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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT **Graham Muir**



Welcome to 2015!

As you are aware, our Editor and Director of Communications, Suzanne Sarault, has made repeated appeals to us over the past months to identify a replacement as Editor of *The Spirit*. As the winter edition goes to print, there have been positive developments and we expect to have a new Editor in place this summer. As Suzanne has so eloquently pointed out, *The Spirit* is much more than just a newsletter. It is the one and only device – in words and pictures – that tells the story of our division. More to come on this in due course.

I now draw your attention to the fact that the Communications team is still looking for a replacement for our internal communications; at the very least, we need a back-up immediately. Please do consider giving some of your time to this

key position; it entails sending regular email bulletins to keep us informed on issues and activities of the division and it can be done in the comfort of your home. Contact Suzanne or Alison Straker by email at spirit.bulletin@yahoo.ca if you, or anyone you know, is interested.

As we get on with the business and fellowship of the association this year, I take this opportunity to offer thanks to Hank Dzuba for serving as Vice-President.

Your Executive remains much the same this year with Ron Mostrey joining us as Director of Member Services and Stan Burke taking over as Secretary. Mike Séguin is now the 2nd Vice-President. There is great talent and energy around the table and I thank each and everyone of them for contributing their time to the good of the Association.

Last year, our Division was very active organizing a number of activities and special RGM evenings. Your participation and comments tell us we are on the right track. You can expect the same tempo for this year.

All the very best to you and yours for 2015!

Graham Muir



Bienvenue à 2015!

Comme vous le savez, notre éditrice et directrice des communications, Suzanne Sarault, nous a lancé des appels répétés au cours des derniers mois afin d'identifier un remplaçant pour le *Spirit*. Au moment de l'impression de ce numéro d'hiver, il y a des développements positifs et nous nous attendons d'avoir un nouvel éditeur en poste à l'été. Comme Suzanne l'a si bien souligné, le *Spirit* est beaucoup plus qu'un bulletin d'information. Il est unique en soi – c'est l'outil principal qui raconte l'histoire de notre division en mots et en images.

Je dois maintenant attirer votre attention au fait que l'équipe des communications est toujours à la recherche d'un remplaçant pour nos communications internes; à tout le moins, nous avons besoin d'un soutien immédiatement. Je vous prie de considérer de donner de votre temps pour ce poste clé; le poste requiert



à nous tenir informés des enjeux et des activités de la division de façon régulière. Vous pouvez également faire ce travail dans le confort de votre demeure. Vous pouvez communiquer avec Suzanne ou avec Alison Straker au spirit.bulletin@yahoo.ca si, vous ou quelqu'un que vous connaissez, êtes intéressé.

En ce qui a trait aux affaires et à la fraternité de l'association, je profite de cette occasion pour offrir nos sincères remerciements à Hank

Dzuba qui a servi à titre de vice-président.

Votre comité exécutif est presque le même que l'an passé avec Ron Mostrey qui se joint à nous en tant que directeur des services aux membres et Stan Burke au poste de secrétaire. Michel Séguin est désormais le 2e vice-président. Il y a beaucoup de talent et d'énergie autour de la table, et je les remercie tous de donner de leur temps pour le bien de l'Association.

L'année dernière, la Division a été très active dans l'organisation d'un bon nombre d'activités et des RGM spéciales. La participation et les commentaires nous confirment que nous sommes sur la bonne voie. Vous pouvez certainement vous attendre au même rythme cette année.

Mes meilleurs vœux à vous et aux vôtres pour 2015.

Graham Muir

Executive Committee

2015

Comité exécutif



- Back row/ à l'arrière - Alison Straker, Deacon Pierre Bélanger, Michel Pelletier, Pat Arseneau, Ron Mostrey, Scott Ferris, Stan Burke, Don Harrison. Bill Stewart, Michel Séguin, Barry Thomas
- Front row /En avant - Dan Carroll, Suzanne Sarault, Joan Panich, President Graham Muir, Fred Lyle, Brian Sparrow
- Absent/Absents - Don Day, Gary Walkling, Gérard Dupuis, Paul Ouellet, Roy Berlinquette, Ron Lewis, Joe Healy and Ian Cooper



Message from Michel Séguin

I would like to express my appreciation to all of you for your support in electing me to the position of Second Vice-President for 2015. As I indicated, you have my pledge that I will work to meet the challenges of the future while respecting our traditions. I salute Hank Dzuba for his commitment to the Association and look forward to his continued participation in the future.



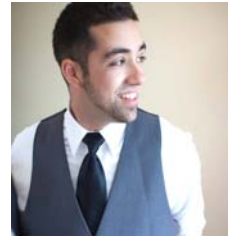
Message de Michel Séguin

Je désire exprimer mon appréciation pour le soutien que vous m'avez démontré lors de mon élection au poste de deuxième vice-président pour 2015. Je vous affirme que je travaillerai pour rencontrer les défis du futur tout en respectant nos traditions. Je salue Hank Dzuba pour son engagement envers l'association ainsi qu'à sa participation future.



A warm welcome to Mark Gaillard, the Association's new Executive Director. He started his responsibilities on January, 6th, 2015. Mark served in the Force for seven years from 1978 to 1985, and was posted in "E" and "G" Divisions. He continued his career with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and ended his career as a Captain in the Canadian Forces. He is a member of the Ottawa Division.

Welcome also to Benoît Garceau who is fulfilling the responsibilities of Executive Assistant working with Mark. Benoit started on December 1st. Benoit has grown up in a police family; he is the son of a retired member of the RCMP, Geoff Garceau and the Quarterly Circulation Manager, Chantal Renaud, and his grandfather served with the Surêté du Québec.



President Graham Muir presents the President's Commendation lapel pin to Ron Mostrey at the RGM on February 10.

As you know, Ron Mostrey was awarded the President's Commendation at the Special RGM in October 2014. With this award, the recipient receives the President's certificate, a commendation plaque and a recognition lapel pin. This is a new pin specifically designed for the Honours and Awards Program. It is a stylized 3/4" lapel pin consisting of a sculpted bison head mounted on a police shield surmounted by a spur. For more information on the Honours and Awards Program, see page 23 in this issue





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LAST POST - DERNIÈRE SONNERIE

REG. NO. RÉG.	NAME - NOM	DATE	PLACE / ENDROIT
13927	KURTZ, Edward Paul	Feb. 25	Langley, BC
18041	PEEL, John Wesley	Feb. 23	Ottawa, ON
23725	CUTTING, Brian G.	Feb. 23	Kelowna, BC
47086	LaFOREST, Christopher Michael	Feb. 23	Woodstock, NB
27942	YAHOLKOSKI, S.J. (Stan), Veteran of Kamloops Division passed away while wintering in the US	Feb. 19	Southern California
23821	McCRACKEN, . Allan (Wayne)	Feb. 15	High River, AB
29476	WOOD, Ross Reed	Feb. 14	Winnipeg, MB
20842	DECHANT, Berard (Bernie) Christian	Feb. 12	Langley, BC
16767	SAULT, Robert F.	Feb. 9	Vernon, BC
CM	FORTIER, Olive; a colleague at 1200 Vanier (CPIC	Feb. 7	Ottawa, ON
27887	BAMBURY, Gerald R. (Gerry)	Feb. 5	St. John's, NL
16521	DREAPER, Donald William	Feb. 6	Vernon, BC
25477	DENNY, Edward	Feb. 4	Ottawa, ON
31116	BECHARD, Robert "Bob" Joseph	Feb. 4	Morrisburg, ON
	PENNY, John Wesley	Feb. 3	Ottawa, ON
43536	SARAZIN, Robert	Jan. 30	Ottawa, ON
22353	HALLIDAY, Barry "Doc"	Jan. 28	South Carolina, USA
C083	DOYLE, Peter, spouse of Lucy (Lucienne) who is also a member of the Ottawa Division Veterans	Jan. 25	Ottawa, ON
23452	SAVARD, Charles "Earle"	Jan. 24	Ottawa, ON
18373	BREZINSKI, Antoni "Tony"	Jan. 23	Weslaco, Texas
16409	GODFREY, Matthew Rowell "Bud"	Jan. 20	Armstrong, BC
	CRIPPS, Dolorse Blanche "Dodie" – widow of Charles Townsend Cripps # 15765. She was an associate member of Edmonton Division for many years.	Jan. 19	Edmonton, AB
16734	FRASER, Gerald William "Gerry"	Jan. 19	Neepawa, MB
21011	WORTHINGTON, J.L.D. (John)	Jan. 18	Regina, SK
	LUK, Joe Cheuk	Jan. 17	Burnaby, BC
25636	BADYK, Robert William	Jan. 15	Vernon, BC



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14782	DONALD, Duncan Stewart Jr.	Jan. 15	Ottawa, ON
16143	PENDERGAST, Casey	Jan. 15	Halifax, NS
16914	JOHNSTON, Gordon Marshall Pete	Jan. 14	Brockville, ON
15260	BOOTH, William George Anthony	Jan. 14	Etobicoke, ON
41164	TARDIF, André	Jan. 14	Québec, QC
	STAREK, Mary, spouse of Paul Starek; President of the RCMP Veterans Ladies Auxiliary for six years	Jan. 12	New Westminster, BC
15949	SMITH, I.B. "Barry"	Jan. 12	Nanaimo, BC
15556	HODGSON, J. (Jim) E.	Jan. 11	Vancouver, BC
22494	FOLK, Killian (Kelly)	Jan. 11	Victoria, BC
	DOUGLAS, Aloha; widow of Leslie Douglas #19449	Jan. 10	Edmonton, AB
182052	SCHMIDT, William (Willie) Jacob	Jan. 9	Courtnay, BC
15830	THINEL, Roger	Jan. 5	Montréal, QC
	GOOD, Brian George	Jan. 4	Almonte, ON
S/Cst	ERICKSON, Robert Athur (Bob)	Jan. 3	Oshawa, ON
22586	RUTTEN, Howard Warren	Jan. 2	
29618	PLISZKA, John Alexder McRae	Jan. 1st	Vernon, BC
17180	DUGUAY, John (Jean)	Dec. 31	Kirkland, QC
17021	MATHESON, Angus Archibald.	Dec. 31	Halifax, NS
19759	BUTLER, E.G. "Ed"	Dec. 30	Leduc, AB
23179	COOPER, Roger Spyvee, son of former C/Supt "Spud" Cooper	Dec. 29	Victoria, BC
	BEVERIDGE, Dr. Alexander (Sandy) David; served in the RCMP Forensic Science Service	Dec. 28	Vancouver, BC
18130	LATOURE, Oscar	Dec. 28	Longueuil, QC
274292	SCHNEIDER, Raymond (Ray)	Dec. 26	Winnipeg, MB



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28481	DENNISON, William "Bill" Frederick John	Dec. 24	Oakville, ON
	STARNES, John, first civilian Director General of the RCMP Security and Intelligence Directorate	Dec. 23	Halifax, NS
19276	THORNTON, John (Jack) Charles, son of the Late S/M Charles THORNTON	Dec 22	Delta, BC
41946	RONDEAU, D.L.J.	Dec. 22	Manitoba
16807	MACDONALD, R.H. (Hap)	Dec. 21	Ottawa, ON
17860	CAMPBELL, R. (Roy), Life Member in Manitoba; he served on the Executive for 13 years as Secretary.	Dec. 20	Winnipeg, MB
18022	O'CALLAGHAN, Bernard William	Dec. 17	Calgary, AB
27151	THORNE, Brian C.	Dec. 15	Halifax, NS
25090	WILLIAMSON, John E.	Dec. 14	Victoria, BC
S/0991	DEITZ, Glenn W.; Life Member of London Division Vets.	Dec. 12	Exeter, ON
CM	OKAMURA, Ken Osamu	Dec. 11	St. Albert, AB
18319	CULLIGAN, Ralph Murray, National Treasurer and Past President and Life Member of the Toronto Division	Dec. 9	Richmond Hill, ON
21808	CHARRON, Denis	Dec. 9	St-Eustache, QC
31439	BARRETT, Christopher Douglas "Chris"	Dec. 6	Oshawa, ON
21490	ADAMS, Melvin Wayne	Dec. 3	Ottawa, ON
19841	SMITH, George Arthur .	Nov. 29	Cole Harbour, NS
17919	ABELL, George Edward "Bud"	Nov. 27	Windsor, NS
26720	HULL, James Franklin	Nov. 25	Vancouver Island, BC
15365	LIGHT, Thomas Meredith	Nov, 25	Regina, SK
29819	DIACUR, M.J.	Nov. 24	St. Catharines, ON
CM	OSLIE, Peter Allan	Nov. 17	Edmonton, AB
18833	PARKER, John J	Nov.16	Corner Brook, NL
15364	ATKINSON, Donald Percy	Nov. 15	Alliston, ON
28649	AYERS, David Lawrence	Nov. 8	Qualicum Beach, BC



Frederick (Fred) Howard PINNOCK, Reg # 17191
1928 - 2014

Fred was a Life Member of Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association, Ottawa Division. He held the positions of President and Past President of the Ottawa Division and was a former Dominion President.

Fred joined the Force in August 1951 and retired August 1986. He served in "L" and "A" Divisions, and retired from "HQ" Division Transport Management. In 1994, he was a United Nations Election Observer in South Africa.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, November 29th, 2014 at St. Mary's Church in Ottawa. In attendance in addition to the family, there were many friends and former colleagues, as well as a large honour guard from the Ottawa Division Veterans' Association.

Before the service commenced, a woman approached Shirley Pinnock near the front door of the church and introduced herself. She said to Shirley, "You do not know me. I was seven years old when Constable Pinnock was stationed in Souris, Prince Edward Island. I have never forgotten how good he looked in his uniform, what a fine man he was, and how kind he was. When I read in the paper that Constable Pinnock had died, I said I had to be here".

Fred Pinnock was stationed in Souris, Prince Edward Island approximately 62 years ago.

Submitted by Peter Austin



Cst. David Matthew Wynn Reg # 57912

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, friends and colleagues of Cst. Wynn. Cst. Wynn died in hospital on January 21, four days after an incident at a St. Albert casino in Alberta. A regimental funeral was held on January 26.





Pat Quinn, A Great Canadian and Honourable Friend

Michel Pelletier

In recognition of Pat Quinn's support and friendship to the RCMP and the RCMP Veterans' Association.



"KEEP YOUR DREAMS ALIVE"

Youth wearing various Canadian hockey sweaters are playing "shinny" (hockey) on an outdoor rink ... dreaming of one day becoming an NHL player or a "Mountie" (being depicted by Danielle Sauvageau) ... Pat and Danielle, while realizing their own dreams, also dreamt of becoming coaches of the Canadian Olympic men's & women's hockey teams ... and winning the Olympic Gold Medal ... which they both did at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The theme adopted was
"Keep Your Dreams Alive" don't use drugs !

In Memory of Pat Quinn 1943-2014

Although many recognize Pat for his accomplishments in the world of hockey, here are some highlights of his generous contributions to many community services and, in particular, to the RCMP/RCMP Veterans' Association.

- Awarded the designation of Distinguished Member of the RCMP Messes" by Commissioner Zaccardelli
- Active member of the RCMP HQ General Mess (his picture is displayed in the Mess)
- Guest speaker at Regimental Dinners
- Guest speaker at Conferences on Police Leadership
- Donated portions of the proceeds of his annual golf tournament "Pat Quinn & Friends" to the "RCMP Foundation" to support Drug Awareness initiatives
- Volunteered to participate in the Drug Awareness poster project "Keep Your Dreams Alive", which was nationally acclaimed. The original painting is on display at the Hockey Hall of Fame as a tribute to Pat's devotion to helping our youth in the fight against drugs.
- As CEO of the Hockey Hall of Fame, Pat encouraged the participation of the RCMP at the annual Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies, as well as on-ice presentations at the "Hockey Hall of Fame Legends" game.
- Generous prize contributor to the annual RCMP Veterans' Golf Tournament, Ottawa Division, and thereby enhancing the proceeds for the development of the "RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood".

Honours:

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal
Order of Canada
Order of British Columbia



Congratulations to
Tim Hoban
for the
Veterans Ombudsman's
Commendation

Félicitations à
Tim Hoban
pour la mention élogieuse de
l'Ombudsman
des Anciens Combattants



(L > R) Veteran Ombudsman Guy Parent
presenting RCMP Veteran Tim HOBAN
with his Commendation and National Past
President, Cal Small.

The National Veterans Ombudsman awards two Commendation's per year for compassionate Canadians in communities across Canada devoted to helping veterans of the Canadian Forces, the RCMP and their families. In consultation with the Veterans Ombudsman's Advisory Council, the Ombudsman awards the "Veterans Ombudsman's Commendation" to those individuals or groups who have made an outstanding contribution to the Veterans community.

RCMP Veteran Thomas (Tim) Hoban was recommended by the President of the RCMP Veterans' Association, Mr. Cal Small, to receive this commendation. Tim was selected along with Dr. Heather MacKinnon of Nova Scotia, out of numerous recommendations from across Canada.

Chaque année l'ombudsman national des anciens combattants, en collaboration avec le Conseil consultatif de l'ombudsman des vétérans, décerne deux Mentions élogieuses à des Canadiens dans des communautés partout au pays en reconnaissance des efforts offerts par ces personnes envers les vétérans des forces armées canadiennes, de la GRC et leurs familles. Toute personne, tout groupe ou toute entreprise ou association qui a fait une contribution remarquable au bien-être des vétérans et de leur famille peut être mise en candidature.

Le président de l'Association des Anciens de la GRC, M. Cal Small avait recommandé la candidature de notre collègue Thomas (Tim) Hoban afin de se voir remettre ce prix. Tim a été choisi avec la Dr. Heather MacKinnon de la Nouvelle-Écosse parmi de nombreuses recommandations de partout au pays.



La fin d'une époque - Magnan

Après 82 ans et trois générations dans l'entreprise, Le Restaurant Magnan a fermé ses portes en décembre. Un établissement légendaire bien connu des agents de police à Montréal, plusieurs Vétérans s'y sont rendus pour un dernier repas et se rappeler de bons souvenirs. Comme vous pouvez le constater, tous ont eu beaucoup de plaisir et ont bien mangé. Merci à Michel Pelletier d'avoir organisé cette dernière visite le 8 décembre 2014.

(See additional text on page 15)





Perth and District RCMP Veterans Greet Santa at Christmas Breakfast

It was well before Christmas,
on December 2, 2014,
and all through Victor's Restaurant,
28 met to feast,
when out from the parking lot
came none other than Santa Claus.

It was a surprise, because he was on foot;
during Hunting Season, the deer were left
home. Santa took everyone's orders for
Christmas, he distributed a large platter of
sweets, made by none other than Mrs. Claus.
Our thanks to Jim Piche, who being personal
friend, arranged the visit.

To celebrate, a raffle was held. Ken Sinclair
won the "spirits". The free breakfast was won
by a new face, here, but an old face from "A"
Division, John Tardiff.

Photos were taken by our roving photographer
Bill Irwin.

Join us for our regular breakfast; first Tuesday
of the month at 9:00 am at Victor's in Perth.
We have a really good time and we encourage
all spouses to attend.

See you, and any of your friends in 2015; come ,
kick off your shoes, put your feet up, and be
yourself.

Fast Eddie Rockburne





WIVES' Christmas Luncheon

The WIVES Christmas luncheon was held on Wednesday, December 10. It was a pleasant afternoon with great company, good food, many prizes and lots of laughs! President Joan Rud invited Santa and Mrs. Claus and they were a big hit!

Erma Uhryniw was recognized as one of the founding members of the Ottawa RCMP Wives Association. The first meeting took place January 10, 1983.

Appreciation was shown to Jackie MacDonald for all her hard work over the past four years as liaison between the Veterans' Association and the WIVES, for the 2014 AGM.





Christmas baskets - Paniers de Noël



Karen Bélanger, spouse of Deacon Pierre Bélanger, prepared 31 Christmas baskets for Veterans who were shut in or hospitalized. A number of Veterans volunteered to visit their friends and colleagues and to deliver the baskets on behalf of the Association.

The baskets contained a wide variety of items - bananas, apples, kiwis, pears, 2 bottles of Gatorade, almonds, a variety of chocolates, cheese, crackers, tea, cookies, hot chocolate, biscuits, candies.

Our sincere thanks to Karen, Pierre and to all the members who delivered baskets.

Karen Bélanger, épouse du Diacre Pierre Bélanger, a préparé 31 paniers de Noël pour les Vétérans qui étaient soit confinés ou hospitalisés. Un bon nombre de Vétérans se sont portés bénévoles pour rendre visite à leurs collègues et amis et livrer les paniers au nom de l'Association.

Les paniers contenaient une grande variété de produits: bananes, pommes, kiwis, poires, 2 bouteille de Gatorade, des amandes, une variété de chocolat, fromage, craquelins, thé, biscuits, chocolat chaud, biscottis, bonbons.

Nos sincères remerciements à Karen, à Pierre et à tous les membres qui ont livré les paniers.

MAGNAN - Photos on page 12. After 82 years and 3 generations in business, Magnan's Restaurant closed its doors in December 2014. A well known establishment to police officers in Montreal, several Veterans from Ottawa traveled to Magnan for one last trip down Memory Lane. As you can tell from the picture, everyone had a great time. Thank you to Michel Pelletier for organizing the trip on December 8.



Did you know?

Santa Claus is an RCMP Veteran. Ho, Ho, Ho! Yep, you heard it here first; the jolly ol' man has done many things in his life and now, he gets real pleasure to meet kids at Headquarters in December. On December 23, all eyes were on Santa.



Ladies and Gentlemen:

The 2015 Levee has taken place and it was a huge success. Those of you who volunteered to assist either at the Meet and Greet; Carving/Serving and in other ways deserve a great thank you for your service. A function like this does not just happen without commitment from those who volunteer.

The food was great – and plentiful – and the bar was pretty busy. We had a great attendance from OUR veterans and because of that the room was pretty full. I would like to reference the attendance of former Commissioner Elliott, Veteran Mitch Owen as well as guests from the military. Also in attendance (for the first time at a Levee) was the daughter of Henry Larson from the St. Roch, Doreen Larson.

We, the Ottawa Division Veterans, fulfilled our commitments in full. Thank you all for making the afternoon a success!!!!

Regards,
Ian M. COOPER

The WIVES' activity schedule for 2015



March 11 - Meeting

March 25 - Fashion Show

April 8 - Meeting

May 13 - Ladies Luncheon (location to be determined at the March meeting)

June 12 - Annual BBQ (tickets will be available by May 1st)

You want to participate, you want more detailed information, send a note to President Joan Rud at joankrud@gmail.com.



New Year's Levee Lever du Jour de l'An



In January, our colleague, **Kevin Vickers**, was appointed Canada's Ambassador to Ireland.

Before his time serving as Sergeant-at-arms and Director of Security on Parliament Hill, Kevin served 29 years with the RCMP and is a member of the Ottawa Division, RCMP Veterans' Association.

We had the occasion to bid farewell and extend our heartfelt congratulations to Kevin at the RGM on January 13, 2015. Presentations were made by Dan Carroll and Michel Pelletier on behalf of the Division. Bison shirt studs, RCMP Band memorabilia and a framed giclee of the Tradition painting were presented.

We wish Kevin all the best in his new role.



The Tradition Painting was commissioned by:
Mr. Irving UNGERMAN,
Distinguished Member of RCMP Messes
to commemorate
the 50th anniversary of the
Headquarters General Mess and
the 130th anniversary of the RCMP
May 23rd 2003

Facilitated by: Eric Conroy,
Distinguished Member of
RCMP Messes

Artist: Les Pomeroy

Donated to: Mr. Peter W. Webster,
President of the Mounted Police
Foundation

Permanent Loan to:
S/Sgt. Michel Pelletier, President, RCMP
Headquarters General Mess
(Detailed description on our website)





Highlights of the Painting Faits saillants de la toile

All details with
the names on
our website
under
Members Only



Tous les détails
avec les noms sur
notre site web
sous "Members
Only"

The concept for "Tradition" is the map of Canada from coast to coast to coast, starting in the East (right)

Peggy's Cove, NS ... especially recognizing members who assisted in the Swiss Air disaster Flight 111

Three members in blue berets representing the members who served in UN missions with CIVPOL

Doctor from RCMP Lab representing Civilian Members in the Force

RCMP Aircraft Cessna "Citation", Air Division

St. Roch II

RCMP Guidon commemorating RCMP participation in several wars and conflicts

RCMP Regimental Dinner honoring members and RCMP Headquarters General Mess Past Presidents

RCMP canoe participating in the Québec Winter Carnival ice race

Inuksuk, Inuit marker for travelers

Parliament Buildings including members with youth

Canadian Pacific train # 442, depicting original members traveling by train from Toronto Union Station to open the West

Member depicting initiation of the North West Mounted Police in 1873

Famed RCMP Musical Ride

Current badge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police

RCMP dog patrol with the Northern Lights overhead

March West of 1873

Modern day northern patrol by snowmobile

First woman Training Officer in Depot Training Division overlooking noon hour parade and RCMP Chapel in Regina

Native member shaking hands with Sioux Chief Sitting Eagle

Chillicoot Pass where members including Sam Steele policed the Yukon Territory

Totem Pole from Alert Bay Detachment, BC

Inuit scouts representing our Auxiliary Members

The original RCMP vessel, the St. Roch, the first vessel to sail the Northwest Passage from west to east and the first to circumnavigate North America.

RCMP Beaver aircraft known as the workhorse of the North

First Commissioner in 90 years to lead members on horseback at a Church Parade.

New Members welcomed
at the January 13, 2015 RGM
L > R

President Graham Muir

Henry Kinsella # 30575

Sandra Conlin #38664

Don Whitehurst # 24505

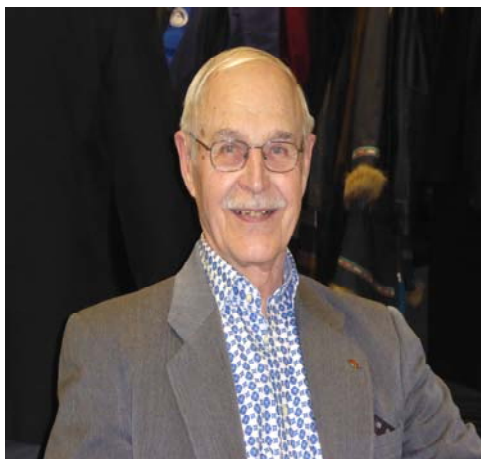
Rebecca Hameluck C-3278

Beverley Potter P-12238

Barry Thomas, Director,
Membership and Recruiting



Erratum - in the Fall 2014
edition, page 18, Service Awards
- for his 30 year bar, Bob
Russell's number should have
been S64.



Life Member Matt Surkan, # 15401
at the RGM on January 13.



Jackie MacDonald, spouse of John
McDonald # 22316 with his 15 year
bar at the January 13 RGM. John has
been in a senior care home for the
past 7 years.

On line - En ligne



Photos taken at various events are on the website under Members Only.
Our website - and especially the Members Only page - is constantly updated with
the latest information, contact information for members of the Executive
Committee, the 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
mise à jour régulièrement. Vous y trouverez des informations, coordonnées des
membres du comité exécutif, calendrier des activités, etc.



At the January 13 RGM, the Chair of the 2014 AGM, Bill Lenton, presents a cheque to President Graham. Bill and his team were able to realize a surplus; members of the Division will be consulted on how to make the best use of these funds.

Members of the 2014 Organizing Committee:

From the back L>R /d'en arrière g>d - Jean-Claude Malboeuf (he did not succeed to hide at the back!), Marc Chabot, Marc Dureau, Bill Bauer, Dave Cochrane, Rick Reynolds, Burt Hoskins, Lia Eichele, Brian Sparrow, Bill Stewart, Dan Carroll, Suzanne Sarault and Jackie MacDonald



Our colleague, Jack Briscoe, was appointed to the National Board of Directors on February 4, 2015

Notre collègue, Jack Briscoe, a été nommé Directeur au sein du Conseil national d'administration le 4 février 2015.



On February 3, 2015, Joan Panich, Director of Honours and Recognition presented Adrienne Brezovski with the Life Member Plaque and Lapel Pin on behalf of the Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre. President Graham Muir was also present.



As you know, since July 1st, 2014 Canada's anti-spam legislation require that commercial electronic messages have an "unsubscribe" function. This also applies to non-profit organizations. You will see the "unsubscribe" function at the bottom of our electronic communiqués.

If, for some reason, you unsubscribed, the system automatically removes your name from the distribution list. To get back on the distribution list, you need to sign up again.

If you are a member in good standing and you are not receiving our regular electronic information communiqués, let us know at vetottdiv@rogers.com.



Comme vous le savez, depuis le 1er juillet 2014, la législation antipourriel du Canada exige que les messages électroniques commerciaux aient une fonction pour se "désabonner". Cela vaut également pour les organisations à but non lucratif. Vous verrez la fonction de "désabonnement" au bas de nos communiqués électroniques.

Si, pour quelques raisons, vous vous êtes désabonné, le système supprime automatiquement votre nom de la liste de distribution. Pour revenir sur la liste de distribution, vous devez vous inscrire à nouveau.

Si vous êtes un membre en règle et que vous ne recevez pas nos communiqués d'information électroniques régulièrement, svp nous aviser au vetottdiv@rogers.com



Touches your heart to be appreciated and remembered

I believe when we get to be senior citizens, our hearts get much softer and we appreciate being remembered.

This was the case, when as part of C.S.I.S. 30th anniversary, an invitation was sent to all the original members who served in the RCMP Security Service before it was disbanded in July 1984. The STS alumni event was held on December 8, 2014 to celebrate our history, our achievements and our people.

The gathering was well attended by "not older but senior" retired members of the RCMP -

let's remember that was 30 years ago and I believe that most of us who are still standing were there.

A most enjoyable afternoon well organized with RCMP Veterans who provided a general overview of the transition in 1984 and, of course, how we did it in the good old days. We were briefed on how things are done today - there have been many changes in the last 30 years. Of course, technology is the first thing that comes to mind but in many other areas as well.

After the presentations and panel discussions, a social gathering was held to close out the event with the expressed "gee, have not seen you for years" and the meeting of the old guard with the new and very capable young folks.

All in all a heartwarming afternoon. Hats off to all those who organized the event.

Francis (Frank) J. Barrett
Life Member
Ottawa Veterans' Association

Our next RGM Special Awards Night will be held **on Tuesday, May 12**. You can now submit your nominations for the President's Commendation and the Meritorious Service – all nominations have to be in **no later than April 15**.

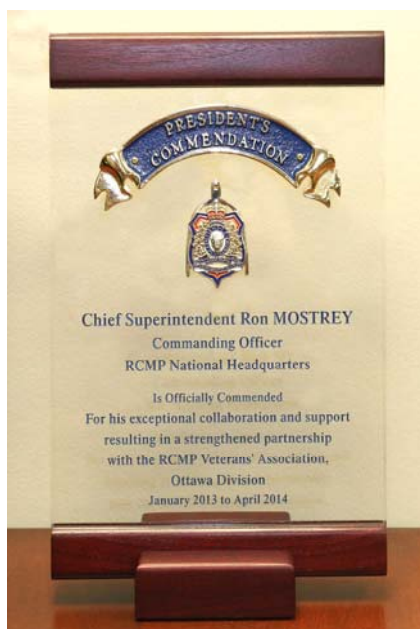
There will be a further call for the nominations of Veteran of the Year award; the deadline for submission is **August 1st**. The presentation will be done at the RGM Special Awards Night in October.

How to nominate:

- Go to our website at rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca under **Members Only**
- Review the policy for detailed information on the program and its process.
- Review the instructions on how to open the form; this varies depending on what kind of browser you use i.e. Internet Explorer, Chrome, etc.
- Access the nomination form and save it on your computer so that you can work on it at your leisure.
- Once completed, you may send your submission by email or by regular mail.

The Director will acknowledge receipt of your submission.

For more information or if you have any questions, you can send an email to Joan Panich, Director, Honours and Recognition, at vetsottdivrecognition@gmail.com.



Notre prochaine RGM Spéciale pour les distinctions aura lieu le **mardi 12 mai**. Vous pouvez maintenant soumettre vos candidatures pour la Mention élogieuse du Président et le Service méritoire - toutes les candidatures doivent être reçues **au plus tard le 15 avril**.

Il y aura une invitation subséquente pour les nominations du prix du Vétéran de l'Année; le **1er août** est la date limite pour soumettre les candidatures. La présentation aura lieu à la RGM spéciale en octobre.

Voici comment procéder:

- Allez sur notre site Web à rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca sous l'onglet **"Members Only"**
- Revoir la politique pour les détails sur le programme et son processus.
- Lisez les instructions sur la façon d'ouvrir le formulaire; cela varie selon le type de navigateur que vous utilisez i.e. Internet Explorer, Chrome, etc.
- Accéder au formulaire de mise en candidature et le sauvegarder sur votre ordinateur afin que vous puissiez y travailler à votre guise.
- Une fois terminé, vous pouvez envoyer votre soumission par courriel ou par la poste.

La directrice accusera réception de votre soumission.

Pour plus d'informations ou si vous avez des questions, envoyez un courriel à la Directrice du Programme, Joan Panich, au vetsottdivrecognition@gmail.com.



Pass on your uniform!

The RCMP Pipes and Drum Band are looking for Red Serge tunics and ceremonial belts. Next to the Musical Ride, these folks wear the Red Serge more frequently than any other formed unit within the Force, and receive no financial support to purchase tunics. Support a good cause and give your old tunic a second life by donating it to the Pipe Band.

The RCMP Equitation Branch, Musical Ride is looking for Pea Jackets. Pea Jackets are no longer issued in the Force, however the Ride is attempting to build up a stock of these highly coveted items for the riders to use during inclement weather. If you have an old one that could be put back into good use, consider donating it to the Ride for a 'second tour of duty'!

If you can help with either of these requests from President Graham Muir, please bring donated kit in to the RGM, or contact Graham by email at grahammuir@rogers.com to arrange pickup. Thank you!



If you require a ride to one of our breakfast, lunch or coffee clubs 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.

From 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 importants.

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

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

Sick, hospitalized or shut-in Visitation Committee

We would like to pay a cordial visit to any member or veteran who is either sick, hospitalized or shut-in. We are confirming visitation teams divided into zones - East, West, North and South. Would you like to be a volunteer visitor? It's a wonderful way to brighten someone's day and enjoy the company of a comrade. 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 addresses so that we can visit them. 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
819-414-0515

Malade, hospitalisé ou confiné Comité des visites

Nous aimerions faire une visite cordiale 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 laisser savoir 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 afin que nous puissions leur rendre visite. Si nous ne savons pas qui est malade, nous ne pouvons leur rendre visite.



COFFEE TIME - LES P'TITS CAFÉS



PERTH

1st Tuesday of the month 9:00 a.m.. "Mr. Victor's Diner" located at 16 Conlon Drive. Directions: When arriving in Perth, proceed to Gore Street, over the bridge, until you come to Cockburn St., then turn right, and proceed to Conlon Drive. At Rogers Road, the street becomes Smith St., ignore this and continue on to Conlon Drive. Conlon Drive is located in a Sports Complex, and Victor's is located directly across from the soccer field.

EASTENDERS - EST

2nd Monday at 7:45 a.m. and/or 4th Monday at 10:00 a.m. at Gabriel's, 2160 St Joseph Blvd., in Orleans.

CENTRAL - CENTRE

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.



WESTENDERS - OUEST

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

LES BONS VIVANTS DE GATINEAU - Dîner des retraité(e)s

Dernier jeudi du mois à 11h30 à la Cage aux Sports, 325, boul. Gréber, Gatineau. Bienvenue à tous. Pour information, Réo Belhumeur au 819. 669-3493

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.



Fast and easy way to pay annual dues!

You can now pay your annual dues via e-transfer payments!

Pay your dues directly from your bank account to the Veterans' bank account in a simple transaction.

You will require the following three things:

1. account email address to send payment to ottawavetsdues@outlook.com
2. enter the following security question: What is the RCMP ceremonial hat called?
3. enter the answer to the security question in the answer field. The answer is not case sensitive.

****PLEASE NOTE**** The email address noted above for sending payment to is set up specifically for receiving annual dues. It is not monitored for regular correspondence.

If you have questions on this or any other issue, please email us at vetsottdiv@rogers.com

Façon rapide et facile de payer votre cotisation annuelle!

Vous pouvez maintenant payer votre cotisation annuelle par virement électronique!

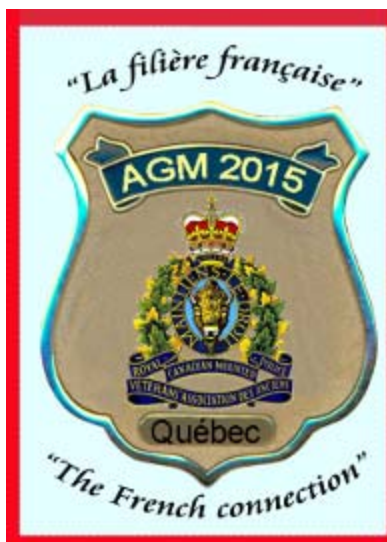
Payez directement de votre compte bancaire au compte bancaire des Anciens par simple transaction.

Voici ce dont vous avez besoin:

1. un compte courriel pour envoyer votre paiement à ottawavetsdues@outlook.com
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.

VEUILLEZ PRENDRE NOTE que cette adresse courriel est strictement utilisée pour les paiements et n'est pas suivie pour les courriels.

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



AGA 2015

Ville de Québec

du 28 mai au 31 mai

Info:

www.grc-rcmp-vets.qc.ca



Until 2020, Canada is marking the 75th anniversary of significant milestones in the Second World War - participate in commemorative events.

D'ici 2020, le Canada souligne le 75e anniversaire des principaux jalons de la Seconde Guerre mondiale - participez aux activités commémoratives.



Time to Renew !! C'est le temps 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 other event news from the Association.

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 toutes communications.

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.

The Spirit is on line in full colour at www.rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca under **announcement/news**. If you prefer to read it online, let us know and your name will be removed from the mailing list.

If you prefer the hard copy, your name will be added to the mailing list. You can reach us at spirit.bulletin@yahoo.ca or leave a message at 613-894-4376. Don't forget to let us know if your information changes.



Le "*Spirit*" est en ligne tout en couleur au www.rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca sous "announcement/news". Si vous préférez le lire en ligne, svp nous aviser afin que votre nom soit retiré de la liste d'envoi.

Si vous préférez la version papier, votre nom sera ajouté à la liste de diffusion. Vous pouvez nous joindre au spirit.bulletin@yahoo.ca ou laissez un message au 613-894-4376. N'oubliez pas de nous aviser de tout changement à vos coordonnées.



Family Support Fund Established

On behalf of the family of Cst. David Matthew Wynn, the RCMP Veterans Association Edmonton Division has set up a family support fund in his memory. The fund would also provide assistance to A/Cst. Derek Bond. Donations can be made at any CIBC across Canada. For more information, visit stalbert.ca/city-hall.



Fallen Member Decal

A retired member in Alberta has designed an RCMP 'Vigil Sentry' decal to raise funds for Cst. Dave Wynn's family. To read more, or to order, visit the Ottawa Division website under Members Only.



The 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 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, les informations pertinentes à la tenue vestimentaire.



Want to stay in touch with former colleagues? Subscribe to The Quarterly! You can also keep abreast of all the news and stories about the latest developments in policing and in the RCMP.

The Quarterly has been part of the RCMP family since 1933. Keep the tradition alive - **subscribe for only \$40 per year (HST and mailing included in Canada)**. For further information, please contact the Quarterly at 1-877-215-3469 or at Quarterly@rcmp-grc.gc.ca



Vous voulez rester en contact avec d'anciens collègues? Abonnez vous à La Trimestrielle! Vous pouvez également vous tenir au courant des nouvelles et des articles sur les derniers développements en matière de police et de la GRC.

La Trimestrielle fait partie de la famille de la GRC depuis 1933. Maintenez la tradition - **abonnez-vous pour seulement 40 \$ par année (TVH et frais de poste inclus au Canada)**. Pour plus d'informations, veuillez communiquer avec la Trimestrielle au 1-877-215-3469 ou à Quarterly@rcmp-grc.gc.ca



— BRUCE DENNISTON —
BONE MARROW SOCIETY
 — OTTAWA CHAPTER —

**18th ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF
 TOURNAMENT**



**LE 18^e TOURNOI ANNUEL DE
 GOLF DE BIENFAISANCE**

THE CANADIAN GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Wednesday, May 13, 2015 Mercredi 13 mai, 2015
Tee-off at 12:30 pm Débute à 12h30

Advanced Registration Only / Inscription à l'avance seulement
Cost: Coût:

\$150 per person

(incl. \$50 charitable tax receipt)

Register by April 30th to be
 eligible for early bird prize

Registration deadline: May 8th

Make cheque payable to:

Bruce Denniston Bone Marrow Society

– Ottawa Chapter

Attn: Karen Bjergso

73 Leikin Drive, Bldg. M8-2, Box 69

Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R2

Charity # 121284665 RR 0001 Numéro d'enregistrement

150 \$ par personne

(incl. reçu de 50 \$ aux fins d'impôt)

Inscrivez-vous avant le 30 avril pour être
 éligible au prix du participant hâtif

Date limite d'inscription: 8 mai

Prière de faire le chèque à l'ordre de:

Bruce Denniston Bone Marrow Society

– Ottawa Chapter

À l'attention de Karen Bjergso

73 rue Leikin, M8-2, boîte 69

Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R2

Proceeds donated to the National Cord Blood Bank Campaign

**Les profits seront versés à la campagne
 de la Banque nationale de sang de cordon ombilical**

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- **Group Life Insurance Holiday.** There is a premium holiday for Basic Life Insurance and Optional Life Insurance from January 1- December 31, 2015. Members who are enrolled in these plans will not have to pay insurance premiums for this time period. Premiums for life insurance plans other than Basic and Optional remain the same. www.rcmpvetsnational.ca/General/Insurance/InsuranceHoliday-f.php
- The **new Association Manual** is now completed and posted on our National Website for your information and guidance. www.rcmpvetsnational.ca

Le nouveau Manuel de l'association est maintenant disponible sur le site internet national pour votre information et votre gouverne. www.rcmpvetsnational.ca

- Corporations Canada has approved an application requesting a delay in calling of the **Association's 2016 AGM**, normally required to be called prior to June 30, 2016 (i.e., within the prescribed 6 months after the end of the Association's preceding financial year). The 2016 AGM will be held on day-6 during the 9-day cruise hosted by Nova Scotia Division, which will be held in the middle of September, 2016 (exact dates to be confirmed in April 2015). This exemption was granted on two conditions: that the Association members be informed of the exemption as soon as possible, but not later than by December 31, 2014; and that by June 30, 2016, the members be provided with copies of, or notified of the procedure to obtain, the relevant year-end financial statements. Letter is posted on National website.
- **Policy review at Veterans Affairs Canada** - Recently, a number of program policies related to Veterans' benefits were consolidated and simplified as part of our regular policy review process. Each year a review 25% of our policies and are committed to ensuring our policies remain up-to-date. Since 2012, we simplified the language and reduced the number of program policies from 450 to approximately 200. See the notice on our website under Members' only

Examen des politiques à Anciens Combattants Canada. Récemment un certain nombre de politiques liées aux avantages des vétérans ont été regroupé et simplifié dans le cadre de l'examen régulier des politiques. Chaque année, 25 % des politiques sont revues et le ministère est engagé à veiller à ce qu'elles demeurent à jour. Depuis 2012, le langage a été simplifié et le nombre de politiques a été réduit ère de programmes, pour le faire passer de 450 à environ 200. Voir l'avis sur notre site web à la page dédiée aux membres - "Members' only".

- **Salute!** is a newspaper produced by Veterans Affairs Canada to provide veterans and their families with information on departmental policies, programs and services that affect them. More information at veterans.gc.ca.

Salut! est un bulletin publié par Anciens Combattants Canada pour informer les anciens combattants et leurs familles sur les politiques, les programmes et les services qui les concernent. Pour plus d'informations, veterans.gc.ca.

- On November 25th, 2014 – The Royal Canadian Legion welcomed the [Auditor General's Report](#) released that day; it echoes many concerns highlighted by the Legion during the past several months – specifically related to **Disability Benefits programs, staffing levels and improving access to services for Veterans and their families.** More information at www.legion.ca -

La Légion royale canadienne a accueilli favorablement [le rapport du vérificateur général publié](#) le 25 novembre 2014. On l'on retrouve plusieurs préoccupations soulevées par la Légion au cours des derniers mois – en particulier les enjeux liés **aux indemnités d'invalidité, aux niveaux de dotation de personnel et à l'amélioration de l'accès aux services par les vétérans et leur famille.** Plus d'information au www.legion.ca

- During the year, Legion Branches across the country provide tens of thousands of dollars to **students who wish to attend post-secondary institutions.** More information at www.legion.ca/article/legion-bursary-and-scholarships-now-available

Chaque année, les filiales de la Légion des quatre coins du pays offrent des dizaines de milliers de dollars aux **étudiants désireux de poursuivre des études postsecondaires.** Pour de plus amples informations www.legion.ca

- A news release issued by Dominion President, Tom Eagles on November 24, stated that the Legion is cautiously optimistic about the recent federal government announcement to grant **an extra \$200 million towards Veterans Mental Health.** For more information, please visit www.legion.ca

Suite à l'annonce de dépenses qui iront s'attaquer au dossier **de la santé mentale chez les membres des Forces armées canadiennes et les vétérans,** La Légion royale canadienne a indiqué le 24 novembre dernier qu'elle reste prudemment optimiste que ces plus récentes mesures du gouvernement feront en sorte d'améliorer la vie des vétérans et de leur famille. Pour de plus amples informations, visitez le www.legion.ca.

- Baggage Fees - CF Appreciation Program.** Under the CF Appreciation Program (CFOne), Air Canada and Westjet will waive the extra baggage allowance fee for CF personnel. This issue was recently addressed with the CF Director General Morale and Welfare Services in regards to RCMPVA members being extended this benefit under the CF Appreciation Program. Unfortunately, the circumstances of the agreement on the right to extra baggage allowance with the airlines is afforded strictly to the CF only.

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- **Deductions for “The Quarterly” Magazine** were not taken from the December 2014 monthly pension payment as scheduled. Corrective measures have been taken and deductions will be taken from the January 2015 monthly payment instead. The regularly scheduled deductions will resume in March 2015. The Quarterly apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

Les contributions prévues pour la Trimestrielle n’ont pas été retenues du paiement de la pension de décembre 2014. Des mesures correctives ont été prises et les contributions seront reportées aux paiements mensuels de janvier 2015. L’horaire régulier des contributions reprendra en mars 2015. La Trimestrielle vous présente ses excuses pour les inconvénients que cela pourrait vous occasionner.

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Additional information and application forms at ltgov.sk.ca/news-and-events/military-service-pin

- MP Erin O'Toole appointed **Minister of Veterans Affairs** on January 5, 2015.
Le député **Erin O'Toole** nommé Ministre des Anciens Combattants le 5 janvier 2015.
- This year will mark the **50th anniversary of the death of regimental #20824, Constable Neil M. Bruce - Honour Role #130**, who, on April 14, 1965, succumbed to the effects of a gunshot wound sustained April 10th, 1965, whilst in the line of duty, near Westbank, B.C. To commemorate the service and sacrifice of Cst. Bruce, the Kelowna Regional detachment is in the initial stages of planning a memorial to be held on the morning of April 14, 2015, at the cairn marking the site where Cst. Bruce was mortally wounded. Preliminary indications are that members of the Bruce-Fuoco family will be in attendance as will a contingent of students and staff from the Constable Neil Bruce School in West Kelowna, in addition to serving members of the greater Kelowna region. The organizing committee wants to ensure that all local veterans, particularly those who had known and served with Cst. Bruce, are made aware of the foregoing and can thereby plan to attend if so desired. A formal invitation will follow once details have been finalized.



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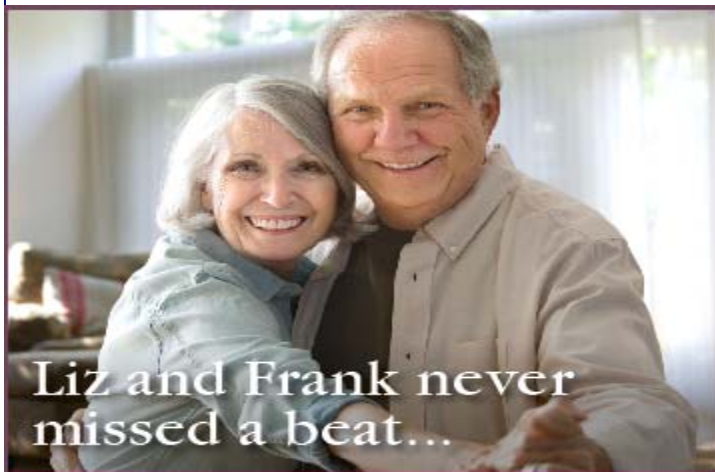
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