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From the Editor's Desk

It is mid winter on the calendar and in the metro neighborhood one cannot be thrilled at spending hoards of cash heading south when the temperature here on some days exceeds the destination temperatures. It has been a wild ride as far as the lack of snow is concerned. My weather station has recorded rainfall since December 1 that accounts for 1/4 of the rainfall expected for the year. Converted to snow, if cold enough, it equates to an excess of thirteen feet of snow that could have fallen upon us (Dec 1 to Feb 12). Save the shovel I say. Not to say that Cape Breton experienced the same climate as Metro, but a strange winter it is throughout.

Late in the editing phase of this release we are presented with news of our Commissioner's pending Saint Paddy's Day retirement. As we digest this news and await an announcement on a replacement, I note that as our 24th Commissioner with 37 years of service in 5 divisions and elsewhere around the globe took on an enormous task as all before have had to do. Time will reveal her legacy. In the meantime - Thank you for your service and enjoy retirement in whatever form that may take.

I have added our Chaplain, Rev. Katherine Bourbonniere to the side panel contact list.

Pat Moran



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal Presentations



Nova Scotia veterans were presented with the recognition by C/Supt. Susan Black, Cr. Ops Officer, during the general meeting held on November 17, 2023. We enjoyed the company of an additional recipient in PO2 Leo Vemb CAF (ret) (far left) as he was unable to attend the formal CAF presentation earlier. Others are (l-r) : Gerry White, Neil Fraser, C/Supt. Susan Black , Chris Waugh, Steve Mills, Steve Graham, Dan Mallet, Julie Matthews, Paul Smith, Susan O'Handley, Alexander (Sandy) Glenn, Jan Gorman, Gary Grant, Vic Gorman, Brian Carter. Other recipients not in attendance include: Ian Atkins, Gerry LaPierre, Ralph Pietersma and Roy Smith.



Our VP, Dan McNaughton was also recognized as a QWIIPJ Medal recipient within his community. Here is the statement issued by MLA Brian Wong who is pictured left of Dan.

Daniel (Dan) McNaughton has boosted the community with his volunteering efforts. From being the local Santa Claus in support of charitable events, coaching sports, and his work with the Lions Club Danny is a vital part of our community.

Local MLA Brian Wong.



HISTORY - PRESIDENTS OF THE RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION, NOVA SCOTIA

The 26th President of this Division was Reg. # 25639, Garry Allan McCay. He was born on April 7, 1946 at Hamilton, Ontario.

Garry enlisted in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on April 20, 1967 at Toronto, Ontario. He trained at "Depot" Division, Regina, Saskatchewan and Penhold, Alberta and then served in "H" Division, Nova Scotia at Kingston, Kentville, Halifax, Yarmouth and Baddeck. He also served at Depot Division as an instructor.

After Baddeck Detachment, Garry transferred to "H" Division Headquarters, Halifax, Nova Scotia and served as Recruiting NCO, Public Complaints NCO, in Readers, as Grievances NCO, in Internal Affairs Investigations and as Discipline NCO.

While serving in the Force, Garry attained a Degree in Sociology and Psychology at the University College of Cape Breton and a Law Degree at Dalhousie University.

Garry retired from the Force on August 2, 1995 with the rank of Sergeant. After retirement from the Force, Garry practiced law at the firm of Rhindress Rusk & Associates and later at Rusk & McCay, Bedford, Nova Scotia until his retirement from law in 2006.

In addition, Garry served as a Board member and President of the St. Leonard's Society (now Shelter Nova Scotia).

He joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association, Nova Scotia on July 31, 1995. He served as Secretary, as a Director of Social and Entertainment, By Laws and served on the Support and Advocacy Committee. Garry served as the Master-at-Arms, 1st Vice President and then as President of the Association from 2004 to 2005 inclusive. At this time he serves as Director of History and Artifacts.

Garry served as a member of the Board of the St. Agnes Church Remembrance Day Parade as the Parade Marshal.

He was awarded the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Long Service Medal with Bronze Clasp and the Nova Scotia Police Long Service Award with bronze clasp and star. He was awarded a Life Membership in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association on July 2, 2018.

Garry also received the Halifax Regional Municipality Volunteer Award and the Queen's Jubilee, Century of Service Award.



Nova Scotia RCMP Veterans Association

Lieutenant Commander John Willard BONNER : RCMP Regimental # 1213
Lost at sea September 11th 1942.

John Bonner spent most of his life at sea. In 1929 he joined the Canadian Preventative Service which in 1932 was absorbed into the RCMP Marine Service.

With the rank of Master he commanded several RCMP patrol vessels until World War II when the RCMP Marine Service and its vessels were transferred to the Royal Canadian Navy.

In 1941 BONNER was given command of the Corvette HMCS Charlottetown and promoted in 1942 to Lieutenant Commander.

On September 11th 1942, HMCS Charlottetown was torpedoed by the German U-boat U-517 off Cap Chat Quebec in the St. Lawrence river. Nine of her sixty-four crew members were lost including Bonner.

When the ship was struck, Bonner ordered abandon ship, organized the evacuation and was the last to leave the ship. As he swam away there was a violent explosion and he was killed. His body was not recovered.

He is listed on Panel 6 on the Halifax Memorial. Bonner Drive at RCMP Depot Division is named in his honour.

Lest we Forget.



Did you know there was a connection between the RNWMP Lost Patrol and the city of Halifax? Between 1904 and 1910 the Mounted Police made an annual patrol between Dawson City Yukon and Fort McPherson NWT, 620 miles to deliver mail and dispatches.

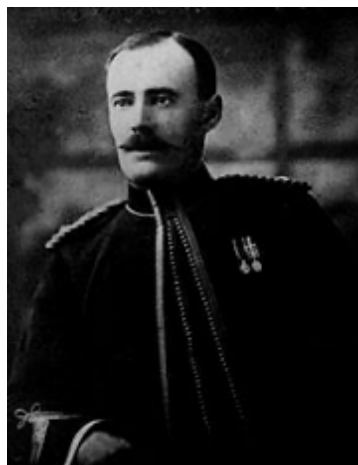
December 1910, the Commissioner of the Force, Aylesworth Bowen Perry, asked instead that the trip be made from Fort McPherson to Dawson. The trip was to be led by Inspector Francis Joseph Fitzgerald. Accompanying him were Constable Richard O'Hara Taylor, Constable George Francis Kinney and their guide, Special Constable Sam Carter. The four set out from McPherson on December 21, 1910 but they never made it to Dawson. The trip became known as "The Lost Patrol."

The patrol traveled light in an attempt to set a new record for the trip, however the guide for the trip (Carter) had never made the trip from Fort McPherson, only from Dawson. They ultimately missed a crucial turn and spent days lost in extreme temperatures. They ultimately decided to turn around and head back to McPherson. By this stage in the trip they were out of food and could find no game. They started eating their dogs and subsequently losing speed. At a camp approximately 35 miles south of Fort McPherson, with no dogs left, two of the four men perished (Taylor and Kenny) and Fitzgerald and Carter walked another ten miles when they too were overcome with starvation and cold.

The four men were recovered by a relief patrol led by Cpl Dempster (the highway running from Dawson through Fort McPherson and onto Inuvik is named after him) and taken to Fort McPherson where they were buried in the churchyard of the Anglican Church.

Inspector Fitzgerald was a native of Halifax Nova Scotia and if you wander the grounds of the Halifax public Gardens you will see a plaque commemorating Fitzgerald and the Lost Patrol of the RNWMP.

There is one other connection to Halifax. In 1992, then Cst. Howard Eaton (another Halifax native and our current Division President) undertook a major refurbishing of the grave of the Lost Patrol while posted in Fort McPherson.

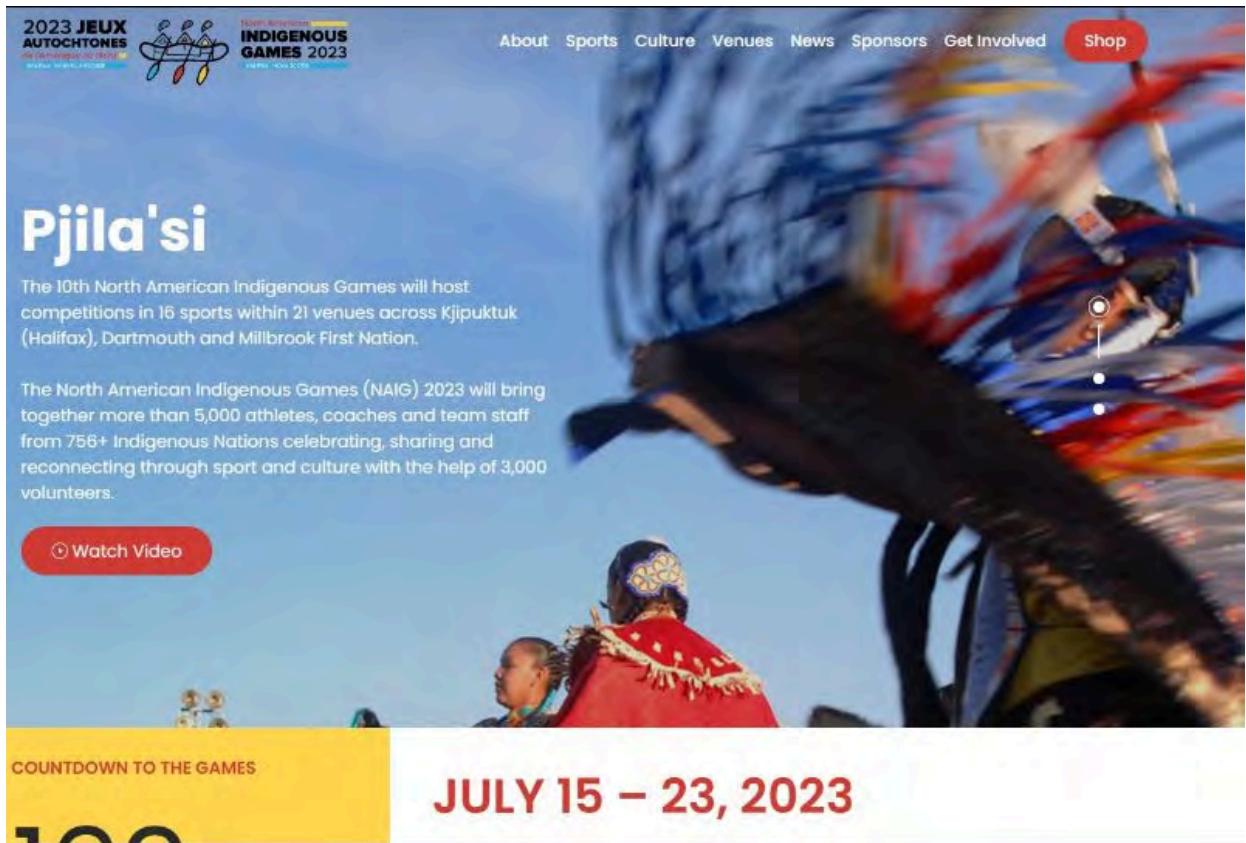


The 2023 North American Indigenous Games will be held in Halifax from July 15th to the 23rd.

They are looking for volunteers now. Visit <https://naig2023.com> to register to volunteer. Do it soon, as the spots are filling up.

It is a great opportunity for our Veterans who have a close connection to the Indigenous people of Canada to give more back to the community.

There will be 5000 athletes/756 Nations here and events will be held in HRM and Mill Brook.



(screenshot - North American Indigenous Games 2023 Website)

We have ordered 500 coins.

The idea is that we want to encourage and strengthen the bond between today's serving employees and the past through members of our association.

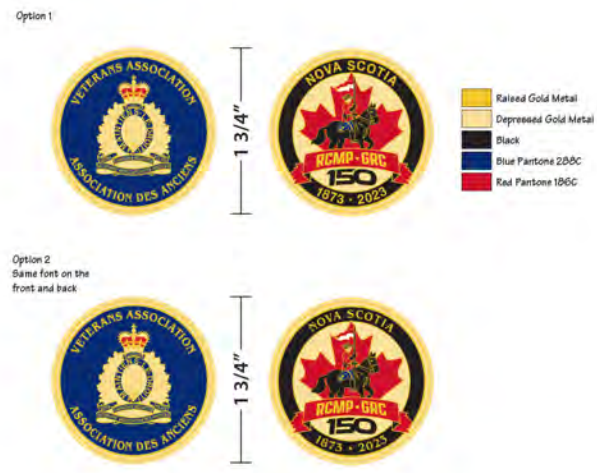
The coins will be distributed on the basis of Detachment Visits to the various RCMP Detachments and units in Nova Scotia by members of the NSRCMVA.

When the coins arrive from the distributor we will establish a process whereby two vets conduct a pre arranged visit to a unit or Detachment nearby and they will get a quantity of coins to take with them. Each Vet will get one coin to keep and they will hold a draw at the Detachment to give out the remaining coins. An example would be Baddeck Detachment. Two vets arrange to visit. They will get 6 coins, they each get one and they raffle off the 4 amongst the Detachment staff.

This is a successful program being run in "K" Division and it has gone very well.

Here is a draft version of the actual coin.

Howard Eaton President
NSRCMPVA



To: The Executive and Membership RCMP Veterans' Association,

Nova Scotia Division

April 27, 2022

Nomination for Honorary Member Status for Dr David Lyon and Dr Mary Lyon

Beginning early in 2012, the Support and Advocacy Committee and through them, the Membership of the NS RCMP VA, benefitted in the knowledge and expertise of audiologists Dr David and Dr Mary Lyon. Once introduced to the Committee's work with veterans and families, they agreed to support the education efforts of the Committee at its Workshops within Nova Scotia by consenting to becoming expert presenters at the twice-yearly Benefits and Information Workshops.

For the next several years, these Workshops took place literally from one end of the Province to the other and the informative presentations delivered in layman's terms by the Drs Lyon demystified hearing loss, tinnitus and hyperacusis. It is safe to estimate that well over 600 persons were in attendance at these Workshops and benefitted from the knowledge shared about the conditions and the requirements of the processes when applying for Veterans' Affairs Canada (VAC) Disability Pensions.

They also took care to ensure that local audiologists were introduced in the Workshops as well, in order to give those in other areas of the Province were able to access a resource knowledgeable in the VAC processes.

As co-presenters in the Workshops delivering the lectures and as team players in the actual audiology practise, Drs David and Mary Lyon have worked together for the benefit of the Veterans. They have conducted hundreds of hearing examinations on RCMP and Military veterans, while they carefully questioned the clients to obtain a better understanding of the work-place conditions that contributed to disabilities. Often, the supporting application narratives were written from that information gathered. In addition, they have been extensively involved in assisting in appeals for VAC claims denied and they have always been a great resource to the S&A Committee when seeking clarification of the various degrees of the conditions from their experience with VAC claims.

Now officially retired from an office practise, they are still engaged with the Veterans in working through contentious appeals and acting as a resource to the S&A Committee.

It is with much gratitude for their dedication to the Veterans that the Support & Advocacy Committee submit the names of Dr David Lyon and Dr Mary Lyon for consideration as Honorary Members of the RCMP Veterans' Association, Nova Scotia Division.

Jan & Vic Gorman, Co-Directors Support & Advocacy Committee and Committee members





Honorary Member

*The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association Nova Scotia Division
is pleased to confer upon*

Dr. David Lyon and Dr. Mary Lyon

Honorary membership in the Nova Scotia Division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association in recognition of the sharing of their time, knowledge, and many contributions to the welfare of members through detailed presentations at workshops, and continued support of the Association through testing, and diagnostic treatment of hearing issues.

*In Testimony whereof we have subscribed
our names respectively, this 15th day of
September Two Thousand and Twenty-Two
in the Municipality of Halifax, Nova Scotia,*

*Frederick D. Hildebrand
Secretary Nova Scotia Division*

*Howard S Eaton
President Nova Scotia Division*

Metro Christmas Gathering

December 17, 2022



On the late morning of December 17, the Metro area RCMP Veterans Association members gathered at the Oakfield Golf Course for a time of conversation, laughter and a full Christmas turkey meal followed by a huge piece of festive cheesecake. Once again, the Metro Region Directors Dan and Goretta Mallet pulled together a memorable event for the enjoyment of all in attendance.

There were several highlights during the dinner, the first being the final NS RCMP VA Lottery draw for the year in which the big prize of \$1000 was won by Brian Carter who was in attendance at the event to collect his cheque. The second highlight was the usual 50-50 draw which on this occasion reaped \$110 for lucky winner Bud Holgate.

Annually, a donation is made to the RCMP VA Chaplains to aid in funding Christmas meals and baskets for their needy. This year, \$500 was presented to Reverend Katherine Bourbonniere to be used in her work within her Cole Harbour Church of Saint Andrew. First VP Dan McNaughton presented Rev Katherine with the cheque.



Finally, the twelve colourful poinsettias used as table decorations were drawn for and all found new homes for the Season!



And a BIG THANK YOU to the MASTER of CEREMONIES – DAN MALLET

MERRY CHRISTMAS !!

This is one of many interviews conducted with retired members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Marine Division.
This particular interview was conducted on May 17th, 2016 by Garry A. McCay.

WILLIAM DANIEL WATTERS

William Daniel (Dan) Watters, Reg. # M-265 and Reg. # 27893, is a retired member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Marine Division and Land Force.

Daniel was born at St. John, New Brunswick on June 7TH, 1942.

When asked if he had any jobs before he applied for the Force, he replied, "I worked for Irving Pulp and Paper in Quality Control. I was a paper tester and dry end tester".

Dan joined Marine Division in Fredericton, New Brunswick on the 17TH of August, 1967. "I was joining the RCMP but I had a love for boats and sailing and I was offered a chance for Marine Division and I wanted to be in Marine Division".

When asked about the application process, he responded "I was fingerprinted and interviewed ... I was sworn in, in Fredericton. Corporal Inkster was there at the time and he told us 'You are not policeman, you are not to conduct yourselves as policemen'. I was given a train ticket for Saint John and a ferry boat ride across the Bay of Fundy and another train ticket from Digby to Halifax. That is where I met the crews on the maintenance and relief vessel, Irvine".

When asked about his duties on the Irvine, he responded "Well, first of all, I got all of my kit. Most of the things we learned right away were basic seamanship and housekeeping rules like we would have in any other branch because we had that ship spotless".

"That is where I was introduced to 'Sougie'. It was a very hot water, lye soap mixture ... a hard yellow soap that you could peel off with a knife. That thing would kill anything. The ship was spotless, germ free and we used that on all our vessels, the bigger vessels, especially. We didn't have any problems with critters on board the boat". "We did a lot of painting and we started a routine of security because we had vessels we had to watch while we were in port. We were living in HMCS Dockyard. Headquarters building was right there. We took care of our boats and we learned basic seamanship right there".

When asked about a crew mate Martin Parsons, he said that "Martin Parsons was the undefeated lightweight champion of the Navy and I was warned right away not to get too close to him when we were washing dishes because if you were in and around that area and somebody took a dish pan and hit it with something, he would swing at the first thing close. Saw him close to a few people. But he was harmless. He was a very good sailor and a very good person".

"Then I went to the RCMP Wood. That was the second part of my basic training because the Wood was at Expo 67. I was given a train ticket and three of us went to Montreal and became members of the RCMP Wood. There was a completely different attitude from the Irvine. This was spit and polish. This was the vessel from where all the small boats did the security on Bickerdike Basin and places on Montreal Harbour. It was a large crew. Thirty-five people on board as crew members, plus, we had an awful lot of people, probably from Montreal detachment or one of those places from "C" Division. They were doing the security parts".

"That is where I met a lot of the people that I sailed with, the people I trained with for the next two or three years. We learned how to do shift work; eight hours on, four hours off. That is the way they do it on ships. That is the way we worked on the Wood. It was different on the Standoff."

"We did a lot of security and a lot of public relations work. There were an awful lot of tourists coming down and aboard and we worked closely with the diving tender behind us, the Grandby. Basically, we had our time off and we toured Expo."

When asked about the food on board, Dan replied, "Excellent. All you could eat and lots of time to eat it. We had a very, very good steward".

When asked about how he got along living in close quarters on board, he responded, "Very well. I knew them of course as we had started out in Halifax and I met some who had left the Irvine just as I was arriving. Some of the guys had small boats; Hector Dawe, Moody McKay, Pete Clarke. All the guys who were senior up there were very good. If we wanted to go out on the boat, they would take us and run around the harbour. They had four boats, more like cabin cruisers". Dan said he did not get a red serge until he "was transferred to the police boat Standoff in "B" Division. The boat was in Halifax. It was a seventy-five foot detachment class patrol boat. Inspector Drew was the captain of the Wood and he was walking by me one day and asked me if I would like to go on the Standoff. I said sure, I would love to. He asked me what my standing was in my class in training and I said 6th and he said, 'fine'."

"The next day I was gone. I was transferred to the RCMP Standoff. They called me up to Headquarters in Halifax and said, 'What do you need'. I told them that I don't have review order. I don't have any uniforms per se. Just my working uniform and they gave me everything."

"I really didn't put the uniform on until 1970 when I was in Truro Detachment.

The minute I got there, I took it to the tailor and it fit perfectly. I didn't know how to wear it. Gary Bishop, Bob Narhgang and Walt Grappel and a few others gave me instructions on how to wear the uniform. I am not sure if I can still wear it. I used to wear it every time I got the chance. To me it was a very proud thing to do, wearing the uniform."

When asked about transferring over to the land Force, Dan said, "That was one of the turning points in my career. 1970. That was a very scary time for me. I had my seamanship book and I believe I had sufficient sea time to go to navigation school where I would get my mates ticket. I was setting up my career. I would get my tickets and go on a detachment class boat or maybe a mate or captain on a larger boat.

That was my career for the next thirty years".



"All of a sudden, my career plans were gone. I had none. I was taken from the boats with my limited experience as a police officer and put right into the mainstream without any training. It was exciting, but it was scary."

When asked about his time in Preventive Services, he responded "This was in Halifax Preventive Services. Customs and Excise, we called it but it was Preventive Services".

When asked about his duties in Preventive Services, Dan said, "What we did was watch for ships coming in and their crew members were coming ashore selling booze to longshore men. They were selling liquor and even clothing. We were also looking for guys with stills. There were a lot of stills in those days, back in the 1970's".

"We knew that there was a drug problem coming as far as smuggling goes. That was our job, smuggling. That is where the Marine Division came from, rum runners. We started because of the rum runners and now it was the same thing except they were running drugs. But they were closing up Marine Division and we couldn't understand that. They had all the boats and all the trained people. The practical part of why they were closing Marine Division down was dollars and cents. Unfortunately, they turned the drug interdiction over to the Navy and the Coast Guard with one of our members on each of their boats. It was good and it was successful but I am sure we could have done a much better job if we stayed as Marine Division."

"From Preventive Services, I went to Dartmouth Detachment with Earl Hamilton, Frank Diamond, Noel Nurse and those guys. The first day in, Earl introduced himself and introduced me to the guys and I told him up front that I didn't have much experience. He said, 'That's OK' and he gave me a handful of summonses and said, 'I want you to go and serve these'. He gave me the car keys. We were in that little old meat market on Woodlawn Road. I think I went in at ten o'clock in the morning and about four o'clock that afternoon, they were looking for me. They didn't know where I was. I was only at Dartmouth Detachment for a short time. In September, I was transferred to Truro."

"I learned very well on detachment. Then I went to Truro Highway Patrol and that was a good experience too. It developed my driving skills and I worked alone. I was getting a tremendous number of courses while I was on detachment and highway patrol."

Then Dan talked about some of his drug background. "We haven't touched on my drug background. It started in Dartmouth detachment. I was transferred to Truro because of that background. Inspector Walling called me into Sydney and he told me 'you have this experience. You have made drug purchases. You fit the bill of a person who can do undercover work'. I was very thin although I was in good physical condition".

"I was transferred to drug squad and became an undercover operator. It led to a great number of things as far as drugs go. Purchasing drugs from organized criminals and I worked undercover. I did a lot of investigations all over the province. I worked Halifax a lot as well Sydney, Amherst and Antigonish. I was doing well until I developed pneumonia and was hospitalized. After hospitalization, I was transferred out of drug squad."

"I left there and went to Truro and did my three sections there; detachment, highway patrol and drugs. Then I was transferred to Port Hawkesbury. Joe Easton was in charge. He said, 'the last man in gets Mulgrave for six months. You go to Mulgrave and you are the only one there. You will be the person in charge of Mulgrave.'"

"I always parked the car and walked in Mulgrave. I knew everyone in town. Every dog, cat, the school teacher, the principal. We were all good friends and we never had a problem in town."

When asked about how policing today has changed from when he was a police officer, he remarked that "I would get out and talk to people. I used to think to myself many times that we have to be visible and the police today are not as visible as we were".

"There are more ways of being visible and my pet peeve is that they are not being visible enough. They are not wearing their uniform properly, for one thing. Everybody has their way of doing things but there is a trend today that they are wearing baseball hats and toques and everything but what we issued them. You never see a forage cap. I don't want to see a ball player wearing a forage hat and I really don't think the police should be wearing ball hats. It is ok on the range. It is ok if you are the dog master or you are on special duty some place but not in public."

"In Port Hawkesbury, I got involved in a very large break and enter type of thing. I loved solving break and enters. I was training a female constable and we were getting victimized maybe three times a week. People were breaking into schools and businesses."

"We had something like twenty-seven break and enters unsolved and I said we have got to do something about this. Let's change our shifts. Instead of coming in a four o'clock, let's come in a eight o'clock and work until four in the morning. We started marking down licence numbers. People running around. We were checking cars and talked to a guy in Antigonish Detachment and he was having the same problem."

"I started comparing notes with him and we started to put a few things together and came up with a name. We were pretty sure this guy was into something and we searched him one night in the car and found some stolen stuff. We got a warrant and we went his place and we charged him. We solved twenty-seven break and enters."

After that, "they offered me an opportunity to get promoted and transfer to C.I.B. Readers in Halifax. I loved C.I.B. Readers. My job was to read other people's files, correct them, find out what problems they were having, give them a solution and make sure they were following policy. I did this for three years. After three years I was transferred to Security Systems. I ran into my Marine Division buddies in Security Systems, Gil White, Earl Walker and a few others. They got me into V.I.P. work and that opened an awful lot of doors".

"I was a limousine driver. I met every member of the Royal family and I worked with them and I actually became motorcade coordinator for the Royal family. I met the President of the United States. We had a half hour session at the airport. It was President Ford. We were talking about golf."

"I met the Trudeaus, even the present Prime Minister when he was about three or four years old. I met all of the Mulroneys. I even met the Pope. I represented "H" Division on the bodyguard Team "A" and I went right across the country with him."

"I could tell you some really good stories. The Pope was a very friendly person, Pope Paul II. We were not allowed to photograph him but we were always very close to him. I was picked to drive the car right behind the 'Pope Mobile'. I had body guards and the person in charge of the whole operation with me. I had eight people in the car and four or five radios. It rained in Quebec when we picked him up. It rained in Saint Johns when we picked him up. It rained in Toronto when we picked him up. Every place we went, it rained."

"He was staying at the Archbishop's residence and I was parked about two hundred yards away doing security in my van. A lot of people had lined up along the fence and he just walked out on the lower balcony at the main door of the building and he looked at the people and acknowledged them and waved to them. He smiled and he clasped his hands in front of him and he looked right at me, right over to me and we made eye contact and he looked up into the air and looked back at me as if to say, 'doesn't it do anything but rain in this country', and he turned and walked away."

Dan talked about his formal training in Regina (Depot). "The instructors were very good with us. My favorite courses were law, history and first aid. Swimming was difficult. I was a non-swimmer and I remember the first day in the swimming pool. He said 'jump in' and I said I can't swim and he said 'I didn't ask you if you could swim, jump in'. I did and I damn near drowned. They pulled me out and the guy said, 'you're right, you can't swim a stroke'. In a week, I was swimming."

"I used to think when I was in Halifax and I was alone and couldn't swim at three o'clock doing boat checks and checking the ropes because of tides and the bilges. Two things I was afraid of were, falling in the water and wharf rats. I never did see a wharf rat and I never did fall in. Thank God. I probably would have drowned right there."

When asked about free time while in training, Dan replied, "We would go to extra classes. I went to swimming and I was put on fat boys because I was too skinny. On weekends, we would rent a car and tour Saskatchewan. Time allotment was the toughest thing in training. It is something everybody has to learn. That is what I learned very quickly. You have to be able to schedule your whole day and you have to have time to eat. You make time for everything. If you are coming out of PT class and going to drill and you've got fifteen minutes to eat lunch, you have to be fast and be sure you don't get behind in the troop. We survived. It was time management. You learned to look ahead and plan ahead and plan your investigations".

"In training at 'Depot', I learned discipline. I learned in Drill class, learned in the pool and I learned in self-defence. I loved training in Regina. We felt bad, in a way, about our training because we weren't given a pass-out. We didn't have family there. Our photograph was taken, as you can see in the picture, with out fur hats and pea jackets on and we were given a ticket on the airline to Halifax."

"When Dan was asked about his first posting, he replied, "We worked very well together, searching ships and things like that. We weren't given any equipment. We had the vessels equipment, radar, radios and that sort of thing. I had a knife, flashlight and a pair of binoculars and that is all we had for operational tools. I didn't get a revolver until 1970 when I went to work for preventive services and the 9 mm, of course, when it came out".

When asked how police work changed during his career, he responded, "Uniforms. How the public attitude towards the law enforcement changed during my career. It changed an awful lot. They respected us, expected us to be the police they wanted to see and our guys have to pull up their socks. I have met some of them up here and I know a couple of them personally and they are very good people."

Speak of the Force today, I still respect them but I want them to wear a proper uniform and look like policemen and they will be policemen. That is the way I look at it".

Dan was asked about an experience or event that shaped his career, he replied, "It was 1970 when we turned over. I had long-range plans as a sailor but that all changed and I had to make long-range plans as a policeman. I learned very quickly and I think my career was very successful". Dan related a humorous story that happened during his career. "I was in Truro and Art Davey gave me a complaint about Christmas trees being stolen out in Kemptown. He said to go out and see this young guy. I went out to talk to him and he showed me where all the stumps were and he said, 'They are cutting my Christmas trees. They are doing it on weekends. I have a big farm here and I can't watch everything'. I told him to watch as closely as he could and we will charge them. He said, 'ok'. I meant to charge them in court. I had a few days off and I went back the following Monday and talked to him and asked him how he made out. He said, 'You were right. I was watching and Sunday morning two ladies came out with a saw and chopped down my tree'. I said what did you do? "I charged them ten bucks a piece'. Of course, I meant charging them in court and he charged them ten bucks a piece. That was a funny story".

When asked about an incident in his service where he feared for his life, Dan related several stories. The following is one such story. "In Marine Division especially, there were a couple of things on boats that became very scary".

"There was an incident with the Wood. You have heard about rogue waves. We were on patrol coming back from Quebec and we had rounded Scatarie Island at the top of Cape Breton Island. The wind was going one way and the tide was going another way and the water was rough and it was moving us around and that ship would roll quite a bit anyway. The 1st mate was on watch and it was about eleven o'clock in the morning. He was on the starboard side and I had another member with me at look out. I was standing on a rubber mat and I was at the wheel, steering. I saw a wave coming and it was a good size. I thought I should take it on the starboard and I turned to the starboard. The wave hit us between the numbers and the anchor and it rolled down a bit, maybe five or ten degrees. As she started to settle back this great big wave came out of no place. I had no idea where it came from. All I knew it was going to hit us and hit us hard. I was still turning to starboard and as luck would have it and it hit that thing just about the anchor and it rolled us so far that I could look out the windows on the port side and see the green water."

"The mat I was standing on ended up on the bulkhead, the side of the ship, against a window. The mate was hanging on for dear life on the dogs on the windows on the starboard side and I looked down at the lookout and he was laying down with his arms stretched out like he had fallen completely on his back. She righted. She shook a bit and slowly she came back and I steered through that wave. There was nothing like it. I was really scared. I could have lost the ship and the crew right there."

"The mate was Staff Sergeant Lavoise. He was a tough little guy, a real good guy and he said, 'Good work Constable'. Captain Drew came up and looked around and said, 'What is going on mate' and Lavoise said, 'Just a bit of a wave sir' and he went back down. I went down to the galley. The cook had a great big pot of soup on the stove and that thing disappeared, all over the galley. It was every place, needless to say."

"After Security Systems after three years, I was put in charge of the Immigration and Passport Section where I stayed for nine years and was promoted Sergeant. I received a Commanding Officers Commendation for 'Operation Atlantic'; the smuggling into Canada of one hundred and seventy-eight illegal aliens. I then went to Special 'O' and the Halifax Casino. Finally, I transferred to the member in charge of Security Systems Section."

"I retired exactly thirty years to the day on the 17th of August, 1997.

It turned out to be a great career after all."



Cumberland Region, NSRCMP Vets

It is sometimes difficult to get sizable numbers of our membership together given that we cover the second largest geographic area in the province but we do enjoy each other's company when it happens. Of course, when the "flurries" in the forecast on December 15th amount to 15 cm., that can affect travel plans from Malagash to Port Greville. Sunny on one end, not so much on t'other!

We had 30 booked for our Brunch but lost six to snowy roads and two to Positive Covid testing that morning, so we still ended up with 22; not bad at all.

As many are aware, there is a Policing Review underway in Cumberland County with meetings held at five locations around the County during the Fall. Paul Calder attended the session in Pugwash on September 20th. The session was interesting and although several concerns were raised, most people seemed to have a fairly realistic idea of what to expect for calls for service and in particular, emergency calls. The fact that they no longer have a Detachment with a DA bothered most people. There was an outstanding issue where it was suggested in private to a few attendees with personal policing issue concerns that they should meet in person with the District Commander, Craig Learning, who was advised forehand of the potential visit from the citizens. Another session in Springhill was attended by another associati0n member, Brian Carter.

In October, the Division Ensign was displayed at Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church in Amherst to mark N. S. Police Memorial Sunday.

On Remembrance Day, Mike Johnson and I attended the Parade and Ceremony in Amherst where a wreath was laid on behalf of Cumberland Region. Sadly, we were the only ones representing the Force. I am not sure of representation in Parrsboro, Oxford or Pugwash. Dave Baldwin joined Dave Coleman at the Joggins cenotaph so that Dave would not be alone as he was in past years joined by his son, Insp. John Coleman, who died suddenly in January 2022. I am sure that meant a lot to Dave. On November 12th, an awards ceremony was hosted in Amherst by the area MLA, Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin and among those receiving Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medals was Marion Durling, while Russ Durling and Paul Calder received Platinum Jubilee Pins.

When it was realized that Dave Coleman had been omitted from the area military veterans who received pins, the MLA was contacted and was very happy to present Dave with his pin at his home on Dec 7th.

Glen Hudson and Susan left Amherst to return to the Halifax area last summer so we wish them well and we welcome Dana Patterson who just moved to Cumberland from Colchester Region.

Hopefully health and weather will allow us to gather sometime this Spring and we look forward to the Executive Road Show when it appears at a theater near you!

Paul Calder, Chris Paley
Cumberland Region



Dale Jones (Dave Coleman's daughter), Dave Coleman, Frank and Heather Kingston, Anne and Trevor Lawless, Paul Calder

Cumberland Region, NSRCMP Vets

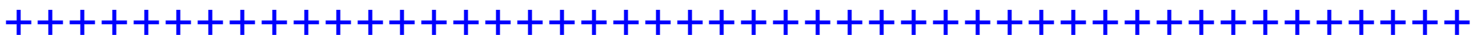
On November 7th the Provincial Volunteer Awards recognition ceremony was held at Alderney Landing in Dartmouth. Paul Calder (c) received the award, as did Cpl. Shawn Galbraith from Oxford.



(The Honourable Arthur J. LeBlanc, ONS, KC , Paul Calder, Hon. Tim Halman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change)



Dave Coleman in receipt of the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Pin from MLA Elizabeth Smith-McCrossin



Nova Scotia Police Curling Provincials 2023

Bridgewater Curling Club hosted this event January 20-22 with four teams fighting their way to the finals. Team Glinz has earned the right to represent Nova Scotia at this years nationals being held in Levis Quebec in April. They handily won all of their games except one - a blowout at the hands of a ragtag team of giant killers. No additional embarrassing details will be released here. Of the 16 players in attendance, half were members of our Association.

Sincere gratitude is extended to Ward Beck and Paul Sampson, the co-hosts of this event. Good luck in Levis to Gerald Glinz, John Elliot, Simon Labine and Stuart Knockwood



(photos - Sarah Glinz)



Pat Moran (l) and Dan McNaughton (r) recipients of the Richard (Dick) Semone Sportsmanship Award presented by Dick's long time friend, Mike Praught (c)

Stuart Knockwood, John Elliot, Gerald Glinz and Simon Labine

Nova Scotia RCMP Veteran’s Association Executive Resume Travels

On November 21 and 22, Nova Scotia President Howard Eaton, NS RCMP VA Advocate Steve Graham (also the RCMP VA national Benefit Trust Fund coordinator) and Vic and Jan Gorman (Co-Directors of the Nova Scotia Support and Advocacy Committee), were accompanied by the RCMP VA National President Sandy Glenn as they commenced the long-postponed tours of the Nova Scotia Regions to visit the membership in their home areas. This first trip was to South Shore, Yarmouth and Annapolis Valley Regions.

The first stop on Monday was at the RCL in Bridgewater where a group of 14 persons gathered for coffee. After introductions around the room of the visitors and all attendees, the gathering heard presentations by the Executive, and conducted some casual conversations. It was great to see these faces once again and to welcome some new ones to the group as well. A highlight of the visit was the presentation by President Eaton of the LIFE MEMBER AWARD to Darryl Cook. Over the years, Darryl’s work on behalf of the RCMP Veterans’ Association has benefited many in his area and he has also been instrumental in obtaining venues for meetings and Workshops. He continues to fill those roles when required and his local knowledge is valuable to the Association.



Darryl Cook (L) receives his LIFE MEMBER AWARD from NS RCMP VA President Howard Eaton

The next stop of the day was in Shelburne where a mid-afternoon gathering lasted for two hours and provided the members attending, some non-Association members and two serving RCMP with some details of the recent efforts of the Nova Scotia RCMP VA as well as some information related to benefits and programs. Many thanks to member Robert Forbes for making the arrangements and reaching out to the local retirees and detachment.

The final meeting of the first day was held in Yarmouth and during those two hours, the attendees heard similar messages from the Executive members. It was great to chat with those in attendance, some of whom are retirees who returned “home” following their RCMP service. Thank you to Region Director Fred Graham for making the arrangements for this session and for reaching out to some non-members to provide them with the invitation to the meeting as well.

Tuesday morning, November 22nd dawned to partly sunny skies as the Executive resumed their travel, arriving in Coldbrook to join a lunch group of approximately 18 “Valley” members and spouses for a couple of hours. Following a lunch meeting arranged by Region Director Jim Arsenault, each of the Executive delivered their messages and updates to those in attendance. The highlight of this meeting was the presentation of two awards to Association member Ralph Pietersma. First, Ralph was presented with the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Medal by the National President, Sandy Glenn. This was followed by Sandy giving Ralph with his Life Member Award in recognition of service to the veterans. Ralph has dedicated much time to his community and he has been a supporter of the RCMP Veterans through his hospital and care home visits over the years.



Ralph Pietersma (L) presented with the QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL and the RCMP VA LIFE MEMBER AWARD by National RCMP Veterans’ Association President Sandy Glenn



South Shore Region

NOMINATION:

Mrs. Shelley Walker, a Queens County Senior Safety Co Ordinator, who works out of the RCMP Queens Detachment in Liverpool, NS has been a strong supporter of the NS RCMP Veterans' Association for a number of years.

In particular. Mrs. Walker has been a stalwart advocate for an elderly recipient of the RCMP Benefit Trust Fund. Her kindness, devotion and professionalism all contributed to enhancing the welfare of the spouse of a former member of the RCMP. Without Mrs. Walkers' intervention and assistance over several years, this spouse would have been in dire straits and without quality of life.

Shelley Walker is dedicated to the care of others and continues to provide outstanding professional service to both the RCMP and to senior members of her community. Her accomplishments have not gone unnoticed by members of the NS RCMP Veterans' Association and we thank her for her professionalism and service.

We wish to nominate Mrs. Shelley Walker for an Honorary Membership in the NS RCMP Veterans' Association as she has made a "significant contribution" to the welfare of a certain RCMP family and positive impacts for the membership and well-being of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Mills, Region Director, South Shore Region NS

Victor Gorman, BTF Coordinator & Co-Director, Support & Advocacy Committee

September 15, 2022





Many of you may not have had the need to reach out to our very talented, resourceful, dedicated and discrete *Support and Advocacy Group*. They are there for you and I. 2021* was busy for them as they were in contact with 542 members and/or their families (serving and retired) offering assistance in a variety of individual circumstance and need. S&A also delivered 300 'Mountie' Bears to detachments throughout the Division. Our Division has been blessed with their existence. Reach out. It's not that far.

*last annual year report



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Nova Scotia RCMP Veterans' Association

2023 Lottery

9 Chances to Win a Cash Prize

3 X \$1000 and 6 X \$500

Nova Scotia Lottery regulations prohibit ticket sales outside the province and our lottery license restricts ticket sales to members of the NS RCMP Veterans' Association. A condition of our Nova Scotia Lottery License also prohibits electronic payments, including e-transfers and PayPal. Therefore, the Association can only accept payment for Lottery Tickets by cash, cheque or money order.

Tickets purchased are eligible for all remaining draw-dates following the date of purchase as outlined in the **DRAW SCHEDULE. One ticket will be drawn on each draw date and the drawn ticket will be returned to the drum and included in all remaining draws. The cost of a single ticket will be based on the number of draws remaining at the time of purchase.**

To be entered in a draw, payment must be received by the Association at least one day prior to the draw as per the **DRAW SCHEDULE below. Receipts will be issued for all tickets purchased.**

Purchase Options: Cash, Cheque or Money Order

Please make all Cheques / Money Orders payable to:

NS RCMP Vets' Association

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| In Person: | Cash / Cheque or Money Order [Pay directly to Treasurer - Ian Atkins] |
| Mail: | Mail Cheque or Money Order to: <i>[Do not send Cash by Mail]</i> Nova Scotia RCMP Veterans' Association Mailstop# H-025 80 Garland Ave., Dartmouth, NS B3B 0J8 Attn: Treasurer 1. Include a notation the payment is for the 2023 Lottery 2. Include ticket owner's name & telephone # |

Draws: 9 **A Cash Prize will be awarded according to the Draw Schedule**
A Winning ticket will be returned to the Lottery Drum for all remaining Draws, so you could win more than once with the same ticket.

***** **DRAW SCHEDULE** *****

| Ticket Cost | Purchased prior to Draw on | Cash Prize | Eligible Draws |
|------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| \$45 | February 18th | \$1,000 | 9 |
| \$40 | March 18th | \$1,000 | 8 |
| \$35 | April 20th | \$500 | 7 |
| \$30 | May 18th | \$500 | 6 |
| \$25 | June 15th | \$500 | 5 |
| \$20 | September 21st | \$500 | 4 |
| \$15 | October 21st | \$500 | 3 |
| \$10 | November 18th | \$500 | 2 |
| \$5 | December 16th | \$1,000 | 1 |
| NS Lottery Lic # | | | AGD-322011-22 |

Pension & Benefits Reference Contacts – September 2022

| Pertains To | Website | Phone # | Details |
|---|--|--|--|
| RCMP Pension administered by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) | www.rcmp-grc.pension.gc.ca https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/remuneration-compensation/index-eng.html | 1-855-502-7090 (all ranks other than below) 1-855-502-7088 (for levels EX-01-C/Supt. & above) 1-800-561-7930 Public Servants | Have the Pension number and/or HRMIS number available. |
| Veteran's Affairs Canada (VAC) | www.veterans.gc.ca Select My VAC Account Select Sign In Sign-in Partner or GC Key Input Username & Password | 1-866-522-2122 | Have the CSDN – "K" Number available. |
| Canada Pension Plan (CPP) Old Age Security (OAS) Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) Survivor's Benefit Disability Payments | www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/publicpensions.html Select language of choice Select Benefits Select Pensions | 1-800-277-9914 | Have the Social Insurance Number (SIN) available. |
| RCMP Group Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Plan Administered by SEB Administrative Services | www.pbs-sra.ca Input User ID & Password You may enter as GUEST or SURVIVOR On June 14, 2021 , the administration of the RCMP Group Life Insurance Plans was transferred to SEB Administrative Services. For information or to make changes to your group life insurance coverage, please visit https://fp.seb-admin.com/fpconnect/#/rcmp-grc or contact the RCMP Group Life Insurance Centre from Monday to Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time (E.T.) at: 1-877-778-8084. | 1-877-778-8084 | Have Pension number &/or HRMIS number &/or other personal information available. |
| Public Service Health Care Plan (Sun Life) | www.sunlife.ca/pshhcp Group CONTRACT Number is 055555 Each member has a Certificate Number on their card Input Access ID & Personal Password | 1-888-757-7427 | Have Group Contract Number & Certificate Number available. |

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| Blue Cross - Medavie | www.medaviebc.ca Select Account Login Select VAC Input Username & Password | 1-888-261-4033 | Have Client Number available. |
| Pensioners' Dental Services Plan (Sun Life) | www.sunlife.ca/pdsp Group CONTRACT number is 255555 Each member has a Certificate Number on their card Input Access ID & Personal Password | 1-888-757-7427 | Have Group Contract Number & Certificate Number available. |
| Bureau of Pension Advocates (VAC) | www.veterans.gc.ca <u>How to review or appeal a decision - Veterans' rights - Veterans Affairs Canada</u> | 1-877-228-2250 | If you applied for disability benefits from VAC & received a negative response to the application, you may qualify for support from the Bureau of Pensions Advocates. |
| Canada Revenue Agency Disability Tax Credit (DTC) | https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/disability-tax-credit.html | 1-800-959-8281 | Require SIN |
| GST Office | https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-1-d&q=gst+office+canada | 1-800-959-8281 | |
| VAC ASSISTANCE SERVICE | 24/7 PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT FOR VETERANS & FAMILIES | 1-800-268-7708 | NO FEE |
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