



A/Presidents Message

On behalf of President John Sherstone, the Vancouver Division of the RCMP Veterans Association is hoping that your summer is going as your plans had been developed and you're enjoying our great summer. So, the last newsletter, writing from the Vice



Presidents desk (my easy chair at home) I suggested my term in this office has started off with unexpected duties. That has not changed as our President John Sherstone, although recovering, is still not up to his usual self. We are wishing him a speedy recovery. And not to go unmentioned is Ric Hall who had been hospitalized for a lengthy period, his health stabilized and was sent home, only to go down and went back to hospital for a brief stay. I'm told he is well and on the mend. I'm looking forward to seeing both John and Rick back with us and healthy and I know you will all join with me in wishing them well.

So, has the Association stopped? No it hasn't and behind the scenes Catherine McConnell has put together our September luncheon and an email will be forthcoming with dates, location in Chilliwack, and sign-up instructions. Watch for it and I promise to have the exact address etc. in this forthcoming email to you all. We have arranged for one of the

Instructional Staff at the Pacific

Regional Training Centre to speak to us and give us an overview of just how this Centre has grown and what it does.

Following up on this, the new Officer in Charge of Air Services has been talking with the Association and we have decided to offer the Veterans a show and tell session at their Boundary Bay facilities. You will be getting an email to cover this, and it will consist of a sign up of a limited number of spaces for a specific date. If this is successful, we will do another date. I think it will be an interesting outing to view what is happening in this busy division of support and hear from the pilots and interact with them. Then afterward down the road with the group to a local pub for a burger and a beer.

As summer comes to its end, I hope you all are making the best of it, are able to do what you want to do, and are having fun with your family.

Remember always the Association has a strong support and advocacy group and we are here to help you get the services you are eligible for through various agencies.

Murray Macham

RCMP VETERANS ASSOCIATION

VANCOUVER DIVISION

Vice President and Support & Advocacy

LAST POST

CROSBY-JONES Phil, Reg No. 19504 ROD Constable. Years of service 1958 to 1960. Born in 1933 Died 2025 aged 92. Divisions K. Previous service with Staffordshire

Constabulary, England. Following purchasing his discharge from the RCMP, served with Calgary Police Service. On retirement from CPS he became the Director of the Police Academy at the Justice Institute of British Columbia, New Westminster.

He is acknowledged as one of the founders of the Calgary Police Half-Marathon and the Law Enforcement Torch Run in British Columbia. He was elected as President of the Canadian Section of the International Police Association in 1968 and served as President of the Calgary Police Association in the 1970s .



OLFERT, Edward Isaac Reg No 18876, ROD Staff Sergeant. Died 2025 aged 89. Years of Service 1955 to 1992, Divisions F and E. Vancouver Division Member.



BREKER Ronald Michael, Reg No 18908, ROD Sergeant, Died 2025 aged 91. Years of Service 1955 to 1981. Divisions E. Former member of Vancouver Division.



TIPPE, Margaret Mary "Peggy" (nee MacDougall), Municipal Employee, Dispatcher, Coquitlam RCMP Detachment, Died 2025 aged 81. Years of Service 1970 to 1990.

Divisions E.

CUSATOR James Edward Reg No 28749, ROD Corporal, died 2025 aged 73. Years of Service 1971 to 2004. Divisions E, Forensic Identification Unit.



BISHOP Thomas E. Reg No 23857, ROD Sergeant, Died 2025 aged 80. Years of Service 1965 to 1995, Divisions E.

HALL Richard George Stanley, Reg No. 27988, died 2025 aged 87. Years of Service 1968 to 1982. Divisions E and Marine Squad. Former member of Central Vancouver Island Division.



ISAIAH Gordon Thomas, Reg No 43678, ROD Sergeant, Died 2025 aged 55 yrs. Years of Service 1991 to 2017. Divisions E, D, F and G. Edmonton Division Member.



LOWREY Wayne Alexander, Reg No 34703, Died 2025 aged 71at Sheridan Lake BC. Years of service 1978 to 1988. Divisions E and G. Previous service in BC Correctional

Service at the old BC Pen in New Westminster. Retired from RCMP out of Sechelt, BC.



BOWYER Hugh Dickson BEM, Reg No 17909 ROD Staff Sergeant, died 2025 aged 92. Years of Service 1952 to 1979. Divisions E. Former Member Vancouver

Division RCMPVA. While serving in Shawnigan Lake Detachment, he was awarded the British Empire Medal for Gallantry for his part in the rescue of a man trapped and buried in a gypsum quarry.



KITTLE Clinton Neil Reg No 21159 ROD Constable. Years of Service 1959 to 1965. Died 2025 aged 89. Divisions E Surrey, Port Mann and New West. Post service became Crown Counsel in BC,



PARROT William Clarence Reg No 20251 ROD Sergeant Years of Service 1957 to 1993. Died in 2025 aged 91. Divisions E, HQ and A. Member of Vancouver Division.



YARD Gilbert Fraser Reg No 21890/O.1371 ROD Superintendent, died 2025 aged 84. Years of Service 1961 to 1998. Divisions K, Depot, HQ and E. Vancouver Division Member.



FALLS Thomas David Reg No 25131, ROD Staff Sergeant, Died 2025 aged 81, Years of Service 1966 to 2000. Divisions Depot, P (Penhold) and E (most of service in Lower Mainland and

Vernon)

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

VIZCAINO Melanie RegNo 67564 (Serving) Rank Constable Divisions E.

HODGES Paul Reg No 47453 ROD Sergeant Served from 2000 to 2025 Divisions E

LARGY Brian Reg No 35883 ROD Corporal Served from 1979 to 2017. Divisions E

GOODNOUGH Blair Reg No 49644 ROD Constable Served from October 2002 to 2025. Divisions E.

GOUIN Mike Reg No 39690 ROD Sergeant, Served from 1987 to 2018 Divisions E.

YEE William Reg No 0.3317 ROD Superintendent, served from 1996 to 2025. Divisions E

FITZPATRICK Brendan Reg No 39201 No further details.

BUGLE CALL

REMINDER: CHANGES TO PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESSES

This is a reminder to our membership of any change to your personal email address. It is imperative that you send an email to communications@rcmpva.org and our membership director Ray Power at rayipower@yahoo.com noting your new email address. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

INCREASE in MEMBERSHIP DUES

All members should know that the Executive of the Vancouver Division have voted to increase membership dues to \$75.00 which will be applied on next registration. B. CRAM Treasurer.

EVENTS

GENERAL MEETINGMAY 21st 2025 RCL #8, Cloverdale BC.

Guest speaker was Chris McNeil, Chair of the Review and Appeal Board of Veterans Affairs and a retired Police Superintendent. Points are noted below as take aways from his presentation.

Veterans Affairs is a Crown Business, and as such runs on a budget. They have allotted \$4000 per eligible veteran in Canada. That means they believe that each and every veteran could be claiming disability pensions of \$4,000 each. Are you there yet?

The RCMP are very different than the Canadian Armed Forces as our disability pensions fall under the Pensions Act for eligibility, and you should be very aware of what you are eligible to apply for. [Here is the link.](#)

In this link, find the part about Table of Disabilities and read them, paying attention to Chapter 25 - Additional Pain and Suffering. It is a catch all section for your work-related injury and most often relates to arthritis in our later

years from injuries occurred on the job. i.e. - you broke your arm during an arrest, and you got a cast put on it and went back to work. Hearing Impairment is probably the most applied disability BUT (and this is important) it should be reassessed every time you get new hearing aids given to you.

Veterans Attendance Allowance and Exceptional Incapacity Allowance. See the noted links here; [ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE](#) / [EXCEPTIONAL INCAPACITY ALLOWANCE](#)

Some disabilities have a major financial impact on your life. The Exceptional Incapacity Allowance recognizes this extra cost with a tax-free monthly payment.

These above allowances are about quality of life. In other words, your disability has affected your daily living. Perhaps you need a cane, walker or scooter to get around and out and about, maybe home alterations like stair chair lifts, shower handrails, elevated comfort toilets etc.

And again, disability should be reassessed as you age.

it's under 48% your spouse will receive 100% of your disability payments for the next 12 months after death, then it will be reduced substantially. At 48% or higher the disability pension remains at 100% for life. Know what your percentage is and if you don't know as your Case Manager at Veterans Affairs and ask if you are perhaps missing out on something that could be obvious.

When being reassessed and you are asked to talk about yourself. ALWAYS TALK ABOUT YOUR WORST DAY OR DAYS AND QUIT TRYING TO BUILD YOURSELF UP BECAUSE YOU ARE A STRONG MOUNTIE.

We often hear this line. "Well, my injury was minor, and I just dealt with it and worked through it.", or similar lines that it was no big deal. Maybe it wasn't at the time, but the sore back from heavy loads didn't go away. In age it turned into arthritis and your medical doctor will confirm the presence of that disease. It's work related and the sooner you get your claim in the better. If it's turned down, it can be appealed. However, you're holding Access in



Ideally you should aim for a disability of 48% or higher. What this relates to is the spousal portion of your disability after your passing. If

your hand in this game, and it's your ability to get a thorough and proper assessment from a professional by applying for it through the

Clinical Center of Excellence in Surrey. And it's free to you as a Veteran of the RCMP.

And lastly the best line takes away of the day.

"Police veterans would sooner acknowledge being a drunk than having a mental health Occupational Stress Injury".

Think about that one. It's okay to admit you need help.

Thanks for your attendance at our luncheon as it was a great event, and my personal thanks to our President John Sherstone for arranging for our guest speaker.

Murray Macham

Vice President and Support & Advocacy

RCMP Veterans Association

Vancouver Division

Above Photos Guest speaker Chris McNeil and A/President Murray Macam



New Members sworn in at the meeting Gwyneth Bryant and Terry Day with Membership Director Ray Power and A/Pres, Murray Macham.

Burnaby RCMP Open House

On May 31st last Burnaby Detachment held an open house to which the public attended. Pierre McConnell our Director in the Vancouver Division Advocacy Team, attended and manned the veteran's tent. Elsewhere were interactive



displays from the various police units, getting photos of the members in red serge and meeting working uniformed members. The kids had a great time face painting, eating the wares of the food trucks, and lots of

other fun activities. Pierre reports that the



weather unfortunately wasn't at its best with torrential rain. It didn't put too much of a damper on things, however as Pierre was able to socialize with the members and the public alike, well done Pierre!

CANADA DAY and the ROYAL VISIT

2025 will go down as quite a momentous display of national pride in the wake of the battles with the United States Government on such things as 51st State, Trade Wars and radical changes to Canadian Government spending on Organized Crime and the Canadian Armed Forces. The turnout on Canada Day was particularly gratifying for most Canadians but the coup de grace really was the attendance of the King in Ottawa to deliver the throne speech on May 27th. Naturally the RCMP were tasked with a major portion of Ceremonials. The RCMP Corps Sergeant Major, Mike McGinley, was front and center on the organization of the RCMP part and though dropped on his desk at the last minute he did an amazing job as we have seen.

The Royal Visit May 26th and May 27th 2025 will be subject of extensive coverage in the next issue of the RCMP Quarterly.

In the century-plus since these events, the RCMP - and in particular, the Musical Ride - has shared a special bond with the Royal



The Royal Family and the RCMP

The RCMP's relationship with the Royal Family began in 1897 when members of the North-West Mounted Police paraded for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in London, England.

In 1904, King Edward VII conferred the title of Royal to the organization, which created the Royal North-West Mounted Police.



Family, specifically with the late Queen Elizabeth II. The late Queen expressed particular interest in the RCMP officers on parade during her father's coronation as King George VI.

During the late Queen Elizabeth II's reign, the RCMP presented her with eight horses: Burmese (1969), Centennial (1973), James (1998), George (2009), Elizabeth (2012), Sir John (2016), and Kluane and Darby (2019).

On September 19, 2022, five members of the RCMP Musical Ride led the funeral procession for Queen Elizabeth II in London, England, at her request. Four of the members were mounted on former Musical Ride horses that had been presented as gifts from the RCMP during her reign.

This tradition of gifting horses continued in 2023 when the RCMP gifted King Charles III a

horse named Noble, in recognition of the RCMP's 150th anniversary.

The RCMP has had a direct and personal link to The King, who has been an Honorary RCMP Commissioner since 2012 and recently became our Commissioner-in-Chief.

CANADA DAY 2025

The public interest this year of Canada day was considerable. Sadly I was away and I had no submissions of veterans photos involved in the Canada Day celebrations. The North Vancouver RCMP provided two regular members to officiate at a Citizenship Ceremony which took place on the flight deck of the HMCS Vancouver, tied up in North Vancouver for that weekend. (Photos attached) (Your editor)



L to R S/Sgt Doug Tyrusdell, R/Adm Christopher Robinson then Cmdr MARPAC, Captain of HMCS Vancouver and XO and Constable Paul Reece. (Photo courtesy of North Vanc Det).

LORD STRATHCONA HORSE MOUNTING OF THE GUARD AND THE COLOURS RETURN BY ALBERTA RCMP.

Our issue of this Newsletter Volume 3 Issue 1 in January this year detailed the account of why a Squadron pennant of the Lord Strathcona Regiment of Horse was in possession of the RCMP at that time. Ric Hall told us why and how this piece of Canadian history came to be in possession of the RCMP during the Boer War

and why it should be returned to the Regiment. This has finally been carried out and was done by RCMP in Alberta this summer. *"A piece of your Alberta RCMP history is finally returning home, 125 years later. A squadron pennant belonging to our "sister regiment" of cavalry origins, Lord Strathcona's Horse, is now back in Alberta.*



The Guidon holds great historical significance since it dates to the Second Boer War, when a number of North-West Mounted



Police members were deployed to South Africa. It was an honor for

our Commanding Officer, D/Comr. Trevor Daroux, to return this artifact during such a well-attended and colorful parade that showcased the rich cavalry and armored heritage of Lord Strathcona's Horse. #YourAlbertaRCMP" In the photos are the RCMP D/ Commissioner and Corps Sgt Major Mike McGinley.

ROYAL GUARD

And here's a photo provided by the British army and featured by the Strathcona's to mark only the third time in history that a non-UK unit has been granted the honor of serving at Horse Guards. King Charles requested the ceremonial

change. (Thank to R. Mackay Lt. RCN (Submarines) Retd.

is shared below in response to the many inquiries we've received from Veterans regarding cemetery visits.

Members of the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal



Canadians) walk in front of the Buckingham Palace and the Queen Victoria Memorial in this handout photo, on their way to take the guard at Hyde Park Barracks in London, on July 11, 2025. This is very rare for a Canadian Regiment to perform Guard Duty at Buckingham Palace. (even rarer for it be done by the RCMP.)

Visits to the Cemetery

If members of the troop would like to visit the cemetery, this can be accommodated during the tour of Depot. Individual members of the troop can also attend the cemetery on their own however, they must check in at the Guardroom located in the Fort Dufferin building.

They will then be required to provide a piece of photo identification to be retained at the Guardroom for the duration of their visit to the cemetery. They will be given a Visitor's pass, which must be visible at all times while on base. Photo identification will be returned when the Visitor pass is turned back in to the Guardroom at the end of the visit to the cemetery.

GUIDE TO PLANNING YOUR TROOP REUNION VISITS TO DEPOT DIVISION

*RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION REGINA
DIVISION reports:*

On May 9, 2025, the Guide to Planning Your Troop Reunion visits to Depot Division was distributed separately to our members. This document will also be available on the rcmpva.org website as part of the ongoing upgrades.

The guide includes a section specifically addressing visits to the Depot Cemetery, which

CENTER FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

PTSD, ADHD & Brain Fog Programs Start This
September.
Real Support. Real Results.

Please help spread the word and forward this on to anyone you feel would benefit from our programs!

If you've been feeling overwhelmed, scattered, stuck, or simply not like yourself—you're not alone.

Whether it's lingering trauma, focus issues, or that frustrating brain fog that won't lift, we have programs that are thoughtfully designed to meet the unique challenges faced by veterans and first responders who are ready for a change.

Spots are limited, and our Fall cohorts begin soon. Find the right fit for you.

Programs Attention & Cognitive Enhancement (ACE) for PTSD

Do any of these sound familiar?

Constantly on edge or hyperaware

Broken or non-existent sleep

Avoiding reminders of traumatic events

Feeling disconnected from yourself or others

We can help.

The ACE for PTSD program offers a structured, evidence-based approach to understanding how trauma impacts the brain and body — and

September Start: Specialized Programs for PTSD, ADHD & Brain Fog. How to start healing.

You'll get: Psychoeducation, Group support

Proven tools for rebuilding safety, regulation, and connection When:

Phase 1: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1 PM - 2 PM PST, starting September 9, 2025

Phase 2: Begins November 4, 2025, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1 PM–3 PM PST

How: Virtually via Zoom

Click below for more information and to register!

Learn more & Sign Up

Attention & Cognitive Enhancement (ACE) for ADHD

Is this your day-to-day?

Racing thoughts, difficulty focusing

Starting tasks but not finishing them

Struggles with memory, organization, or time management

A lifelong sense of "not measuring up"

You're not lazy or broken — and you're not alone.

The ACE for ADHD program guides adults, especially First Responders and Veterans, in understanding how ADHD affects them—and how to succeed with it.

You'll gain:

Practical strategies for focus & structure

Tools for emotional regulation

Self-compassion, tailored to your brain

Our 8-Week Program Starts September 16, 2025.

When:

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11 AM – 12 PM PST

How:

Virtually via Zoom

Spots are limited—grab yours soon!

Learn more & Sign Up

BRAIN FOG PROGRAM

Do you ever feel like your brain just isn't working right?

You lose your train of thought mid-sentence

You feel sluggish, unfocused, or emotionally flat

Daily tasks feel harder than they should

It's not just in your head — and you're not alone.

Brain fog can be linked to stress, trauma, hormonal shifts, inflammation, or sleep issues.

Our Brain Fog Program brings together a multidisciplinary team to help uncover the root causes and guide you back to clarity and energy. Our 12-Week Program Starts September 9, 2025.

When:

Tuesdays 12 PM - 1 PM PST

How:

Virtually via Zoom

Click below to grab your spot.

Learn more & Sign Up

Navigation Team

If you're ready to take the next step toward feeling better — we're here for you.

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"A DAY IN THE LIFE"

By Larry Burden.*

Death in Police Cells

1997 – The Commissioners Commendation for outstanding service was awarded to #42298 Constable David Hardy of the Jasper Alberta Detachment. When Cst. Hardy entered the detachment cells, he was jumped by a violent prisoner named Dean Welsh who overpowered him and proceeded to beat the constable with his own baton and handcuffs. Welsh then gouged at Hardy's eyes, and pepper sprayed him, as he attempted to get his gun. Though he was suffering badly from the attack Constable Hardy managed to get hold onto his gun in the struggle and in effort to save his own life he had to fire eight rounds into the man before his attacker was finally killed.

Only One arm but he got his pension money's worth!

1902 – An Order in Council granting compensation of 30 cents per day for life to #3513 Constable Seymour Farquharson because he lost his arm in a shotgun accident at Lake Labarge Yukon. Constable Farquharson served from 1900 to 1902. He collected his pension until he died in 1964.

And we thought we were out in the wilds when sent to northern postings!

1931 – Constable #10732 Joseph Sixsmith is sent to Big River, Saskatchewan to open a new

Detachment. Located north of Prince Albert, Big River was the departure point to the far north, and the graded dirt road leading to it ended fifteen miles south of town thereby leaving the traveler a choice of a number of winding trails leading out of the bush. The new detachment office was also the constable's house, a medium size bungalow with no electricity or water and a wood stove for both heat and cooking. The office phone was listed in the directory as number nine, that being the total number of phones in Big River at the time. In addition to policing the village by himself Constable Sixsmith was also responsible for policing a large rural area covering the Big River Indian Reserve, Shell River, Debden, Stump Lake, Park Valley, and as far north as Dore Lake. Paroling these areas in the 1930's often meant getting the police car hung up on a stump or stranded in a mud hole. Sixsmith served from 1929 to 1957 and retired as a Staff Sergeant. And lastly.....

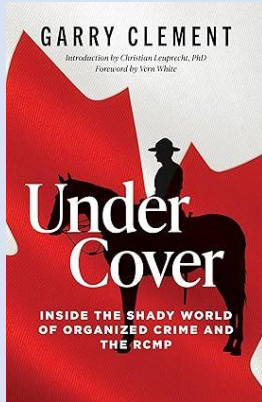
Clearing up an old myth!

1877 – The saying that the Mounties "always get their man" is usually considered to be the creation of Hollywood. But, surprisingly, the phrase can be traced to 1877, many years before the film industry. In 1877, the Fort Benton (Montana) Record reported the following story from Fort Macleod: "Thanks to the vigilance of Major Irvine (#O.30 Inspector and future Commissioner Acheson Gosford Irvine) and the energy of Captain Winder (#O.5 Sub Inspector William Winder), of the N.W. Mounted Police, another attempt to smuggle whiskey has been frustrated by the arrest of three men, who were tried, found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of five hundred dollars each or be imprisoned for the minor period of six months. They preferred the former. Horses were sacrificed for the arrest, but the M.P.'s are worse than bloodhounds when they scent the track of a smuggler, and they fetch their

men every time.” *For these and many recollections and researched stories see the RCMPVA Vanc Div website at this link ([Larry Burden](#))*

*Titles by editor

BOOK REVIEWS



“Picked it up and couldn’t put it down, Gary... A compelling read of your accomplished career investigating drug cartels, organized crime, money laundering in Canada & working with allies overseas... Your arguments for a structural change of the

RCMP are strongly & convincingly conveyed...An important work that I hope & trust will impact the national discourse on policing roles and shine a brighter light on foreign interference in Canada... Good on ya, Sir...”

Ralph Maher Editor, Last Post, RCMP Veterans’ Association

"On a piercingly cold November night, Lee and I, freshly shifted from Vancouver Drug Section, stood at the threshold of our new abode in North Gower, Ontario. A whisper of our past echoed as the movers departed, leaving us amidst the scattered remnants of our former life. The only solace in this abrupt displacement? The phone was thoughtfully activated in tune with our arrival. The seismic shift from Vancouver wasn't by choice but rather the shadowed aftermath of a high-risk drug undercover operation. My 'evil twin', Bobby 'Spade' Williams, had daringly pierced the veil of notorious Vancouver criminal rings.

But with great success came the spectre of danger. Ottawa's relative obscurity became a sanctuary until justice had its day in court. However, a slight misstep by the DOJ Crown set

in motion a chilling chain of events that would bring a known contract assassin into our once serene narrative. The underworld responded with fury as Garry chipped away at the icy facade of organized crime.

This daunting chapter would not only reshape Garry's identity as a lawman but galvanize him to challenge the very system that fostered criminal growth in Canada. His narrative is not just a tale of police work; it paints a larger canvas detailing the sinister web spun by the Chinese Triad crime syndicates. Their empire, built on drug trafficking, used its vast wealth for pervasive influence, elite subjugation, and systemic bribery. Disturbingly, this clandestine operation wasn't unknown to the nation's helm - the Prime Minister and other luminaries. Their silence often masked as ignorance, echoed the tragedies endured by countless virtuous souls within RCMP and CSIS. Despite the oppressive shadows cast upon him, Garry emerged, taking on a pivotal role as the National Director of the Proceeds of Crime Division, RCMP.

His tenacity and grit, ironically, were the very traits that deterred him from ascending to the highest echelons of the Force. This paradox epitomizes the structural and moral decay that plagued the RCMP—a descent further exemplified by the explosive revelations of the Phantom Secure operation, spotlighting the treachery of CCP spy Cameron Ortis.

Garry's moving memoir uncovers the veiled transgressions of the past, charting the RCMP's metamorphosis into a fractured entity. The nation's image as a refuge for international crime magnates and the tragic fentanyl epidemic both owe their roots to the very warnings sounded by Garry and Brian McAdam, which were covered in Michel Juneau-Katsuya's Sidewinder report. was originally panned and then destroyed by management within CSIS, who were more interested in their careers than upsetting their political Masters from high up.

That report was from a bygone era and its findings sidelined until recently. With both Under Cover and The Mosaic Effect, Canadians now have a better understanding of the damage done by ambitious politicians and power-hungry corporations.

Today, Garry remains on the front lines, safeguarding financial terrains as Chief Compliance Officer for VersaBank. Drawing from his vast reservoir of expertise, he tirelessly implores the government to awaken to Canada's escalating crime vortex, advocating for a safer legacy for our progeny." 2023.

A Heart Warming End to a Grave act of vandalism

In May of this year the family of deceased S/Cst. Giles J. E. Bisson contacted the Association, as their father's niche had been vandalized with the removing of the Forces badge from the niche. Although it was an aftermarket addition the cemetery had permitted it.



After a drive out, an inspection, and getting permission to repair it, the question of the repair how to do it(?) lingered as a

simple glue wasn't going to cut it. So in asking retired Sgt. Paul McCarl, who is a wonderful friend and rock sculpture artist, he said he had just the thing to attach another badge to the marble niche. That too was not just an add glue, attach badge, and go home, for our first attempt failed. The next try, by Paul, worked and the end result is shown in these images. Family and cemetery contacted with the result and I'm happy to say that the family will be making a donation to the RCMP Foundation.-
Murray Macham=V/President

PHOTO GALLERY

The following images relate to a graduation ceremony of the West Vancouver Police Youth Academy 2025. The Academy was principally a West Vancouver Police Department event but the staff were a joint effort that included members of North Vancouver Detachment Youth Squad ie Cpl ??? and Constable Paul Reece. The students spent a week participating in simulations of common police calls for assistance. They were shown the specialized squads and the work they perform. The intent is to show modern youth what police are really like and also in the hope they may consider a police career in the future. Your editor attended the graduation ceremony.



The Graduation Class of 2025 with staff members



Student Robert Reece receives his certificate from West Vancouver Police Chief John L and Cpl Soyoung Moon RCMP



L to R Constable's Nicole Hartwig and Crystal Nikolai, Cpl Soyoun Moon RCMP, your editor and Chief John Lo, West Vancouver Police Chief.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Seeds Canada - Contract Investigator for Plant Breeders' Rights

Location: Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Albert

Posting Date: May 19, 2025 / Closing Date: Not Specified

Interested candidates should submit resumes and cover letters outlining relevant experience and hourly rate expectation to: Lorne Hadley, Director, Member Relations and Intellectual Property Protection, lhadley@seeds-canada.ca.

See job description at this [link](#)

MAKING EM PAY – The British Columbia Civil Forfeiture Office (BCCFO)

Ever wondered if there was a better way to deal more effectively with criminals in this age of catch and release and slaps on wrists? The BC Civil Forfeiture Act (BCCFA) provides such an opportunity, especially with enterprise criminals. Take away the money and toys paid for the crime in the first place. That's what this act does and much more. In 2022 The Cullen Commission in BC on Money Laundering

reported on a 3-year probe and one of its findings was that the BCCFA is an excellent way to hit back at criminals. It made the point that the BC law on the books for many years now, isn't used nearly enough. So, what can the BCCFA do to help?

Offense related Property <S.490.1(1)CCC> can be ordered by a criminal court for such property to be forfeited but quite often the case never sees the court i.e. crown won't approve charges for main offence, or the case never makes it to crown i.e. not enough to ask for charges at the supervisor or crown liaison level. A referral to the Civil Forfeiture office will fix that right way. Examples are:

Cash found in possession of persons known to be dealing in illegal substances or stolen property or from any other criminal code offence. Such as fraud;

Vehicles been driven at excessive speeds repeatedly whether then driver owns the vehicle or not (not if it's a genuine stolen vehicle). In these cases, the vehicle if proceeded by BCCVO will be gone forever, not for a mere 6 months or less under the BC Motor Vehicle Act provisions;

Vehicles and property used in crime; e.g. a pickup truck used to transport a safe from a burglary scene which the truck owner was complicit is ORP i.e. the offence of theft of the safe and transporting housebreaking tools, the burglary couldn't be completed without use of the vehicle. Truck was seized and gone forever.

Real Estate – In drug cases where a house is being used with the owner's knowledge and consent for illegal purposes is offence related property (and possibly proceeds of crime as well) and can easily be restrained by a referral to the BCCF Office if the case is ruled no case by crown or a supervisor. A house which had been primarily paid for by the proceeds of credit card and debit card fraud was forfeited after a

referral to BCCFO. This is how the Hells Angels have had their clubhouse's seized and;

Don't forget none ORP offences i.e. Proceeds of Crime, Fraud Theft and other enterprise offences where assets are found (not just cash) where they were obtained through sources of funds that are suspect or illegit. If Crown won't support proceedings or your supervisor rightly says not enough evidence for a charge, ask to make that referral to BCCFO and let them work their magic. Don't forget Civil Forfeiture demands a much lower standard of proof; i.e. balance of probabilities NOT Beyond a reasonable doubt, its only money - no one goes to jail. But it sure upsets these crooks, more in some cases than jail time.

This is just a few, the possibilities are endless once investigators understand what can be achieved and it doesn't only apply to the cops. Any other legitimate government branch

to be Indicatable, but this includes hybrid or dual offences also.

Who gets the cash after forfeiture and disposal ? To reduce cost of policing in BC and to build a fund in which law enforcement can successfully apply for funding for crime prevention and/or enforcement initiatives.

So if you are talking about this topic with your spouses, sons and daughters and other relatives or friends in the job and they aren't familiar with BCCFA (lots are but even more are not - especially supervisors) , tell them to get in touch with FSOC proceeds experts, Economic Crime Unit supervisors or BC Civil Forfeiture Office or call your editor for further info.

Dave Reece North Vancouver July 2025

PHOTO GALLERY Continued

HMCS Discovery had an awards day at their regular Reserve Training Days. Our Member



charged with enforcement can use it i.e. Fish and Wildlife, By law offices etc. etc. There are conditions such as the substantive offence has

Bob Underhill was present. He is pictured on the drill deck at the Stanley Park base with from left u/k. Susie Chant MLA for North Vancouver

Seymour and a retired Chief Petty Officer in the RCN, Bob Underhill, Harry Fong Retired Chief Petty Officer RCN, Arthur Hastings retired Commander RCN and former Commanding Officer of HMCS Discovery, King Wan Retired Commander of the RCN and former Commanding Officer at HMCS Discovery and John Nosotti. *(Photo Courtesy of the NABC publication "Dogwatch")*

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Seeds Canada - Contract Investigator for Plant Breeders' Rights

Location: Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Albert

Posting Date: May 19, 2025 / Closing Date: Not Specified

Interested candidates should submit resumes and cover letters outlining relevant experience and hourly rate expectation to: Lorne Hadley, Director, Member Relations and Intellectual Property Protection, lhadley@seeds-canada.ca.

See job description at this [link](#)

HASBRO TODDLER OF THE YEAR

From Past Presidents Ron and Donna Morse

"Our grandson, Everett was entered in a contest, sponsored by Hasbro Toys, to be Toddler Of The Year. He has now made it to the top 10 and your votes could help him to win this competition. Everett's mom is a serving member and an Associate member of Vancouver Division. Everett has told Mommy that he wants to be a police officer, but still has a few years to go before he can apply.

Here is the link to his profile and vote page. You are able to vote every day and your vote is verified through your FaceBook account. So, if you don't mind taking a couple

of minutes each day to help bring the title to Canada, we would appreciate your support." <https://toddleroftheyear.org/2025/everett-df44>
