



**Presidents Message**



It's that time of year again when membership payment is due. As you know this is our only income stream as we do not engage in fundraising activities. Thank you to members who have already paid.

Active members can pay \$75 through your profile on [rcmpva.org](http://rcmpva.org) or by cheque to RCMP Veterans' Association  
 P.O. Box 8900 Canadian Police College  
 1 Sandridge Road  
 Ottawa, Ontario K1G

Associate members can pay the \$30 by e-transfer to [edivvets@gmail.com](mailto:edivvets@gmail.com) or by cheque to RCMP Vancouver Veterans  
 Mail Stop 1004  
 14200 Green Timbers Way  
 Surrey BC  
 V3T6P3

Copies of approved Executive meeting minutes can be obtained from Karen Frost, Secretary, at [rcmpvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:rcmpvancouver@gmail.com)  
 Ray Power.

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**FROM THE RANKS**

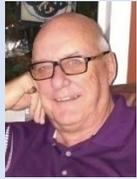
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*Honoring Cst Roger Pierlet in the latest edition.*

**LAST POST**

**VANCOUVER DIVISION MEMBERS**



**WILCOX** Stanley George Reg No 21974/0.1216 ROD Superintendent. Died in 2025 aged 84. Years of Service 1961 to 1997. Divisions K, HQ and E. Was a Governor of Vancouver Division and Past President of Vancouver Island Division RCMP VA.

**LOWER MAINLAND/EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE.**



**ROCKWELL** Glen "Rocky" Reg No 26617 ROD Staff Sergeant, died 2026 aged 78. Years of Service 1968 to 2005. Divisions E. In retirement he was director of the Cloverdale Rodeo, Surrey, BC.



**OSTRUM**, Marjorie May nee Eggleston, Spouse of Ron OSTRUM retd Inspector Reg no 17463/0.946, RCMP Vets Asso. Life Member Regina Division.

Mrs. OSTRUM died recently aged 92 yrs and I survived by Ron. Marjorie was a dedicated RCMP wife who served with her husband in all his postings during 68 years of marriage. Ron Ostrum is well known for his retirement work for the RCMP Veterans Association and their membership of Regina Division and at the RCMP Heritage Centre. Marjorie received the "Second Man Award" from the OIC F Division in 2013.



**GIBSON** Edward Michael "Ted" Reg No 26491 ROD Corporal. Died 2026 aged 78. Years of Service 1968 to 1993. Divisions E. including Burns Lake and Kelowna.



**SEBASTIAN** John Reg No 19648/0.851, ROD Chief Superintendent Died 2026 aged 88 at Peachland BC. Years of Service 196 to 1992. Divisions K, G and E where he retired from OIC Federal Policing for E Division.

**MATHER** Wayne Robert Reg No 32143, ROD Staff Sergeant. Died 2026 aged 72. Years of Service 1974 to 2012 Divisions E. North Vancouver Det. Port Mann Freeway, EHQ.

**LEHMAN**, William Murray Reg No 34561/Reservist Reg No 221. ROD Corporal. Died 2026 aged 68. Years of Service 1978 to 2017. Reservist for 13 years Post Retirement. Divisions in regular Service and as Reservist F, E, M and G.

**CROWLEY**, Fraser Grant Reg No 22602 ROD Corporal. Died 2026 aged 83. Years of Service 1962 to 1989. Divisions A and E. Passed away at Surrey Memorial Hospital.

**BATES**-Norma, Reg No C3378, Civilian Member, Years of Service 1988 to 2002. Died 2026 aged 72. Divisions E.

**PAYNE** Roger A. Reg No 22057, ROD Staff Sergeant. Died 2026 aged 84 AT Delta, BC. Years of Service 1961 to 1981. Divisions E.

**MOSS** Clifford J. Reg No 28355 ROD Constable. Died 2026 aged 74 at Gibsons, BC. Years of Service 1970 to 2000. Divisions E and M.

**FULLERTON** Thomas Robert Reg No 16677/0.837 ROD Superintendent. Died 2026 aged 93 at Courtney BC. Years of Service 1950 to 1986. Divisions E mainly Vancouver Island and in Coquitlam. During service he was expert marksman and competed with RCMP shooting teams.

**MATHER** Wayne Robert Reg No 32143, ROD Staff Sergeant. Died in 2026 aged 72 at Victoria, BC. Years of Service 1974 to 2012. Divisions E including Surrey and Kamloops.

**ELLIOT**, Herbert Ronald Reg No 16955, ROD Constable. Died 2026 aged 95 at Port Coquitlam. BC. Years of Service 1951 to 1969. Divisions E.

**HAMELIN** Alfred Cory Reg No 39362 ROD Staff Sergeant. Died 2026 aged 61. Years of Service 1987 to 2014. Divisions E and M. Served in Whitehorse, Coquitlam and Chilliwack.



**SCHMALZ** Leslie Arthur, Reg No 22123, ROD Sergeant. Died 2026 aged 83. Years of Service 1961 to 1984. CSIS 1984 to 1986. Divisions E, D, HQ, K and The Musical Ride.



**KERR** Gary Reg No 37329 ROD Staff Sergeant. Died 2026 aged 84. Years of Service 1981 to 2012. Divisions E.



**MITCHELL** Timothy Ian Reg No 32550. ROD Sergeant. Died 2026 aged 73 yrs. Years of Service 1975 to 2007. Divisions K,D,E,H and F. Served in Burnaby Scenes of Crime from 1990 to 1999.



**PYPER** Patrick Neil Reg No 37312. ROD Constable. Died 2025 aged 67 when still serving. Years of Service 1981 to 2025. Divisions E. was serving in Sicamous BC when he passed away. Served mainly in Kamloops, Valemount, Enderby and Armstrong.



**BRIGGS** Gary George Reg No 21846/0.1142 ROD Inspector. Died 2025 aged 85. Years of Service 1961 to 1991. Divisions K, HQ, D and E. Gary BRIGGS joined the RCMP at Fairmont Barracks in Vancouver. He passed away at Parkview right across the street from the present and what

remains of Fairmont Barracks. On discharge he was Communications Director for E Division.



**FRASER** Dale Malcolm Reg No 25954 ROD Constable. Died October 2025 aged 78. Years of service 1967 to 1995. Divisions E. Has service with the Abbotsford Police Department post retiring from the RCMP.



**HERBERT** Raymond Reg No 54562 ROD Corporal. Died while still serving in 2025 aged 45 yrs. Years of Service 2007 to 2025. Previous service with Edmonton Police Service 2005 to 2007. Divisions E.

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED**

Active

**MATTU** Manji Reg No 46673 ROD Sergeant. Years of Service 1998 to 2026. Divisions E and F.

**MACMILLAN** Valerie J. Reg No PSE Years of Service 1977 to 2009. Divisions E. Posted to EHQ for all her service

**LAW** Gary Reg No 45002 ROD Corporal. Years of Service from 1995 to 2015. Divisions E.

**EMERY** William Reg No 33131 ROD Constable. Years of Service 1975 to 1985. Divisions E.

**AVERY** Lyal Reg No 33639 ROD Staff Sergeant. Years of Service 1976 to 2005. Divisions E

**OSBORNE** William Reg No 25013 ROD Sergeant. Service Dates 1966 to 1995. Divisions E

**SHIELDS** Tim Reg No 45759 ROD Inspector Service Dates 1997 to 2016. Divisions E.

**ROBIN** Lionel Reg No C2814 ROD CP-03. Years of Service 1980 to 2014. Divisions E

Associate

**HOTHI** Navjeet Reg No 45531. Still serving. Superintendent OIC Identification Services Division E

**PARADIS** Sandra Reg No C8595 Still serving joined 2009.

**SANDHU** Sanum Reg No 61396 Rank not given, joined 2015 no discharge date.

**BROWNE** Ross Reg No 65301 Rank Constable Still serving joined 2019. Division E.

**BUGLE CALL**

**GENERAL MEETING.**

11 AM. THURSDAY APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> 2026

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #6

17567 57<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, SURREY, BC

Meet and greet at 11AM including lunch registration.

Speaker will begin at 12 noon sharp.

**GUEST SPEAKER**



ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER ADAM PALMER OM, RCMP E DIVISION.

FORMER CHIEF CONSTABLE VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT.

AC PALMER WILL SPEAK ON THE MODERNISATION OF

THE RCMP.

Please note that this venue is a Legion Branch, and all attendees will be required to sign in at the door. Lunch orders will be taken from 11am to 11.55am at the bar. Click on here for [MENU](#)

**RETIRED STAFF SERGEANT DAN LEMIEUX REG NO 15230 AGED 93.**



Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, the North Vancouver RCMP and your editor was invited to attend a presentation by Dan to other residents of the Amica Edgemont Village Care home in North Vancouver. Dan is of course well known to us as a former President of the Vancouver Division and Honour Guard coordinator in past



years.

I attended with a member of the North Vancouver Detachment Community Services Section who very courageously appeared in Review Order #1, i.e. Constable Paul Reece. (reg No 68230!)

Dan told of how he joined the RCMP as soon as he was old enough in Calgary. His first choice was the fire service like his dad who was a chief. His father had different ideas and drove Dan to the nearest Mountie Detachment to join the RCMP. Pay was \$3.00 a day and Basic training began at Rockcliffe, Ontario which of course included equestrian



*With Dan's daughter Wendy Fletcher*

training and assignment of your own personal issue mount. He recalls how they were trained to "jump" with the horse over an obstacle. Riders had to cross their arms, remove feet from stirrups and drop reins as they approached the jump they had to lean forward and say, "Good Morning Sergeant"!! Sometimes riders would fall off, and the penalty was to buy ice cream for the rest of the troop, a fitting motivation to remain in the saddle! 3 months later his class was taken to Depot to complete the recruitment program.

Dan's first assignment was to guard the Bank of Canada building in Ottawa and recalls vividly escorting \$2m in cash into the bank on handcars. He later served on the Welland Ship Canal, often having to isolate unexploded bombs from WW1 and 2 for later disposal. He then went on to D Division, Brandon.

It was about this time Dan thought about marriage. It was not easy in the service in those days. You needed 5 year's service and

\$1200 in the bank. That translates to \$16,883 in today's money. If you had the service but not the money often your mates at the detachment would have a whip round so you could show the boss, you had the money in the bank. Once married you had to pay it back right away. Clearly the sign of a determination to wed!

Then followed postings to Killarney Man. The location of Killarney Boys Town, then back to Brandon and a visit from the young future Queen, Princess Elizabeth and Prince Phillip.

Once he had gone through the permission cycle and proved he had the money, Dan married his wife Maxine in 1953 while serving in Clear Lake, Man. Maxine was an identical twin of her sister Norine and very few of her friends could tell the difference and always called either of them "twin" not knowing which was which. ! Dan assured us he didn't make that mistake at the Altar. Dan and Maxine were together for 67 years.

Once married they were at Langenburg Sas. a two-man posting. 1960 Dan was posted to Depot as an instructor in Criminal Law. He later went on to teach at the Canadian Police College after making Staff Sergeant. He moved to BC on retirement when he accepted a job as fire investigator and General Manager of the Fire Underwriters Bureau of Canada. Dan went right into the RCMP Veterans Association where he has been a hardworking member for years.

Once completely free of paying work Dan volunteered to give tours of the RCMP vessel St. Roch and the Vancouver Maritime Museum. This concluded his talk. The audience numbered about 60 or 70 folks who were all extremely impressed with Dan's presentation and especially the appearance of a real-life Mountie all dressed up for the occasion. Many of the very nice ladies were keen to have photos taken with Constable Reece and a line up soon formed!

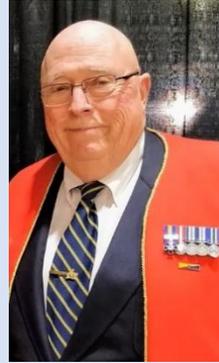
Personally, I've known Dan for about 20 years and all my contacts with him have been informative, amusing and well worth spending the time I did speaking to him. He is a resident at the care home and always happy for anyone of us to visit him. Anyone interested, contact the care home staff to arrange a visit. - David Reece

**REVEREND JIM TURNER OM.**



Jim Turner is still in Langley Hospital and under treatment for his cancer. He is in good spirits and has received visits from various people in his former Law Enforcement congregations. Jim was Pastor for the RCMP for many years and is well known to us. He has officiated at our Regimental Funerals and Memorial Days. He was appointed National Chaplain for the RCMP National Police Federation in 2022.

The photo above shows Jim with his daughter Anita McArthy, Anita has communicated an update on Jims's condition shortly before going to press. Jim has been having bone scans and while the results don't show marked deterioration in his cancer, it didn't show a great deal of improvement either. Jim is not eligible for surgery because of his weakened state. He has been receiving physio at the hospital, but his mobility is severely restricted. It looks like Jims family will be bringing him home very soon as the only viable



treatment seems to be medication. All the necessary preparations are being made to make Jim comfortable in his own home. Anita has asked for prayers for her dad. All our thoughts are with you Jim.

For a full description of Jims Chaplaincey Career

please click on

[JIM TURNER](#)

**NEWS FROM THE FORCE**

**SURREY PROVINCIAL OPERATIONS SUPPORT UNIT**

Letter to remaining RCMP members working in Surrey from Chief Superintendent Wendy MEHAT: -

As we prepare to demobilize policing in District 4 on April 1, 2026, it is important that we take a moment to reflect on the history of policing in Surrey and the legacy that has brought us to where we are today. Last week, we created a re-enactment of our original 18-member Detachment that assumed policing duties in a similar photo taken on May 1, 1951. The original Surrey RCMP formed in Cloverdale City Hall at 177b Street, Surrey – overseen by 1 Corporal and 17 Constables, all arriving from E Division's Vancouver Fairmont Barracks, to report to duty in Surrey.

I want to thank those members who took part in the District 4 Sub Office photo to commemorate 75 years of policing in Surrey. Those photos are here for us to see.





**RCMP NEW ISSUE PISTOL**

Despite the long debates and decision making



process the RCMP have NOT chosen the replacement for the present Smith and Wesson Service pistol for the SIG SAUER Model 320. It has

been announced that the standard service pistol will now be the Glock Model 45 with aimpoint red dot sight. We are reliably informed that this Glock is not a bad choice and holds its own very well in service pistols. It will of course be 9mm as the .40 caliber is no longer in favor across Canadian Law Enforcement. Sale to public price would be \$2000 plus (Currently by order of government all restricted weapons sales are suspended)

The Glock is a noticeably light weight weapon as compared to the current service pistol and the light alloy or plastic frames such as Glock

and Sig Sauer are popular with law enforcement. The RCMP choice goes against previous precedent which was always to choose a handgun the same as the Canadian Armed Forces.

**HISTORICAL CORNER**

FROM LETHRIDGE DIVISION.

CHALLENGE COINS

From Sandy McPhee, Communications Director RCMP Veterans' Association, Lethbridge.



The RCMP Veterans' Association Lethbridge Division would like to announce that the 2026

Challenge coins are now available for purchase. This coin is the 4th issue from the Lethbridge Division following the 2017, 2020 and 2023 editions. To order your coins please contact: Richard DROUGHT  
 Call or Text: (250)919-1330, [gasmate@telus.net](mailto:gasmate@telus.net)  
 Payment can be made by e-transfer to : mpvetsla@telus.net (preferred) Cash, cheques and money orders will also be accepted in person or by mail. Please note the Division is not set up for credit card payments at this time. Thanks, from your RCMP Veterans' Association Lethbridge Division  
 The coin recognizes Fort Whoop up which is central to the forming of the NWMP-RNWMP and the RCMP. The fort was located just south of Lethbridge and was created to combat the American Whisky Traders. The Fort no longer exists. This coin recognizes and commemorates the importance of the Fort in Alberta RCMP history.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

A national security company based in Vancouver is looking to build a roster of former law enforcement who have executive protection training and experience to be on an on-call list. You can find out more about them at [www.ssr.ca](http://www.ssr.ca) They are about 1400 people primarily doing work in Vancouver area, northern BC, Alberta, Yukon, NWT and Nunavut. If you are interested and would like more details please contact

[mark@ssrg.ca](mailto:mark@ssrg.ca)--The

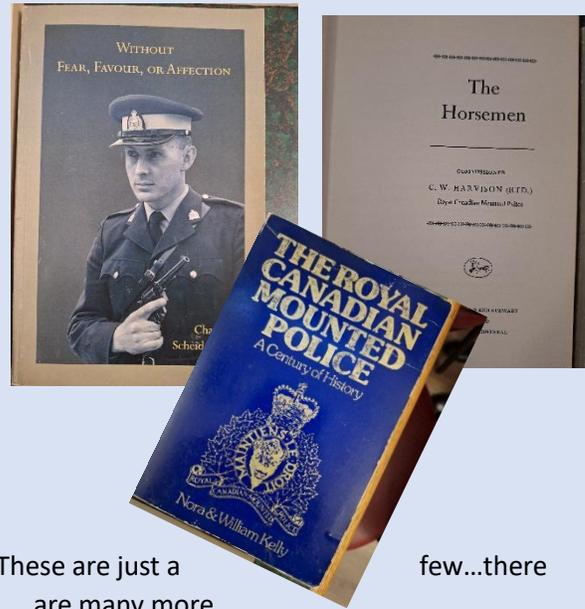
**HONOR GUARD**

The Division coordinator is now David Attfield. David has taken up the Regalia portfolio related to Vancouver Division. Regalia is work in progress and developments will be announced here in future issues. There are no HG events announced or have occurred since our last issue.

**FREE ITEMS TO MEMBERS.**

We are in the process of clearing out our storage locker. We have many back issues of the RCMP Quarterly going back to 1935. it I interesting to note that eBay lists a few back numbers and the asking price is \$8.50 each. We are offering these free to members. Useful if you're into historical research. There are a number of other publications that have to be disposed of, samples of which are included below again free to members. We have to dispose of this and some other items. If you are interested in any of these items plse drop Karen Frost an E Mail at:

[rcmpvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:rcmpvancouver@gmail.com)



These are just a few...there are many more.

**Editors Note**

*Dear Readers. If you have articles or items of interest, please don't be shy in sending on to us. The only criteria we apply is that we want material of interest to Vancouver Division members and subject to rules of decency and professionalism in publication. Controversial issues are welcome but please remain civil and we may have to caveat that the writers' opinions and submissions are not policy of the Vancouver Division executive or membership. We know there is a host of writing and other talent among all our 360 or so members and as this is your newsletter, we all want to hear from you. -Editor*