



Presidents Message

2025 has not started out as many of us had envisioned, and the majority of those expectations were affected by health. Ric Hall and John Sherstone both are, as of this writing, in hospital, and we are wishing them well for a speedy recovery.

The Veterans Association still is active, only not as I had foreseen this happening. But picking up and taking the reins while our President is away has been an easy task and with the help of the remaining executive, we will get our programs delivered.

Support & Advocacy remains a top concern for all Veterans Associations across Canada and the additional task of the homeless problems for veterans is a continued concern for us. We've experienced growing pains, but quick responses have solved problems. Locally we have just had a successful luncheon, and our guest speaker was extremely informative. Chris McNeil, Chair of Veterans Review and Appeal Board was very informative, and his presentation well received. I will summarize his talk in an email to be later distributed for all.

Director Catherine McConnell is planning a September luncheon for Chilliwack and there will be a luncheon also scheduled later in the fall locally. We are planning to again hold our Levee in January 2026. More to come on these events.

John and I have seen a need to hold a training session for Veterans who might want to join our Support & Advocacy group. The training will be an information session on what benefits are available for Veterans, how they can apply, what is needed to make the application get the required attention on the first application, and how to handle appeals and or reassessments. An email will be forthcoming as to the details.

As summer approaches, your Executive wish you safe travels and an enjoyable summer doing whatever you are planning. Drive and play safe. If you have a veteran friend and have not heard from them in a long time, take a moment and telephone them. Your call might be the call that will brighten their day. And don't forget your local coffee klatch as they are always fun and solve world problems.

Have a great Summer!

Murray Macham
Vice President RCMP Veterans Association,
Vancouver Division

LAST POST

GRAY Charles Allen, Reg No 23***9, ROD Corporal, Died December 24th 2024 aged 79. Years of Service 1965 to 2000. Divisions E, Underwater Recovery Team (Dive Section). Plse see photo entries in Photo Gallery.

CROUCHER Allan George Reg No 2***0 ROD

Sergeant Born 1943 – died 2025 Years of Service 1964 to 1984 Divisions HQ and CSIS from 1984. Our members who had CSIS service may remember Sgt Croucher.

BUTT William Douglas Reg No Auxiliary

Constable. Born 1951 died 2025 Years of Service Not Disclosed. Divisions E.

SCHINDELER William Henry Reg No 1***1, ROD

Superintendent, Died 2025 aged 94, Years of Service 1952 to 1987. Divisions D, A, HQ, K and E. VANCOUVER DIVISION LIFE MEMBER. Full OBITUARY on the

RCMP Vets National Website. Members will be reqd to log in at [RCMP Community | RCMP Veterans' Association | Ottawa, ON](#)

THOMPSON, Robert L. Reg No 2***8, ROD Sergeant, Died 2025 aged 79, Years of Service 1965 to 1995. Divisions E. Former Vancouver Division Member.

PARKER Baron , Reg No Auxiliart Constable, Died 2025 aged 58, years of service u/k. Divisions E.

KALMAN George David Reg No 2***7, ROD Cor[p]oral, Died 2025 aged 77, Years of Service 1968 to 1996, Divisions E.

JACKSON- Dolores nee JOHNSON Municipal

Employee retired. Died March 2025 aged 95. Years of Service 1963 to 1995, Divisions E Burnaby Detachment where Dolores was known to all as Mrs. J.

At 33 years old, with three teenagers at home, Dolores found herself working as a secretary for the Burnaby Detachment. Her husband had decided to go back to school to become a United

Church minister, which meant Jackson had to get a job.

She went down to the unemployment office, and a woman at that office booked Jackson an interview with Sgt. Click at Burnaby office..

“He was very nice, and he said, ‘Now, there’s a lot of swearing going on in here, and if you can’t take it, you better not take the job.’ Well, I took it,” she laughed. Jackson became the new secretary for the traffic section, a post she held until her retirement in 1995.

“I could have been the secretary to the officer in charge, ... but I preferred to stay in traffic, it was my niche,” she said. “You get to know the people. So many of them, they still keep in touch with me,” she said. “It was a wonderful part of my life, really.” (*Courtesy of “Burnaby Now” publication*)

BEKKERING Elzo Reg No 3***8 ROD Constable- Born in 1952 died in November 2024. Years of Service 1973 to 1982 Divisions E. Residing in Calgary at time of death.

KLATT Delbert Doyle known to all as “Dell” Reg No 1***6/O.798 ROD Inspector, Died 2025 aged 93. Years of Service 1953 to 1987. Divisions E, K and HQ Foreign Directorate serving in United Kingdom and Germany. Passed away at home in LeDuc, Alberta.

CHRISTIE Mark David Reg No C/6548 ROD

Civilian Member. Born 1960 Died 2025, Years of Service 2004 to 2020. Divisions E, Pilot in RCMP Air Services (Rotary Wing) . All service in Lower Mainland.

SLYWCHUK Michael David Reg No 2***4, ROD Sergeant. Died 2024 aged 80. Years of Service 1966 to 1993. Divisions E. Lst Posting was Victoria BC, Commercial Crime.

BROOKS Harold Edward. Reg No 1**4/0.788

ROD Superintendent. Died in 2025 aged 99 years. Years of Service 1948 to 1993. Divisions L, E, RCMP Band OP and H.

GORK Cindy Jean, Reg No 4**8, ROD Constable, Died 2025 aged 64. Years of Service 1996 to 2026. Divisions A. Cindy is a native of the Comox Valley and grew up in Alert Bay BC. She is seen in the image in red Serge driving HRH The Princess Royal, (Princess Anne the late Queen Elizabeth 1st daughter) in 2003 on a visit to Ottawa.

**LAFOSSE** Cheryl, Reg No 31**2, ROD Constable,

Died 2025 aged 75 yrs. Years of Service 1974 to 2005. Divisions H and B. Cheryl was a member of the first female Troop 17 in 1974/1975. No record of Cheryl serving in E Division but because

of her Troop membership and all the attention we have given to women in the force it is fitting we publish her details. Cheryl died in NL Conception Bay. Her father and brother were officers in the Force. RIP Cheryl.

JONES Richard Adam Charles Reg No 29**3 ROD Constable, Died 2025 aged 74 yrs. Years of Service Not Disclosed. Divisions E, National. Also served as House of Commons Security and as regular member of Nepean Police Service. In July 1973, Commanding Officers Commendation were awarded to Constables R.M. Curry and Richard A. C. Jones of Prince George B.C for their arrest of armed murderer. The 33-year old armed offender was later sentenced to six years for manslaughter.

MACKEY Richard Winn affectionately known as "Dick". Reg No 19**1 ROD Sergeant, Died April 2025 aged 91, Years of Service 1956 to 1989. Divisions E and A. Vancouver Division Member.

KLATT Delburne Doyle "Del" . Reg No 18**6,

0.798, ROD Inspector, Died 2025 aged 93 yrs. Years of Service 1953 to 1988.

Divisions E, K and HQ (Foerign Service

Directorate- Germant and the United Kingdom)

MUSCLOW Lorne Reg No 20650 ROD Sergeant, 1933 to 2025. Service Dates 1951 to 1981. Divisions Marine and E Div.

RAMSAY Robert John Reg No 23**7, ROD Staff Sergeant, 1942 to 2025. Service Dates 1965 to 2002, Divisions, Musical Ride, O, HQ, Foreign Service Directorate, Canadian High Commission, London England, Netherlands and Peru and E (Burnaby Det)

ROWDEN Meredith

"Mert" Reg No 15**9, ROD Staff Sergeant, 1928 to 2025. Years of Service, 1948 to 1972. Divisions D, Depot, K, E and O. Vancouver Division Life Member.

**FIELDING** George Edward Reg No 30**7, ROD

Corporal, born 1948 died 2025. Years of Service 1973 to 2008. Divisions E (Coquitlam, Maple Ridge, port Mann Freeway Patrol, Chilliwack and Vancouver Island)

ALCOCK Rodney Vallance Reg No 16**86. ROD Staff Sergeant, Born 1927 Died 2025. Years of Service 1948 to 1982. Divisions E Former Member RCMPVA Vancouver and VI Division. Passed away in Parksville BC.



NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

FIORIDO Dennis, Reg No 3***8, ROD Inspector, Service Dates -1976 to 2009. Divisions E.

HOFMANN Heidi, Reg No 4***9, ROD Constable, Service Dates - 1993 to 2023. Divisions C and E.

RIVARD Carla, Reg No 4***9, ROD Corporal, Years of Service - 2000 to 2024. Divisions E.

WINPENNY Brenda Reg No 47**1, ROD Sergeant. Service Dates- 2020 to 2025. Divisions E.

PEMBERTON George Reg No 36**1, ROD Inspector, Service Dates 1981 to 2013. Division E.

CHURCH Wayne, Reg No X2033, ROD Auxiliary Constable, Service Dates 2007 to 2014. Division E.

HAMILTON James, Reg No 19**2, ROD Staff Sergeant, Service Dates from 1966 to 1991. Divisions E.

BRYANT Gwyneth, Reg No 63**1, Still Serving Aux/Special Constable. Service Dates-2017 to present.

SIMMILL James, Reg No 35**8, ROD Staff Sergeant. Service Dates-1979 to 2014. Division E.

KOGA David Reg No N/K Staff Sergeant, Still serving. Division E

FROM THE NPF



"We Deserve Better: Why Police Across Canada Need More Than 'Thoughts and Prayers'"

By Chris Voller NPF

Every day, Canadian police officers wake up knowing there's a chance we won't come home. We accept that. But what we shouldn't have to accept is the increasing normalization of violence against us, the apathy of our justice system, and the silence from those in positions of power who are supposed to support us.

Let me be blunt: Canadian police are being targeted with increasing frequency. It's not a feeling — it's a fact. We are being assaulted, set on fire, run over, shot at, and hunted, while those who do it are often met with leniency, weak charges, and public sympathy. Meanwhile, we're expected to continue putting on the uniform and protecting the very people who vilify us; And we do. Because that's who we are. But something has to change — before more of us are maimed or killed.

Take a typical situation: a criminal act occurs. We intervene — because that's what society has asked us to do. The individual resists arrest. Maybe they're high, maybe they're in crisis, or maybe they just don't care — because they know the odds of real consequences are slim. Assaulting a peace officer? That charge is now a bargaining chip in the plea deal pile. And let's be honest — in many courts, it's become "part of the job" for us to get hurt.

I take serious issue with that. Expecting risk is one thing. Accepting violence as normal is another.

So, the individual fights us. We do what we've been trained to do — we try to control the situation, place handcuffs, and de-escalate

when we can. But we are not robots. We are human beings with families, backs that ache, and scars you'll never see. Some of us are big and strong. Some of us are small in stature. Our "suspects" are often young males, sometimes high, sometimes in mental health crisis, sometimes both — and often operating with a level of strength and pain tolerance the average citizen has no concept of.

In one recent case, an officer did just that — made an arrest after a violent struggle. The suspect later complained of pain in the cells. The officer got them medical attention, and a minor fracture was discovered. The oversight agency was informed by the police themselves, and a media release went out: "Officer under investigation after man suffers broken arm."

And that's all the public sees. No context. No mention of the struggle, the arrest, the danger. Just a broken bone — and the implication that we brutalize people with impunity. The suspect's lawyer will likely encourage him to do media interviews — because it might help his case. Meanwhile, the officer, bound by policy and professionalism, stays silent, carries the weight of the narrative, and waits under a cloud of suspicion.

This story — or one like it — plays out across Canada every single week. And the public reads it and shakes their heads, assuming the worst. Then they wonder why no one wants to be a police officer anymore. Well, here's your answer: -

Across Canada, and across the world, we're bleeding good people from this profession. Recruiting is down. Retention is worse. Officers are retiring early or burning out. We are exhausted — not just physically, but emotionally. It's not just the risk. It's the lack of support afterward; We had two Vancouver PD officers set on fire. An elected official from the Green Party

insinuated it wouldn't have happened if they weren't racist. Let that sink in. A politician blamed the officers — the victims — of an attempted murder;

In Bonnyville, Alberta, someone stole an excavator and drove it through police vehicles at a Detachment;

In Nunavut, a member had a loaded rifle pointed to them this weekend — and now faces public scrutiny for surviving a violent encounter, and has to live with the outcome of a situation they were forced into by that individual; and

In Duncan, BC, a colleague, Sgt. Pharis, was run over in our own detachment parking lot — his career ended. That act should have been charged as attempted murder. It wasn't; Where is justice? What happened to the sentencing principle of deterrence? - I read the Criminal Code- I know it exists.

We know we'll never have a "safe" job. That's the deal we signed up for. But it should be safer. It should be respected. And it should be backed by courts and lawmakers who understand what we face — and take violence against peace officers seriously.

We are not asking for a free pass. We are asking for fair treatment. For context. For consequences that matter. And for a public that understands that we fight to get the cuffs on — not to hurt people. But we are met with people who do try to hurt us. And when they do, there needs to be real deterrence.

Because when the system turns a blind eye to violence against police, it emboldens the next person to fight us. It fuels a vicious cycle of mistrust, misinformation, and injury for everyone involved. And it robs Canada of the good people who still believe in this job.

Are my posts too long? Yes, but the lack of context and perspective begs us to have a voice and for people to see and understand these things.

So yes — we need change. Not later. Now.

Editor- Reprinted from the NPF Facebook pages and "re-tweeted" a copy of which arrived in the editor's inbox. The NPF were consulted and confirmed the article originated from them. It deserves a MUCH WIDER circulation.

COMMISSIONER MIKE DUHEMS MESSAGE TO SERVING MEMBERS ON THE FUTURE OF CONTRACT POLICING

From Ric Hall.

The departing Prime Minister Justin Trudeau issued a "WHITE PAPER" on what should be done with the RCMP once a new Government had been formed. This was essentially the former PM's prediction of the end of contract policing by the RCMP as we know it. Already the Alberta Government in the guise of one of its ministers, Mike Ellis has taken up the cause to establish an Alberta Provincial Police.



The present Commissioner **Mike Duheme**, came out firmly against this proposal. Below is a transcript of a video he sent to all members/employees of the RCMP in response to

the government policy statement about the RCMP:

"Hi everyone!

Wasn't sure if I was going to do a vlog on this topic, but I think it's important.

Did you know that in 1896 the Government of Canada planned to pass policing off to provinces, ultimately disbanding the North-West Mounted Police?

In 1917, provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta created their own provincial police.

In 1928, in order to realize financial savings and increase efficiencies, Saskatchewan returned to the RCMP. In 1932, Alberta replaces provincial police with the RCMP. Favorable and financial terms also led Manitoba, P.E.I., Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to enter into contract policing agreements.

And over the last five years, you've heard in the news several times questioning the RCMP's true mandate. All that to say is that questions of the RCMP's mandate has been discussed several times over the last 152 years. Which brings me to the White Paper submitted by the outgoing Prime Minister, expressing his vision on the future of the RCMP. After being informed of such, I didn't go public because I didn't want to give it more than what it was. It's basically a paper from the outgoing Prime Minister who decided to publicly share his vision on his way out. I can appreciate hearing such a vision may raise questions and concerns, but trust me when I say this is not my vision.

When I took the job, I knew the government was looking at strengthening federal policing, but strengthening federal policing should not come at the expense of contract.

We are ONE organization with three key mandates from frontline policing, federal policing, specialized services. And let's not forget all the people who are supporting on a daily basis our operations. All of this is intertwined.

We find ourselves in this position of questioning the RCMP's structure because of one simple reason. The RCMP has been underfunded for years to deliver on its mandates. Put things in perspective. Our annual budget is roughly around \$6.1 billion. Out of that \$6.1 billion, there's 45% of that money that I cannot touch, because that's the contracts that we have with the provinces and territories. So the rest is federal policing, special police services and administrative support services. So when you look at budget cuts over the years from the government, there's that 45% that I can't touch. So when you expand that over 20 years, you understand the steady state of erosion on the federal side, the special police service side and administrative support side.

I'm always open to change, and I think any organization must be alert to its shifting operational environment, but it must be the right changes with input from our subject matter experts. In May 2024, former Minister of Public Safety, Dominic LeBlanc, signed a letter expressing the government's desire to enter into negotiations for the next round of contract, being 2032 and beyond. And to this date, I have not been informed that this course has changed. I commit to you that if there are any changes to this position, you will hear it from me first.

Since being in the position, I've had the chance to visit every division and meet some remarkable people who make up this great organization. And if there's one thing I'm sure of, is the strength of our organization as being ONE. We police 75% of Canada. So think of the flow of information between one organization. The surge capacity that exists as well. The capacity that we have to mobilize folks for major events. That speaks a lot about having one single organization.

We all work together every single day to ensure the safety of Canadians from the East Coast to the West coast, from North to South. That is something I'm proud of. So I ask that you keep up the excellent work, and I count on each and every one of you to make this organization even better. Thank you for your support and your dedication."

Ric Hall says "Pretty darned good I'd say" and your editor agrees.

**SYMPOSIUM on WOMEN in THE RCMP and
50th ANNIVERSARY OF GRADUATION OF
TROOP 17**

Karen Frost: *"On Wednesday 16th April 2025 I attended this get together at E Division NCOs and Officers Mess Green Timbers. We were joined by Heidi Hoffmann, Nancy Joyce (behind Bar), Catherine McConnell plus Ric Hall and Bob Underhill.*

There were over 100 Ladies representing the First Troop up to New Mounties! Special thanks to Bev Busson, Laurie White and the Pioneers from Troop 17! The invited ladies took part in a day of seminars and speeches ending with a social that took up both Messes for networking, door prizes, pieces of our 1st Red Serge, and lots of Appetizers.

I met several who served with me over 25 years ago I retired 20 yrs ago this July!"
Karen is the RCMPVA Vanc. Div. Secretary.

Ric Hall: *"I did attend the 50 year social honoring women in the RCMP at E Div HQS. I did meet up with actually several, members of Troop 17. Here is a photo of one of the Troop 17 members. I recall teaching, on occasion, back in the day instructing her foot drill. Not sure what happened to her, oops now I remember. Commissioner of the RCMP and a member of the Senate."* Ric is the RCMPVA Vanc. Div, Historian.



Above Bev Busson and Ric Hall.



Bev Busson and Jane Cameron Chersack



Sitting L-R: Bernie Smandych-Woods (plaid shirt), Jane Cameron-Chersack (white vest), Beth Connal-McDonald, Standing: Bev Busson, Catherine McConnell

SEARCHING FOR TROOPMATES

TROOP 14 (1975/1976)

A 50 year reunion is being planned for August 2025, Looking to contact Cpl John "Gill" Campbell, Reg No 32909. John retired from the Force on Dec 19th 2002 after serving in E

Division. Any information please to Ed Plitz at plitz@telusplanet.net.

Troop 33.

A 50 year reunion is planned for in summer of 2025 in Regina. Troopmates are asked to contact Robert Poland at deegahdog@shaw.ca. or phone 250 919 5979

Troop 10 (1975/1976)

50 year reunion in August. Searching for Keith T. Davidson, Reg No 32775

, (0.2028) believed to be in the Vancouver area.

Info to Glen Haner hanner62@telus.net or Roger Martin at rm32741@yahoo.com

HELP WANTED

From Murray Macham

The RCMP Veterans Association Vancouver Division is seeking volunteers to step forward and help with the Executive. Volunteering is a rewarding experience as you give back and help make an enjoyable place to socialize with former workmates, and those you have a common bond with.

We recently thanked Veteran David Attfield for stepping forward and he has taken over the Honour Guard. The Guard will be changed shortly on the web site as to what the Veterans will provide if requested for a funeral or celebration of life.

All positions on the Executive are looking for a shadow person to come onto the Executive and shadow an area that you might be interested in. Additionally, we are looking for volunteers to join the Support and Advocacy Team (Note: if you are detail oriented and enjoy helping others this will appeal to you, and training will be developed within the next months)

Do you have experience in web site maintenance and security? If so, we really need your help. Our web site is in need of a cleanup, and changes to many areas.

Lastly, we are looking for a Veteran out in Abbotsford or Chilliwack to fill the vacancy that

Veteran Art Hoivik left. Art was strategic in getting the luncheons organized in Chilliwack that provided us with a lot of good times. What this position does is provide the liaison between the Veterans and the supplier of the venue and catering company. Art and I will help as needed but we need someone to be the primary contact.

If you are interested, please contact me:

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Vancouver Division
Vice President, Support & Advocacy.
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ADVOCACY

From President John Sherstone.

**CENTRE OF CLINICAL EXCELLENCE FOR
VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDER HEALTH,
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V3T 0S3, CANADA, 17784019276**

Programs Designed for Veterans – ACE for PTSD & ADHD

Hi everyone,
I wanted to share information about two new virtual programs available to Veterans in BC and Nova Scotia through the Centre of Clinical Excellence for Veterans and First Responders Health.

The Attention and Cognitive Enhancement (ACE) for PTSD and ACE for ADHD programs are psychiatrist-led, two-phase programs specifically designed to support Veterans in improving cognitive function, managing symptoms, and building practical skills for everyday life.

Both programs are fully virtual and may be eligible for full coverage through Number benefits.

ACE for PTSDA trauma-informed program tailored to improve attention,

memory, and executive function skills for individuals living with PTSD.

What's included: Virtual cognitive assessment; and One-on-one evaluation with a psychiatrist.

Phase One: Twice weekly educational and practical sessions focused on building tools to manage PTSD symptoms and improve day-to-day functioning; and Phase Two: Once weekly group counselling sessions including guided emotional processing, peer support, and deeper integration of strategies from Phase One

ACE for ADHD structured, Veteran-focused program that provides education, tools, and support to manage ADHD symptoms and improve executive function.

What's included: Virtual cognitive assessment; and One-on-one evaluation with a psychiatrist. Phase One: Twice-weekly sessions covering ADHD education; treatment options; executive function skills; and lifestyle strategies. Phase Two: Cognitive training software and ongoing group sessions for continued support.
Lindsay Goulet

PHOTO GALLERY

**Corporal Charles Allen Gray Celebration of Life
March 28th 2025 Royal Canadian Legion,
Abbotsford BC.**



General Meeting Royal Canadian Legion Cloverdale Branch March 26th 2025



TOP NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED L to R Ray Power Vanc.Div Membership Director, Heidi Hofman, Bob West and Merv Bader.

President John Sherstone presents 30 yrs membership PIN to Ray Kieran.

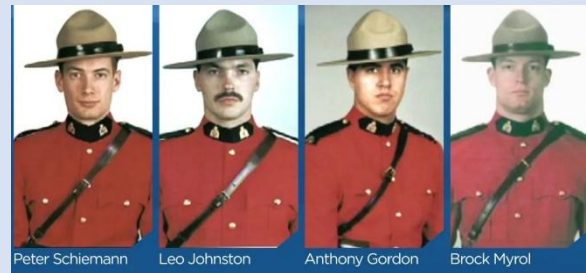
Next down Dave Woods, Eric Ross, Merv Karolek, Catherine McConnell and Brian McDonald.

Bottom Doug Comrie, Clay Brown and Andy Johnson.

MAYERTHORPE MEMORIAL, North Vancouver Detachment March 7th 2025.

Second year the North Vancouver detachment have put on this memorial, organised by Cst Paul Reece of the Youth Section under Supervision of A/Sgt Paulo Arreaga.

Detachment members attended and there was a short service by the Reverend Helen Dunn. Your editor was invited to attend but any North Shore veteran interested in attending are welcome. The event is a short one but quite moving and very respectful. The Anglican Curate gave a most touching eulogy to the fallen members.





Top: Cst Paul Reece A/Sgt Paulo Arreaga, Veteran David Reece marching on.
Centre Wreath laying and respects.
Below L to R David Reece, Cst Paul Reece and A/Sgt Paulo Arreaga utilising the Detachments Indigenous Memorial.
Bottom: Reverend Helen Dunn, Rector of St. Clements Anglican Church, Lynn Valley, North Vancouver. Supt J. Lucash and Doris Paul, Squamish Nation Elder.

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RCMP QUARTERLY - REVIEW



The spring issue is out now, and the main piece refers to the Canadian peacekeeping mission in Cyprus. The UN were given the mandate to keep the peace in 1960 which was to separate the Greeks and the Turkish population. Much later Canadian Forces accompanied by RCMP members were involved in doing just that, keeping the peace. The centuries old dispute between the two population factions went back to the days when Cyprus was part of the Turkish Ottoman Empire which effectively came to an end following the defeat of the Turks by the Allies in 1918. Britain administered the Island until 1960 when Independence for the Island was settled.

VAC sponsored the trip which occurred in November 2024. There are group photos of those returning to the Island for the 60th Anniversary celebrations including the RCMP veteran's contingent who joined the CF veterans. RCMP Retired Sgt. Major Sean Darling was front and centre in all the ceremonies including a Remembrance Day service at the

cenotaph in Nicosia. That location is right on the demarcation line which still separates the Greek and Turkish sectors.



The article is very well written, lots of photos and very up to date in its context. If you don't receive the Quarterly, try and beg or borrow a copy or its only \$40.00 a year including shipping; it's well worth the read.

Also in this edition are photos and descriptions of the RCMP Pipes and Drums who travelled to Edinburgh for the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in August 2024. The band was the National Capital District Band and were adorned with the new Corps Operational Honour's to mimic the RCMP Guidon presented to the Force in 2023 (reported on in this newsletter by attending Vancouver Division members). The Band was led by Pipe Major Graeme Ogilvie, Drum Major Brad Hampson and lead drummer Andy Main. Huge work and preparation go into this trip and performance and again a very worthwhile read in the latest edition of quarterly. (please note the photo from this year's trip wasn't available when we went to press so included an available 2019 photo instead, no less Grande!)



MEDAL MOUNTING

With the issue of Coronation Medals some members may wish to have them court (or group) mounted with existing decorations. Help is at hand and both the b/m chaps do a great job and are highly recommended. Bob is located in North Vancouver and Bill Costain in New Westminster.

These guys are expert at mounting decorations but also in providing lots of information about decorations generally including for restoring or replacing family members and friends and colleagues' ribbons and bars for display.

Editor.

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Hope you enjoyed reading this issue.

David Reece Ed.