



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

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

**NOVEMBER 2020**

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



I hope that this Newsletter finds you well.

To all those who are growing mustaches this month in support of the Movember Movement, good on you. I hope that you are able to raise a large sum in support of this worthwhile cause.

Remembrance Day was especially challenging this year with all of the local ceremonies having to keep their numbers below fifty people. It was very difficult for the organizers to put together a meaningful ceremony. I look after the Victory Square Remembrance. We had to split that event into three separate events and have Global TV film from three separate locations. I know a number of our members took time to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and those

who came back injured in body or mind.

With the number of Covid-19 cases rising rapidly we must all do our part to slow its progress by following the local Health Authorities rules. Dr. Tam and Dr. Henry have started to speak of Christmas events which are really just around the corner. They are calling for only immediate family of no more than four or six people getting together to celebrate. This will also require some planning by each of us.

I would like to thank all those that took time to vote in the recent election. The new slate of Officers of your Executive is listed later in this Newsletter. My time as your President is swiftly coming to a close. Two years has sped by. I would like to thank all those who have taken time to serve on the Executive. It is important that we have people like you who will step up and take a position when asked to do so. The more people that do so end up making the Division that much stronger.

Please stay safe. Your Executive is here to assist you whenever possible. It only takes a quick E Mail or phone call to one of us and we will be happy to help.

Bob Underhill, President  
RCMP Veterans' Association, Vancouver Division

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## **NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – AUTUMN 2020:**

From the National Office:

Greetings to all

This message is going out to all Association members.

It's been a few weeks since I last communicated to everyone so I thought it might be a good time to bring everyone in the Association up to date with what is going on and also to address some of the many concerns and recommendations I have been receiving after asking Division Presidents to send me their ideas.

Firstly, a few weeks ago I asked for Presidents to consider becoming a part of an advisory group to assist me and the Board of Directors in ensuring our Association is doing its best to serve everyone. I had hoped to have ten or so volunteer and I am pleased to announce there are, in fact ten current Presidents who have positively responded. Division Presidents have a closer ear to the ground and their counsel will be greatly appreciated. This advisory group will also assist in the formulation of this forthcoming year's Strategic Plan and a virtual meeting is being planned for mid to late November to get this developed. The reason for the delay in preparing the Strategic Plan is we are just completing the search to fill the position of Chief Administration Officer. We did find a suitable candidate and I anticipate a contract will be signed within the next couple of weeks. Many thanks to our Immediate Past President, Steve Walker who has done an amazing job in coordinating the search and viewed over 180 CV's. Note also the original position carried the title of Chief Executive Officer but we felt it more appropriate to change that to "Chief Administration Officer". Steve advertised the position in various media outlets including the RCMP Veterans Association, RCMP Mates, LinkedIn and others, with a terrific number of responses resulting.

**WEB SITE:** You have recently been advised our new Website provider has been contracted to replace our previous supplier, Gambit. Gambit was no longer interested in performing this role so we examined a fairly extensive group of Website designer/managers to see just what that was out there could potentially meet our needs. After an extensive search, including reference checks, it was determined the company, SignalFlare was by far the best qualified. As a matter of interest, SignalFlare is the Website provider for the Ontario-based Police Pensioners' Association of Ontario (PPAO), and members of these veterans' police associations spoke highly of their performance. In actual fact, the cost difference between what we were paying Gambit and now, SignalFlare, is minimal and we will be receiving far more benefits.

**BOD MODIFICATIONS:** I now want to provide a brief description of modifications we are implementing to the current Board of Director structure. As most of you are aware, a traditional Not for Profit BOD mandate is to implement policy and procedures, provide direction to the CAO, and generally oversee operations. Over the years, because of clear operational requirements, members of the BOD had to take on roles that should normally be performed by employees who would normally fall within the direction of the Chief Executive or Administration Officer. Larger Not for Profit organizations most of us are familiar with such as CAA, NFRA, Corps of Commissionaires, etc. have adequate finances to hire salaried staff to perform an extensive list of functions. We simply do not have the funds to do this so our Board members, all of whom are

non-salaried volunteers, through necessity have taken on these support roles. This hybrid version we adopted many years ago often found itself being directly involved in duties that normally would have fallen under the purview of the CAO. On one hand, these board members would have reported to the CAO, yet the CAO reports to the Board. The true and ideal role of the BOD would ideally not involve direct operational duties, thus the need for change.

**SECRETARIAT:** As of this week, we decided to form a Secretariat, operating outside the Board and consisting of Directors with specific functions, reporting to the CAO. We have already taken the first step to formally establish two distinct Director positions with measurable functions, they being the “Director, Support Development” and the “Director of Strategic Engagement”

The Support Development function’s primary goal is to assist Divisions in formally establishing a comprehensive program designed to assist all former RCMP members and employees with a wide variety of support mechanisms. This would include such aspects as knowledgeable assistance with VAC claims, establishing general counselling assets including a network of traditional medical, psychological, and legal professionals.

We often hear the question “what’s in it for me” and one proven benefit is the provision of the very needed resources to assist us in a time of need. Forgive me for again using the Nova Scotia model, but this province is one of the smallest in Canada with less than 800 H Division serving members, yet membership in the Association has now surpassed 900. The Support Team often responds yearly to over 400 calls for assistance and this year, due to the mass murder and other unfortunate situations, that number will increase. The word has quickly spread showing the Association is out there to help and as a result, applications continue to come in, even though there is little opportunity to hold social gatherings. The Support team has established trained Association member counsellors located in all regions (NS Division is divided into 8 geographical Regions) and counsellor training and updating is provided at least twice per year. Full one-day support workshops for all interested former and serving RCMP members, employees, and spouses are held twice per year in Regions, usually on a rotation or as needed basis. This to me is a true benefit.

James Brown will be the new Support Development Director and will be reaching out to you with the goal of assisting in developing, or in the case of those Divisions who already have a program, extending the Support benefits and expertise.

The Strategic Engagement Function is one that has been sorely needed for years. Al Treddenick is the new Director and although the role is still expanding, he is responsible for interactions with other Not for Profit organizations, likely to include the Royal Canadian Legion and numerous Canadian police veterans’ organizations, Canadian Corps of Commissionaires as well as others. Al will also be actively seeking financial support from key organizations in the form of advertisements on our new web page and major events such as the AGM. He is full of great ideas and has already started to connect. He will also be available to assist individual Divisions in their interactions with other Associations and in particular, those hosting future AGMs.

**TAXABLE INCOME:** Another important topic I wish to share with you is we, the BOD have been discussing with all Division Presidents, our concerns about adherence to the Canada Income Tax Act as it pertains to our operations as a “Not for Profit” Corporation. A very important point is the Canada Revenue agency does not look at our individual Divisions. To them, they are simply a part of the RCMP Veterans Association which is viewed as a single entity. Therefore, only the total RCMPVA financial numbers are relevant to them and that includes how finances are raised. If a “for profit” entity exists, they may look at the RCMP Veterans Association revenue as being

taxable. A few weeks ago, we hired Blumberg Segal LLP to provide us with a legal opinion on our various fund-raising exercises across Canada and an interpretation of their response was provided to every Division President. Earlier we had intended to discuss fund raising methods with the Division Presidents, however, we now have decided to wait until our financial report is in the hands of Revenue Canada which will happen shortly. As a matter of interest, I have received comments about large organizations such as CAA, NAFR, Corps of Commissionaires, to name a few who are all "Not for Profit" organizations and indeed, they certainly make profits, some being quite substantial. However, they also pay taxes on profits. The bottom line is "Not for Profit" organizations can make profits in some circumstances but they also can be required to pay taxes and that's something we are hopeful we can avoid.

**FINANCES, GENERAL:** I have lots more to share with you, however, two pages is already stretching our limits. Having said that, I do want to talk about finances in general. Firstly, I am pleased to say there will be no increase in dues for this upcoming year. The cancellation of our 2020 AGM and the upcoming 2021 AGM being a virtual exercise means significant savings. That certainly will change in 2022 and even more so when a full AGM is hosted by Ottawa Division. If any Division is interested in seeing our financial reports, please let us know and a copy of the most resents will be provided. We do have substantial costs as an Association but thankfully, most of our National office positions are non-salaried volunteer roles. We do have salaries for the CAO position as well as two part time Administration functions. One other paid resource is for our bookkeeping task involving preparation of reports to our Auditors, Deloitte and Touche, who in turn make the final submission to Revenue Canada and they also have fees. It would be unreasonable and indeed unfair to ask this work to be performed by a volunteer, being almost a full-time requirement. Our Treasurer is busy enough without taking on that task. As you are aware, Corporate Canada requires an extensive financial report each year and believe me, this must be a very thorough document. Our Expenses from January 1 through to September 30 comes to \$172,610.52 with three months to go. Fortunately, the AGM travel and related costs do not apply this year. Insurance is fairly steady at about \$10,000 and we are hopeful that will not change by much for 2021. Again, if you wish to see our full financial reports, please have your respective Presidents or Treasurers contact our national treasurer, Don Belke and it will be provided. Sorry for being so long winded but I believe it's important we, as your representatives, know what we are doing. There is much more such as the various committee reports but I will leave that for a subsequent message.

Kindest regards to all,

Sandy Glenn, National President

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### **GENERAL MEETINGS – VANCOUVER DIVISION:**

We have been unable to hold General Meetings since February of this year and the uncertainty of the pandemic remains. The health and safety of our membership remains our highest priority. Current Provincial Health guidelines have placed further stringent restrictions on gatherings. Thus, we are left with little choice but to suspend our General Meetings indefinitely. The annual Vancouver Division Levee, usually held in early December, has also fallen victim to the pandemic.

Health and safety guidelines pertaining to gatherings has regrettably forced the suspension of the Veterans' Honour Guard for members who have passed. Our Director of Health, Welfare and

Advocacy, John Sherstone will continue to provide support and assistance, upon request, to the families of members who have passed. John can be contacted at [sherst01@telus.net](mailto:sherst01@telus.net).

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### **REMEMBRANCE DAY 2020:**



Remembrance Day Ceremonies this year were very different this year. Pandemic protocols forced organizers to scale back ceremonies considerably and many were cancelled forcing us to honour in different ways those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

Our Division President, Bob Underhill was the Chairman of the Vancouver Remembrance Day Committee and as noted in his message, there were many challenges. Bob laid wreaths on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia as well as the British Columbia Legislature at the ceremony held at Victory Square in Vancouver. Well

done, Bob!

This note from one of our members may well express how many of us are feeling at this point:

*“First time I have missed attending a November 11th service, except 1980 when I was in the hospital after a car accident, through army cadets, army reserves, my time in the Force and in retirement. Damn, Virus! So, I had to do something!”*



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### **DIRECTOR OF HEALTH & WELFARE - ADVOCACY:**

John Sherstone, the Vancouver Division, Director of Health & Welfare – Advocacy has provided the following information which may be very helpful in planning. Copies of the referenced documents were attached to the newsletter distribution email. These documents as well as other useful information can also be accessed in the **“UPDATES TO BOOKLETS AND GUIDES.”** section of this newsletter, as well:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
Veterans' Association – Vancouver  
Division  
Mailstop #1004  
14200 Green Timbers Way  
Surrey BC V3T 6P3



Vancouver Division

[www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com](http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com)

The attached [PDF documents # 1 # 2](#) are attached for the information of all the members and their families. There have been several instances where a member has passed away and the family is left with [no information](#) regarding his/her benefits, pensions and other necessary material. In some cases, the spouse/partner is no longer capable of accessing this information, due to ill health or age. In these circumstances, it becomes most difficult for those who are left to deal with the estate to follow up with benefits, taxes and other requirements.

You may or may not chose to complete this document (#2) as a reference for your spouse/partner or any particular designated member of your family. This is only a suggestion as sometimes circumstances dictate problems that we do not anticipate.

EXAMPLE: Member in good health and spouse/partner in Care facility in poor health. Member is handling all finances, banking, day to day operations of residence. Member has a stroke, incapacitated or unfortunately passes away and family is now left to sort out the estate, pensions, follow up care for spouse/partner. Unless you have account numbers, policy information, contact #'s, these institutions are never ready to provide you with any of this information. In some cases, Financial institution will not even acknowledge that there was an account with them. Of course, "Power of Attorney" covers these issues, if the information is readily available.

The information document is provided to complete as a guide and suggestion only to do as you wish.

*John Sherstone*

**John Sherstone**  
Director – Health & Welfare- Advocacy  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association  
Vancouver Division

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## **FAILURE TO INCLUDE COST OF LIVING IN DISABILITY PENSIONS:**

The following information bulletin was received from RCMPVA National Office:



Dear Members of the Association,

The failure of the federal government to include cost-of-living allowances is referred to as an indexing adjustment. When Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) discovered this indexing error, which occurred between 2003 and 2010, notifications were sent out to everyone they had contact with.

Unfortunately, if an eligible pensioner died before receiving the notification the estate may not be aware of the error and may stand to recoup some substantial funds. President Sandy Glenn did contact the RCMP/VAC Liaison Officer, Sgt. Kim Hendricken who offered that we should try and notify affected estates.

With this project in mind Nova Scotia Division members, Jan and Vic Gorman set about to create a document to assist estates in recouping what monies are involved.

The document follows and will be posted on our website and may be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).

James Forrest  
Director of Communications  
RCMP Veterans' Association

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## **VANCOUVER DIVISION CHALLENGE COINS:**



At our January meeting the purchase of Challenge Coins for our division was approved. 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 have been suspended. 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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### **TREASURER'S REPORT – DUES 2021:**

Your 2020 membership will expire on **December 31, 2020**. If you have not yet submitted 2020 dues, please do so as soon as possible. 2021 Membership Dues will now be accepted. Please note that dues paid by new members who applied in the last quarter of 2020 have been allocated to your 2021 dues. There are three options to pay your dues:

- 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.
- Sending a cheque to:

RCMP Veterans' Association  
Vancouver Division  
Mailstop #1004  
14200 Green Timbers Way  
Surrey, B.C., V3T 6P3

NOTE: All cheques must be made payable to "RCMP Veterans' Association – Vancouver."

- Pay online on the RCMPVA website by going to: <https://rcmpva.org/> "Log in" and click on "Memberships" and on the far right of the page click on the "Renew" option and pay by credit card.

NOTE: If you have any questions about the status of your membership dues or renewal, you can contact our Division Treasurer, Rupert L. Bullock: email: [bullock2@shaw.ca](mailto:bullock2@shaw.ca) or phone: 604-533-5354.

Rupert L. Bullock, Treasurer  
RCMPVA - Vancouver Division

**MEMBERSHIP DUES AND RENEWAL**

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## RCMP HERITAGE CENTRE:



The RCMP Heritage Centre in Regina contacted Vancouver Division to make a presentation of Life Membership Awards to three members of our Division, John Buis, Murray Dauk and Donna Morse for their support of the Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 protocols preclude any formal presentation from taking place for the foreseeable future.

Vancouver Division would like to Join the Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre in congratulating John, Murray and Donna and thanking them for their support. If you would like to learn more about the Heritage Centre or to make a donation, please click [HERE](#).

## INVITATION - THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF WOMEN IN UNIFORM:

I hope you are doing well in these special times!

As the National Coordinator of Women's Outreach for the Respect Forum, I am pleased to invite you to our first Webinar-Conference on the topic: "The Specific Needs of Women in Uniform".

**THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF WOMEN IN UNIFORM**

WOMEN ONLY!

**WEBINAR - CONFERENCE**  
DECEMBER 2, 2020  
02:00-05:30P.M. (EST) - ON LINE

Are you a woman wearing or have worn a uniform?  
Are you a woman working in support organizations for uniformed personnel?

**Join us to discuss and share your experience about the specific needs of women in uniform.**

Organized around three testimonies, this women-only event is intended to be a place of exchange and discussion to put forward your life experiences, the challenges encountered but also your good ideas to overcome them.

Register today!

Informations et registration : [servane@respectcanada.org](mailto:servane@respectcanada.org)  
\*Please note that the number of places is limited to create a more user-friendly virtual place.

**RESPECT**  
WOMEN'S OUTREACH

**TRUE PATRIOT LOVE**

The objective of this webinar is to reflect on the specific needs of women wearing uniform in Canada, such as veterans and military women, firefighters, paramedics, and policewomen. This non-mixed event will allow women to speak about their daily lives, their challenges, but also their good ideas and solutions. Bringing together both women wearing uniforms and women working in aid and support organizations, this conference is intended to be a place of sharing with the objective of developing knowledge and collaboration.

Organized around 3 conferences, this event will take place on December 2, 2020, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (EST). Exclusively reserved for women and with a limited number of places, I

invite you to complete the attached registration form in order to participate in this event.

I remain available for any further information, Have a nice day,

Servane Roupnel

National Coordinator, University Outreach, Women's Outreach and Program Evaluation  
Respect Campaign | Respect Forum  
1 (418) 271-6203  
[servane@respectcanada.org](mailto:servane@respectcanada.org) <<mailto:servane@respectcanada.org>>  
[www.respectcanada.org](http://www.respectcanada.org) <<http://www.respectcanada.org/>>

Registration form for this event can be found at the following link:

**SPECIFIC NEEDS OF WOMEN IN UNIFORM**

**RCMP VETERANS BADGE:**



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

Click [HERE](#) for further details and purchase information:

**MEDOC TRAVEL INSURANCE UPDATE:**



Dear MEDOC customer,

We are pleased to announce that effective October 1, 2020 medical coverage under your MEDOC policy will include COVID-19 for the remainder of 2020 and with your new MEDOC policy beginning January 1, 2021.

Although coverage for eligible medical expenses is now available, we strongly encourage customers to review the Government of Canada travel advisories before booking and travelling. Return transportation options and availability of medical care may become very limited outside Canada.

Your MEDOC policy now provides coverage for travel to areas outside Canada where travel advisories due to COVID-19 may still be in place. Please carefully review the details of the modifications to your MEDOC policy, which can be downloaded, printed and saved by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Trip Cancellation and Interruption coverage remains in place and is currently available for COVID-19 related cancellations if your trip was booked prior to the travel advisories being issued. However, as of January 1, 2021, Trip Cancellation and Interruption coverage related to COVID-19 will not be available for any travel bookings made since the March 2020 travel advisories. Customers who have not made a trip cancellation claim for bookings made prior to the pandemic should refer to their policy to understand timelines to submit a claim, as travel advisory changes by the Government of Canada may impact claim eligibility.

### MEDOC Reissue for 2021

In a recent communication we announced the extension of your MEDOC policy Base Plan at no additional charge for a total of 4 months until December 31, 2020. Because of this coverage extension your annual MEDOC reissue documentation will now be sent in November for a new policy term of January 1 to August 31, 2021. While we are finalizing the terms and pricing for the January 1, 2021 reissue, we confirm medical coverage under your new MEDOC policy will include COVID-19.

We value your patronage and hope that you and your family are staying safe and well.

### Johnson Insurance

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### EXECUTIVE POSITIONS 2021:

The following positions on the Vancouver Division Board of Directors were vacant or will become vacant:

1. *Director Ceremonies and Memorabilia (term 2020/21)*
2. *Vice President (term 2021/22)*
3. *Secretary (term 2021/22)*
4. *Honour Guard Coordinator*

For the first time in many years, two members expressed an interest in the Vice President position requiring an election. Ballots were distributed via email on November 4, 2021 to members who were eligible to vote and voting closed on November 16. Thank you to all members who voted in this election.

Director John Sherstone acted as the scrutineer for the online election and has advised that Ron Morse was elected as the Vice President for the 2021-22 term.

Karen Frost was elected to the position of Secretary for the 2021-22 term by acclamation.

The position of Director Ceremonies and Memorabilia remains vacant for the 2020-2021 term. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact our President, Bob Underhill.

The new Executive for the 2021 term who will take office on January 1, 2021 will be:

#### VANCOUVER DIVISION EXECUTIVE 2021

President	Gordon CAVE	<a href="mailto:jag140@telus.net">jag140@telus.net</a>
Past-President	Robert R. "Bob" UNDERHILL	<a href="mailto:runder@telus.net">runder@telus.net</a>
Vice-President	Ron MORSE	<a href="mailto:rimorse021@gmail.com">rimorse021@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer	Rupert L. BULLOCK	<a href="mailto:bullock2@shaw.ca">bullock2@shaw.ca</a>
Secretary	Karen Frost	<a href="mailto:kosovok2002@yahoo.ca">kosovok2002@yahoo.ca</a>

#### DIRECTORS:

Strategic Planning	Eric ROSS	<a href="mailto:evross@telus.net">evross@telus.net</a>
Ceremonies & Memorabilia	Gord CAVE ( <i>Interim</i> )	<a href="mailto:jag140@telus.net">jag140@telus.net</a>
Health, Welfare Advocacy	John SHERSTONE	<a href="mailto:sherst01@telus.net">sherst01@telus.net</a>
Membership	Ray POWER	<a href="mailto:rayjpower@yahoo.com">rayjpower@yahoo.com</a>
Liaison to The Force	Ric HALL	<a href="mailto:rshall69@shaw.ca">rshall69@shaw.ca</a>
Social	Dorothy A. MARTINSON	<a href="mailto:demartinson@shaw.ca">demartinson@shaw.ca</a>

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#### NEW MEMBERS – VANCOUVER DIVISION:

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

37250	Cst. Gary Bush
39442	Sgt. Dwayne Beckerleg

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



Several members of Vancouver Division have been awarded service pins / bars and many more are eligible to receive these awards. If you have been a member in good standing of RCMPVA Vancouver Division for ten or more years, please click [HERE](#) to access the September 2020 Newsletter to confirm that you are

listed as an eligible recipient.

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

Service Bars awarded since the October newsletter:

40 Year	15817	Donald Livingstone
25 Year	18411	James Riley
15 Year	29127	David Turner
10 Year	28447 / O.1602 30980 31800	Eric Ross Ron Morse Donna Morse

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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 click [HERE](#):

**LAST POST**

<b>Reg Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank (Ret'd)</b>	<b>Date Passed</b>
28614	William R. Grant	Cst.	Not Available
15355	Harold R. Whetstone	Sgt.	2020-10-14
54205	Michael A.K. Pedrosa	Cst.	2020-10-10
21008	William C. Duckworth	Sgt.	2020-10-16
21648	James R.H. Scott	S/Sgt.	2020-10-16
52447	Angelo Georgitsos	Cst.	2020-10-17
M/E	Alice E. Bell	M/E	2020-10-20
18204	Harry E. Reed	Sgt.	2020-10-11
S/210	Thomas M. Tamburri	S/Cst.	2020-03-27
S/282	Stuart L. Carmichael	S/Cst.	2020-08-27
24577	Robert R. Elliott	Cpl.	2020-10-12
35946	Gene B. Hann	S/Sgt.	2020-10-12
17344	Richard O. Wallin	S/Sgt.	2020-10-12
C/704	Daniel C. Purdy	C/M	2020-08-19
15139	Max Hochstetter	S/Sgt.	2020-11-03
23537/O.1250	Trevor W. Thompsett	Supt.	2020-10-28
20143/O.686	Donald K. Wilson	D/Comm.	2020-11-07
22295	Kenneth G. Duncan	Cpl.	2020-10-23
33214	John H. Hawkings	Cst.	2020-11-12

Harold Whetstone, Bill Duckworth, Max Hochstetter, Trevor Thompsett and Don Wilson were members of Vancouver Division.

Michael Pedrosa (Ridge Meadows Detachment), Angelo Georgitsos (Ottawa) were serving members.

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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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### **CANADIAN FORCES MORALE AND WELFARE SERVICES:**



Active and retired members of the RCMP are eligible to apply for the CForce One card. There are a number of services, rewards and discounts available to former members of the Force through this program. Attached is the link to apply for a CForce One card.

[CForce One Card Application](#)

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### **ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION:**



The Royal Canadian Legion offers currently serving and retired Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP members a free, one-year membership to welcome them to the Legion!

Your support helps the Legion make a difference for Veterans and their families in need, and helps ensure Canada 'never forgets'.

If you are not a yet member, join online through the Veteran Welcome Program and get to know your Legion.

**JOIN ONLINE TODAY**



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## **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL RETIREES:**



well as their partners and survivors. The site contains a great deal of information that you may find useful.

The National Association of Federal Retirees (Federal Retirees) is the largest national advocacy organization representing active and retired members of the federal public service, Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and retired federally appointed judges, as

[Federal Retirees Information](#)

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## **VETERANS AFFAIRS CANADA:**



Veterans Affairs  
Canada

Anciens Combattants  
Canada

The attached link may be of some assistance to members who are submitting claims to VAC. It would appear that this booklet was compiled by an independent body in 2017, however, there are links to the current VAC website. This information is being provided for your information only and the accuracy of the information posted therein has not been verified.

<https://www.multibriefs.com/briefs/rcaa/vacdisabilityawards.pdf>

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## **UPDATES TO BOOKLETS AND GUIDES:**

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

[Survivors & Executors Guidebook](#)

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.centredespensionsgrc@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca](mailto:pensioncentrercmp.centredespensionsgrc@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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**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.



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