



2025
MINUTES OF MEETING FOR RGM
- March 10th, 2025 @ 1930 hrs
Royal Canadian Legion #632 - Orléans

(800 Taylor Creek Drive Orléans ON)

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting Called to Order by President Wayne Jacquard at 19:32 hrs

"We would like to respectfully acknowledge that we are gathered on the un-ceded traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Nation, and recognize the continuing presence of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people in this region."

« Nous tenons à souligner respectueusement que nous nous rassemblons sur le territoire traditionnel non cédé de la Nation anichinabée et à reconnaître la présence ininterrompue de membres des Premières Nations, d'Inuits et de Métis dans la région. »

2. **Safety Briefing and Roll Call:** Conducted by Marc Dureau with 72 Members in attendance.

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

MOTION: That the agenda provided by the Division Admin Officer be approved.

Moved by: Estelle Legault **Seconded by:** Marc Dureau **CARRIED**

4. **LAST POST:**

This is the Memorial Roll for former and current RCMP employee(s)/spouse(s) who have served in "A", "N", "CPC" or "HQ". The list is based on the Notice of Passing Away being received between February 8, and March 9, 2025.

Surname	Given Names	Rank	Reg. Nbr	Death Date
MARTYN	Charles Frederick	S/Sgt (Ret)	19780	2024 12 13
STOCKER	William Gerrard Bill	Cst.	17910	2025 02 06
MURRAY	Gregory Dean	Cst.	32994	2025 06 06
BOLTON	Gary Frederick	Insp. (Ret)	21928 O.1428	2025 02 07
GOODHAND	William Wilson	S/Sgt. (Ret)	15183	2025 02 03
DUECK	Eldon J.	S/Sgt. (Ret)	35511	2025 02 02
DAVIGNON	Guy Léo	Supt (Ret)	20517 O.938	2025 02 06



HOSWITSCHKA	Herbert M.	Sgt (Ret)	16081	2024 12 10
FAHIE	Terence Robert	CM (Ret)	C.0285	2025 02 16
TURNBULL	David Frederick	Cpl (Ret)	26485	2025 02 15
CROUCHER	Allan George	Sgt (Ret)	23740	2025 01 13
GINGRAS	Mario Byron	S/Sgt (Ret)	22658	2025 02 07
SCHINDELER	William Henry (Bill)	Supt (Ret)	17781 0.790	2025 02 15

We Will Remember Them.
(Moment of Silence to be observed.)

5. Adoption of Minutes:

A draft copy of the minutes for the meeting held on February 11th, 2025, was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

MOTION: That the minutes of the RGM Meeting held on February 11th, 2025, be approved.

Moved by: Estelle Legault **Seconded by:** Jack Hearfield **CARRIED**

A new member joined ODVA last week. Luisa Russo-Lemay welcomed Claude Levesque. An ODVA pin was presented.

6. Opening Remarks:

President Wayne Jacquard welcomes everyone in attendance to the March 2025 RGM.

Wayne noted that the Event Calendar Page on the ODVA Website and has gone down and it will be a few more months before a new Webpage is available. A completely new Website is being developed with a first down payment already paid out to a Contractor. The Contractor is working on the development of ODVA's first 3 pages. Included in the 3 pages are the Welcome Page; History; and a page for Beechwood Cemetery's links. ODVA's Calendar page will also be published. These will be published as PDF pages. This new information will be sent out by way of email, with a link to the information. Once the Webpage is fully up and running – then full access will be available to calendar.

Wayne also informed the group to see Louise Ross for the Barbeque Tickets, now available for purchase. The event is planned for Friday June 6th, 2025, at Long Island. The tickets are \$30 per person.



7. Guest Speakers: Don Mahar, Ralph Mahar, James Gough, Dan Stanton

The Spy Game in Canada: A unique “inside” look into the establishment of Canadian Security Intelligence Services (CSIS) with four CSIS and RCMP Veterans. On the 40th Anniversary of CSIS, this session is not your average history lesson!

Wayne Welcomed four retired employees from CSIS, who will make a presentation on “The Spy Game in Canada”. Ron Mahar thanked all for being in attendance and informed the group this was their 3rd presentation. The last two presentation were delivered last Fall at CSIS and then the second presentation was delivered to the Toronto University.

Each speaker provided background on their career, experiences, and challenges.

Don Mahar provided information on why this group started this Panel. The anniversary of CSIS 40th anniversary – July 16th, 1984, gave them the idea they would sit and speak to audiences and answer questions of what they do and who we are as CSIS Veterans.

Don provided details of his career and where it all started in 1968, when he applied to the RCMP, FDiv, followed by a move to SS in the RCMP. Don noted the files he worked on. He also noted his fabulous experience when covering a term in Nairobi and Kenya.

Don Retired in 2004 and spent a few years at CSE.

Ron Mahar, Don’ brother joined the RCMP on January 29th, 1974. He enjoyed a few years in southern Manitoba. His experience of stopping a diplomat in those year, peeked his interest on the subject of SS. SS was also hiring.

Dan Stanton: 1982 Don graduated from university and landed at Fat Albert. Interested in RCMP, he attended Adiv’s Cooper Street, however, was informed they needed bilingual members. He read the book “Men in the Shadows”, sending him to an area of interest separate from the RCMP. In 1985 Dan got a call from CSIS. In January 1986 he was posted to the field. The RCMP SS skill set were at their highest skill set, in Counterintelligence, where he served for 13 years.

James Gough: Met wife and planned to get married. He made a salary of around \$2.75 an hour. He boarded a train to get into Regina. Went to Saskatoon staying at boarding house and helped a roommate apply to SS. James got hooked on the subject as he assisted to prepare the application. James applied for transfer to Ottawa, however was told he needed 2-year detachment experience, so he went to the Ottawa



airport. He eventually got into SS. Worked on backroom. He worked on Telephone intercept, back-room TS report (Human source). He then worked on Russian files, and with this attended university to learn Russian and Russian history. The RCMP was really good, as they had good investigators. The Force was about prosecution whereas when transferred to CSIS, they leaned more towards gathering intel. James noticed that now, new recruit at CSIS, want to move to management within 5 years of joining, whereas back when he started it took 9 years to get to the Cpl level. He finds there is a lost of expertise and experiences gained in the organization.

All four speakers noted there were fun times, good time and scary times as well.

A question-and-answer session was held and answered by the four speakers.

A speaker replied to a question on the subject of Trump decimating of the CIA, FBI etc. The speaker noted it was not a good a good direction for the agents when those serving were to lose their pensions and benefits. It was noted: What are the Russians thinking and are they recruiting. What would we be looking at if China was doing this.

A question was posed on the information shared through the 5 eyes. One of the speakers replied there would be a little fear as was the case in the 1990s. It was quoted on a few historical cases. Canada will lose a lot from the Americans. Someone threatens your economy they become your enemy. When does the US become our enemy.

A comment was noted that Jimmy Carter's belief on "not needing humans".

One of the speakers noted, Deputy Duheme attended a CSIS RGM. Then Deputy Duheme spoke of the Plan of the RCMP and a different stream for federal investigation. Because of shortage especially in Contract Policing, this plan cannot move forward as there are no capacity for Federal, no budget, the National Police Federation has provided input and recruiting remains an issue.

The question of foreign interfering/meddling on perception (false and real), how much came out of the commission is doable to enhance our political system and what can we change?

8. New Business:

8.1. Budget:

The ODVA 2024 Financial Budget has been closed.



8.2. Calendar of Events:

Monthly – Numerous Regional Breakfasts are planned

APRIL:

12th: Spring Awards Ceremony

MAY:

22nd: RNMC Beechwood Flag Lowering (20:00 hrs)

23rd: RNMC Beechwood Flag Raising (06:00 hrs)

RCMP National Memorial - Legacy Pathway Official Opening (11:00 hrs)

JUNE:

6th: BBQ – Long Island Camp (\$30 per person) (16:00 hrs)

27th: RNMC Beechwood Honouring Judge George Springate (10:00 hrs)

NOVEMBER:

9th: RNMC Beechwood Veterans' Week Remembrance Service (11:00 hrs)

9. Old Business:

None to report for this month.

10. Draws:

50/50 \$32 Louis Upton

Door Prizes: Dan McBride; Carol McLeod (returned); and Terrence McDonald

11. Next Meeting: April 8th, 2025, at NHQ Mess.

Meeting adjourned at 21:13 Hrs.

Additional Announcements made:

- ODVA Sent 35 pairs to depot. Some will go to Musical Ride as they are also short of booths.
- Susan Mun asked the attendees if anyone was interest in attending an Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) game in Ottawa on April 26th, 2025, or on Wednesday April 30th, 2025. A dozen raised their hands.
- Awards ceremony is April 12th, 2025, at the Highlands Golf and Country club in their banquet hall.
- May 23rd, 2025, is the RCMP National Memorial at 11 am – Legacy Pathway.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police
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Ottawa Division
**Regular General Meeting
(RGM)**



Association des vétérans de la
Gendarmerie royale du Canada
Division d'Ottawa
**Assemblée Général Ordinaire
(AGO)**

- June 6th, 2025, is the Barbeque
- June 27 a special ceremony for Judge George Springate.
- June 2nd, 2025, Golf at the Highlands

Ron Mahar asks who in the hall were representative of CSIS, of old CSIS and who had served for CSIS or SS. More than a handful lifted their hands.

2025 Officers and Directors:

President:	Wayne A. Jacquard
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