



Presidents
Message

As I sat down to write the President’s Message for our Newsletter, I had hoped that the sunny spring day would be an inspiration.

Instead, I was greeted by the news of the death of yet another Canadian police officer. The on-duty deaths of nine Canadian police officers in a six-month period is difficult to comprehend in our country. May those who paid the ultimate price, rest in peace.

March Meeting

Our March General Meeting on the 16 th was well attended. We were pleased to welcome



Assistant Commissioner Brian Edwards, the OIC of Surrey Detachment, as our guest speaker. A/Comm. Edwards spoke candidly about the status of the policing transition in Surrey. It was enlightening to hear the reality of the situation as opposed to the often-selective information provided by the media. A/Comm. Edwards advised that since the current wage increases for the RCMP, no members have left Surrey Detachment to join the Surrey Police Service. A/Comm. Edwards acknowledged that recruiting has become a major challenge for all police forces. He advised that Surrey Detachment hosted two recruiting information sessions in early March with a total attendance of 170 people. A/Comm. Edwards also spoke about the success of the Experienced Police Officer recruiting process. The question of policing in Surrey remains in the hands of the Provincial government.

National Board of Directors

Our National Board of Directors is in the process of conducting virtual meetings with Division Presidents across the country. Discussions to date have included: topics of interest for the AGM, the new Association information poster and pamphlet for the RCMPVA, the Trip

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Merchant travel partner program, the RCMPVA national website and other matters. Everyone who is a member of the Association should be receiving the bulletins from the National office. If you know of a member of the Association who isn't, please have them check their email address on the Member Management System (MMS) (www.rcmpva.org). If you know of a member who does not have email access, please keep them posted on what is going on within the Association. One particularly important bulletin to be aware of concerns the switch in administrators of our PSHCP. On July 1, 2023, Canada Life will become the new administrators. PSHCP Bulletin #45 (<https://www.pshcp.ca/articles/pshcp-bulletin-45/>) provides some information on the changes. A second bulletin from National distributed on February 2, 2023, entitled "Association Benefits and Your Membership" may also be of interest to you.

National AGM

The Association AGM is set for May 25-28, 2023, in Ottawa. For details on the program please visit the AGM website www.agavetsagm.com.

Cpl Robert Teather

On May 28, 2023, the plaque honouring Cpl. Robert Teather will be unveiled at the Beechwood National Cemetery. Cpl. Teather is the only RCMP member to have been awarded the Cross of Valour.

Division Questionnaire and Survey.

Thank you to those who completed and forwarded the questionnaire on our division meetings. We had 27 members respond and your comments will be reviewed at our next Executive meeting. Coffee meetings or Koffee Klatches are a great informal gathering where we can swap tales of past exploits and exchange information on matters of interest. If you would like a Koffee Klatch listed in our Newsletter and/or on the website, please forward the day, time, location and frequency of the meetings so that the information can be posted. If there is a

coordinator, please also include that information. The same is true for lunch get togethers. Be sure to check the Division website for updates on events. Happy Easter to all.

LAST POST



Vern Mawhinney

Sgt (retd) Reg # 21180

A Celebration of Life will Occur at Mill Bay Community Hall, 1035 Shawnigan Lake-mill, Bay Rd Mill Bay BC on Saturday June 3rd 2023, 12-2pm. Lunch / beverages are provided. Plse RSVP to Mag Mawhinney at mvmawhinney@shaw.ca or Shannon Mawhinney Bartel at shannonbartel67@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

We welcome the following new members to Vancouver Division:

- 34527 John LASEUR
- 34546 Wayne BLOOMQUIST
- 45024 Victor LOUIE
- 30708 Kenneth (Kim) MARSH

BUGLE CALL

APRIL 20TH MEETING AT HAZELMERE IS CANCELLED. Next meeting will be Friday May 12th 2023 at Hazelmere Golf and Country Club. Full details to be announced. The speaker at that meeting will be Vancouver Division member

KIM MARSH RCMP (Retd).

Who did undercover work with the RCMP intermittently for eight years and ran the RCMP's national undercover program for four years. He is semi-retired but continues to provide consulting and investigative services on a selective basis. His book "Cunning Edge" has been reviewed on the Vancouver Division website and comes highly recommended by Retired RCMP Assistant Commissioner Rod Stammler who investigated allegations of corruption amongst Canadian politicians. See attached link for Mr. Marsh's book.
<http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/cunning-edge-by-kim-marsh/>

MARCH MEETING SUCCESS DETAILS

Our March General Meeting was held on Thursday, March 16 at Hazelmere Golf & Tennis Club. Our guest speaker was;

Assistant Commissioner Brian Edwards, RCMP. MA. LLB. MOM.

An Alberta native, Mr. Edwards, a former RCMP Auxiliary Constable joined the Calgary Police Service in 1995 and transferred to the RCMP in 2003. First posting was

Richmond, BC and later to Lower Mainland District strategic planning and risk management. In 2011 he was commissioned as a grievance adjudicator and in 2014 took charge of Employment Requirements Unit. He has since served as Government Liaison Officer and

oversaw contract and service delivery with BC Provincial Policing and Security Branch. He moved on to more strategic and business planning in 2016 and integrated police services. In 2019 he became the OIC for the RCMP City of Surrey Detachment, the largest in the country. Brian holds a law degree and a Masters Degree in linguistics. He lives with his family in White Rock.

Please refer to President's message on A/Comm Edwards briefing.

RCMP 150th Anniversary

The North-West Mounted Police was created on May 23, 1873 and this year, the 150th anniversary will be celebrated in many forms across the country. The RCMPVA Annual General Meeting will be hosted by Ottawa Division, May 25-28. The full details of the event can be found on the AGM website: [AGM 2023](#). One of the highlights of the event will be a full Regimental Ball on Saturday, May 27. The AGM website has links to discounted airfares through WestJet and lodging at the Delta Hotel Ottawa City Centre as well as the agenda for attendees and spouses. For you challenge coin collectors, check the AGM website for their coin. One of the 150th anniversary projects by group of Veterans from across the country is nearing completion. This group has been working diligently to recognize the only member of the RCMP to have been awarded The Cross of Valour, Canada's highest award for bravery. Cpl. Robert Gordon Teather (1947-2004) saved the lives of two fishermen who were trapped under the hull of their capsized boat at the mouth of the Fraser River. Two plaques, one at Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa and one at Depot Division in Regina, will be erected to honour Cpl. Teather. The unveiling at Beechwood has tentatively been set for May 23. The Friends of the Mounted Police in

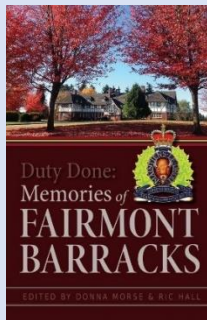
Regina will also be setting a brick on the Princess Walkway at the Heritage Centre in his honour. Many of you will remember Bob from his service at Surrey Detachment and on the “E” Division Underwater Recovery Team. For further information on Cpl. Teather and the rescue, please click on the Wikipedia link: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Gordon_Teather Locally, the RCMP Musical Ride will be performing in the Lower Mainland in the latter part of June. Vancouver Division has been asked by Surrey Detachment to assist at the performances planned for Surrey on June 24 & 25. We would welcome any members of the Division who served with the Musical Ride to volunteer your assistance. We also hope to have a Vancouver Division social outing in conjunction with one of the performances. We will keep you apprised as the planning moves forward on this event.

Pillars of the Force

As part of the 150th Celebrations, Pillars of the Force is offering special discounts to add RCMP serving or retired members to the “walk of fame” named Pillars of the Force at the RCMP Heritage Centre at Depot Division. Please click on this link for full details. <https://rcmphcfriends.com/pillars-of-the-force-humans/>

BOOK REVIEWS

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have a lengthy, distinguished legacy in our country’s history, established in 1873, just six years after Canada was created. This phenomenal book delves into a slice of that RCMP history. In 1914, a building was erected in the Cambie Corridor in Vancouver, BC. It served as a private boys school and then a



military hospital before the Mounties took up residence there in 1920; they renamed it Fairmont Barracks. I’d wager they had no idea at that time that members of the RCMP would call the place home for the next 93 years.

Duty Done was clearly a labour of love for dozens of people. Beyond the Vancouver division of the RCMP Veterans’ Association, the list of people who devoted time and energy to ensure this book came to fruition is impressive. You’ll find 28 chapters, called memories instead of chapters. Each of the 28 sections is a story from someone with ties to the Fairmont Barracks. The stories they share are diverse but they all have one thing in common – the ability to suck us readers into life at the Fairmont Barracks.

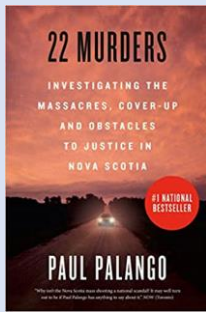
I truly enjoyed reading every story in this book but a few stand out. In the memory “We’re Closed. Come Back on Monday!” Ric Hall shared how he took a three-hour bus ride to the Fairmont Barracks and just knocked on the door, hoping to be hired on the spot. Arnold Friberg, a Friend of the Force, tells of the connection between the Fairmont Barracks and Friberg, an international master painter. Albert Douglas Lorenzen’s memory, “Making a Silk Purse Out of a Sow’s Ear”, shared some hilarious stories about the building itself and some of its quirks. Romantics will enjoy another story by Hall – “Cpl. Sidney Floyd, Reg #9254: A Story Within the Story!”

I could go on and on but the reader needs to delve into the memories themselves for the full impact. The list of acronyms at the front of the book is a huge help and the reader is encouraged to look it over. For example, I had no clue that CIB meant Criminal Investigation Branch or that a “Tpnr” is a Trumpeter and Bugler. This book is filled with pictures that give you an even deeper look into life inside the Fairmont Barracks.

We see pics of most of the people who submitted memories as well as plenty of shots of events, parades, ceremonies, and memorabilia. The photos do a superb job of rounding out the stories. It is an excellent read for anyone interested in the Force and its history especially in Vancouver. Edited by Donna Morse and Ric Hall

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22 MURDERS



Almost 3 years now since the brutal rampage of a maniac killer violently ended the lives of 22 people in Portapique, NS.

The Mass Casualty Commission (MCC) has released its report on its

findings and most of us will be familiar with those.

So why a review of this book now? After a lifetime in investigations and trying to establish facts and truths I and many of you, will want to have the facts laid out before us so we can determine what really happened in any given situation. Now that the MCC has laid out its findings it is still important to know that there are two sides to every story and this book reveals and asks questions that don't seem to have been answered even now.

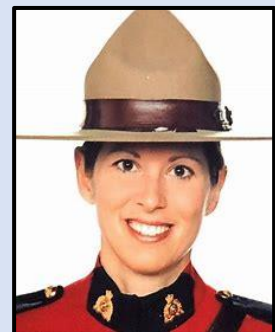
Palango is unrelentless in his questioning of not only the RCMP but also the Nova Scotia Government and Canada's Federal Governments handling of their respective responsibilities in relation to this mass killing spree. The mainstream media comes in for a hammering also. In the first chapters Palango advocates disbandment of the Force making

it a difficult book to read for any serving or retired RCMP members. The MCC certainly doesn't advocate this.

Palango pulls no punches in his lambasting of our organization in tracking down and neutralizing the shooter, Gabriel Wortman. However, the readers perseverance pays off for the sake of understanding the issues involved which are many, varied and ultimately highly tragic.

The input from serving and retired RCMP members is quite staggering. Details of the events late on April 18th and early April 19th 2020 are covered in detail perhaps to a greater degree than has been discussed in the media. One of the most telling was the finding that no one was warned about the shooter's identity until the following day when a call transcript clearly shows the first officer on the scene, an RCMP member doing the job valiantly, stating on the radio to the dispatcher that it was Wortman who was the shooter and he was driving a marked police car. Had this information been passed along faster than it was Wortman's neutralization might have come much earlier and many of the victims could have been saved, including the life of Constable Heidi Stevenson.

Palango backs up his claims with source material references not the very least of which are many named (and some who asked for anonymity) RCMP serving and retired members from Nova Scotia who were involved or who had had previous dealings with Wortman.



Hind site is 20-20 its true but so should the investigation by the authorities as to what

happened i.e., what went wrong and how reoccurrence can be prevented.

Palango's claims include throwing doubt on the MCC ability to get to the truth. He points out that the Nova Scotia Government appointed MCC was only appointed after a storm ensuing over the proposal to institute a "Judicial Review". I.e., no witnesses just an examination of records. The NS Govt in determining how the "impartial" investigation would take place insisted it be "looked at through the lens of domestic violence" when most of the victims either did not know Wortman at all or had only fleeting contact with him previously.

In addition, the MCC would only allow police witnesses be cross examined by lawyers for the victims, not civilians, presumably to protect Wortman's common law spouse of 19 years Lisa Banfield, who survived and claimed to be a victim of Wortman's domestic violence. (She was charged by the RCMP investigative team with supplying ammunition to Wortman by smuggling it into Canada for him from the USA. She did not go to court but sent by the prosecution for "Restorative Justice" effectively dropping all charges against her)

Banfield's drafted statement to the police was inconsistent with other testimony and statements and was to be challenged by the victim's families' lawyers. The victims' legal representatives were not allowed to challenge Ms. Banfield on these inconsistencies when she testified at the MCC. Wortman, it also has to be said, possessed a large quantity of weaponry none of which he was legally entitled to own. Difficult to imagine that Ms. Banfield had no knowledge of this.

Wortman possessed considerable wealth in real estate holdings, cash and other material

assets – machinery, vehicles etc. Ms. Banfield, as Workman's common law spouse, stands to inherit most of it, if she is found blameless. The victims' families are having to pursue a civil claim against Wortman's estate.

Palango's own profession comes in for a hammering i.e., the mainstream media by not publishing these and other significant facts about the events of those two days and the aftermath described here; facts which may well have changed public perception on many counts.

It's a hard story to swallow especially for us but I certainly recommend it. There is no doubt that this case will result in major overhaul of procedures in the RCMP particularly in Nova Scotia in dealing with mass shootings and serious major incidents. For this reason alone, we would all value from having a close look. It is available in all good bookstores including Amazon @ \$26.95. The MCC has a website where their investigations and findings are available. Click on [Final Report | Mass Casualty Commission](#)

HISTORICAL CORNER

For future issues but see Book Review on page 4 "Duty Done"

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The attached link gives a range of employment opportunities for retired and former police officers and is advertised on our National Website. [Job Opportunities – RCMP Veteran's Association / Association des Vétérans de la GRC \(rcmpva.org\)](#)

[Off Duty Services Canada](#) - Seeking interest from former law enforcement professionals in the GVRD. Plse contact Rob Thorarinson. Operations Manager. Forsythe Security ULC, Suite 1100, 1631 Dickson Ave. Kelowna, BC.

V1Y OB5 Phone 604-215 2231 or
rthorarinson@offdutyservices.com

SPORTS

For various reasons, our annual Veterans golf tournament fell by the wayside a few years ago. Our late comrade, Bill Duckworth, was a key organizer of this annual event. As many of you know, a lot of effort goes into putting together a golf tournament and it is likely too late to attempt revival for this year. If the interest is there, however, we may be able to book a block of tee times at one of the local courses to get together. If you are interested in exploring this or interested in organizing a Veterans Golf Tournament in 2024 please send a note to President Ron Morse at: rimorse021@gmail.com.

NEWS FROM THE FORCE

The 150th anniversary year will see a Coronation of The King, new Commissioner sworn in and dedication of a new Regimental Guidon.

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As details become known details will be published here. Stay tuned. (see later for Canadian Coronation info)

GOOD and WELFARE

Dan Lemieux, one of our most senior members messaged us from his West Vancouver home as follows: “Hi Dave - I am now 94 years old and I tell my friends....I am not getting better, but I



am not getting worse. My wife Maxine passed away a couple of years ago. Our daughter Wendy is very supportive. I live in a 2 bed apartment in West Vancouver.

(address supplied)

I have a great view of English Bay and Lion's Gate Bridge. I have good memories of our friendship. Thanks for the e-mail. “ Dan was a member of the Surrey Detachment in BC in early 50’s when it was a two man posting! In those days there was no Port Mann Bridge. More info on Dan by clicking this link;

[S/Sgt. Dan Lemieux | RCMP Veterans' Association - Vancouver Division \(rcmpveteransvancouver.com\)](http://rcmpveteransvancouver.com)

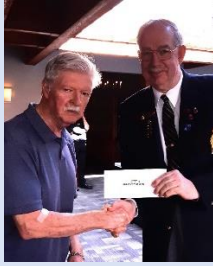
PHOTO GALLERY

MARCH MEETING

Hazelmeere Golf Club. March 16th 2023

Eric Wheeler and Ray Power went to Depot together in 1966!





Ross Maitland was the 50-50 draw winner being presented here with his prize by Bob Underhill.

Service Bar Awards



40 yr Hugh Meiklejohn; 15 yr Neil Davidge, Elton Deans, Geof Kraemer; 20 yr Eric Wheeler; 30 yr Keith Leishman Ray Kielan; and 35 yr Alan Scott.



Ray Kieran, Larry Kostiuik +1



Bob Underhill, Brian Douglas, Robin Stutt, Ed Bulpit, Dave Woods and Bev Bullock.



George Garret, Karen Frost and John Buis.

HONOR GUARD

(Always looking for new members- contact Murray Machem) Here is one of our events previously unpublicised.

E Division Change of Command Ceremony. Tuesday September 21st 2022

E Division Change of Command Ceremony took place at the Langley Events Centre. Deputy Commissioner Jennifer Strachan handed over command to Deputy Commissioner Dwayne McDonald. Commissioner Lucki officiated. Vancouver Division of the RCMP Vets was invited to attend.

The outgoing and incoming Deputy Commissioners are both strong supporters of RCMP Veterans and their issues. Five marching veterans attended including Gordon Cave, Division President (now Past President) Laurier Cadieux NCOs Mess Liaison Officer, Rosemary

Bowman who travelled from North Saanich, VI Division, Dave Attfield and the author. Other members attending were Ron and Donna Morse, then Vice President and Chair of Board of Governors respectively, Ric Hall, Division Historian and others supporting those on parade from the VIP benches. 125 uniformed regular members were on parade including regular members with color party, our veterans and the RCMP Pipes and Drums.

The day was a long one 4 hrs drill practice most ably and painlessly guided by A/Sgt Nathan Olson, a short break for lunch and then the main event at 2pm. The RCMP Pipes and Drums attended in the afternoon and were greatly missed in the morning to keep us all in step! The proceedings were opened with "Oh Canada". The master of ceremonies was Staff Sergeant Marie Isabelle Dupont who introduced First Nations representatives from the Semiahmoo Nation, Elder Willard Cook and Regional Chief Terry Teegee. Elder Cook offered a traditional prayer and Chief Teegee gave a talk on responses to truth and reconciliation, supporting initiatives and commitments within the RCMP.

D/Comm Strachan spoke to the assembled members and guests and gave an amusing but touching talk on what she would like to have achieved more of in her service. Her message was concerned with members and self welfare and positive mentorship. Taking care of oneself is, the D/Comm. Stressed, paramount and shouldn't be overlooked when working the long hours and overtime very much prevalent these days. D/Comm Strachan later approached the retired members at the reception and thanked us all for our attendance and service. She was given a warm welcome to the ranks of the RCMP Veterans!

D/Comm McDonald spoke on the current situation with negative social media campaigns against law enforcement in general and the

RCMP in particular. He so very ably reminded the serving members to not waver from the path they have chosen in joining and being a part of one of the most honorable professions and to pay no attention to negative media coverage of late; wear your uniform as he does as a cloak of honor, opinions most of us in the RCMP Veterans organization all share.

The E Division Chaplain, Jim Turner gave a blessing to the event and offered prayer to guide us all in the future. A number of senior officers from local municipal police Departments were in attendance including Chief Adam Palmer from the VPD and Chief Del Manak from the Victoria PD. Following the respectful march pasts, the proceedings were ended by the singing of Canadas amended secondary national anthem reflecting the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and the accession of King Charles III. Ie "God Save The King"

A reception followed at which the Corps Sgt Major Al McCambrige approached the Veterans and thanked them for their participation and service. Al chatted in the short time allowed on a casual, friendly and amiable basis with the entire group. A charming and interesting individual.

PHOTO GALLERY-Honor Guard

Change of Command-Vancouver Division Honor Guard



L to R -Laurier Cadeux, Gordon Cave, Dave Reece, Rosemary Bowman (VI Div) David Attfield.

On Parade.



L to R front rank
u/k Officer-
David Attfield –
Gordon Cave-
David Reece

CANADIAN CORONATION CEREMONIES 2023

Prime Minister announces Canadian ceremony to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III March 16, 2023 Ottawa, Ontario - Canadian Press

In less than two months, Canada will mark the Coronation of its new monarch, His Majesty King Charles III. The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, today announced that a ceremony will be held in Ottawa for His Majesty’s Coronation on May 6, 2023, beginning a new chapter in our country’s history. The ceremony will acknowledge the special relationship His Majesty has had with Canada for over 50 years and celebrate his reign as King of Canada.

The event will include speeches, artistic performances, and special unveilings. Dignitaries from the Table of Precedence of Canada, including members of the King’s Privy Council for Canada, eminent Canadians, and individuals with ties to causes dear to His Majesty will be in attendance. His Majesty’s Coronation in the United Kingdom will take place at Westminster Abbey, in London, on the same day. It will be followed by various public events on May 7 and 8, 2023, including a Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle. The Canadian delegation attending the Coronation Service will be announced in the coming weeks.

On May 6 and 7, 2023, Canadians will celebrate the King’s Coronation in communities across the country. They will also be invited to take part in

activities organized at Rideau Hall, where they will be able to visit the Residence of the Governor General and learn more about the Canadian Crown. Quote:

“His Majesty has a long history and a special relationship with Canada, and we look forward to celebrating his Coronation in May. In addition to the ceremony in Ottawa, I invite Canadians to take part in events and activities that will take place in their communities to mark this important occasion. Together, we look to the future and the continued betterment of the Commonwealth and its people.” -The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada.

Quick Facts Canada is a constitutional monarchy, and The King is Canada’s Head of State. His Majesty King Charles III acceded to the Throne on September 8, 2022, following the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. His Majesty and the Queen Consort, then Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall, last visited Canada in 2022 as part of a three-day Royal Tour, with stops in Newfoundland and Labrador, the National Capital Region, and the Northwest Territories, to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, marking the 70th anniversary of her accession to the Throne.

Details on how to watch the Canadian ceremony in Ottawa will be provided in the coming weeks.

International Police Association



The International Police Association (IPA) is a Friendship Organization of over 65 countries (referred to as Sections) and 320,000 members.

Founded in 1950 by Arthur Troop, a UK Police Sergeant, he had a vision of a worldwide society of cooperation and Friendship amongst Police Officers. Canada joined the IPA in 1961 and has over 2,500 members from 15 Regions (like the RCMP Vet's Divisions) across the country. We are an independent body of sworn members of a Police Service, Auxiliary/Reserve, Military and CBSA, whether active or retired, who have the

common interest in Travel and meeting like-minded individuals. Yearly dues are \$35.00!

The advantages of belonging to this International Family include travel (meeting people who can offer that special, Individual experience), unique accommodations in our Hosting Book (IPA Sections own over 60 properties, which are rented at very favorable rates to our members), Training Opportunities (Canada/Vancouver held 2 at PRTC*, with one in 2019 which hosted 20+ members from 10+ countries and one in 2022 which hosted 22 German IPA Members), Scholarships and Young Police Officer Seminars/YPOS for serving members (pass this opportunity to join along to your Children who should join the IPA!), Contests, and hobbies.

Friendship Weeks are very popular among retired members, who take advantage of personal treatment from Host Section members who have a unique, in-depth knowledge of their countries. International visitors love to visit the Vancouver area (IPA Canada, Region 9), for our scenery and meeting new members! Many just want to have a coffee/meal, learn about the area we call home and meet an Iconic Mountie! If interested in knowing more about this great organization, check out both the International web site (www.ipa-international.org) and Canada site (www.ipa-canada.org) Better yet, ask one of our 7 plus Vet's who are ALSO IPA Members!



* Pacific Regional Training Centre - Chilliwack BC

Welcome to the Family! - *Karen Frost*

Editors Note

Dear Members and Friends of the RCMP Veterans Vancouver Division. I was asked to compile a newsletter on your behalf and this is the first Members edition. I hope you find it of interest. I will try my best to provide interesting material but the content really is a team effort from all your Executive

Members and yourselves. If you have articles or items of interest, please don't be shy in sending on to us. The only criteria we apply is that we want material of interest to Vancouver Division members and subject to rules of decency and professionalism in publication. Controversial issues are welcome but please remain civil and we may have to caveat that the writers' opinions and submissions are not policy of the Vancouver Division executive or membership. We know there is a host of writing and other talent among all our 360 or so members and as this is your newsletter, we all want to hear from you. Plse also note that if like me you like to read a newsletter in your favorite comfy chair with coffee or something stronger then this format is designed to be easily printed in tabloid form on 11x17 paper. Simply load it into a thumbnail drive and take it to Staples who will print it for modest cost! If you are really computer savvy you can upload the newsletter to an account at Staples who will have it printed it for you to collect! This will also facilitate our printing for our members who are unable to use computers to view this newsletter.

*Best regards and welcome to the new newsletter! -
Dave Reece*