



## **RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION VANCOUVER DIVISION**

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

**SEPTEMBER 2020**

### **GENERAL MEETINGS:**

As noted in our President's message below, we have been unable to hold General Meetings since February of this year and as we approach the fall the uncertainty of the pandemic remains. The health and safety of our membership is paramount and like it or not, most of us are considered to be in the high-risk category. Provincial Health guidelines place restrictions on the number of people in a gathering and the configuration of seating in dining establishments. As Bob has noted, we have little choice but to suspend our General Meetings indefinitely.

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### **DIVISION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**



I trust this message finds all of our members safe and healthy. This summer has proved challenging for many in not being able to travel and do many of the things that are associated with summer. It does not appear that we are going to catch a break any time soon. The numbers of Covid 19 are starting to rise again signaling the second wave of Covid 19 infections that the health authorities forecasted. The restrictions that health authorities had started to remove seemed to have only fueled more opportunity for the younger generations to take advantage and spread the virus further. This along with more availability of testing has shown a marked increase in cases.

The Executive has been communicating throughout this situation. We are left with no other alternative than to suspend our General Meetings until further notice. This solely depends on the instructions of the health authorities.

There have been a number of internet scams attempted against our Association. This involves the scammer putting out e-mails to a number of our members asking them to do something for a member of our executive. These e-mails have usually stated that the executive member is on holiday and away from home and asks the receiving member to take action on their behalf. Let me assure you that no member of the Executive will ask any member to do anything like this by e-mail. If you get any such e-mails, in the future please disregard them. If you have any question on the authenticity of the e-mail first trigger on the e-mail address. Nine times out of ten you will

find that it does not contain our members actual e-mail address. If you receive a suspicious e-mail, where you do not recognize the senders e-mail address, you should immediately delete it from your computer.

One of the hardest decisions that your Executive has had to make is to suspend the providing of Honour Guards for members who have passed. Funerals have been limited to only close relatives. Most of the members of the Honour Guards are in the high-risk category for contracting Covid 19. So, the Executive made the difficult decision to suspend all Honour Guard activity until the crisis is over.

The final item that I would like to speak to is the election of a new executive in November. The members of the current executive have been speaking about this. I would urge anyone that wishes to nominate a member for a position do so in writing as soon as possible. The format of the election has yet to be determined. Further information will be going out as soon as it is available.

Until we can meet again in person, please be safe. If we can assist you in any way, please reach out to one of our Executive Members and we will assist you where we can.

Bob Underhill, President  
RCMP Veterans' Association, Vancouver Division

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#### **HONOUR GUARD:**

As Bob has advised in his report, COVID-19 has forced the suspension of Honour Guard for members who have passed. Our Director of Health, Welfare and Advocacy, John Sherstone will continue to provide support and assistance to the families of members who have passed upon request. John can be contacted at [sherst01@telus.net](mailto:sherst01@telus.net).

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#### **PILLARS OF THE FORCE GRAND OPENING:**

The Grand Opening of the Pillars of The Force exhibit was held on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at the RCMP Heritage Centre in Regina, SK. This event was originally scheduled to coincide with the RCMPVA Annual General Meeting in June; however, it too became a victim of the pandemic.

The event was broadcast today via YouTube and will be available to view on that platform later this week. We will post the YouTube link to this event on the Vancouver Division website as soon as it becomes available. As a note, there are several interesting Force related videos on YouTube, including training at Depot, Pipe Band events and the Musical Ride.

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## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - FRASER VALLEY DIVISION:**

**Please share this information with any retired members in the Fraser Valley who are not members of the RCMPVA.**

Geographically, the catchment area of Vancouver Division encompasses the Lower Mainland from Hope to the Sunshine Coast. The size of the area and the ever-increasing traffic volume has made it challenging for many members of our Division to attend events on a regular basis. Some current RCMPVA members and retired members of the Force who live in the eastern Fraser Valley area have expressed an interest in forming a new Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association.

Murray Macham has advised the Division that he is leading an initiative to form a new Division in the Fraser Valley. The requirements for the formation of a new Division are set out in the RCMPVA bylaws and are outlined in Murray's correspondence. The criteria for membership in the RCMPVA are provided below. In an effort to gauge interest in the formation a new division, Murray requests that you review the requirements and if you are interested, contact him directly at [mmacham@telus.net](mailto:mmacham@telus.net).

Criteria for membership in the RCMPVA is as follows:

**ACTIVE MEMBERS** are voting members who pay annual Association dues and Division fees. Active membership shall be available only to a person of good character who has had his/her application reviewed and approved by a Division credentials committee. Anyone who ceased to be employed or has been dismissed or discharged from the RCMP because of discreditable conduct is prohibited from membership in the RCMP Veterans' Association. The following categories of employees are eligible for ACTIVE membership:

- a former member of the RCMP (RM) (CM);
- a former member of the RCMP Reserve;
- a former member of the RCMP Auxiliary, with minimum of 3 years service,
- a former member of the Federal Public Service (PSE) or Municipal Employee (ME) who has worked in the employment of the RCMP for a minimum of 5 years service.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** are non-voting members of the Association who pay annual Division fees. Associate membership shall be available to a person of good character who has had his/her application reviewed and approved by a Division credentials committee. The following categories of employees are eligible for ASSOCIATE membership:

- a serving Regular, Civilian, Reserve or Auxiliary member, Public Service Employee (PSE), or Municipal Employee (ME), with a minimum of 10 years service with the RCMP;
- a former Temporary Civilian Employee (TCE), with a minimum of 5 years service with the RCMP;
- the spouse/partner of an Active Member;
- the spouse/partner of a Life Member appointed prior to the adoption of the By-Laws approved in June 2014;

- the widow/widower of a deceased serving or former member of the RCMP, or of a deceased member of the RCMP Veterans' Association,
- a person not otherwise defined above who is of good character, has demonstrated an affinity to the Association, has been recommended by an Active or Life Member, and has been accepted for Associate membership by ordinary resolution at a Division Meeting

Good day all and thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Re: **RCMP Veterans Association (Fraser Valley Division) NEW**

*In recent months during our Covid19 trials and tribulations I have met many Veterans in the Fraser Valley and in discussions we all came to the same opinion that a separate Division from the Vancouver Division should be attempted to be formed. This is an attempt to garner the support of Veterans in this area (even if you belong to the Vancouver Division) to determine if we have enough names and interest to progress forward.*

**Requirements:**

*Pursuant to Part XIV Section 93 of the RCMP Veterans' Association Bylaws, "the formation of a new Division requires an application in writing to the Board signed by not less than 25 Active or Life Members and/or individuals who qualify for Active membership. The application shall comply with the requirements for a new Division application set out in the Association Manual. Such application may be approved by the Board."*

*The RCMP Veterans' Association Manual, Part III – Divisions – New Divisions Application states:*

1. *The application for a new Division shall identify:*
  - a. *the name of each member;*
  - b. *the current residential or business address of each member;*
  - c. *the e-mail address if the members has consented to receiving information or documents by electronic means;*
  - d. *if a member at the time or signing the new application is a member of another Division, the name of that other Division; and*
2. *The class and/or category of each member, including whether the member is an Active Member not in good standing.*
3. *The application shall set out the names of the interim President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.*
4. *The President of the Division in which any of the members signing the application belong, may submit comments with respect to the application. If the President is not aware of the new Division application, the Board shall notify the President before deciding on the application; the President's support for the application is not necessary for the Board to approve the application.*

5. *After the Board has considered the application, such application may be approved by the Board.*

*This email is being shared through several mediums to garner as much distribution as possible. If you know of a veteran who may not receive this via email or does not have social media, please discuss it with them. Should you wish to see this happen I am more than willing to start the process to get it done with the National Association. Because I know that many of you are still going back for the fall harvest, I have set a long diary date window to November 30, 2020 for you to respond.*

**What I require is for those interested to respond to me at ( [mmacham@telus.net](mailto:mmacham@telus.net) ) Murray Macham, and in that email answer these questions:**

*The application for a new Division shall identify:*

- a. *the name of each member;*
- b. *the current residential or business address of each member;*
- c. *the e-mail address if the members has consented to receiving information or documents by electronic means;*
- d. *if a member at the time or signing the new application is a member of another Division, the name of that other Division;*
- e. *if you would be willing to fill one of the execute positions to help set this up and identify which position you would like. Interim President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.*

*Please note that the interim executive would be only temporary pending a vote once formed.*

*I suspect there is upwards of 100 plus Veterans in this area of which we need 25 to start the ball rolling. (24 now) If successful in this drive I will set up the necessary spread sheet of the names and information required and create a distribution list. We will then, depending on the current rules around meeting, arrange for a meeting even if it is by way of Zoom, and discuss the name of the Division, and Interim Executive.*

*Fellow veterans we are a large group, and, in the past, we have enjoyed many social gatherings together whether it be meetings or such events as the Christmas Levee. To stay in contact with those we worked with, or knew, this becomes a great meeting, and it helps to discuss life experiences after retirement and pass on tips to deal with Veterans Affairs, Sun Life, etc. I further feel it is a prime opportunity to bring this about and get it ready so that when we are once again allowed to meet and socialize in groups, we can plan an event and get this started. The valley offers many interesting outings for us to take advantage of as a group and all they need is a little organization. The more we do the larger an association we will become. It also would encompass the many required*

events in our communities such a Remembrance Day and funerals of fellow veterans when requested to attend.

I am hoping for your support to move this forward.

Thank you,

Murray Macham

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### **2020 ADRIAN OLIVER MEMORIAL RUN FOR HONOUR HOUSE:**



**They were there for us, so let's be there for them!** The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted our lives in unthinkable ways. Despite the chaotic past few months, Canadians were comforted by the fact that military personnel and first responders remained vigilant and stood watch over our country and communities. With this in mind, we are writing to seek the RCMP Veterans' Association – Vancouver support for a

worthy cause that provides assistance to military personnel, first responders, veterans and their families in their time of need.

In November 2012, [Constable Adrian Oliver](#), a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, was killed in the line of duty in Surrey, BC. In the difficult days that followed his death, [Honour House](#) opened its doors to the Oliver family as they travelled to the Vancouver area from across Canada.



In November 2013, in partnership with Honour House Society and Burnaby RCMP, Adrian's family and friends organized the first Adrian Oliver Memorial Run in recognition of his dedicated service and to commemorate and honour all first responders who have perished in the line of duty.

Given its success, the [Adrian Oliver Memorial Run](#) has now become an annual event. All proceeds from the memorial run are donated to [Honour House Society](#) – a non-profit charitable organization located in the heart of New Westminster, BC. Honour House provides a "home away from home" and a place of recovery specifically for military personnel and first responders while they are receiving medical care or coping with a sudden tragedy. Since its opening, Honour House has provided over 10,000 nights of accommodation. More recently, Honour House established Honour Ranch in Ashcroft, BC. The



Ranch will soon offer a range of tailored, on-site therapies for its guests who may be suffering from PTSD or other mental illnesses. The Ranch will also help reduce the stigma associated with mental disorders that often hinders people from seeking treatment.

Honour House depends entirely on donations and sponsorships to allow it to continue providing essential services to Canadian heroes and their families throughout British Columbia. To date, the Memorial Run has raised over \$230,000 for this important charity.

This year, the eight annual Adrian Oliver Memorial Run is going VIRTUAL because of the global pandemic. It will be held over the weekend of **October 17-18** and runners from across Canada are anticipated. A virtual official launch will be held on October 17 followed by livestreaming runners from select locations from across Canada. Leveraging technology, this year's virtual run is designed to give runners as realistic of a race experience as the "in-person" event. Additionally, our goal is the expand our social media activities to increase participation and to raise awareness about the supportive services offered by Honour House to military personnel and first responders.

As a direct beneficiary of the Honour House services, the organizing committee would be delighted to have members and employees of the RCMP Veterans' Association – Vancouver participate in the 2020 Adrian Oliver Memorial Run. There are multiple ways for your organization to contribute:

- Make a donation on behalf of your organization;
- Register a team to compete for the team trophy;
- Encourage your members/staff to register as individuals for the run and/or make a personal donation; and
- Regularly promote Honour House and its services

We hope that the RCMP Veterans' Association – Vancouver will consider being an important partner in expanding Honour House's vision to other regions of Canada and maintaining a living memorial to military personnel and first responders – past, present and future. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to communicate with us or Craig Longstaff, General Manager, Honour House (phone:778-397-4399, email: [craig@honourhouse.ca](mailto:craig@honourhouse.ca)).

Thanks for considering this request. Stay safe and healthy,

Joe Oliver

Ph: 613-698-5030

E-mail: [joe.oliver@rogers.com](mailto:joe.oliver@rogers.com)

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## **COPS FOR CANCER:**



Help RCMP continue to show strong support for Cops for Cancer even amongst COVID-19. Since 1997, first responders have been pedaling to end childhood cancer raising over \$46 million. For over two decades, the RCMP and its members have been one of the largest supporters of Cops for Cancer. From participating as a rider and volunteering as part of the committee and crew to donating their hard-earned money, RCMP members have made an invaluable difference in the lives of children and families living with and beyond cancer. Although times seem more uncertain than ever, one thing is for sure, we cannot give up on the spirit and movement of Cops for Cancer. Now is our chance to come together for the kids and show our unwavering support. Cancer doesn't take a break even when we are faced with a world pandemic and neither can we! Tour de Coast and Tour de Valley will be held from September 21 –25, 2020. The tours operate in different geographic areas across the Lower Mainland. Tour de Coast will be in the Greater Vancouver area from Coquitlam to Whistler. Whereas, the Tour de Valley tour is held within the Fraser Valley and riders will cycle from Chilliwack to Delta. Each tour is committed to cycling over 500 km this year. This year, RCMP members from over 10 RCMP detachments have personally committed to participating in Cops for Cancer. The Tours will certainly look different, but their commitment and dedication to the cause has not faltered. These members are from the following agencies:

- Burnaby RCMP
- Chilliwack RCMP
- Coquitlam RCMP
- Hope RCMP
- Langley RCMP
- North Vancouver RCMP
- Richmond RCMP
- Maple Ridge RCMP
- Squamish RCMP
- Sunshine Coast RCMP
- Surrey RCMP
- Whistler RCMP

Now more than ever, we need your support. As part of our Cops for Cancer family, we hope that you will consider donating and help us pedal our way to end childhood cancer. Every dollar makes a difference! You can donate to support your local RCMP rider directly by clicking on their name, using the links below, or support the Cops for Cancer Tour in your area:

- Cops for Cancer Tour De Coast
- Cops for Cancer Tour de Valley

Funds collected on those pages will support the RCMP riders' personal fundraising goals and, more importantly, will fund vital pediatric cancer research and support programs, such as Camp Goodtimes. You can learn more at: [www.copsforcancer.ca](http://www.copsforcancer.ca) or at [www.tourdecoast.ca](http://www.tourdecoast.ca) and [www.tourdevalley.ca](http://www.tourdevalley.ca).



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### **VANCOUVER DIVISION CHALLENGE COINS:**



As you know from our last Division Bulletin at our January meeting the purchase of Challenge Coins for our division was approved. They arrived this spring. The executive decided that each member of the Vancouver Division would be given a coin at no cost to individual members. The caveat being that the coins would not be mailed out due to the cost involved and that they would be provided to members at General (luncheon)

Meetings in order to entice members to attend. Then Covid-19 struck and meetings were cancelled. I volunteered to coordinate the distribution of our coins...why do I do this to myself? I would still like to stick to the plan of handing out the coins at our General Meetings when they commence, hopefully, in the fall. Rules are often broken. I know that we have many members that have belonged to our division for many years but due to their, or their spouse's, health issues are unable to attend our meetings. I would like to be able to give them personally, or by the proxy of a friend, or by mail, their Challenge Coin. If you fall into this category, please let me know how we can get you your Challenge Coin. Challenge Coins have become very collectible. I have received many requests for additional coins so that members can pass them onto friends. If you wish an additional coin the cost is \$15.00. If it has to be mailed there is an additional cost of \$2.00. Postage increases with the number to be mailed.

Questions? I can be contacted at [bootsandspurs65@gmail.com](mailto:bootsandspurs65@gmail.com) or 604-853-5500 (Abbotsford)

Ric Hall  
2020-6-20

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### **SOUTH OKANAGAN VETERAN LAUNCHES FIRST MUSICAL RIDE CHILDREN'S BOOK:**

*Katherine Hansen is a member of South Okanagan Division.*



Joining the RCMP Musical Ride was a dream come true for Katherine Hansen.

Growing up on a farm in Penticton, Katherine was horse-crazy. But it wasn't until she saw the musical ride at age six that her future path became crystal clear.

"From that moment on, I had a vision to become a Mountie and ride in the Musical Ride," said Hansen. "I had a little red cape and rode my black horse pretending that I was a Mountie."

Hansen joined the RCMP in 1992 and enjoyed a four-year posting in Saskatchewan.

In 1996, she had the opportunity to make that childhood dream become a reality and join the Musical Ride, which got its start back in 1873, when the North-West Mounted Police, as they were known then, relied on skilled riders to carry out police duties across the West. It soon led to them performing at events.

Today, the RCMP Musical Ride consists of a full troop of 32 riders and their horses, performing intricate figures and drills choreographed to music.

“Children absolutely love the Musical Ride,” said Hansen. “People are so moved by the performance, that they always asked if there was something they could take away as a souvenir.

“We used to hand out little cards with a picture of the horse and rider, but I thought it would be wonderful if we could give a book about the Musical Ride to children.”

As she was performing, Hansen started formulating little stories about the Musical Ride. After 25 years on the Force, Hansen retired in 2016. Earlier this year, she was thrilled to be asked to rejoin the Musical Ride as an experienced rider. Her bags were packed and she was ready to go. Then COVID-19 hit and like many, her plans were dashed.

“I always wanted to write for children because I knew there were other kids like me who dreamed of one day being with the Musical Ride,” says Hansen. “I wanted to write stories about believing in yourself, the power of friendship, and working with a team. Maybe this is the perfect time to write these uplifting stories.”

Harry the Musical Ride Horse is the first of three books Katherine wrote while grounded by COVID-19. The RCMP Foundation agreed to distribute these stories through the [Mountie Shop](#).

For every 100 books that she sells, Hansen will donate 10 books to local charities to assist with children and their families. The first 10 books are going to the RCMP Victim Services unit in Penticton.

The book was illustrated by Musical Ride colleague Trish Lafrance, while the cover art is by Vancouver Island artist Joan Larson.

Hansen wrote two other books, Harry the Musical Ride Horse Goes to Newfoundland, which will be out in October, and Harry the Musical Ride Horse Goes to the Calgary Stampede, which will be available in November.

“It is my intention to write a story about Harry for every province and territory across Canada,” said Hansen. “So, when children ask if they have a souvenir about the Musical Ride, they will get a story that takes place where they live.

“The proudest moments of my life were riding across the country and the world promoting Canada and the RCMP. Many times, when they played the Canadian anthem at the beginning of the performance, it was such a powerful moment and I, too, would start crying. There is just something magical about the Musical Ride. Something so Canadian.”

Check out [kateandharry.ca](http://kateandharry.ca) for more information on Hansen’s Musical Ride experiences.

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**“E” DIVISION NCOs MESS NOTICE:**

**NCO Mess Annual General Meeting & Educational Bursary Draw**

**Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 1700hrs**

Our AGM, originally planned for the Spring, was postponed due to COVID-19. Provincial health restrictions will likely remain in place for the foreseeable future. As such, we have arranged to conduct this year's AGM via Zoom on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5pm.

Please note the link and passcode for the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84375417546?pwd=RkpzeG83ajFJRvdITzNZL1BwbVRxZz09>

Meeting ID: 843 7541 7546

Passcode: 117220

**KEY ISSUES**

This meeting is critical in order for us to plan the way forward for our Mess.

We have several vacancies on the Executive, and those who are currently in place, having served a number of consecutive terms, are signalling their intention to step down following April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

If we are unable to secure support of the Mess through service on the Executive, we will need to look at options which may include dissolution of our Mess.

This meeting will also include a discussion on the impact COVID has had on the Mess and a *draw for bursaries and gift cards*. Please refer to the attached agenda for further information.

**RSVP, CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS & NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

Agenda items, including nominations for positions on the Executive, must be received by Friday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Please RSVP and forward agenda items to [ENCOMESS@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:ENCOMESS@rcmp-grc.gc.ca).

**ENTER THE BURSARY DRAW**

You will need to be logged into the Zoom AGM to qualify for the bursary draw. If you wish to enter the draw, please complete [ED6211](#) and forward to ENCOMESS@rcmp-grc.gc.ca by Friday October 9<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Looking forward to connecting at our AGM,

Your NCOs' Mess Executive

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## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The annual membership dues for Active Members of the Vancouver Division of \$65 were due on January 1st. As at June 23, 2020, a total of 357 members have paid their dues for 2020. There are still 37 members who have not paid. The policy of the Vancouver Division is to strike members from our Division roster if they have not paid their dues for two consecutive years.

Payments to our Division can be made in three ways:

1. Interac e-Transfer. Log into your financial institution's online or mobile banking and navigate to Interac e-Transfer. Select the account you would like funds transferred from. Fill out the email address for the Vancouver Division which is [rcmpvetsvan@shaw.ca](mailto:rcmpvetsvan@shaw.ca). If your financial institution requires a contact name, use RCMP Vets Vancouver.
2. Sending a cheque to:  
  
RCMP Veterans' Association  
Vancouver Division  
Mailstop #1004  
14200 Green Timbers Way  
Surrey, B.C.  
V3T 6P3
3. Cheque or cash paid when attending a Division function.

All cheques must be made payable to "RCMP Veterans' Association – Vancouver"  
If you have any questions about the status of your membership dues or renewal, you can email me at: [bullock2@shaw.ca](mailto:bullock2@shaw.ca) or phone: 604-533-5354.

Rupert L. Bullock, Treasurer  
RCMP Veterans' Association  
Vancouver Division

<http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/rcmp-veterans-association-vancouver-division-2020-membership-dues/>

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## **EXECUTIVE POSITION VACANCIES:**

If you would like to become more involved in the Veterans Association, there are still openings on the Executive that may be of interest to you. The terms for some of the Director positions on the Executive will be up at the end of 2020. Positions that are currently vacant or will become vacant are:

1. *Director Ceremonies and Memorabilia (term 2020/21)*
2. *Vice President (term 2021/22)*

3. Secretary (term 2021/22)
4. Honour Guard Coordinator

Further information on how to become involved is contained in the website posting:

<http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/vancouver-division-needs-your-help/>

As our President has indicated in his message, the current executive is currently discussing a way for members to vote for these positions. You will be advised of the process in due course.

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### **LADIES' AUXILIARY:**

COVID-19 has had a similar effect on the Ladies' Auxiliary as it has had on the Veterans' Association. Restrictions put in place by Provincial Health Authorities has forced the cancellation of meetings. Like the Vets, the Ladies' Auxiliary are awaiting the phased lifting of restrictions to resume their meetings.

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### **FAIRMONT BARRACKS LEGACY PROJECT:**

Last call for submissions – September 30, 2020.



A Special Newsletter pertaining to a Fairmont Barracks Legacy Project was sent out on May 28. The newsletter was posted on our website (link below), subject of a National bulletin and circulated in Frank's Facts & Funnies. To date, there have been approximately 40 responses. If you trained, lived or worked at Fairmont Barracks or may have tales from the two messes, please share your memories and any photos. Please send the information to Donna Morse at: [fairmontlegacy@gmail.com](mailto:fairmontlegacy@gmail.com).

The current status of the Fairmont Barracks building remains unchanged. The financial impact of COVID-19 on the City of Vancouver may well have a detrimental effect on efforts to preserve this city heritage property. It may well be that the stories and photos will be all that is left of this proud old Tudor style building.

<http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/fairmont-barracks-special-newsletter/>

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### **RCMP VETERANS BADGE:**



Vancouver Division receives numerous inquiries about the availability of a “Veteran” badge. This badge is sold exclusively by the Quebec Division and further details on how to acquire one are available on their website.

<https://grc-rcmp-vets.qc.ca/en/who-are-we>

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### **UPDATE ON VANCOUVER DIVISION CHAPLAIN JIM TURNER:**



Our Division Chaplain, Jim Turner, is finally home after a lengthy stay in hospital and rehab. Welcome home, Jim. Please see the link below for the YouTube video of the “Welcome Home” parade.

Previous updates from Jim’s family, detailing his condition, can be found at this link:

<http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/update-on-vancouver-division-chaplain-jim-turner/>

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### **VANCOUVER DIVISION SERVICE BAR ELIGIBILITY - as at 2020-01-01:**

The following members of Vancouver Division have been awarded service pins / bars:

#### **35 Year Bar:**

Richard HAKSHAW  
Stephen HOLOTUK  
Harvey FINCH

#### **30 Year Pin and Bar:**

Alan ALEKSICH  
Kent TUBMAN  
Ronald CURRIE  
Stephen FAIRBRIDGE

#### **25 Year:**

Robert STUBBINGS  
John PATERSON  
Harry NIELSEN  
Edwin VIRGO  
James GILMOLME  
Robert BRUCKER



Joseph MOORE  
David CHURCH  
Alexander KIRK  
Keith LEISHMAN  
Kenneth HOLMBERG

**20 Year:**

Ben GWALTNEY  
David Wayne JEFFREY  
Joseph EHITAKER  
Robert Clayton BROWN  
Terrance SKARBO

**15 Year:**

David MCAREE  
Paul GIFFIN  
Gary FORBES  
James LAMON  
Bruce WAITE

**10 Year:**

Ernest KOTT  
Ronald ANGELL  
Edward PROVOST  
Carolyn WOOLF  
Geoffrey KRAEMER  
Wayne K. JEFFREY



The following members of Vancouver Division may be eligible for service pins / bars as noted. Please contact Membership Director Ray Power for further details and to confirm eligibility. [rayjpower@yahoo.com](mailto:rayjpower@yahoo.com)

<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>REG #.</b>
<b>45 Year Service Bar</b>		
STACEY	William J. (Bill)	16069
ADOLPH	Norman Allan	15934
<b>40 Year Service Bar</b>		
TAPLEY	Laurence Edward	16849
BERROW	Leland Wilfred	14922
WEYS	Victor Karl	22020
MACGREGOR	Leo Wilfred	15089

BOWYER	Hugh Dickson	17909
LIVINGSTONE	Donald Wallace	15817
SEMENOFF	Walter Fred	17803
IRVING	Victor	17484

**35 Year Service Bar**

BUDD	Ronald Myron	18240
MACWHIRTER	Billie Burton	17521
MEIKLEJOHN	Hugh Harrison	18856
WHETSTONE	Harold Alfred	15355
MCCHEYNE	William Frederick	15156
DOANE	David Keith	19415
PATTON	Edwin John	19036
FORTEMS	Vernon Bernard	19434

**30 Year Service Bar**

HEWAT	Michael Leo	22165
GORKOFF	Koozma	23715

**25 Year Service Bar**

BROWNELL	Lane	26688
ERICKSON	Alfred J.	21108
MCLEOD	Donald Frank	21420
CRAIG	William Samuel	18475
GIESBRECHT	Arthur R	20699
SKOLROOD	Robert Wayne	19733
RILEY	James Smith	18411
MARTIN	Gerald Kenneth	17533
DRUCHET	James G.	19656
PACHAL	Fred Clifford	16737
QUILLEY	Thomas Marvin	19526
KIELAN	Raymond Rodger	22396
WALLACE	Harry G.	20869
STAREK	Hank	18362
RANDLE	John Thomas	19593
RICHARDSON	Ross I	17817
REYNOLDS	Donald B.	25752
WILSON	Edward Russell	18942
KELLEY	Frank P.	21040
DEROON	Ronald Martin	20617
COLLIS	Robert E	19303
BENNINGTON	Robert Morley	20156
BERKEY	Donald J.	15676
TOWNSEND	John Ross	19584
BRAMHILL	James	17848
WILSON	Donald K	20143
VIKANES	Garry B	27035
HOLMES	William Leslie	19209
EWING	James David	19399
RICHERT	Karl Herman	19180

KOROLEK	Mervin	27726
MCKAY	J.R. Sandy	23343
PILOT	Robert (Bob)	17873
HALE	Robert George	23514
GARRETT	Dennis	22625
BOND	Peter E	21843
ZWICK	Edward I.	19258
ROTH	Michael Ronald	22598

**20 Year Service Bar**

VADIK	Joseph T	22873
MACKENZIE	Everett B	20328
BRADLEY	Barry F	21523
HOIVIK	Arthur Melvin	20714
WARBURTON	James Berry	25209
STARK	Siegfried E	22248
PARROTT	William Clarence	20251
MEDLEY	Norman John	21875
VAN'T SLOT	Willem H.	23979
CHERSAK	John P	28436
BORYS	Russell L. Robert	22487
JEFFREY	John Douglas	26713
HUPKA	Dennis Michael	24120
KILPATRICK	Donald Brian	23950
PEARSON	Donald K	23704
YARD	Gilbert Fraser	21890
GILLESPIE	James Dalton	21181
BODDY	Peter Arthur	30954
NIMCHUK	Wallace Donald	20370
SINGER	Daryl William	23583
GULKIEWICH	George Donald	23625
ROSS	Barry James	23222
ROWE	Peter Robert	24935
DOUGLAS	Brian Robert	27703
KELLS	David L.	34285
THOMSON	Donald M	24460
OLFERT	Leonard	21473
DONNACHIE	Jean Agnes	AF1936
KENDEL	Lynn Fred Walter	23861
SCHAUFLE	Blair Thomas.	25688
JOHNSTON	Murray James	22865
CONVEY	Robert J	29260
HOMENIUK	Allan	32299
WHEELER	Eric Rankine	25035
MCCARTNEY	David J.	35455
ROSS	Murray	27303

**15 Year Service Bar**

DUCKWORTH	William Clinton	21008
BROMBALE	Lou	27646

TURNER	David C.	29127
MACMILLAN	Ian Donald	25285
HOVEN	Brian William	25531
BIRD	Peter Malcolm	26530
JANSEN	James Bernard	24674
CHARLTON	Walter	32024
SEMPLE	Robert John	24117
DOUCETTE	Charlie	29512
TIESSEN	Ted William	26604
ATKINSON	Larry L	29582
ELLIS	John	24386
CHAN	Henry	35407
BREDENHOF	Lloyd Henry	27603
CAMERON	Stuart R.	26873
GERTZEN	Richard William	22221
MEAGHER	John Patrick	33467
BERGERMAN	Michael Leo	25576
LAWRENCE	Richard F.	27387
KELLY	Compton S.	S00036
GRATTAN SR.	Gerald R	26829
GLAS	Michael Martin	27611
MALONE	Ernest	29963

**10 Year Service Bar**

DAUK	Murray Walter	28106
MACDONALD	Clifford Carl	25084
WHITTA	Robert Bryan	24063
ROSS	Eric Victor	28447
PAUQUETTE	Dave Russell	35850
DOP	T.M. Jack	28945
LONG	Frank L	18918
MOORE	James Arthur	28426
DINWOODIE	Richard J.	32427
ALLAN	D. Laird	28821
JONES	Kenneth Allan	C02000
BROUSSEAU	Paul	28539
WILKINSON	Larry Raymond	31705
MORSE	Donna Irene	31800
MURDOCH	Dave	27934
MORSE	Ronald Irvin	30980
DAVIDGE	Neal C.E.	26547
WILLIAMS	David George	X01499
SILCOX	Don Gregory	28828
STENE	Daniel Inglis	21664
BENNIE	Raymond Gemmell	32265
HALL	Jane	34023
PAYSEN	Ronald Boyd	29133
SCHMIETENKNOP	Carl George	29013
MCRAE	Gordon C	27145
BROWN	Robert Sheffield	21771

BENT	Richard	31650
BRASNETT	Brian Hugh	33183
SCHNEIDER	John E.H.	30678
POWELL	Robert Edwin	32628
NICKS	Fred	33916
VAN OVERBEEK	Theodore Henry	34170
OLFERT	Edward I	18876
HUNDT	Randolph Otto	29996
MACALPINE	Richard A	C01125
KRATCHMER	Patrick John	31565
MACHAM	Murray Frederick	26613
MORRISON	Glen Alexander	27520

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**NEW MEMBERS – VANCOUVER DIVISION:**

Vancouver Division would like to welcome the following new members to the RCMP Veterans' Association.

42157            S/Sgt. Glenn ATKINS  
46608            Cpl. Mark FUTTER

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**LAST POST:**



The following members who were listed as having served in "E" Division or as serving members have passed away since the publication of our last newsletter. Information is provided to our Division from HQ and other sources and may not be received in a timely manner. For the full list of Last Post, please go to:

<https://lastpostrecent.rcmpvets.ca/>

<b>Reg Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank (Ret'd)</b>	<b>Date Passed</b>
16596	Lawrence Wilfred HANSON	Cst.	2020/07/05
	Ronald William DELAIR	A/Cst.	2020/08/12
17591	Ronald Mitchell KOMARNISKY	Cst.	2020/07/23
59900	Ryan John EBY	Cst.	2020/08/09
25695	Frederick Lloyd HATCH	S/Sgt.	2020/08/18
21445	Terrance Murray LATIMER	Sgt.	2020/08/17
21237/O.1057	James Walton QUINN	C/Supt.	2020/08/27
23748	Oscar Brian SCOTT	Sgt.	2020/08/21
	Clarence Leonel PIGEON	S/Cst.	2020/08/31
35306	William Scott STURGESS	Cst.	2020/08/23
29708	Kenneth David MUNN	Cpl.	2020/08/23
21137	Lloyd R. COSENS	Sgt.	2020/09/02

56026	Mathew Leon PANZER	Cst.	2020/09/07
19180	Karl Herman RICHERT	S/Sgt.	2020/08/13
26964	Robert Stanley STUART	Cst.	2020/09/06

### **UPDATES TO GUIDES:**

The RCMP Veterans' Association has now published the 2020 edition of the "National Survivor's and Executor's Guide" which can be accessed at this link:

<https://rcmpva.org/ottawa-association-en/resources-ottawa-en/survivors-and-executors-guide-en/>

Please feel free to share this and other pertinent documents with all former and retired members of the Force.

### **This Information should be Shared and Retained by Family Members prior to the illness or passing of a Serving or Former Member of the RCMP.**

For many years, the Nova Scotia RCMP Veterans' Association, through the Executive and the Support and Advocacy Committee, has been assisting family members following the passing of their loved one. However, it is difficult to provide timely assistance when the surviving family members do not have at hand the vital information that must be provided to agencies when reporting the passing of the individual. These elements are also critical when attempting to quickly transition pensions without overpayments to a qualified surviving spouse.

The Executive and Support and Advocacy Committee strongly recommend that each member document the following numbers and provide them to their family members and/or retain them where they are easily retrieved following death.

1. RCMP Regimental Number
2. RCMP Pension #
3. Veterans Affairs Canada K#
4. Social Insurance Number #

In addition, it will be important that documents such as marriage certificates and birth certificates for both the member and the surviving spouse are readily accessible as copies will be immediately required by some of the agencies when transitioning the pensions to the survivors. If you do not have these numbers and documents, then now is the time to apply for them through Vital Statistics in the province of birth/ marriage and through the various government agencies.

### **SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:**

#### **Morneau Shepel (RCMP insurance plan)**

RCM Police Group Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plans  
C/O Morneau Shepel 1060 University Street



9th Floor, Montreal, Quebec H3B 4V3,  
Telephone: 1-800-661-7595 - 7:30 a.m. to 7: p.m. (ET) Monday to Friday,  
Fax: 1-514-395-7404 [www.pbs-sra.ca](http://www.pbs-sra.ca)

**Public Works and Government Services Canada (RCMP work pension)** Government of  
Canada Pension Centre – Mail Facility PO Box 8500 Matane QC G4W 0E2  
**Telephone:** Toll Free: 1-855-502-7090

Note - for Executive Services use: 1-855-502-7088 (C/Supt, EX-01 and above).  
Monday to Friday: 8:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (your local time)  
Outside Canada and the United States: 506-533-5800 (collect call accepted).  
Monday to Friday: 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. (Atlantic Time)  
Telephone Teletype (TTY) 506-533-5990 (collect call accepted).  
Monday to Friday: 8:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Atlantic Time)  
Email: [pensioncentrercmp.centredepensionsgrc@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca](mailto:pensioncentrercmp.centredepensionsgrc@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca)  
Website: [www.rcmp.pension.gc.ca](http://www.rcmp.pension.gc.ca) The RCMP Pension and Benefits Web site, hosted by  
PWGSC, has detailed information on all aspects of pension administration.

**Service Canada - CPP and OAS benefits**

[www.servicecanada.gc.ca](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca) Note: If there is any doubt about the eligibility for this or any Federal  
pension call: 1- 800- 277-9914.

**Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC Disability Pensions)**

Veterans Affairs Canada, PO Box 7700, Charlottetown, PEI, C1A 8M9  
1-866-522-2122 [www.vac-acc.gc.ca](http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca)

<http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/providers/sub.cfm?source=salute/july2004/fund>

**Supporting Veterans in Need - 24/7 counselling services -**

Veterans and their immediate families can access free, short-term, confidential and professional  
counselling services. If you are experiencing work-related issues family or marital problems, or high  
levels of stress or anxiety, call 24/7 Veterans Affairs Canada Assistance Services at **1-800-268-  
7708**.

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**STAY HEALTHY, STAY SAFE AND STAY IN TOUCH:**

Just a reminder that the print edition of Scarlet & Gold is no longer being published. To stay up to date, please visit our Division website.

**VANCOUVER DIVISION WEBSITE:** <http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/>

**RCMPVA NATIONAL WEBSITE:** <https://rcmpva.org/>

If you would like to receive updates to the website as they are posted, scroll down on the right side of the homepage and enter your email address.

**Obtain notice of website updates**

Enter your email address to receive notice of updates to the website. No membership required and no other messages will be sent to you.

***We would also like to thank our Vancouver Division Website Administrator, Bev Bullock, for her work in keeping our website up to date.***



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