



RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION VANCOUVER DIVISION

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Vancouver Division Monthly General Meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at Hazelmere Golf & Tennis Club, 18150 – 8 Ave., Surrey. Doors open at 11:30 am.

Please contact Dorothy Martinson (demartinson@shaw.ca) to reserve your spot.

FEBRUARY 2022

DIVISION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Greetings all.

Once again as the latest manifestation of the pandemic (or cleverly orchestrated hoax if you're of that bent) fades, the executive will be meeting in person to discuss upcoming events and all things of interest to our Association. I am hoping that we can soon meet as a group monthly for our mutual edification in the not too distant future and on the agenda of the February 24th executive meeting was the viability of a Spring Social.

The RCMP Veterans Association AGM is slated for the June 1st – 4th in Calgary and we plan to have representation there. With all that has transpired in the policing world of late, and the world generally, since the last in person AGM I'm sure it will be a lively affair.

I am vexed when I contemplate committing to words my personal opinions on something even as humble as our Newsletter. We have all witnessed events across our Nation lately that seem to have polarized our fellow citizens into enemy camps. To me it is all politics of one sort or another and the claims and counter claims of misinformation leave one's mind reeling and dismayed.

I worry for our younger partners, those of who still wear the burden of policing, in negotiating the many pitfalls that present themselves in this super politicized world. I hope that cooler, more considerate moderators will soon restore reason, at least here in Canada.

Take care all until we meet again, at our next Monthly Luncheon.

Gord Cave, President,
Vancouver Division

VANCOUVER DIVISION UPDATES:

Enough with Zoom meetings! Covid will remain a part of our lives for the foreseeable future. We need to be respectful of those who choose to keep safety protocols in place (social distancing and masks), as we move closer to the spring and summer months.

As our Provincial Health restrictions are eased to allow for a more social environment, the Division Executive was able to hold the first face-to-face meeting since last summer on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at Hazelmere Golf Club to discuss how 2022 will look for our membership.

The National AGM of the RCMP Veterans Association is being hosted by Calgary Division from June 1 - 4, 2022. President Gord Cave will be representing Vancouver Division.

Murray Macham, Director of Ceremonies, updated the executive on our Honour Guard program. He established a SOP (reference guide) last fall for Funeral Ceremonies. Ron Curry has stepped forward to assist Murray, along with members who will be available as and when the need arises.

Donna MORSE has agreed to let her name go forward as a nomination for a RCMP National Veterans Association, Board of Director position.

As of February 2022, the Vancouver Vets have received 270 renewals/new members. There are 61 members who have not renewed as yet, which may include our elderly Vets, who may be in either hospital or care facilities. If any of you have knowledge of such members, please either reach out to them to ascertain if they need help with their renewals, or let your Executive know who they are residing.

The long awaited “**Duty Done: Memories of Fairmont Barracks**” is on its way to being published. A special thanks Donna Morse, Ric Hall, and all who played a massive role in this project. At this time funding is being dealt with through the Heritage Centre and Vancouver Division is being asked to assist, so this tribute to a piece of our RCMP heritage can be immortalized in print for our families and generations to come. Details of the request for funding will be discussed further at our next monthly General Meeting luncheon in March.

Mark Your Calendars. We are happy to announce that our monthly General Meeting luncheons will commence on **March 17, 2022**, at Hazelmere Golf Club, 18150 - 8 Ave, Surrey. The doors will open at 1130 and we will have the program set along with price shortly. Once full details have been confirmed, you will be advised via e-mail and on our website. All Provincial Health Covid protocols will be in place with Vaccine Passports and masks mandatory, until further notice, and upon direction of Hazelmere.

The Ladies Auxiliary meeting scheduled for February was canceled. You will be advised by Dorothy Martinson of future dates/times.

An RCMPVA monthly luncheon will be held in the Chilliwack area (date and time to be finalized) at the Chilliwack Curling Club (same location as the December 6 Social). Once the details have been determined, you will be notified via email and on the Division website.

We hope that these upcoming social events will give you the opportunity to get back to a sense of normalcy and reconnect with fellow Vets. We will keep you updated on the status of in-person social events in 2022.

As we remember the devastation that affected our Province and the LMD in 2021: from the fires to floods, we can only hope that 2022 is kinder. For those of you who are still dealing with the effects of the floods of November 2021, do not hesitate to call on your Vancouver Executive and fellow Vets for help.

Travel restrictions changed as of February 28, the testing requirements for travel have changed. If you are planning travel, you should consult the [Government of Canada](https://www.canada.ca/en/government/public/government-of-canada-travel-guidelines) website for the latest travel guidelines and information.



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 VANCOUVER DIVISION, PLEASE CONTACT PAST PRESIDENT BOB UNDERHILL TO SUBMIT YOUR NAME.

FRANK'S FACTS & FUNNIES:

After many years of providing timely information to retired members, Frank Richter, the author, editor, publisher and distributor of Frank's Facts and Funnies has decided to call it a day. Frank circulated his final newsletter on February 10, 2022, to his mailing list of more than 1000 names. A/Comm (retired) Richter is a member of Okanagan Division of the RCMPVA. His contributions to the Force and RCMP Veterans' Association over the years are greatly appreciated. Thank you, Frank.

TREASURER'S REPORT – DUES 2022 remain at \$65.00 for Vancouver Vets

On January 1, 2022, the National portion of your dues increased from \$37.00 to \$45.00. The Vancouver Division Executive met on December 5, 2021, and after a discussion based on our Financial Situation, it was voted unanimously that **Vancouver Division will not raise the yearly**

dues for 2022 and they will remain at \$65.00. We will operate our Division on \$20.00 per person instead of \$28.00 per person that we receive from your \$65.00 per annum.

All membership dues are to be paid to the RCMP Veterans' Association in Ottawa, Ontario since the administration of membership information has now been centralized since earlier in 2021.

Contrary to the latest communique from National, Your Dues are not accepted at the Division level, by our Treasurer, Rupert BULLOCK.

Dues are to be paid direct to National by one of the following 3 (three) methods:

1. **Online (credit card):** The January 1, 2022, email provided you with a “simply” one click method to add your Credit Card details and receive immediate confirmation of payment. If you do not receive this email, 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 information, 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 their 2022 Dues to the RCMP Veterans Association, Executive Assistant, Chantal Renaud by e-transfer to chantal.renaud@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

As of February 10, 2022, we had 270 paid members. For those who have not paid their 2022 dues, please ensure that they are paid up at your earliest convenience. National has advised that for those who have not paid their 2021/2022 Dues, by January 1, 2023, you will be removed from the (Vancouver) RCMP Veterans Association Roster.

If you know of one of our Senior Vets, who has not been able to pay their Dues because of health issues (hospital/care home), please let us know so we can reach out to them.

We urge you to renew, as although travel is limited over the past 2 years (but showing signs of bouncing back), your voice is still important to our Vets.

Should you wish to update your personal Information or check on the status of dues paid, you need to do it yourself through the National Membership Management System directly (www.rcmpva.org), as it can no longer be done at the Division level.

Rupert L. Bullock,

Treasurer, Vancouver Division,
Email: bullock2@shaw.ca
Phone: 604-533-5354.

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.

As noted above: 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. When you have made the changes, click on SAVE the changes and updates and exit.

If you have difficulties contact: membership.admin@rcmpva.org

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH & WELFARE – ADVOCACY:

I had a number of Vets contact me regarding assistance with medical claims and follow up on their pensions.

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

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

In my role as Division Advocate, in 2021, 62 assistance files were handled for members, wives, spouses and family members. Some of course could be handled in 1-2 days, while others took up to a week or more, before finally being resolved. All worked out satisfactory for those enquiring whereby these enquiries came from members of the association and others from those were not registered within our Association.

Regardless, ALL of course were provided the guidance and assistance necessary.

We (Executive) may wish to consider additional Advocates within our association for the 2022 year, as I am currently responsible for all enquires for retired members from Sechelt/North Vancouver to Chilliwack/Hope!! This topic will be raised at the next Executive meeting, but any Volunteers are greatly appreciated and encouraged to put contact John!

Best regards
John Sherstone

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING JOHN IN THE ADVOCACY PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE EXECUTIVE. TRAINING IS PROVIDED THROUGH NATIONAL AND IT IS A GREAT WAY TO ASSIST YOUR FELLOW VETERANS.

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 Retirees (NAFR) has advised that new contribution rates for PSHCP benefits coverage came into effective on April 1st, 2022. The new rates are posted on the Federal Retirees website and can be accessed by [CLICK HERE](#)

John Sherstone, Director
Health, Welfare and Advocacy

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 in touch with our membership.

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.

MP MATES FACEBOOK PAGE: A WAY TO RECONNECT:

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 group 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.

UPDATE: Murray has taken on one of the Administrator roles. This group now has over 14,000 members, and our Murray has done a great job, though sometimes, I think he would rather be “herding Cats”. Murray and the other Admins monitor and act as referees to the diverse opinions and comments that have graced the Mates pages. Job well done.

VANCOUVER VETERANS HONOUR GUARD:

We are one step closer to getting this put together. Veteran Ron Currie has volunteered to take on the duty to coordinate the Guard. I will assist him into the next steps which is to a) have our Guard Protocol accepted by the Executive and placed on file, and b) have no fewer than 12 veterans to volunteer their names to a dedicated email list that can be sent out when and as the request(s) come in. Once that is completed, we would get the member volunteers together for a coffee session to go over the protocol as to what is required.

At the Executive meeting on February 24, 2022, the SOP/Guard Protocol was adopted and will be placed on file as requested. Murray advised that as requests are received by the Vancouver Vet's Volunteers will be contacted. At present there are at least 5 Vets who have assisted in the past and are available when needed.

UPDATE: As of early 2022, the Honour Guard Program is on track to be operational soon. The program will be highlighted at our next Monthly Luncheon

Murray Macham
Cell: 604 329-1273

INQUIRIES AND UPDATES:

1. **Vancouver Division Members:** We have received a request in trying to help locate #15080 S/Sgt. Des Harrison. He retired in "E" Division in 2011. See message below from Supt. (retired) Joe Healy. If anyone has information on Des, please contact Joe directly at: jjhealy2@gmail.com

Many years ago, Des Harrison was posted to my hometown of St. Stephen, NB. He was a friend of my Dad. He retired out of 'K' in 1969 then he moved to Richmond, BC and I renewed our friendship with him when I was posted to the Lower Mainland from 1965 to 1970.

Des is coming up to 98 years this April. He is one of our oldest Vets. Is there any way that you could track him down for me through the Vets, please?

Yours truly,

Joe

2. We welcome your Comments and Suggestions on items that you would like to see added to or removed from the Newsletter:
 - a) As we relax the Covid restrictions that have been in place over the past 2 years, we are able to plan for those all-important Personal connections with Family and Friends that have been only a phone call or Social Media video on our computers. 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) at kosovok2002@yahoo.ca 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.

VANCOUVER DIVISION CHALLENGE COINS – Ric HALL

As you know the purchase of Challenge Coins for our division was approved back in 2020. The executive decided that each member of the Vancouver Division in 2020 would be given a coin at no cost to them. Then Covid struck and the opportunity to present the coins at General Meetings vanished. Come 2021 we were still stuck in Covid, and your executive again agreed that new members joining in 2021 would be able to get a coin at no cost.

Well, here we are in 2022 and still stuck in the mess of Covid. Once again, your executive has approved giving a coin to new members who have paid their dues for 2022.

I volunteered to coordinate the distribution of our coins...why do I do this to myself? I would like to be able to give you personally, or by the proxy of a friend, or by mail, your Challenge Coin. If you fall into this category, please let me know how I can get you your Challenge Coin.

Challenge Coins have become very collectible. I have received many requests for additional coins so that members can pass them onto friends. If you wish an additional coin the cost is \$20.00, includes postage.

Questions? 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

R.C.M.P. VETERANS' LADIES AUXILIARY VANCOUVER DIVISION :

BI-MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022

Again, we were still under health advisory restrictions regarding gatherings and meetings, etc., so there has been little to report for the past two months. As far as we know, none of our Ladies Auxiliary members have been reported as contracting the viruses, and are keeping well!

February & March 2022 Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon/Meetings Postponed: Due to the Omnicom Variant, the Ladies Auxiliary Executive decided to postpone holding any social events until the Provincial Government is able to bring in more measures to safely relax health restrictions due to the Variant. We have also done a small survey of our members to verify that we are making the right decision. It is felt that it is still too soon to meet as a group in a setting that is open to others as well as ourselves. It is hoped that the ensuing months will enable us to hold our luncheon/meetings once again, and you will be advised accordingly. There is a good chance that we will be holding our next meeting on April 7th.

A “Happy 100th Birthday” to Ladies Auxiliary Life Member, Helen Brown: On March 13, 2022, Helen Brown will be celebrating this special day! Recently, she has been residing at a Senior’s residence, but her family is opening her own house to friends and relatives to celebrate this day. We know that she would love to receive a birthday card or note from members of the Ladies Auxiliary.

R.C.M.P. Veterans’ **Ladies Auxiliary Celebrating 86 Years on February 26, 2022:** Although we are unable to actually celebrate this particular event together this year, we should be proud of staying together as an Association for this many years!!

The R.C.M.P. Veterans Association (Vancouver Division) is having a book published, “Duty Done: Memories of Fairmont Barracks,” which should be available in the very near future. We should have more information on the publishing date in time for our next Bi-Monthly Report.

To receive this report electronically (and other news regarding the RCMP Veterans’ Assoc.), www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com

**Dorothy Martinson, Past-President
R.C.M.P. Veterans’ Ladies Auxiliary
(Vancouver Division)
demartinson@shaw.ca (604) 261-4630**

NEW MEMBERS – VANCOUVER DIVISION:



We welcome the new members to Vancouver Division, many of whom are recently retired. For many of the current RCMPVA membership, it has been some time since we left the Force. We need the input of those of you that have recently retired on effective ways to promote the RCMP Veterans Association to both your communities and colleagues who are still serving. Your input is key to the continuation of the RCMPVA. If you have any suggestions or would like to become more involved in the operation of the Division, please contact one of the members of the Executive – contact information is at the end of the newsletter.

Vancouver Division would like to welcome the following new members to the RCMP Veterans’ Association. We look forward to seeing you at our next Veterans meeting.

As Covid restrictions are being reviewed and updated, we are planning to hold our social gatherings at Hazelmere in 2022. You will receive advance notice of the date and time and look forward to you joining our Vet’s Family.

O.2330	Michael CARLSON
33467	John MEAGHER
28995	Leslie LODEN
29677	Herbert WILLBERG
50873	David REECE

VANCOUVER DIVISION SERVICE BAR ELIGIBILITY - as at 2022-01-01:



Several members of Vancouver Division have been awarded service pins / bars and many more are eligible to receive these awards. If you have been a member in good standing of RCMPVA Vancouver Division for ten or more years, please check the list below.

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

Mike HEWAT	35 Years
Bill CRAIG	30 Years
Ray KEILAN	25 Years
Paul McGOWAN	15 Years
Dave PAQUETTE	15 Years
Dave NASH	10 Years

Service Bars Eligibility as of April 15, 2021

45 Year Service Bar			
TAPLEY	Laurence Edward	16849	
40 Year Service Bar			
BUDD	Ronald Myron	18240	
MACWHIRTER	Billie Burton	17521	
35 Year Service Bar			
ANDERSON	Kenneth Robert	16820	
DINWOODIE	Richard J.	32427	
HEWAT	Michael Leo	22165	
30 Year Service Bar			
ERICKSON	Alfred J.	21108	
CURRIE	Ronald D.	22073	
CRAIG	William Samuel	18475	
GIESBRECHT	Arthur R	20699	
RILEY	James Smith	18411	
SKOLROOD	Robert Wayne	19733	
KIRK	Alexander Frederick	20439	
25 Year Service Bar			
VADIK	Joseph T	22873	
BRADLEY	Barry F	21523	
WARBURTON	James Berry	25209	
STARK	Siegfried E	22248	
PARROTT	William Clarence	20251	

MEDLEY	Norman John	21875	
VAN'T SLOT	Willem H.	23979	
CHERSAK	John P	28436	
20 Year Service Bar			
BROWN	Robert Clayton (Clay)	28311	
MACKENZIE	Everett B	20328	
BROMBALE	Lou	27646	
TURNER	David C.	29127	
15 Year Service Bar			
DAUK	Murray Walter	28106	
HALL	Ric	24394	
MACDONALD	Clifford Carl	25084	
ROBINSON	John	29925	
JEFFERY	Wayne K.	C00811	
JEFFREY	David Wayne	24079	
MOORE	James Arthur	28426	
DINWOODIE	Richard J.	32427	
ALLAN	D. Laird	28821	
DOP	T.M. Jack	28945	
LONG	Frank L.	18918	
KOTT	Ernest John	27170	
DEANS	E.B, (Elton)	24413	
WHITTA	Robert Bryan	24063	
ROSS	Eric Victor	28447	
PAUQUETTE	Dave Russell	35850	
10 Year Service Bar			
CADIEUX	Laurier	36355	
LUCKO	Andrew	22456	
ALLEN	Leslie	35920	
NASH	David	X03796	
FROST	Karen	36502	
KENNA	Kevin	30755	
KAUTZ	Caroline	35236	
MARSHALL	Robert	43418	

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. Gone But Not Forgotten notices are posted on the Vancouver Division website and can be accessed by [CLICK HERE](#). For the full list of Last Post, please click [HERE](#):

LAST POST

Reg Number	Name	Rank (Ret'd)	Date Passed
43746	RYAN, John David	Cpl.	2021-11-21
24646	TYSOWSKI, Jimmy Allan	S/Sgt.	2022-01-13
PS	KOEHL, Gabrielle Rosalie (nee Margrit)	PS	2021-12-29
PS	WISE, Geraldine Dorothy	PS	2021-11-27
39304	CREYKE, Vernon A	Cpl.	2021-10-09
18606	KENDALL, Douglas Milton	S/Sgt..	2022-02-06
14606	BAND, Albert James Stanley	S/Sgt.	2022-01-11
17237	COTE, Marcel Joseph	S/Sgt.	2022-01-17
22514	PRITCHETT, Allan Warren	S/Sgt.	2022-01-08
25610	CARRUTHERS, Barry Richard	Cst.	2021-11-21
25209	WARBURTON, James Barry	Sgt.	2022-01-25
18473	WRIGHT, George Grant	Sgt.	2022-01-23
18390	CRAWFORD, Richard Gibson	Sgt.	2022-02-18
33429	HERRING, Donald A.	Cst.	2022-02-03
28024	JOHNSON, Larry Thomas	Cpl.	2022-02-14
29526	MEISNER, Gordon Allister	Cpl.	2022-02-20
24612/O.1560	SCHLECKER, Denis Malcolm	Supt.	2022-02-13
22847	BORYS, Russell R.	Sgt.	2022-02-08
17592	MORTON, George Alexander	Cpl.	2022-01-31
C2669	DAWE, Ronald Joseph	CM	2022-02-21
15963	DRESCHER, Paul	S/Sgt.	2022-02-24
16094	BARBOUR, Bruce	Sgt.	2022-02-15

We have been advised that Ozzie KABAN passed away on February 28, 2022. Mr. Kaban was the founder of Kaban Protective Services Inc. and Kaban Consulting Inc. He was a long-time supporter of law enforcement and known to many of our members.

RCMP VETERAN GUEST LECTURE OPPORTUNITY
ALASKA CRUISE SHIP - SUMMER 2022 (MAY TO SEPTEMBER)



As travel appears to be opening up for us in 2022, this opportunity is being reposted for those Veterans who are looking for an inexpensive way to Cruise to Alaska!!!!

I received this request for members to assist with this program, which allows are members to take advantage of an Alaska Cruise!!! It has taken a “back seat” due to the Covid restrictions over the past few years. Many of our members, myself included, took advantage of this opportunity to put on the Serge and tell our stories to

passengers as they enjoy the Alaska sights. If interested, please check out the narrative and contact Julie Smith, direct.

The cruise line would like to start up the "Retired Mountie Guest Lecture Program" again. Over 600 RCMP Vets have participated in this opportunity for the last 15 years.

An Alaskan Cruise Ship line that travels from Vancouver to Alaska is looking for a retired RCMP Veterans to act as guest historians and provide history lectures on the RCMP (1 to 2 weeks cruises, from Vancouver) from May to August 2022.

"Only Retired Members May Apply"

It is a one- or two-week commitment. As part of the international guest lecturer program offered on the ships traveling the Alaskan Cruise, they would like to provide information on history of the RCMP. Through surveys this is one of the most requested topics from cruise passengers. The cruise line would like the retired RCMP Veteran to provide informative historical lectures on the positive history of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Some examples past lectures included.

1. History and Formation of the Northwest Mounted Police
2. The Northwest Mounted Police and the Yukon Gold Rush.
3. The History of the horses of the RCMP and the Musical Ride
4. RCMP and Forensics (CSI – RCMP)
5. Training of the RCMP – Stories from Depot RCMP and its Military history (battle honors)
6. RCMP today a multicultural police force
7. RCMP and its United Nations Participation
8. St. Roch's journey
9. RCMP Dogs
10. RCMP Musical Ride
11. The Mad Trapper and the Lost Patrol
12. And other positive RCMP stories – highlighting your own Personal Experiences.

The lecturer is required to provide 3 professional power point 45-minute lectures. As part of the lecture there is a 15-minute question and answer period which follows. The lecturers must bring their own laptop and have use of audio-visual material like power point.

As part of the Cruise Line lecture circuit, you are advertised on ship newsletter as a retired Mountie guest historian and not a police officer.

This is non-profit and you are a volunteer and not paid for this

Your cruise (inside cabin) is covered for you and your guest for the one- or two-week Alaskan Cruise. Gratuities, port fees, select dining, shore excursions and incidentals are your responsibility. You are expected to follow some protocol like not to speak on anything controversial/ political, etc. The passengers are generally interested in RCMP history as it relates to Canadian history, The Yukon Gold Rush, etc.

Your participation provides passengers (tourists) with positive memories and interaction with a retired RCMP Veterans. The demographics of our passengers are predominately retired seniors and you as a RCMP veteran would fit in well. This is the 16th year of the program which has seen over 600 RCMP Veterans participate.

Qualifications

- RCMP Veteran (retired members only) preferred within 10 years of retirement
- Good public speaking skills
- Able to speak to a group of up to 300 people
- Computer literate – able to provide power point presentation with own laptop
- Do not suffer from sea sickness
- Valid Canadian passport for yourself and guest of your choice
- All WHO COVID approved vaccinations

Application

If you are interested in being an RCMP Veteran guest historian then please send the below information to JulieSmithGold@gmail.com

1. Name
2. Year retired and total service year in the RCMP
3. Short biography (No more than 10 lines) on yourself and provide lecturing qualifications and suggested lecture titles.

******Note: So long as Canada and US Health authority approves the Alaskan Cruise out of Vancouver and all the safety COVID policies will be adhered to, this program begin. The Cruise Line would like to be prepared for their 2022 Alaskan season and book all the Mountie Veteran Guest Lecturers.***

Any interested members are to contact Julie direct (JulieSmithGold@gmail.com) for additional information, and to clarify what fees are not covered under this program (Gratuities, port charges, etc).

SEEKING RETIRED MEMBERS FOR SECURITY POSITIONS:

"I represent Forsythe Security and we are seeking retired police officers for Security positions in BC. I am requesting that the attached job poster be disseminated".

I appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,

Rob Thorarinson
National Operations Manager (Contractor)
Forsythe Security, a division of ODS Canada
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INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION: TRAVEL THE WORLD



The International Police Association (IPA) is the largest Police Association in the world. It is a friendship organization for members of Law Enforcement Agencies, whether serving or retired, and without distinction as to rank, position, gender, race, language or religion. There are over 372,000 members worldwide in over 95 countries on 6 continents.

IPA Canada has over 2500 members, represented in 15 Regions from BC to PEI. British Columbia Mainland is Region 9 and has over 120 members, of which 90 live within our Vancouver Vets Division area. We are fortunate that several of our R9 members are also members of the Vancouver Vets.

The IPA moto is “Servo Per Amikeco”, which means Service Through Friendship. This Friendship is a part of the Law Enforcement culture that we as RCMP members promoted during our service and carry into Retirement.

As we open to travel, be it within Canada, to our Neighbours to the south or across the Ocean. The IPA offers opportunities for travel, education, social connections with colleagues/fellow retirees and making new friendships thru networking and shared interest groups.

There are Friendship Weeks and organized trips hosted by International Sections; IPA Houses (IPA supported accommodations including hotels, private residences); The Gimborn Training Center (Historical training center in Germany); scholarships/seminars, sporting events and Youth Gatherings (open for children/grandchildren of iPA members). With the majority of members live in Europe and having a fascination with Canada and the USA. Many of our IPA Colleagues visit Canada to take the opportunity to visit Vancouver, take in the sights and look to meet/share stories with fellow LEOs

I have been a member of the IPA for almost 30 years and connected with both serving and retired members in the USA and Europe. As a member of both my IPA Regional and National Executives, I have been able to promote the IPA and RCMP at home, to visiting IPA members and during my International travels.

IPA Request: We have a German IPA member and his family travelling our Province this May/June in a rented RV. They have a 10 month old child and are looking to borrow/rent/buy a Child Seat for the duration of their 4 week holiday. The fellow is unable to rent the item through his RV agency and is looking for any assistance that can be offered. If you are able to assist, or have any suggestions, please send me an email at kosovok2002@yahoo.ca and I will forward you his contact information. Thanks in advance.

If interested in additional information or looking into joining, please check out the IPA Canada Website at www.ipa-canada.org. Follow the "JOIN NOW" Instructions. IPA Worldwide social, cultural and educational events can be found at www.ipa-international.org

Karen Frost, VP
IPA Canada R9

RETIRED FIRST RESPONDERS (AKA JFO) LUNCHEON:



Gord commented in the last Vancouver Vet's Newsletter, that he attended a social function (JFO Luncheon) at the Langley Spaghetti Factory on December 16, 2021. This is a quarterly event and all who attend, look forward to the next Luncheon to take place in early Spring.

Many of our members are familiar with this awesome event, but here is an overview for those who are not.

This event is hosted by retired VPD member, Brian HONEYBOURN. Brian is a very dedicated, generous and inspirational person, who has been instrumental in organizing this quarterly-yearly event over 13 years ago. He started it with 6 members from the RCMP and VDP, connecting over sharing stories of their mutual past and interests.

The attendance has grown in both number and agencies attending. It now includes VPD, RCMP, EMS, CBSA, Port Moody, New Westminster, and Abbotsford PD. Primarily made up of Retired Members, all are given the opportunity to reconnect with friends, share stories, partake in "raffle and 50/50" draws and enjoy a great Spaghetti Factory meal. Due to expanding number of attendees and fraternities involved it has evolved from the JFO (Joint Forces Operation) to the Retired First Responders Luncheon.

The Christmas Luncheon on December 16 was attended by 157 members, including Chief Adam Palmer (VPD) and D/Comm Dwayne McDonald. The restaurant closed their doors to the public and allowed only our members to socialize under the present health guidelines. Previous pre-Covid luncheons held over 200 members (and spouses), sharing laughter and offering support to fellow First Responders.

Brian and his team of dedicated members of all First Responder “crew” welcome all those who want to reconnect with friends and “family”.

Brian has over 430 members on his “Mailing List”, and I for one can attest, who has attended this event for the past several years, that I count the days until Brian sends out his announcement about the “Next” Luncheon. The Next Luncheon should be in April/May.

BRIAN HONEYBOURN: REPRESENTING OUR VPD COUNTERPARTS



Brian Honeybourn has been elected as the new President of the Vancouver Superannuated Police Officers’ Association. The Association represents over 500 retired Vancouver Police Department members. Brian is also an Associate member of our Vancouver Division.

Congratulation, Brian and best of luck in the new position.

LINKS TO BULLETINS FROM NATIONAL:

Attached are some links from the Vancouver Division website for articles that may be of interest to you. Items of interest forwarded to members of the RCMPVA are typically posted to the Vancouver Division website.

1. Clarification - RCMP Medical Examination Class Action lawsuit: <http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/class-action-lawsuit/>
2. RCMP Veterans diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis: <http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/rcmp-veterans-diagnosed-with-idiopathic-pulmonary-fibrosis/>
3. Cst. Shelby Patton Memorial Park: <http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/cst-shelby-patton-memorial-park/>
4. Your Association at work – Letter from National President: <http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/your-association-at-work/>

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](#)

[BRUCE DENNISTON BONE MARROW SOCIETY](#)

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:



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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/NAFR:



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

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.

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.

JOHNSON INSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

For those who are members of the NAFR, please refer to their previous Newsletter that outlines the process for your high school child/grandchild being eligible to apply for one of 50 x \$1000 scholarships. Since 1998, this program has awarded over \$1,000,000 in Scholarships and academic grants to students across Canada. The 2021 Scholarship Program is closed, as winners have been selected and notified.

The 2022 Scholarship program will be open as of Spring 2022. Interested members can check out Johnson.ca/Scholarship or call 1-844-567-1237 for complete details.

MEDOC TRAVEL INSURANCE:

For those who have Medoc travel insurance, you have received your 2022 renewal package by now. This travel insurance program is obtained through the National Association of Federal Retirees. A letter included with the renewal package indicates:

As a valued member of the National Association of Federal Retirees, you have exclusive access to this MEDOC® Travel Insurance program. To have this MEDOC® coverage, you need to maintain your annual membership with the National Association of Federal Retirees. If both you and your spouse/partner have MEDOC®, you need a double membership with the National Association of Federal Retirees. If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact our national office toll free at 1-855-304-4700 or in Ottawa at 613-745-2559.

TRAVEL AND COVID IN 2022:

Provincial Health has updated protocols as of February 15, and we will be able to gather for socials and events with less regulations. The Federal Government has also made changes to testing and quarantine requirements for return to Canada. Travel is also moving from “Level 3 – Avoid non-essential travel” to Level 2 – Practice special precautions”. Click on this link for the most up to date travel information from the Canadian government: [**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**](#)

During the Christmas holidays, we were faced with travel disruptions from airlines to hotels being hit with limited resources, both logistic and personnel. If you are looking into travel, be sure to double check your travel insurance coverage as coverages differ with insurance providers.

Many insurance companies advertise that they offer “coverage for Covid-19”, including medical expenses, and Emergency-related expenses: but **READ THE SMALL PRINT**. Ask questions that pertain to your own situation (what vaccine you have, where to get the Covid/Antigen test both leaving and returning to Canada, the turnaround time for test results for and the cost).

Many of you are Snowbirds or just want to get away to the sun. Be sure to do your research. Whatever travel insurance you chose, make sure you have reviewed the **current coverage booklet** carefully and that you fully understand your insurance policy. You can find a summary of MEDOC travel insurance coverage on the Federal Retirees website. [**CLICK HERE**](#) to access.

Please pass these updates along to your fellow travelers!

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.

I have received several requests from family members looking for information on what to do after their “member” has passed away. Please pass the Guide to those who are looking to “get their affairs” in order as to save family members the stress of “where do I go now and who can help me”

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>

Foundation To Expand Reach Beyond Helping Veterans Pay Legal Bills

Bernise Carolino

"We must keep pushing for justice, and we want to hear from federal leaders on this need," said Stoffer in the statement. "But in the meantime, we'll do as much as we can to give veterans the front-end support they need now," he added.

The Veterans Legal Assistance Foundation is a charitable organization promoting access to justice for current or former members of the Canadian Armed Forces and the RCMP, as well as their family members, by lessening the burden of legal fees relating to administrative tribunals and courts. The foundation's funding originated from the [SISIP class action settlement](#), aiming to assist veterans in acquiring the payments to which they are entitled.

Previously the foundation had been paying for veterans' eligible legal bills up to \$10,000, normally for disability and other claims broadly benefiting veterans. The foundation now expects to do more thanks to the new funding, said Peter Driscoll, founding chair of the foundation and lead counsel on the SISIP class action, in the news release.

"Veterans need help with forms and documents, especially if they are dealing with physical or mental health disabilities," said Dennis Manuge, VLAFF ambassador and representative plaintiff for the SISIP class action. Sometimes veterans simply need assistance with using the Veterans Affairs Canada website and not with court proceedings, Manuge added.

The ***Toth v. Canada*** class action, which challenged the validity of offsets made by the federal government to the disability pension prior to May 29, 2012, [resulted in a \\$100-million settlement agreement](#), with unclaimed amounts being considered residual funds. On Jan. 6 the court determined that such residual funds would be paid to four charities: the Veterans Legal Assistance Foundation, the Bursary Fund (Manuge), the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund and Ottawa Inner-City Veterans Outreach and Support.

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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<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.

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National Association
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des retraités fédéraux

Feb. 14, 2022

The following message is being sent to veterans, Canadian Armed Forces members and former RCMP members of the National Association of Federal Retirees on behalf of Veterans Affairs Canada.

Did you serve in the Canadian Armed Forces or RCMP?

Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) needs your help reaching veterans who do not receive VAC benefits and services. The department is surveying the veteran community on how they prefer to learn about and access government programs and services. They're looking for veterans, Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members, former RCMP members, family members and caregivers. This feedback will help VAC reach and serve more Veterans.

The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete. It is being conducted on our behalf by the independent Canadian research firm, EKOS Research Associates Inc.

Please visit the EKOS Research website for more information and to participate. A French-language version of the survey is available [here](#).

Participation is voluntary and your responses and personal information are confidential in accordance with the *Privacy Act*. Your responses are anonymous; they are not kept or shared with VAC, and will not have any impact on the benefits or services you receive or may receive in the future.

We kindly ask that you share this information with your network.

Thank you for your assistance!

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