an Honour Guard from Vancouver Division at the interment of A/Comm. Randy Schramm at Mountainview Cemetery in Vancouver on July 5th. A/Comm. Schramm passed away in 2020 and Covid regulations precluded his interment.

FROM THE FAMILY OF DAVID CANNING:

Dear Friends:

Due to the pandemic, our family delayed a fulsome celebration of life and military funeral for David who passed away on January 12th, 2021.

Now, given the reopening of Ontario we would like to lay David to rest with the dignity he deserves and in the city in which he was born and spent many years. He will be laid to rest with his grandparents and we hope you will be able to join us for our farewell service.

A service will be held on Friday, August 27th at 1:00pm in the afternoon at the Beechwood Chapel, Beechwood Funeral Services, 280 Beechwood Avenue in Ottawa followed by graveside interment.

Kindly RSVP to me, with your name and the names of those in your party.

I realize that there will not be anyone from Vancouver area attending, but if there is somebody from Vancouver who now resides in Ottawa, I would like to include them in the invitation list. Dave had many RCMP connections and friends from all across Canada and trying to contact them or their whereabouts almost impossible. I am told there will be approximately 30 RCMP Veterans attending, but I have made sure that there will be space for others to attend.

Thank You for any input that you may provide.

Sincerely,

*Elaine Canning
604-948-0501
elaine.m.canning@gmail.com*

REFERENDUM ON POLICING IN SURREY:

Elections BC has approved a petition for a referendum on policing in the City of Surrey. The call for a petition was launched by Darlene Bennett as part of the [Surrey Police Vote campaign](#). Bennett's husband, Paul Bennett, was killed in 2018 in front of their home in a case of mistaken identity. If the petition garners enough signatures, the referendum would ask whether B.C. residents support keeping the RCMP as Surrey's police service or creating a new Surrey Police Service, as proposed. The referendum would be binding under Section 4 of the B.C. Referendum Act.

If you would like to volunteer as a canvasser, you follow the procedure listed below:

Download the Application Form from the Elections BC website:
<https://elections.bc.ca/docs/init/911-Initiative-Petition-Application-for-Canvasser-Registration.pdf>

Complete the Elections BC Application Form in block letters. The name of the initiative to be listed on the top line of the form is: **"INITIATIVE TO CONDUCT A SURREY POLICING BINDING REFERENDUM"**.

Sign and date the form.

Submit an electronic copy of the form to: info@surreypolicevote.ca **OR** mail the completed form to:

ATTN: Surrey Police Vote
1770 West 7th Avenue, Suite 305
Vancouver, BC V6J4Y6

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/>

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

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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.

MEDOC TRAVEL INSURANCE:

For those who have Medoc travel insurance, you should have received your renewal package by now. If you are interested in this travel insurance program, please click on the following link for more details:

<https://www.federalretirees.ca/en/preferred-partners/travel-partners/medoc-travel-insurance-through-johnson-inc>

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-related issues family or marital problems, or high levels of stress or anxiety, call 24/7 Veterans Affairs Canada Assistance Services at **1-800-268-7708**.

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 2-year term took office on January 1, 2021, until December 31, 2022. Formal “swearing in” ceremonies will be conducted as soon as Health Orders permit.

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Presidential Appointments & Governors:

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

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.

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