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On a beautiful November 11, members of the RCMP Veterans' Association - Ottawa Division, joined military Veterans from across the country to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. More pictures pages 6-8.

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Events-Événements

February/ Février

Valentine's / St-Valentin

(to be determined / à déterminer)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT



All of the very best of the Season to one and all!

This will be my last message to you as President. It has been a remarkable, and fulfilling, three years.

We've had a very busy time since the last issue of the Spirit. Cred-t to Michel Pelletier and his team, the RCMP Veterans Ottawa Division Golf Tournament delivered another resounding success in terms of fundraising for the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood. And on that front, Roy Berlinquette and his team delivered two splendid stone columns – with bronze bison heads affixed – marking the location of the future main entry point to the Cemetery.

We paraded a strong contingent at this year's National Police Memorial Service on Parliament Hill at the end of September. We cut a fine figure on parade owing to the fine work of our Protocol Team (Bill Stewart and Marc Dureau).

The same can be said of our participation at this year's Remembrance Service at the National War Memorial. In the past, we have marched with the RCMP Contingent of serving members. For the first time, we mustered and marched with military veterans, young and old. I believe that we've found our rightful place. It also sends the right message to the Canadian public.

As retired members and employees, we represent a legacy of service and sacrifice in almost every major armed conflict that our nation has confronted since the North West Rebellion. In more recent years, many of us have served abroad on peace support operations in support of the United Nations, NATO, and the European Union. We have earned our way and we have pride of place, shoulder to shoulder, with Canada's broader community of Veterans.

Our November Honours and Recognition Night was, without doubt, 'the best ever'. It is so important for us to formally

acknowledge service to the Association and the extraordinary accomplishments of our members. Joan Panich and her team continue to do us proud. We have discovered the added bonus of a very popular bi-annual social event. BYTOWN Caterers gave a fine account of themselves with their catering. Greg Fedor was on hand to provide the music. And the RCMP Pipes and Drums made an appearance to liven things up a bit!

We were well represented, again this year, at the General Mess Regimental Dining In Night. And we are well on our way to making a great success of our annual Christmas dinner.

As you read this edition of The Spirit, let us celebrate the fact that Suzanne Sarault and her team continue to provide the 'mortar between the bricks' that keeps us so well connected.

Best regards,
Graham Muir





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT



Je vous offre à tous et à toutes mes meilleurs vœux de la saison!

Ceci est mon dernier message, en tant que président. Il va sans dire que ce fut trois années remarquables et épanouissantes.

Nous avons eu une période très occupée depuis le dernier numéro du Spirit. Un gros merci à Michel Pelletier et son équipe; le tournoi de golf des Anciens de la GRC, division Ottawa, a connu encore une fois cette année un succès retentissant en ce qui a trait à la collecte de fonds pour le Cimetière commémoratif national de la GRC à Beechwood. Sur ce plan, Roy Berlinquette et son équipe ont fait installer deux magnifiques colonnes de pierre surmontées d'une tête de bison en bronze; celles-ci seront, à l'avenir, l'entrée principale du cimetière.

Nous avons un bon contingent au défilé lors du Service commémoratif annuel des policiers et agents de la paix canadiens sur la Colline du Parlement le dimanche 27 septembre. Grâce à l'excellent travail de notre équipe du protocole, Bill Stewart et Marc Dureau, nous avons vraiment une fière allure.

Le même commentaire s'applique au sujet de notre participation au Jour du Souvenir au Monument commémoratif de guerre du

du Canada. Dans le passé, nous faisons partie du contingent des membres actifs de la GRC. Pour la première fois cette année, nous nous sommes rassemblés et avons défilé avec les Anciens Combattants et Vétérans militaires, jeunes et plus âgés. Je crois que nous y avons trouvé notre place et ceci communique également le bon message à la population canadienne.

En tant que membres et employés à la retraite, nous représentons un héritage de service et de sacrifice dans presque tous les grands conflits armés auxquels notre nation a été confrontée depuis la Rébellion du Nord-Ouest. Au cours des dernières années, plusieurs d'entre nous avons servi à l'étranger dans des opérations du maintien de la paix en appui à l'Organisation des Nations Unies (ONU), à l'OTAN et à l'Union européenne. Nous avons mérité notre place, une place privilégiée côte à côte avec la communauté élargie des Vétérans du Canada.

Notre soirée de Distinctions honorifiques et de prix de reconnaissance en novembre était, sans aucun doute, la meilleure. Il est tellement important de reconnaître officiellement le service à l'Association et les réalisations extraordinaires de nos membres. Joan Panich et son équipe continuent de nous faire honneur. De plus, cet événement social semi-annuel est très populaire. Nous avons été bien servis par Les traiteurs Bytown Catering et la musique de Greg Fédor a créé une belle ambiance. Le Corps de Cornemuses et de tambours de la GRC a également

animé la soirée avec quelques pièces qu'ils ont jouées pour nous!

Nous avons été bien représentés, cette année encore, au Dîner régimentaire de novembre. De plus, nous sommes sur la bonne voie pour que le Dîner annuel de Noël soit un grand succès.

En lisant ce numéro du Spirit, célébrons le fait que Suzanne Sarault et son équipe continuent à injecter le «mortier entre les briques» qui nous permet de demeurer si bien branchés.

Cordialement,
Graham Muir



Photos by/par Serge Gouin, RCMP/GRC

The RCMP Veterans' Association-Ottawa Division, in partnership with **belairdirect.**, is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2015 Education Awards.

La Division d'Ottawa de l'Association des Anciens de la GRC, en partenariat avec **belairdirect.**, a le plaisir d'annoncer les récipiendaires des bourses d'études pour l'année 2015.

The draw was carried out by Ron Lewis, Ottawa Division, Fred Lyle, Vice President Ottawa Division and Jennifer Campbell of **belairdirect.** The event took place at the RCMP HQ Cafeteria on August 24.

Le tirage au sort a été effectué par Ron Lewis, Fred Lyle, vice-président de la Division d'Ottawa et Jennifer Campbell de **belairdirect.** L'événement a eu lieu à la cafeteria du QG de la GRC, le 24 août.

Jordan Branker,
Ottawa
Son of /fils de
Peter Branker
RCMP
National Division



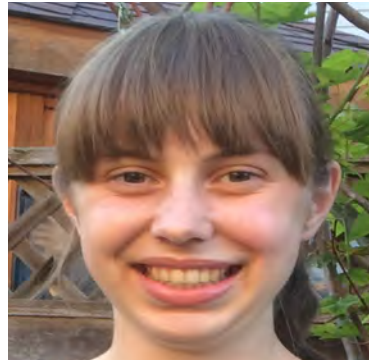
Alexa Kara Dillon,
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grand fille de
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Yanick Lee,
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Gary Lee RCMP
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grand fille de
Ron Sparks RCMP
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A Soldier's story, a special Remembrance Day concert, was held at the DominionChalmers United Church, Nov. 8. A Veterans' Week tradition, A Soldier's story uses a package of letters home to tell the story of Syd Hampson, who left Moose Jaw to join the First World War, seeing action across Europe and witnessing the death of many comrades. L/Cpl. Syd Hampson is the father of Garth Hampson of the RCMP Veterans Association - Ottawa Division.

Garth has a central role in the production and it is definitely a family event. It was an afternoon of fond memories and of solemn remembrance with wonderful performances by Garth, his son, Brad, and his three granddaughters, Jessica and Abby Wilson and Chelsea Hampson. They were joined by the Stan Clarke Orchestra, the Boys and Men's Choir of Christ Church Cathedral and the Girls' Choir of Christ Church Cathedral.

Photos by Suzanne Sarault





His Excellency, the Right Honourable David Johnston received the First Poppy from Royal Canadian Legion's Dominion President, Comrade Tom Eagles and Grand President, Comrade Larry Murray for the ceremonial opening of the 2015 Poppy Campaign. The presentation was made on Oct. 22 at Rideau Hall.

Left to Right) His Excellency the Governor General, Céline Gingras, Québec Division; Bob Kraus, Kingston Division; Bill Stewart, Ottawa Division; Al Rivard, RCMP Veterans' Association Vice-President; Marc Dureau, Ottawa Division; Mark Gaillard, RCMP Veterans' Association Executive Officer; Tom Eagles, Dominion President of The Royal Canadian Legion.

Photo by/par Sgt. Ronald Dechesne/Rideau Hall



Ottawa RCMP Veteran member Gary Walkling and about 60 other Canadians, provided a different perspective to Veterans' Day ceremonies near their winter home in Pine Lakes Community, FL. Not only did Gary represent the RCMP Veterans by carrying the Canadian flag but, before they left Canada, he contacted Bill Maxwell at the Legion Dominion Office and arranged for 150 poppies to be sent for the U.S. Remembrance Day Ceremony. Canadians marching in the parade wore the poppies and the rest were worn by other Canadians who attended the event.



Ottawa Division RCMP Veterans' Association took part in Remembrance Day services at the War Memorial in downtown Ottawa. For the first time, RCMP Veterans marched with military veterans. Other RCMP veterans chose to mark the day in services in their own communities including Roy Berlinquette, Alex Geddes and Tom Abernethy in Orleans and Bernie Gagnon in Grant, ON.



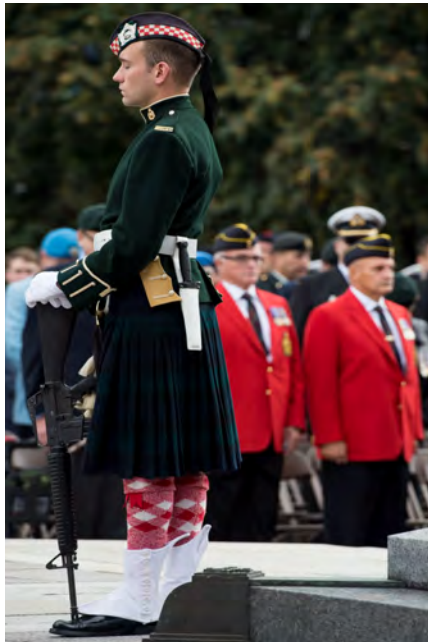


On October 22, 2015 a ceremony was held at the National War Memorial to commemorate the assault on Parliament Hill one year ago.

The event also honoured the sacrifices of Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent and Corporal Nathan Cirillo and the bravery of the first responders. Soldiers, police officers, emergency professionals, veterans, citizens, dignitaries and officials joined the families of WO Vincent and Cpl. Cirillo, the regiment of Cpl. Cirillo and the first responders to mark the first anniversary of the tragedy.

The ceremony began with a 21-gun salute fired by 30th Field Artillery Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery and included a moving Royal Canadian Air Force CF-18 Hornets flyby in the missing man formation. Prime Minister Harper and Mr. Trudeau, Prime Minister Designate laid a wreath together.

Our Association was represented by Bill Stewart and Marc Dureau. Suzanne Sarault, who is our director of communications, was honoured to be part of this significant event as master of ceremony.



Une cérémonie a eu lieu au Monument commémoratif de guerre du Canada le 22 octobre 2015 pour commémorer l'assaut sur la Colline du Parlement il y a un an.

L'événement a aussi été l'occasion de rendre hommage à l'adjudant Patrice Vincent et au caporal Nathan Cirillo pour leurs sacrifices, ainsi qu'aux premiers intervenants pour leur courage. Des soldats, des policiers, des professionnels de l'urgence, des vétérans, des citoyens et un bon nombre de dignitaires et de hauts fonctionnaires se sont joints aux familles de l'adjudant Vincent et du caporal Cirillo, au régiment du caporal. Cirillo ainsi qu'aux premiers intervenants pour marquer le premier anniversaire de la tragédie.

La cérémonie a débuté avec une salve de 21 coups d'artillerie tirés par le 30^{ème} Régiment d'artillerie de campagne de l'Artillerie royale canadienne et comprenait aussi un émouvant défilé aérien de chasseurs CF-18 de l'Avion royale canadienne en formation en hommage aux disparus. Le Premier ministre Harper et M. Trudeau, premier ministre désigné ont déposé une couronne ensemble.

Notre Association était représentée par Bill Stewart et Marc Dureau. Notre directrice de communications, Suzanne Sarault, était honorée de faire partie de cet événement significatif en tant que maître de cérémonie.

Photos by/ par Serge Gouin, RCMP Photographer / photographe de la GRC,
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LAST POST - DERNIÈRE SONNERIE

REG. NO. RÉG.	NAME - NOM	DATE	PLACE / ENDROIT
	MacRAE, Muriel, wife of the late William MacRae and mother of Fraser MacRae and Graham MacRae	Nov. 19	Regina Beach, SASK.
29408	SPARROW, Brian	Nov. 17	Ottawa, ON
177701	MALONEY, James Howard (Jim); LM and Emeritous of Ottawa Division	Nov. 13	Ottawa, ON
17660	HEATON, Donald Harold	Nov. 13	Waterloo, ON
14913	POPE, Frederick	Nov. 9	Calgary, ALTA
15701	KING, P.W (Pat)	Nov. 6	Langley, B.C.
20683	MacIVER, D.D. (Donald D.)	Nov 4	Westbank, B.C.
	SMALL, Douglas	Oct. 31	Ottawa, ON
28490	SHIELDS, W.D. (Bill)	Oct. 30	South Williamston, N.S
24727	CLARK, M.J.	Oct. 30	West Vancouver, B.C
	TAPPER, Marilyn Frances	Oct. 29	Halifax, N.S
C1769	ARCHIBALD, J. Tom	Oct. 29	Halifax, N.S.
19591	VIVIAN, H.A. (Herbert)	Oct. 28	St John's, NL
17278	BRASNETT, A.H	Oct. 28	Abbotsford, B.C.
	PEER, Ruth Edna (Nee Walker) predeceased by her husband John Albert (Jack) Peer	Oct. 28	Ottawa, ON
17158	HRYB, Michael	Oct. 27	Grande Prairie, ALTA
33526	WENTONIUK, N.T.	Oct. 22	Windsor, ON
14738	NELSON, R.L. (Lyle)	Oct. 14	Oliver, B.C.
19784	JAMONT, L.L. (Laurie)	Oct. 13	Nanaimo, B.C.
24361	PARKEN, H.R. (Rick)	Oct. 9	Calgary, ALTA.
17496	STAREK, Paul .	Oct. 7	New Westminster, B.C



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REG. NO. RÉG.	NAME - NOM	DATE	PLACE / ENDROIT
14150	ADLINGTON, John (Jack)	Oct. 6	Ottawa, ON
O.1066	FAFARD, Réjean	4 oct.	St.-Alexis-de-Monts, QC
18027	HALLORAN, William (Bill)	Oct. 4	Ottawa, ON
20737	DENT, J.M. (Murray)	Oct. 2	Nepean, ON
29186	CAMPBELL, Bernard (Bernie)	Oct. 2	Windsor, ON.
18597	LINGGARD, Michael John	Oct. 1	White Rock, B.C.
20859	NORBERT, Pierre A.	30 oct.	Cartierville, QC
C2112	HARDY, Ashton A. (Peter)	Sept. 27	Truro, N.S.
32945	RYAN, Wayne Howard : Author of Souls Behind the Badge: The Real World of Policing	Sept. 26	Surrey, BC
18665	CULLUM, W.G.	Sept. 23	Halifax, N.S
23200	WARREN, L.G. (Larry)	Sept. 22	Halifax, N.S.
34668	GUYADER, Michael	Sept. 21	Winnipeg, Man.
19189	MONK, G.A. (George)	Sept. 14	White Rock, B.C.
34396	MacDONALD , Gary Herbert	Sept. 13	Saskatoon, SK
	CLARK, Dorothy (Dot)	Sept. 13	Ottawa, ON
53427	JACK, Ishman	Sept. 12	Ottawa, ON
25378	MacCAULL, Peter Wallace Delano	Sept. 10	Brockville, ON
16782	FISCHL, A.R. (Bert)	Sept. 9	Regina, SK
16649	LLOYD, Ed	Sept. 8	Comox, B.C.
29541	DAUDELIN, Alain	7 sept.	Cowansville, QC



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REG. NO. RÉG.	NAME - NOM	DATE	PLACE / ENDROIT
20588	ARNESON, Alfred Grant	Sept. 5	Edmonton, ALTA.
19621	OLEKSIUK, Eugene Julian	Sept. 2	Red Deer, ALTA
18189	KEEBLE, Robert (Bob)	Sept. 2	Ottawa, ON
	HOLMES, Marian Evelyn (wife of Paul HOLMES #14010 and recipient of "Second Man Award")	Aug. 21	Creston, B.C.
31462	MARTIN, Andrew	Aug. 4	Nanaimo, B.C
18378	MUTCH, L.M. (Lloyde)	July 25	Parksville, B.C.

Ishman Jack (Regimental Number 53427) died Sept. 12 in Ottawa. He was 43. He was a serving Regular Member of the RCMP, but had also served his country as a member of the Governor General's Foot Guards and with the Cameron Highlanders. Ottawa Region RCMP Veteran's Association President Graham Muir was the regimental piper at the internment, paying tribute to a fellow police officer but also in recognition of a man with a similar military background. President Muir also served with the Foot Guards and the Camerons.



Brian Sparrow, (1950-2015)

Retired RCMP Sgt. Brian David Sparrow , Regimental 29408, passed away on Nov. 17. Brian and his wife Monica were married for 39 years and have four children and two grandchildren.

Brian retired from the RCMP in 1997 where he served with pride in Alberta, Ontario and on the Musical Ride. In retirement, Brian employed many RCMP veterans through his company: Veterans Security Service. In his spare time, Brian managed the long-running RCMP Horse Auctions for 20 years and enjoyed driving coach buses, tractor trailers and even a grader for the City of Ottawa.

At the time of his death, Brian was the Treasurer of the RCMP Veterans' Association - Ottawa Division

All these jobs took a back seat to his love of farming. Brian loved the smell of fresh cut hay and took pride in sharing his farming work ethic with the many summer students he employed and with each of his children. Brian was also an active member of the Redeemer Alliance Church where he served as an elder.

Photo by/par Suzanne Sarault



Bison columns will be the gateway to National Cemetery

A team from the Ottawa Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association has reached another milestone in the project at the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood. Two bison columns were installed at the site in October, designed to withstand the elements and honor RCMP veterans for decades to come.

Led by Roy Berlinquette, the team of Michel Pelletier, Al Rivard and James Patterson saw the third component of the larger vision come to life. The bison columns, which will, in the future, be the main entry point for the cemetery, complement the already existing monument and cenotaph to mark the graves of RCMP employees and to remind Canadians of the RCMP's commitment to their safety and security.

Des colonnes arborant une tête de bison marqueront l'entrée principale du Cimetière national



Photo by/par Gary Walkling



Une équipe de la division d'Ottawa des Anciens de la GRC a franchi une nouvelle étape dans le projet du Cimetière commémoratif national de la GRC à Beechwood. Deux colonnes, arborant une tête de bison, ont été installées en octobre. Conçues pour résister aux éléments, les colonnes permettront d'honorer les Vétérans de la GRC pour de nombreuses décennies.

L'équipe responsable, sous la direction de Roy Berlinquette et qui comprend Michel Pelletier, Al Rivard et James Patterson, a réalisé le troisième volet de ce projet qui continue à prendre vie. Les colonnes, le monument et le cénotaphe dénotent le site où reposent les employés de la GRC et rappellent l'engagement de la GRC envers la sécurité des Canadiens. À l'avenir, les colonnes marqueront l'entrée principale du cimetière.



Photo by/par Serge Gouin, RCMP/GRC



Canadian Police and Peace Officer National Memorial Service

Service
commémoratif des
policiers et
agents de la paix
canadiens



Every year, on the last Sunday of September, municipal, provincial and federal police and peace officers march on Parliament Hill to remember and honor their colleagues who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. This year, as in years past, members of the RCMP Veterans' Association-Ottawa Division, joined their serving colleagues at this event.

Chaque année, les policiers et les agents de la paix municipaux, provinciaux et fédéraux défilent sur la Colline du Parlement, le dernier dimanche de septembre, afin de rendre hommage aux collègues qui ont sacrifié leurs vies dans l'exercice de leurs fonctions. Cette année, tout comme les années pré-cédentes, les membres de l'Association des Anciens, division d'Ottawa, se sont joints à leurs collègues membres actifs.

Photos by/par Serge Gouin, RCMP/GRC





President Muir presented Joseph Healy with the **2015 Veteran of the Year Award** for his singular and unique contribution to the legacy of the RCMP through the creation of the RCMP National Graves Program.

Joe started compiling the definitive database for RCMP graves in 2000, at or about the time that he retired from the RCMP. It has grown to more than 1,000 pages, and the website more than 300.

Joe works on the RCMP National Graves Website every day. It has three components: a comprehensive account of the RCMP's 'historical firsts' and re-lated anecdotes; a daily blog which memorializes deceased members of the RCMP and the database.

There are more than 23,500 names in the database. The primary purpose of the database is to provide a (searchable) list of all deceased members of the RCMP. It also serves to identify all members of the RCMP who gave their lives during the North West Rebellion, the South African (Boer) War, the First and Second World Wars and in more recent peace support operations.

Joe has ensured the final resting places of our members have been identified, at home or abroad. All 231 graves of those identified on the RCMP Honour Roll, as having given their lives in the line of duty, have been located, inspected and photographed.

Brenton MacDonald received a **President's Commendation** for his volunteerism and leadership in support of the RCMP Veterans' Association, Ottawa Division, and to the community with dedication to the Bruce Denniston Bone Marrow Society.



Brent and Gary Walking are the backbone of the Society, especially the Ottawa Chapter. Brent is currently the President, and Vice-President of the Eastern Region. Brent and Gary led an initiative for volunteer couriers who travel the world to retrieve viable lifesaving cells for Ottawa patients. Gary was unable to attend but will receive his award at a future presentation.

A **President's Commendation** was presented by President Muir to William Lenton. Bill was recognized for his 'exceptional' leadership in the planning, organizing and delivery of **RENDEZ-VOUS OTTAWA 2014**.



Through fundraising, and leveraging corporate sponsorship, the Ottawa Division realized a surplus.

Bill struck his committee and planning started in the spring of 2010. His steadfast pursuit of detail and thoroughness, combined with his quiet, confident and inclusive style of leadership, produced results that have brought great credit to his committee and to the Ottawa Division. This summary report is now a "best practice" reference document.



Gérard Dupuis was presented with the **Meritorious Service Award** in recognition for his many hours of outstanding volunteer service to the Ottawa Division and his community. Gerry has been assisting the Entertainment Committee since 2012. Gerry is always willing to help someone in need and is recognized as a 'volunteer plus', someone who can always be counted on.

Jean Claude Malboeuf received a **Group Meritorious Service Award** at the Spring Honours Ceremony but was unable to attend the presentation. President Muir made the presentation at the November RGM to recognize his outstanding volunteer service as part of the Organizing Committee resulting in the successful delivery of "RENDEZ-VOUS OTTAWA" a conference- style event at the 2014 Annual General Meeting.



President Muir presented Lia Eichele with a **Certificate of Appreciation** "in recognition of exemplary volunteerism in support of the Association's Membership Services Visitation Program, setting a standard of excellence for others to follow." Lia is the Division's most active volunteer in the Eastenders' Visitation Committee, which began in March. She visited more than 50 veterans in five months.

Photos by /par Gilles Laframboise

A thank you to our President, Graham Muir.

At the end of every Honours and Recognition Ceremony, President Graham Muir thanks Recipients, Veterans, families and guests for coming out to support this signature event of the Ottawa Division.

President Muir, in his distinct and expressive manner also gives thanks to the Honours and Recognition Team, and many others who were involved in the planning, organizing, volunteering and delivery of this successful event.

It is extremely rewarding to receive numerous accolades and appreciation from countless Veterans, their spouses and their families that the Ottawa Division "got this right." We have been successful in instilling pride and camaraderie in our recognition and cele-

bration of significant contributions and loyal service of "our own" to the Ottawa Division and our community. The Nov. 10, 2015 Honours & Recognition Ceremony was the fourth and final ceremony that Graham Muir presided at as our President.

On behalf of the Executive and the membership at large, I would like to sincerely thank Graham for the vision he had in addressing what he thought was missing in the Ottawa Division, namely the creation of an Honours and Recognition Program.

With the utmost of respect Graham, your vision, your unwavering support, and your many hours of dedication to the Honours and Recognition Program are gratefully appreciated. Thank you, Graham.

Joan Panich, Director, Honours & Recognition



Front row: left to right: Francis J. (Frank) Barrett, Ronald (Ron) Sparks, Melin (Mel) Dillon, President Graham Muir, Director Joan Panich, Lawrence (Bev) Ecklund, Émile Lefebvre

Second row – left to right: Robert Pilot, Barry Cale, Francis (Frank) Boulay, Robert (Bob) Stone, Murdock Stewart, Imrich (Rick) Stolarik, Joe Healy, Gerald Labbee, Yves Pelletier, Denis DeHaître

Back row – left to right: Brenton (Brent) MacDonald, William (Bill) Lenton, Jean Claude (JC) Malboeuf, Lia Eichele, Margaret Holloway, Christine Windover, Linda McEwen, Yves Laflamme, Gérard Dupuis

The photo above includes special award recipients and those who received long-service recognition.

30 years/ans

Francis Joseph (Frank) BARRETT	C219
Ronald Edward (Ron) SPARKS	19149

25 years/ans

Melvin (Mel) DILLON	19797
Lawrence (Bev) ECKLUND	19694
Emile LEFEBVRE	19251
Murdock Dougall STEWART	22759
Robert Charles (Bob) STONE	19541

20 years /ans

Francis (Frank) BOULAY	23529
Barry Charles CALE	20861
Robert PILOT	17873

Imrich (Rick) STOLARIK	C567
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15 years/ans

Joseph James (Joe) HEALY	23685
Gerald Joseph LABBEE	31245
Yves PELLETIER	S3636

10 years/ans

Denis De HAITRE	34529
Gérard (Gerry) DUPUIS	24300
Yves LAFLAMME	43535
Linda Elizabeth McEWEN	42574
Christine Elizabeth WINDOVER	32341

5 years/ans

Margaret Ruth HOLLOWAY	5807
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President Muir presented Stan Burke with a certificate of appreciation for his services on the Division Executive Committee (DEC) as Secretary. Stan has moved to Toronto.



Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah received a Chaplain Bar



At the November 10 RGM, Robert Pilot presented Mess President Greg Fedor with a photograph taken for the Centennial of the RCMP in 1973.

To mark the occasion, Stuart Hodgson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, had a replica of an NWMP Fort erected in the Yellowknife Elks Hall. It was named Fort Michener, in honour of Governor General Roland Michener who joined RCMP Commissioner W.L. Higgitt, at the Yellowknife celebration.

Mr. Hodgson commissioned Rideau Hall photographer John Evans to photograph the Commissioners of the Force still living. The Commissioners in this photograph in order of seniority: Commissioner L.H. Nicholson, Commissioner C.E. Rivett-Carnac, Commissioner G.B. McClellan, Commissioner M.F.A. Lindsay and Commissioner W.L. Higgitt.



Top Left:
New members Randy Walsh, 36241, and
Guy R .Boisjoli, 29801
are welcomed at the September meeting
by Barry Thomas, Director of
Membership and Recruiting, and
President Graham Muir.

Bottom Left:
Gerald Labbee is welcomed to the
Association at the same meeting.



Top Right: At the October meeting
President Muir and Director of
Membership Thomas greeted Ralph
Mahar, 31117, and Brian Boulianne,
C4555 who recently moved to
Ottawa from New Brunswick.



Bottom right: Gail Burgess C3288 is
welcomed to the Association by
President Muir and Barry Thomas.





Forty jolly souls showed up at the breakfast Oct. 6 for the Perth and District RCMP Veterans Fall Classic Golf Game, to greet each other and share jokes and stories from the past and present. Of those attending seven were wives, who have been increasingly joining the group.

Participants came from Ottawa, Kingston, Arnprior, and the Perth area. As is customary, a free breakfast was raffled off, and was won by Roy Berlinquette. Roy, being the gentleman that he is, donated the breakfast to Charlie Spofford the oldest member in attendance, who pleaded with Ed Rockburne not to tell anyone his age. The 50/50 raffle was won by Gary McKay. The server, Tanya, provides a little gift of her own making, to each member for breakfast each month, something she has been doing since we began years ago. Thank You Tanya.

The weather was beautiful, as usual, when the 20 golfers arrived at the Blue Heron Golf Club to tee off. After playing golf, having drinks and conversation, the traditional carrot cake baked by Marlene Rockburne was enjoyed by all, and every golfer went home with a gift, another tradition,

It was great seeing so many new faces and we hope to see more at our Spring Classic. The date for that has not been determined but, in the meantime, everyone is reminded that the group meets for breakfast at Victors Restaurant in Perth, on the first Tuesday of each month between 8:30 and 9:00 am.

All the best from Ed Rockburne and Bill Irwin.





Beautiful weather, great food and great friends combine every Fall for the Veteran's Annual Golf Tournament which raises funds for the development of the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood seen on P. 13.

This year's event, held on Sept. 14, was a huge success and a special thank you is due the organizers, volunteers and official photographer Gary Walkling. More photos, including each foursome, are available on our website at www.rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca.

Mark your calendars. The tournament will be held on Monday, September 12 next year.

Photos by/par Suzanne Sarault



OTTAWA RCMP Veterans' Wives Association

Did you know? The Ottawa RCMP Veterans' Wives Association is 33 years old!

The first official meeting took place on Jan. 10, 1983 at the Senior NCO's Mess. Twenty-one ladies attended, that number grew to 75. After 33 years, we still socialize and support one another and we wish to extend an invitation to all wives/partners to attend a meeting and to connect with old, and new, friends. You may even consider becoming a member.

Our meetings are held from October to December and resume again in March until June. They happen every second Wednesday of the month and start at 1 p.m. with approximately 30 minutes of business, followed by a guest speaker, when available. We conclude, of course, with some socializing.

Join us for a pleasant afternoon over a cup of tea or coffee. Send me an email for location and directions to joankrud@gmail.com.

**L'Association des Conjointes
des Anciens de la GRC d'Ottawa**

Saviez-vous? L'Association des Conjointes des Anciens de la GRC d'Ottawa a 33 ans!

La première réunion officielle a eu lieu le 10 janvier 1983 au mess des sous-officiers. Vingt-et-une dames ont assisté, et ce nombre s'est accru jusqu'à 75.

33 ans plus tard, nous nous rencontrons et nous nous soutenons toujours. Nous tenons à inviter toutes les conjointes/partenaires à une réunion et de reconnecter avec d'anciennes connaissances et d'en faire de nouvelles. Vous pourriez même envisager devenir membre.

Nos réunions ont lieu d'octobre à décembre et reprennent en mars jusqu'à juin. Elles ont lieu à chaque deuxième mercredi du mois et commencent à 13h avec environ 30 minutes pour les affaires, et, suivi par un conférencier, lorsque possible.

Le tout se termine, bien sûr, à passer quelques bons moments ensemble.

Joignez-vous à nous pour une après-midi agréable autour d'une tasse de thé ou de café. Envoyez-moi un courriel pour connaître l'endroit et les directions pour la rencontre au joankrud@gmail.com

Lest we forget - RCMP Military Connections

You may be interested to learn more about the RCMP Military Connections and the Royal North West Mounted Police "A" Squadron in World War I. For details, click <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/rcmp-and-military-connections>. Lest we forget.

**Nous nous souviendrons d'eux-
La GRC et son action militaire**

Vous serez sûrement intéressé à connaître les actions militaires de la GRC et de l'Escadron "A" de la Royale Gendarmerie à cheval du Nord-Ouest au cours de la Première Guerre mondiale. Pour plus de détails, cliquez ici <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/fr/la-grc-et-connexions-militaires>. Nous nous souviendrons d'eux.

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Mesa, AZ. RCMP Snowbirds Reunion 2016

The Mesa RCMP Snowbirds 35th Annual Dinner and Dance is scheduled for Feb.20, 2016 at Sun Life Resort, 5055 E. University Drive, Mesa AZ.

The meet and greet starts at 4.30 p.m., dinner at 6.00 p.m., followed by a dance. Dress is casual. Blue or red blazers are welcomed, please, no shorts. The cost is \$30 (US) per person. For more information contact Bruce Comeau, Registrar at bmcomeau@shaw.ca or phone: USA: 480-373-0642.

Registration for the Dinner/Dance and the Golf/BBQ will take place at the Coffee Klatch beginning after Jan. 1, 2016. Cut off for dinner/dance ticket sales is Feb. 17, with a maximum 150 tickets being sold. Limited number for the golf as well, so early registration after Jan. 1 is recommended.

Annual Golf Tournament and BBQ

The annual golf tournament and BBQ follows on Feb. 21 2016, 2:30 p.m. at the Painted Mountain Golf Course, 6210 E. McKellips Road, Mesa, AZ. This is a fun nine-hole tournament with the first tee time at 2.30. The BBQ will start at 5.00 p.m. The cost for golf is \$35 (US) each and \$25 (US) each for the BBQ. Guests choosing to attend just the BBQ are very welcome. For further information contact Gunther Mehl at gunterm@inet2000.com, or phone: USA: 480-219-9389.

Once again a ride out tour is being organized by Eric LaFoy for any motorcycle enthusiasts not golfing on Sunday, to see some of the fantastic scenery around the Mesa area. For further information contact Eric at eric@icecastles.net or phone 587-986-9563.

Coffee Get-Together

Join us for coffee every Saturday morning -- also at Painted Mountain Golf Resort -- from Nov. 7, 2015 until the last Saturday in March 2016. Time: 8.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

This is a great time for a Troop Reunion or just taking the time to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. Veterans and serving RCMP members are very welcome.

Troop 15 memories

A recent upload to youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3QU-G6eXpc> will bring back memories for Troop 15 (1974/75). Associated comments indicate the clip is from the Graduating Ceremonies of the Troop. The film is of an all male troop and the Drill display was in the gym due to the floor of the Drill Hall being replaced.

Pension Indexing

Effective January 1, 2016, the pension indexing increase for public service, Canadian Forces, RCMP, and federally-appointed judges' pensions will be 1.3 per cent.

You can find Information on the calculation of this index on the website of Public Works and Government Services Canada at :

www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/remuneration-compensation/services-pension-services/pension/pubs/pens-annts-01-index-eng.html#pens-annts-01-s6

Indexation des pensions

À compter du 1er janvier 2016, l'indexation des pensions pour la fonction publique, les Forces canadiennes, la Gendarmerie royale du Canada et les juges nommés par le gouvernement fédéral sera de 1,3 %. Pour de plus amples renseignements sur le calcul de l'indexation, consultez le site web de Travaux publics et Services gouvernementaux Canada à www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/remuneration-compensation/services-pension-services/pension/pubs/pens-annts-01-index-fra.html



As 2015 comes to an end, I wish to thank all of you who have helped throughout the year by sharing texts, articles and photos and by delivering and picking up The Spirit.

As always, the assistance of Gilles Laframboise and Serge Gouin for taking photos at special events is appreciated. We were able to count again this year on the valuable help of the Ottawa-Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities and National Division for the mailing of The Spirit.

What can I say about the communications team this year, from Alison Straker to JC Malboeuf to Ralph Mahar in internal communications, to our new Editor, Wendy Nicol and the dependable Gary Walkling, our webmaster. You have done a fabulous job and I thank you for your availability and flexibility to inform the membership through our three-pronged approach electronic bulletins, The Spirit and the website.

I would be remiss not to mention the solid support received from President Graham Muir during his tenure. Your leadership and your vision have given us a strong sense of direction and renewed energy that we are pursuing as the way ahead. Thank you, "Monsieur le Président"!

The support of partners, sponsors and advertisers for the Spirit is invaluable and, without you, our task would be far greater.

I sincerely thank you and offer my best wishes for the Holiday Season and 2016 to everyone.

Suzanne Sarault
Director of Communications

Alors que 2015 tire à sa fin, je tiens à remercier tous ceux qui nous ont appuyés tout au long de l'année en partageant des textes, des articles et des photos et en aidant avec la livraison du *Spirit*.

Comme toujours, l'aide de Gilles Laframboise et de Serge Gouin pour prendre des photos lors d'événements spéciaux est appréciée. Nous avons pu compter encore cette année sur l'aide précieuse de l'Association d'Ottawa-Carleton pour personnes ayant une déficience intellectuelle et de la Division nationale pour l'envoi postal du Spirit.

Que dire à propos de l'équipe de communications de cette année, de Alison Straker à JC Malboeuf à Ralph Mahar aux communications internes, à notre nouvelle éditrice, Wendy Nicol et au toujours fiable Gary Walkling, notre webmestre. Vous avez fait un travail fabuleux et je vous remercie pour votre disponibilité et pour la flexibilité dont vous avez preuve pour informer les membres avec notre approche à trois volets – les bulletins électroniques, le Spirit et le site web.

Je me dois de mentionner le support solide reçu du président Graham Muir durant son mandat. Votre leadership et votre vision nous ont donné un sens de direction accru et une énergie renouvelée que nous poursuivons comme la voie à suivre. Je vous remercie, Monsieur le Président!

L'appui des partenaires, des commanditaires et des annonceurs pour le Spirit est inestimable et, sans vous, notre tâche serait beaucoup plus grande.

Je vous offre à tous mes sincères remerciements et meilleurs vœux pour la période des Fêtes et 2016.

Suzanne Sarault
Directrice des communications



Don't forget to renew! N'oubliez pas de renouveler! **Barry Thomas**

Renewing your membership is easy. You can now e-transfer to pay your membership dues (see page 26), you can pay at the RGMs on the second Tuesday of the month or you can mail your cheque made out to the **RCMP Veterans' Association, Ottawa Division, P.O. Box 42020, 1200 St Laurent Blvd, Ottawa, ON K1K 4L8.**

Membership dues are **only \$60** per year for active members and **\$38** for associate members. You can find the criteria for each category on our website at www.rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca under Administration.

If your address, phone or email information has changed, please let us know so that you continue to receive all information bulletins and event news from the Division.

Recruiting is "job one" for the future of our Association. And every Veteran needs to make it so.

Should you know of anyone wishing to join the RCMP Veterans' Association or have a question on membership or e-transfers, contact me at barry48@bell.net or phone 613. 752-1980. I will be happy to assist. Thank you.

C'est facile de renouveler votre adhésion. Vous pouvez maintenant procéder avec un virement électronique (voir page 26), payer lors d'une RGM les deuxièmes mardis du mois ou envoyez votre chèque à l'ordre de **L'Association des Anciens de la GRC, Division d'Ottawa à C.P. 42020, 1200, boul. St-Laurent, Ottawa, ON K1K 4L8.**

La cotisation pour les membres actifs est **seulement 60 \$** par année et **38 \$** pour les associés. Vous pouvez trouver les critères pour chaque catégorie sur le site web à www.rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca sous Administration.

Vous devez nous faire part de tout changement à votre adresse courriel, adresse postale ou numéro de téléphone afin de recevoir tous les bulletins d'information et d'activités.

Le recrutement est « l'affaire de tous ». L'avenir de notre Association en dépend. Et tous les Anciens doivent y voir!

Pour toutes questions, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec moi. Si vous connaissez quelqu'un qui aimerait se joindre l'Association ou qui désire des informations, svp communiquer avec moi à barry48@bell.net ou au 613. 752-1980. Il me fera plaisir d'aider. Merci.

On line - En ligne

Photos taken at various events are on line on the Members Only page. Our website - and especially the Members Only page - is constantly updated with the latest information, photos, calendar of events, etc. .

Vous pouvez visionner les photos des événements sur notre site web à l'onglet "Members only". Le site web - et particulièrement la page "Members Only" est mis à jour régulièrement, ie, informations pour communiquer avec les membres du comité exécutif, le calendrier des événements, etc.



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2. composez la question de sécurité suivante: quel est le nom du chapeau de cérémonie de la GRC?
3. inscrivez la réponse à la question de sécurité dans la case de réponse. La réponse n'est pas sensible aux caractères.

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Si avez des questions à ce sujet ou tout autre initiative, veuillez nous écrire à vetsottdiv@rogers.com.



The revised list of kit & clothing is posted on our website under Kit & Clothing. Also included is the contact information for our Quartermaster, Don Harrison. The Order of Dress is also on the website.

La liste à jour des vêtements et accessoires est affichée sur le site web sous "Kit & Clothing". Vous y trouverez aussi les informations pour communiquer avec le Quartier-maître Don Harrison. Aussi sur le site web, les informations pertinentes à la tenue testamentaire.





If you require a ride to one of our breakfast, lunch or coffee club meetings, please contact me by email (eastenders@sympatico.ca) or 613-824-4359. If I cannot pick you up myself, I will make arrangements for one of our members to pick you up and return you to your home. If you belong to one of our other clubs, **OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE A RIDE TO THE RGM**, please let me know and I will make arrangements for someone in your area to pick you up and also return you to your home.

Sig Sigurdson

RGM

Our RGMs are held on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 7:30 p.m. at the HQ Mess, 73 Leikin Drive. Join us! Your opinion and participation are important!

Nos réunions ont lieu tous les deuxièmes mardis du mois et débutent à 19 h 30 au Mess du QC, 73 Leikin. Joignez-vous à nous! Votre opinion et votre participation sont importantes.

If you need a ride to the RGM or any other assistance, you can contact the Director of Member Services, Ron Mostrey, at
ottawarcmpvetservices@gmail.com or
819-414-0515

Les coordonnés du Directeur, Services aux membres, si vous désirez faire du co-voiturage pour la RGM ou pour tous autres besoins.



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Please let us know if you can contribute to one of our visitation teams. Also, if you are aware of anyone who would appreciate a visit, please provide us with their name, phone number and address. We can't visit those who we do not know are ill or shut-in.

Contact: Ronald Mostrey
Member Services / Services aux membres
ottawarcmpvetservices@gmail.com
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Malade, hospitalisé ou confiné

Nous aimerions rendre visite à tout membre ou vétéran qui est soit malade, hospitalisé ou confiné.

Nous sommes à mettre sur pied des équipes qui seront organisés par secteur - est, ouest, nord et sud. Aimeriez-vous contribuer à cette initiative? C'est une belle façon d'ensoleiller la journée de quelqu'un et de passer du bon temps avec un camarade.

SVP nous aviser si vous pouvez contribuer à une des équipes. Aussi, si vous connaissez quelqu'un qui aimerait une visite, svp nous communiquer leur nom, numéro de téléphone et adresse. Si nous ne savons pas qui est malade, nous ne pouvons leur rendre visite.



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1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month 8 a.m. at **Dunn's Famous Deli, 2679 Bank Street**, South of Hunt Club across from the cemetery.



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2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 10 a.m. at Eggstyle, 790 Kanata Ave, Kanata, next to the Baton Rouge Restaurant.

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LES BONS VIVANTS DE GATINEAU - Retirees luncheon

At 11:30 a.m. last Thursday of every month at La Cage aux Sports, 325, blvd. Gréber, Gatineau. For information, call Réo Belhumeur at 819-669-3493.



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Burial in the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery is exclusive to current members of the RCMP, veterans, civilian members, special constables, civilians with 20 years of uninterrupted service and their families.

As well, Beechwood offers special services to honour the memory of RCMP veterans.

This includes placement of an urn or casket on the large, black granite plinth in the Hall of Colours, an area for quiet visitation. Through the Hall's beautiful memorial stained glass window, sunlight shines on the plinth. Application for these special services can be obtained from Beechwood's website at www.beechwoodottawa.ca.

Although Beechwood is a National Historic Site, many people are surprised to learn that it is not publicly funded and operates as a not-for-profit organization. Governed by a volunteer Board of Directors under the able leadership of Chair, Mrs. Grete Hale, and Vice Chair, General (retired) Maurice Baril, it is the only organization of its kind in Ottawa. Many people take comfort in knowing that the money they spend for their remembrances will be used for the perpetual maintenance, preservation and enhancement of the beauty of Beechwood.

Members of the RCMP and their families can receive planning assistance from Beechwood's Certified Pre-Planning Specialists. You can choose all of Beechwood's services or only those that you want. Beechwood's customized, flexible plans can be tailored to your wishes and your budget.

For no-obligation inquiries, or to arrange a no-cost transfer of pre-existing funeral or cremation plans to Beechwood from somewhere else, contact:

24 HOUR ASSISTANCE

Toll Free: 866-990-9530 or 613-741-9530

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This cenotaph was erected in the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery, at Beechwood, Ottawa, to honour the memory of members of the RCMP who gave their lives whilst in the performance of their duty. It was unveiled on June 8, 2014. Over 400 people were in attendance.

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