



Presidents Message



Happy New Year. I wish all of you a prosperous 2026. Looking forward to your support and ideas to continue our services to you.

Ray Power

LAST POST

VANCOUVER DIVISION MEMBERS



WILLIAMS William Patrick, Reg No 30665, ROD Corporal. Died 2025 aged 75 yrs. Years of Service 1973 to 2005. Divisions E



MacMILLAN Ian Donald, Reg No 25285 ROD Sergeant. Died 2025 aged 85 yrs. Years of Service 1966 to 2002. Divisions E



SKOLROOD Robert Wayne Reg No 19733 ROD Staff Sergeant, Died 2025 aged 87 yrs. Years of service 1957 to 1977. Divisions N, J, K and E. During his service years he obtained a Law Degree and in retirement became a well-known Crown Counsel.

SERVICE IN E DIVISION.



BARRIE Ian Reg No 21191, ROD Sergeant, Died 2025 aged 85. Years of service 1959 to 1981. Divisions E and Depot.



WAKELAM Darrell Douglas ROD Sergeant Reg No 25060 Died 2025 aged 79. Years of Service 1966 to 1988. Divisions E



STAPLES David Reg No 18476/O.963, ROD Inspector, aged 91. Years of Service 1954 to 1989. Divisions P, A and E. Member Victoria Division.

David was featured in our December Issue in the entry on Law Enforcement Memorial Parade. He was being visited in hospital by Rosie Bowman of Vancouver Island Division and Giuliano Zaccardelli.

BURKE Lawrence Edward Reg No 29455, ROD Corporal, Died 2025 aged 74. Years of Service 1971 to 2006. Divisions E.



SKIRDA Margaret Ann Reg No C/2042 ROD Civilian Member. Died aged 71 yrs at Surrey, BC. Service years 1976 to 2010. Divisions E, Forensic Services Laboratory, Chemistry.



ARNDT Edward Reg No 20555, ROD Corporal, Died 2025 aged 75 years. Service Years 1973 to 1997. Divisions E and F. Stared out in North Vancouver Detachment.

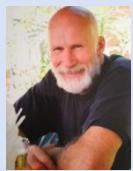


BASS Gary Alan Reg No 23377 ROD Sergeant Died 2025 aged 81. Years of Service 1964 to 2000. Divisions J, G and F.. Member Vancouver Island

Central Division. No relation to former CO of E Division Gary Bass



BUBAR Charlie Reg No 34105 ROD Corporal. Died 2025 aged 75. Years of service 1974 to 2005. Divisions E. (Surrey & E Div HQ Auto Theft)



McLEOD George Stewart "Stew" Reg No 27041/0.1667, ROD Inspector, died 2025 aged 79, Service Years 1969 to 2000. Divisions E and G. (Served in North Vancouver twice)



DIBBLEE Mathew Brent Reg No 35142 ROD Sergeant Died 2025 aged 68. Years of Service 1978 to 2013. Divisions E. (Burnaby, Richmond, VDS and EHQ)



CHIZECK Karel Vencl Reg No 20681, ROD Sergeant. Died 2025 aged 87. Service Years 1958 to 1981. Divisions E. Forensic Identification Services Chilliwack and Whalley.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

VERMEULEN Robert. Reg No 46314 ROD Superintendent. Years of Service 1997 to 2025. Divisions E.

MUENCH Anthony. Reg No 50732 Associate Member still serving. Join Date 2003.

PETZ Mark. Reg No 42670 ROD Sergeant. Years of Service from 15th October 1981 to to September 19th 2025 Divisions E.

ARNOTT Michael. Reg No 45937 ROD Staff Sergeant. Service Years 1990 to 2019. Divisions E.

SHAW Geoff Reg No 36083 ROD Staff Sergeant. Service Years 1980 to 2018. Divisions Depot, PDS Innisfail, E.

PAINTER Danny Reg No 34208 ROD Staff Sergeant. Service Years 1977 to 2011. Divisions E.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

LEGACE Angela. Reg No 31771A Auxiliary Special Constable. Divisions E Service Dates N/K

PARADIS Sandra. Reg No C8595 ROD CM. Service Years 2009 still serving. Divisions E.

SANDHU Sanum. Reg No 61396 ROD Still serving Constable. Service Years 2015 to present. Divisions E.

BUGLE CALL

Your Vancouver Division Executive 2026.

President	Ray Power
VP and Adv.	Murray Macham
Advocacy	John Sherstone
Advocacy	Pierre McConnell
Secretary	Karen Frost
Treasurer	Bud Cramm
Historian	Ric Hall
Social Sec.	Dorothy Martinson
Newsletter	David Reece
Honor Guard	David Attfield
Assistant	Merv Bada
Assistant	Donna Morse.
RCMP Mess Laison	Laurier Cadieux
RCMP Mess Laison	Nancy Joyce

General Meetings Dates in 2026

Thursday February 19th 2026

Thursday April 16th 2026.

Thursday September 17th 2026

Thursday November 19th 2026

All meetings are held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 6, 17567 57th Ave Surrey BC. Full details will be sent out closer to these dates.

**RCMP VA VANCOUVER DIVISION MEMBER
HONORED.**

Thomas R.Buchenauer

International Police Association (Canadian Section) Region 9 (British Columbia Mainland) Membership Chair and Treasurer, Superintendent Andrea Brezden, the supervisor, training and development directorate, CBSA College at the Pacific Region Training Center in Chilliwack, British Columbia, presents legacy officer, retired Customs Inspector Thomas R.Buchenauer CD with the 35-year IPA membership pin. Thomas started his Customs career as an Inspector at Douglas Port of Entry in 1980 and served the IPA as Sergeant at Arms and two terms as Region 9 President. Congratulating the recipient, Chief Darren Church, the Manager of Training and Leadership at the CBSA College! Thomas is a regular visitor at our Chilliwack lunches. Well done from all of us at the Vancouver Division.



FROM NATIONAL OFFICE RCMPVA

Date: November 20, 2025
Subject: Association President's Statement on Budget 2025
 Veterans

Many of you have contacted the Association in the past two weeks regarding Budget 2025 and the legislative amendments impacting upon RCMP Veterans as it concerns disability pensions; specifically, as it relates to

(i) proposed modification of the escalation formula of the Disability Pension, so that the

benefit is indexed based on the Consumer Price Index alone, for serving and retired RCMP members and for related benefits, effective January 2027 (including on a retroactive basis);

(ii) proposed amendments to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act, as well as any other consequential, coordinating or transitional amendments as necessary, to clarify, retroactively and on a prospective basis, the authority to administer and adjudicate disability award applications and to deliver health treatment for RCMP members, former members, and survivors and to delegate certain functions to an eligible federal organization.

As Veterans, we are all concerned about the potential implications of these legislative amendments.

We are in active dialogue with Veterans Affairs Canada, RCMP and National Police Federation seeking specifics on what impact these proposals will have monetarily and potentially in terms of service delivery.

Unfortunately, as we all know, when facts are unavailable, rumour fills the void. We want to be able to provide our Veterans with facts so that you can best assess the impact upon yourselves and not be misled by inaccurate information.

Once we have reliable, verified information on these issues, we will share it responsibly with the RCMP Veteran community.

Once credibly informed, we'll be better positioned to assess next steps.

With respect and best regards,

Robert "Bob" Byers
 Association President

Editors Note. A further briefing on the Associations way forward can be found by clicking on this link. [Update from the President](#)



KEIAN'S HOLIDAY WISH TOY DRIVE – 2025

Since 2021, Keian's Holiday Wish Toy Drive has become an annual tradition for Vancouver Division Veterans and their generosity continues to grow. This year a cheque for \$900.75, plus two toys, was presented to Langley RCMP Officer in Charge, Superintendent Harm Dosange, and other members of Langley RCMP.

Keian's Holiday Wish pays tribute to Keian Blundell, an honorary RCMP member who passed away at the age of six from leukemia in 2014. Keian dreamed of becoming an RCMP officer and adored the red serge uniform. Prior to his passing, he was presented with a custom red serge, fulfilling that dream.



Keian Blundell

Keian also wished to bring joy to other sick children during Christmas. After his passing, the RCMP and the community carried forward his heartfelt wish by collecting gifts for children facing medical challenges. His spirit continues to inspire this initiative today.

In previous years, Surrey RCMP led and fully supported the Toy Drive. With the transition to

Surrey Police Service, Langley and Burnaby RCMP will continue this meaningful tradition of giving. Thank you to everyone who contributes to this important cause. The dedication and generosity of Vancouver Division Veterans are sincerely appreciated.

Members when attending Vancouver Division Veterans' luncheons in November and December 2025 came with cash to donate!

Donna Morse, Director, Vancouver Division.

<https://rcmp.ca/en/bc/burnaby/news/2025/12/4348097>
<https://langleyadvancetimes.com/2025/12/12/langley-surrey-mounties-collect-toys-for-kids-in-hospital/>



Cheque
Presentation
06/12/25,
Langley RCMP

Murray Macham Vice President Vanc Div., Blundell Family and John Buis retired RCMP and Vancouver Div. member.



HISTORICAL CORNER

40 YEARS (ISH) AGO IN THE RCMP

#23499 Constable 3rd class Reginald Wayne Williams drowned, while on patrol, when his police car skidded off of a wharf and plunged into the water. While on routine patrol on the

icy streets of Sooke British Columbia Cst. Williams drove onto Government dock and skidded off the end, dropping 18 feet into the frigid water. Although his vehicle was pulled out from 12 feet of water within 15 minutes he had died from drowning. 21-year-old Cst. Williams had joined the RCMP only eight months earlier. He was buried in his hometown of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba at the Hillside Cemetery.

1968 – Four teenagers were cruising the icy roads of rural Prince Edward Island when their car left the highway and overturned in five feet of water in Fullerton's Marsh. Constables #22436 D.R. MacLeod and #24551 D.D. MacDonald responded to the scene and rushed into the water, managing to remove three of the occupants to safety. The driver, Clifford Smith, couldn't be removed because his legs were trapped and he was suffering from shock. So the two policemen took turns entering the car and holding the victim's head up in an air space. After an hour in the icy water the vehicle was raised using a crane and the driver was removed. Constable MacLeod had to be treated in hospital for hypothermia. Both constables were awarded Life Saving Certificates by the Honourable J. George MacKay, the Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island.

Don't forget to check out the Vancouver Division Website Historical pages. It is a mine of fascinating RCMP history. This is the link: [HISTORICAL](#)

ADVOCACY and SUPPORT

To the many veterans who participate in the Support & Advocacy Program of the RCMP Veterans' Association here is why we do what we do.

In June 1978 this young guy, scared as hell, marched into the drill hall with the others in his troop. Like all troops they performed what was required and six months later instructors like myself looked skyward asking the Good Lord to look after them, for they really were going to a job they knew nothing

about but would take everything they had out of them.

I was fortunate in those years, as often I would make notes to myself on paperwork which was submitted on recruits. It wasn't very hard to see these young people and in six months be able to make a mental note that some would exceed all expectations and move onto the commissioned ranks. I could name a few notables here, but I'll spare their embarrassment.



This is retired Insp. Brian Andrews who went to British Columbia and over the years had a successful

career. However, in the early 2000's he was being trained on use of force and the instructor used Brian as the test dummy to demonstrate the carotid control. It did not go well and the long story short was the demonstration caused the arteries to become dissected and that evening he ended up in emergency. Since 2001 he has suffered several setbacks. The Force very correctly issued a directive about the procedure. Brian's medical journey continued over the years, at one point he went down at home and his son found him nonresponsive. A call to 911 said an ambulance was more than 30 minutes away. His son, a volunteer fireman in the community, picked his dad up, literally threw him in the car and drove him to the hospital, where the ER witnessed a big young man carrying his father through the door looking for help. The son is now a member of the Force.

Brian and I reunited through a coffee clatch meet up several years ago and he told me his story. It was those meetings that we discussed Veterans Affairs and benefits. Some benefits he was missing out on were the

Attendance Allowance and Exceptional Incapacity Allowance, and it was explained how he could further his claims through medical professionals he was in contact with. He also needed the first decision to be reassessed. Coincidentally his neurosurgeon was very aware of his condition and had a medical journal article that was describing Brian's case to exactness.

At our veteran's levee on January 10, it was a great pleasure to sit with Brian and learn the success he has had with Veterans Affairs. Proof there is light at the end of the tunnel, but it takes time.

It's why we do what we do in Support & Advocacy.

(Oh and Insp. Andrews that legacy pin you wear. It is properly placed directly above the button on that breast pocket and centered). Great to sit with you last Saturday!)-Murray Macham-VP.

GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20TH 2025

The speakers at this event were discussing estate planning for our members.

They were Brook Fernandes, lawyer KSW Law South Surrey, BC, Dave Lee from Scotia Wealth Management and Matt Jarvis from Dignity Memorial.

There was much discussion about banking issues on death of a partner, Taxation, Power of Attorney, Probate actions before and after death, Health representation agreement and the importance of forward planning for what many of us really don't want to deal with. Our death and that of our spouse. Also dealt with was Funeral arrangements by Dignity who were offering discounts for forward planning. ie Pay now die later. As alarming as it sounds there were very substantial and real savings to be made. In this section the business cards of those involved are copied for our members' information.



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L to R Cliff MacDonald, Ronnie MacDonald, Kathy Kopan, Gizzy Upvardy, Ray Power.



L to R David Attfield, Ron Morse and Dave Lee.



Previous Page bottom right - L to R Richard Lawrence, reg no 27387, Dave McAree (Sheriff of Deep Cove) Reg No 26130, Doug Hadley Reg No 25426 served 1967 to 1996, and Kent Tubman, Reg No 16917 served from 1951 to 1989.



L to R John Mellis, John Laseur, Rosanna Bloomquist, Wayne Bloomquist and Geoff Kramer.

NEWS FROM THE FORCE

From our Special

Correspondent in Coral

Harbor Det, NUN. Where is that? you might well say.

Well its at the north tip of Hudsons Bay and the member is there on a temporary relief duty. The temperature is quite balmy and warm this time of year -15 to -20 centigrade! \$54.00 for a box of Cola soft drink cans! And Polar Bears roam the area. Photos attached (Previous page - Coral Harbor Detachment)



5 hours of daylight.



Left and top of next column
Northern Lights over Coral Harbor.



PHOTO GALLERY

2026 RCMPVA VANCOUVER DIVISION LEVEE.

E DIVISION HQ COMBINED MESS.

SATURDAY 10TH JANUARY 2026



Murray Macham addressing the gathering. Seated is President Ray Power and Gizzy Udvardy.



Secretary Karen Frost and Robert Underhill, Mess President hard at work !



President Ray Power and Treasurer Bud Cramm

President Ray Power introduced our new Executive and gave his vision for 2026 as increasing and retaining membership. Murray Macahm, Vice President and Advocacy spoke of the importance of members who still suffer from non reported occupational stress related injuries and disabilities. He stressed the importance of these members contacting our Advocacy Team to rectify this tragic situation. Murray also highlighted the handing in old kit including unused RO#1.. Dwayne MacDonald, DC Pacific Region and E Div. spoke of the assembled members being trailblazers for his generation and so pleased to see so many former colleagues and friends gathered together. He informed us that the Federal Government has promised \$2 billion to reverse RCMP losses and cuts over recent past so the Force is looking fwd to rectifying so many deficiencies. Follows is an assortment of photos:-



L to R Steve Halskov, Nav Hothi OIC Identifications Services, Jon Snow, Heather Lew Inspector OIC EIHT, Deb Bourne OIC PRTC.



A/Sgt.Major Nathan Olson, Chief Supt. Steve Cocks, DDV Dwayne MacDonald Commanding Officer. Pacific Region and E Division. All very supportive of our organization and activities.



Heather Lew and Jon Snow.



Carol Reece and her husband-(your editor!)



Above Former E Division Tactical Troop members all retired now and from different years.

L to R Doug Gambicourt, D.Laird Allan, Hugh Stewart, Ric Hall, Ron Morse, Shaune Brownrigg, Walt Rossa, Bob Underhill and Jon Snow.

Below turnout was approx. 80 members and guests.

capturing historical milestones and events in the history of the RCMP. This coin commemorates The Lost Patrol of 1910 when four members of the RNWMP set out on dog sleds to complete the annual trip from Ft. McPherson, NWT to Dawson City, Yukon. All of them perished due to bad weather and getting lost. The coin bears a dogsled team representative of the mode of transportation used by the Patrol and behind is the memorial erected in their honor at the site of their graves in Ft. McPherson. The crest of the RNWMP is also placed on the back of the coin.



CALGARY RCMP VETS NEW LOST PATROL CHALLENGE COIN

The Calgary RCMP Vets are proud to offer their new challenge coin that maintains our theme of

The coins are \$25 each including shipping (higher shipping costs maybe incurred depending on order size) and an e-transfer can be made to invoicingcalgaryrcmpvets@gmail.com. It is set up

as auto deposit, so a security question/answer is not required.

Please provide your full contact information including mailing address and phone number to

Email address oldmanhenry77@gmail.com to place your order. These coins are being presold like our other coins and when we have enough orders, we will place one. Once the order is placed with all the coins it takes about a month for us to receive it and start the mailing process. We hope to place an order by the end of January 2026.

Our order will be placed soon so time is running out for those who wish to own this keepsake.

SEARCHING FOR RETIRED MEMBER

WE have been asked by Joe Scuby retired RCMP & CSIS member who lives in Ontario, if we could help track down a Michael Stewart, who is also a retired member of the Force having served here in E Division. His cousin Doug Stewart is trying to contact him. Details are:

Michael Stewart

Age 77 yrs

Postings-Kelowna, Prince George, Maple Ridge
(from where he retired).

Retired with about 30 yrs service. No rank
information available.

If you can help please contact:-

Dick Hawkshaw

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Joe Scuby

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That's it Next Issue in the Spring.

David Reece Editor. January 12th 2026

