



**REMEMBERING OUR COMRADES:**

The following members have passed since 1 May 2023. We remember their sacrifice and service to the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador as well as Canada. May they rest in peace.

Info provided by Dave Tipple - Members who died since 1st May who died in NL or served in NL. I do not have access to PS.

<b>Reg No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Location</b>
30261	S/Sgt. Donald Rex Domenie	23 May 2023	Saint John NB
17138	S/Sgt. Arthur Corbin Davy	26 May 2023	Truro, NS
26410	Cst. Roger Joseph Leblanc	31 May 2023	Moncton, NB
31149	Cpl. Ronald Brian Mullowney	1 June 2023	Botwood, NL.
41912	Cst. William Jack Smith	12 June 2023	Conception Bay, NL
27408	S/Sgt. John C. Bishop	14 June 2023	Carbonear, NL

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The following areas do not have a person identified as Advocate. If you are interested in this area and willing to assist, please contact Bob Hurman for details of what is required.

Avalon Chapter,  
Burin Peninsula Chapter,  
Northern Peninsula Chapter

### **ADVOCIATE NEWS:**

#### **Bay St. George – Jackie Deaves**

The legion in Stephenville hosted a “Buddy Check” at 10am on 09 June 2023. This get together for veterans of RCMP or military, was an opportunity to share resources, get advice on issues that may concern us, or just a chance to meet up and check on each other.

We had a nice turnout for the community cafe in April, thanks to everyone who attended.

#### **Deer Lake – Derrick Anthony**

It was great to get together with Vets and spouses for our first coffee meet of the new year. We had a lot of great chats and realized how much we miss this kind of socializing. Thanks to the hospitality of Morgan Simmons and the members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Pasadena for offering the venue. Looking forward to scheduling next one.



### **Grand Falls Windsor - Law Power**

As central advocate I have been forwarding information as it becomes available from the Provincial Executive. Through my position as District 4 Commander for the Royal Canadian Legion I learned of a visit from the Veterans Affairs Ombudsman in St. John's and in Gander on June 8th and passed that information on to the executive for distribution.

The membership in central were canvassed about hosting an RCMP Veterans golf tournament in Grand Falls-Windsor sometime this summer but there was not a strong response. I am currently working on getting the group in central together for some socialization in the future if possible.

I attended at the Twomey Health Centre at the time of retired Member Ron Mulloney's passing as there was no funeral service. I am also planning on participating in the cross-island motorcycle run being organized by our President Jim Power.

Recently I attended Memorial Day ceremonies in Grand Falls-Windsor, Botwood and Northern Arm.

### **Gander Lewisporte – Frank Pike**

The group in Gander meet at 1000 hrs the first Monday of every month at Country Kitchen for coffee and a yarn. Others always welcome to drop in.

### **Clarenceville Bonavista – Doug Hyde**

We get together for coffee on the third Thursday of the Month at McDonalds at 10 AM from September to June with 4 or 5 regulars. Doug hopes more members in the area will drop in for a chat even if they are not in the Association. It would be great to see more veterans attend and maybe fresh ideas and input would be beneficial.

Information of interest to all veterans continues to flow and all retired members may need support as time goes on.

### **Whitbourne Placentia – Doug Pack**

Whitbourne/Placentia area shows only 4 members of the RCMP Veteran's Association living in the area. I know there are more retired members than that, so I am reaching out to all those who know of someone to have them contact me direct at:

(709) 743-2515, or email at [doug.pack@hotmail.ca](mailto:doug.pack@hotmail.ca)

I would like to get together with as many retired members in the area as possible - not just to advocate on behalf of the Veteran's Association, but to ensure that a connection is made and that regardless of Association status, they are not alone, forgotten or cast to the four winds.

### **Provincial – Robert Hurman**

Continues to work with some veterans regarding the switch to Canada Life coverage.

## MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

NL RCMP Veterans Association has 329 members in total.

21 Life Members,

2 Honourary Members,

59 Associate Members (who pay at the local level):

Total of 82 non-paying members to Ottawa.

**69 have not yet paid for 2023.**

**178 paid up for 2023.**

## FROM THE EDITOR

The last number of months were full of interesting, happy and scary events.

In May, my time with the Veterans Association was extremely interesting. I became a Director with the RCMP Veterans Association and was elected by the Board as its Secretary. The AGM certainly shed much light on the operation of our Association. The speakers were excellent, and it was nice to get an update from the newly “minted” Commissioner. I felt he was frank, and his progressive ideas will help the Force going forward. To share what I took away, I sent a document to all our NL Veterans Association members detailing what went on. I did learn we need to improve communications with the various Associations across Canada, so each member better understands the value gained from being a member of a much larger group.

We all have or will have visitors for the summer season. My family is no different as we have a contingent from Hudson PQ, London ON and New Germany NS visiting. It will get great to reconnect and share some of the amazing sites in this province.

I am saddened to learn of some of the veterans who have passed or are going through medical challenges in the last number of months especially having worked with several of them. Let's hope good health abounds among us. Funny I should say that since I had a significant medical emergency on June 14<sup>th</sup> when I went into cardiac arrest. Lucky for me I went to hospital before the incident otherwise I may very well have crossed the “rainbow bridge”. Survival of an incident like that is around five (5) percent. I am indeed blessed.

If you would like to submit a story, photos or information for the newsletter you can reach me at [bdivvets@gmail.com](mailto:bdivvets@gmail.com) or by phone at 709-754-0354.

Stay Safe, Mark E. Brown

## **OMBUDSMAN VISIT – Comments from District Advocate Law Power**

Ombud advised that turn around time for compensation by Veterans Affairs is 16 weeks according to the policy. At the present time the reviews for compensation are taking 2-3 times longer. They are working very hard to cut this down.

Anyone who leaves the CAF or RCMP before they are pension eligible, they cannot access PSHCP or PSDP.

If a decision by Veterans Affairs is appealed the appeal must go through the National level 1 the National level 2 appeal process before it can be reviewed by the Veterans Affairs Ombud office. The Ombud office is separate and distinct from Veterans Affairs.

They are working on covering out of pocket expenses for treatment outside of the coverage offered by PSHCP if the treatment or medicine is prescribed or recommended by a physician.

Retired member Walt Pinsent was also present and raised the issue of Bill C-221 dealing with entitlements for spouse who marries after 60 years of age. The Ombud advised that this is outside of the mandate of her office. She explained this policy affects the CAF, RCMP, PS as well as the House of Commons so is a very wide ranged policy.

Ombud advised that in 2019 the government allocated \$150 million dollars for a Veterans Survivors Plan but is still sitting idle. The Ombud's office inquiries every 6 months about the fund but the government response is that they are investigating how to enact the funds. Rationale as to why it is taking so long the government says is a Cabinet confidentiality.

She advised that there is a Veterans Wellbeing Act that describes what benefits a spouse can obtain.

## **OMBUDSMAN VISIT – comments from Walt Pinsent**

Norma and I attended the meeting in Gander and we were impressed with the presentation of the Ombudsman VAC Colonel, (Ret'd) Nishika Jardine, CD. Cir for Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP Veterans.

An audience of Veterans and survivors were advised of the services mostly directed at Disabilities and proper procedures in reporting individual concerns. A few Veterans had very moving testimonies related to serious PTSD and the impact it has on quality of life. The Ombudsman was a great listener and she also had two assistants who were quick to respond with helpful instructions on who to contact for better communications. She advised that she had already spoken to Sandy Glenn and the AGM last week.

I advised her of the progress on the issue of the "Marriage over 60 "which is still under decision by another level of Government and the impact it has for Survivors of Veterans. The latest information is that although the issue has received the green light by Parliament and the Senate it is presently being assessed by REGS. That is just another select committee which consists of three individuals reviewing how it will affect the current superannuation of those current serving members. It is now delayed once more and after 122 years of injustice there are 4500 affected survivors.

Her office was not in a position to make any direct immediate results but might be in a position to expedite emergencies. We know she will listen and encourage everyone to continue to advocate for faster service. She had a personal conversation with us and thanked Norma for her participation.

I will send you a copy of the latest report from MP Rachel Blaney which explains the results of her efforts to have the clause removed.

I was pleased to renew the acquaintance of a retired RCMP Member, Law Power, District #04 Commander for the Royal Canadian Legion NL Command. He was considered the main contact for issues of VAC Veterans in his district and offered his services. He was recognized and thanked by the Ombudsman.

The Ombudsman was very direct and explained her role of making us all aware that VAC is really there to help and care for us. She has no direct authority to guarantee change but feels her office can be of service. In the latest issue of SAGE magazine, The voice of Federal retirees, in the Veterans' Corner, Pages 32/33 is a great report that deals with COSTLY CLAWBACKS regarding Merio-Davidson settlements by Mick Gzowski. This should be read by all members to see how our Veterans are treated unfairly. Our VAC Ombud is featured and is credited with changes. She recommended we advocate for ourselves and to remember, "No one gets anything for which they are not entitled".

She advised that through her work in this field she was shocked that RCMP VETERANS have suffered so much misery and lack of support.

We were glad to attend and know she is genuine and on our side.

Walt & Norma Pinsent.

### **GOLD DIGGER CLAUSE & REGS COMMITTEE UPDATE FROM MP RACHEL BLANEY**

Further to my previous messages, on Monday, June 5, NDP MP Randall Garrison asked questions of the DND officials at the meeting of REGS committee. The three officials who appeared were:

- LGen Lise Bourgon, Acting Chief of Military Personnel, Canadian Armed Forces

- BGen Virginia Tattersall, Director General, Compensation and Benefits
- Steve Irwin, Director Pensions and Social Programs, Commander Military Personnel Command Amended

### **What we learned from the DND officials at this meeting**

- DND/CAF has been working on updating the regulations that are attached to the *Canadian Forces Superannuation Act (CFSA)* since 1997.
- The REGS committee has been trying to get the Minister of National Defence to testify about why these changes to regulations have been taking 25 years to finish. They issued the Notice of Disallowance to get officials to finally answer their questions on this matter.
- The three officials could give no real explanation why this work was taking decades to complete. Instead, they listed other large pension projects they had undertaken during this time: the 2003 pensions change from length of service to time served; in 2007 a new pension plan was put in place that was based on total actual earnings instead of average earnings; and in 2015/2016 they worked on data modernization.
- The officials said that the changes will include the creation of a Reserve Force Pension and broad changes to the CFSA regulations, including the clause that governs the Optional Survivor Benefit for the marriage after 60 clause. But they did not give details of these changes.
- They said the final draft of regulation changes will be ready by the end of this calendar year and go to Cabinet in 2024.

### **MP Garrison was allowed to ask 2 questions during the hour the officials were present. Unfortunately, the REGS meetings are not videorecorded so we cannot send you a video clip of the exchange.**

1. MP Garrison's first question asked the officials to explain why the Department of National Defence continues to discriminate against the spouses of Veterans who married after 60, and would they be deleting the marriage after 60 clause as part of this package of regulation changes? The answer was no. DND has no intention of eliminating the clause, and their explanation was that the clause is "a much bigger challenge than DND/CAF" because the clause appears in Acts that govern other pensions, not just those applicable to Veterans and RCMP Veterans.
2. MP Garrison's second question was to note that the Optional Survivor Benefit (OSB) means that the Veteran is forced to pay for spousal benefits, and in many cases, using the OSB leaves the Veteran and their spouse to live in poverty simply to save some monies for later. What is the uptake of the OSB? The answer was roughly 140-150 of 100,000 annuitants are currently enrolled in the OSB.

**To learn more about regulations, read here: [Guide to Making Federal Acts and Regulations - Canada.ca](#)** Please note that once the government receives the package of regulation changes, an order from the Governor in Council will put them into effect. Effectively, this is the Governor

General rubber stamping the changes, based on a directive from the Cabinet/Minister/Privy Council office.

**It is also important to note, that the Notice of Disallowance issued by REGS to the Minister on the CFSA regulations does not expire and does not disrupt benefits.** MP Garrison told us that the committee has again asked for Minister Anand to appear before committee to answer questions.

**The Liberals have an opportunity, with this package of regulation changes to the CFSA, to eliminate the marriage after 60 clause.** The fact that they have decided not to do so indicates they are not willing to keep their promises and don't feel Veterans are worth it. New Democrats believe Veterans and their families are worth it! We will double down on our efforts to fight to eliminate this sexist, archaic clause that leaves so many spouses to live in poverty.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or comments about this information.

Sincerely,  
 Rachel Blaney, MP (North Island-Powell River)  
 NDP critic for Veterans Affairs  
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**Birthdays:**

AUGUST		
1 <sup>ST</sup> Jim Hare	19 <sup>th</sup> Jim Skanes	29 <sup>th</sup> Judy Whalen-Morgan
7 <sup>th</sup> Mark Brown	20 <sup>th</sup> Brian Bishop	30 <sup>th</sup> Lawrence Hicks
12 <sup>TH</sup> Bill Brett	22 <sup>nd</sup> Leigh DesRoche	20 <sup>th</sup> James Stevens
12 <sup>th</sup> Keith Frampton	24 <sup>th</sup> Doug Pack	30 <sup>th</sup> Ken Chatman
16 <sup>th</sup> Rupert Baker	25 <sup>th</sup> Rosemary Coffey	31 <sup>st</sup> George Power
18 <sup>th</sup> Derrick Anthony	28 <sup>th</sup> Randy L. Mercer	
18 <sup>th</sup> Randy Hogg		

SEPTEMBER		
1 <sup>ST</sup> Paul MacIsaac	13 <sup>th</sup> Eugene Taylor	17 <sup>th</sup> Bev Bryant
3 <sup>rd</sup> Terry Mayo	13 <sup>th</sup> Pat Pembroke	18 <sup>th</sup> Roseanne Veitch
4 <sup>th</sup> Dom Broaders	15 <sup>th</sup> Don Bill	23 <sup>rd</sup> Linda Noseworthy
9 <sup>th</sup> Ray Hynes	15 <sup>th</sup> Pat Pendergast	24 <sup>th</sup> Everett Hann
9 <sup>th</sup> Roland Wells	15 <sup>th</sup> Ed Sisk	25 <sup>th</sup> Eliza Reeve
10 <sup>th</sup> Carl Smith	16 <sup>th</sup> Ed Anderson	27 <sup>th</sup> Ron Powell
11 <sup>th</sup> Doug Beatie	17 <sup>th</sup> Scott Coish	28 <sup>th</sup> Don Burt
11 <sup>th</sup> Duncan Ford	17 <sup>th</sup> Terry Lane	



OCTOBER		
1 <sup>ST</sup> Donald Delaney	13 <sup>th</sup> Patrick Crawley	27 <sup>th</sup> Joe McGurie
2 <sup>nd</sup> David Cook	13 <sup>th</sup> J.J. Furlong	27 <sup>th</sup> Lloyd Holmes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Harry Reid	14 <sup>th</sup> Joe MacDonald	27 <sup>th</sup> Rod Pike
2 <sup>nd</sup> Chris Saunders	14 <sup>th</sup> Al Bert	29 <sup>th</sup> Boyce Noble
5 <sup>th</sup> Barbara Babb-Hynes	15 <sup>th</sup> Carolyn Coffey	30 <sup>th</sup> Law Power
6 <sup>th</sup> Calvin Dominie	17 <sup>th</sup> Ike Mercer	30 <sup>th</sup> Calvin Roberts
6 <sup>th</sup> Sidney White	17 <sup>th</sup> Ed Philpott	30 <sup>th</sup> Ern Pennell
10 <sup>th</sup> Jocelyn Meade	20 <sup>th</sup> Maxine Pendrgast	31 <sup>st</sup> Andrew Standen
11 <sup>th</sup> Gail Courtney	22 <sup>nd</sup> Grant Smith	

**ARTICLE OF INTEREST:**

<https://www.cbc.ca/newsinteractives/features/rcmp-150-contract-policing>

**Living Will:**

Gail Courtney received this from her financial planner. Excellent material to follow.

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/cssd/files/seniors-pdf-ahcd-booklet.pdf>

**HOW TO PAY MY ASSOCIATION DUES**

**REGULAR \$60**

**ASSOCIATE \$10**

- pay online at [membership.rcmpva.org](http://membership.rcmpva.org) and click on RENEW MEMBERSHIP at the top
- send an e-transfer to [treasurerbdivvets@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerbdivvets@gmail.com) or
- send a check to our treasurer at:  
 B Div Vets Treasurer, c/o Elmer Ryzuk  
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**NEW METHOD OF PAYING OUR INVOICES**

We are now set up to transfer money by e-transfer, instead of using the paper cheques.



## **MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, JIM POWER**

Hello, to all members of the Association.

Mark has sent out a good account of the topics covered at the AGM. Thank you, Mark.

One of the things I raised focused on the the distribution of annual dues and will continue to press for a more equitable sharing of the monies collected through annual dues. We are not alone in our position on this matter.

I am preparing a response to the governance body, where we look at the direction of the Association. The issue of financial sharing in an equitable manner is identified as a major concern. This response will be shared when completed.

Mark is also a new national director of the RCMP Veterans Association. If someone would like to take on the Newsletter, please contact Mark. You do not have to be from the St. John's area.

For everyone who may be travelling in the next few months, stay safe, and feel free to share a photo or two on the Facebook page. I wish everyone safe travel etc.

President Jim ...

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS**

**DATE:** June 5, 2023

**TO:** RCMPVA

**FROM:** RCMP VA Communications

The RCMP Veterans' Association, Conference and Annual General Meeting was held in Ottawa - May 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The official business portion of the two-day event, the

Annual General meeting was held in the afternoon of May 27<sup>th</sup> with 85 attendees from across the Association. The AGM included the announcement of two new Directors for our Association's Board of Directors.

The new Board of Directors met immediately after the AGM and the following is the result of that meeting.

Our Association's Board of Directors:

- President – Sandra Conlin (Ottawa Division)
- Past President–A.P. (Sandy) Glenn (Nova Scotia Division)
- Vice President – Bob Byers (Lethbridge Division)
- Secretary – Mark Brown (Newfoundland and Labrador Division)
- Treasurer – Peter Sorenson (PEI Division)
- Director – Donna Morse (Vancouver Division) - Communications Committee
- Director – Robert (Bob) Myhill (Kingston Division) - Bylaw/Policy Committee
- Director – Darcy Sanders (Prince Albert Division) - Audit Committee
- Director – James Brown (Kingston Division) - Administrative Support
- Governor – Steve Walker (Manitoba Division) - Pension and Benefits Liaison

To our departing board members, Garry Loeppky and Bob Ellergodt, and our retiring Association President Sandy Glenn. On behalf of the Association membership and the board of directors, we thank you for your numerous contributions to the greater good of the Association membership, and the leadership and support you have provided to so many. We look forward to your continued investment in our membership and the positive impact you will continue to have on the membership of the Association and the larger RCMPVA family.

Donna Morse  
Director, RCMP VA Communications

## **ACTIVITIES OF NL VETERANS and YOUR ASSOCIATION**

### **GET TOGETHERS**

Areas outside the Avalon are meeting to share stories and activities. This is great to see and hope with the District Advocates help, more of these will happen in the coming months.

### **MEMBERSHIP CARD**

We are trying to create electronic version of a membership card. Some technical bugs have slowed the release, but we hope to resolve these shortly.

### **VETERANS ASSOCIATION MOTORCYCLE RIDE**

4 July. Leaving St. John's overnight in Twillingate, on to Stephenville for overnight completing the Port au Port Loop on the 6th & overnight in Corner Brook; head home on the 7th.

To date ten riders are confirmed. When possible, we will drop in at Detachments to say hello. For more info contact Jim Power at [Jimpower2019@gmail.com](mailto:Jimpower2019@gmail.com).



Breakfast in Lewisporte on the Cross Island Motorcycle Ride. Can you name them?

### **BBQ LEGION BRANCH No. 1 - 27 June 2023 – report by Sue Kavanaugh**

The St. John's Social Committee of the RCMP Vets Association held their Annual BBQ Dinner and Dance on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Fifty-two people attended. The Legion Volunteers did a remarkable job on the BBQ Steak and Chicken along with multiple salads, baked potatoes, etc. It was delicious. The evening's entertainer, Rob Hutchings, performed an awesome night for everyone. Many thanks to all the Social Committee members who helped create a wonderful evening and thank you to all in attendance.

After an enjoyable evening, we look forward to the eastern NL social in September. The Social Committee will send an announcement at least 3 weeks prior. On behalf of the Social Committee, we wish you all a wonderful and safe Summer.

## 150 RCMP ANNIVERSARY FLAG RAISING – May 23rd

George Noseworthy represented your association at the flag rising at Confederation Building.



## BALL CAPS and PINS

Roger Hansford and Ron Wiggins researching Association Hats and Pins with a unique crest designed by Ron and with input from the membership. The result is a unique and great looking crest. Once prices are finalized, we will notify the members how to get them.



**CORONATION PARADE**

Members of the Association attended the “Coronation” parade in St. John’s. Our participation was significant and enhanced the overall RCMP presence. A big shout-out to George Powell who attended for the Government House reception and to Rod Pike for photos.



**MEMORIAL DAY July 1, 2023**

I suspect many of our veterans took part in ceremonies around the province. Our previous Treasurer, Jerome Kenny did yeoman service.

Constable April Gavel, Captain Canada, Inspector Dave Ossinger (awaiting his Officer Red Serge and Sam Browne) and Sergeant Major Trevor Baldwin on Signal Hill.



**MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK**

Thanks to Chris Saunders for getting this up and running. As of this writing 77 veterans have signed up. We hope it will enhance our communication in real time. Feel free to share activities and stories with the group. We ask that all comments be respectful.

**VIDEO LINK FOR MEETINGS**

We will have this option for all regular meetings. A trial from the Legion in Pleasantville went well and identified some things that will improve it. Our next meeting in June is from RCMP HQ in St. John's. Wifi may be a challenge, and we hope to have it working correctly.

Some comments from the first meeting by Zoom suggested we need a remote microphone and a better camera set up. Thanks to Andrew Standen for all his efforts to allow us to reach all veterans across the province.

### **BOOK & CLOTHING SALE**

Trudy Power led a book & clothing sale to support the NL Food Bank. NL Food Bank supports food banks across the province and are currently in need of funds with the significant increase in requests for food. Many vets volunteered to help. The initiative raised over \$800 and our association topped up the amount to \$1,000.

### **UNIFORM SERVICES DINNER & DANCE - 14 October 2023**

This dinner was started about thirteen years ago with the RCMP as the first hosts. It is attended by police, military, firefighters, Coast Guard. Fire Fighters and other groups invoice in first response to critical incidents as well as spouses or partners. It follows the general rules of a Regimental Dinner and will be followed by a dance. It is open to serving members of these organizations as well as retired members. Spouses and partners are welcome.

The Vets Association is hosting this year's "Uniform Services Dinner" at the Lieutenant Commander Anthony Paddon Building, Pleasantville, St John's. We look forward to seeing as many veterans as possible participate. It will be our 150-celebration as well as an opportunity to unveil our new RCMP Veterans Ensign.

### **VETERANS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Thanks to the efforts of Randy Mercer, we are committed to help at the follow events and ask any veteran who can help to step forward. Just contact Randy ([randymerc709@gmail.com](mailto:randymerc709@gmail.com))

September 10	Uniformed Services Race – Need 18-20 vets to act as marshalls.
September 14-18	Sarscene 2023 General assistance to the organizing committee, Unknown number needed at this time
October 15	Cape to Cabot – Need 18-20 vets to act as marshalls.
Date TBD	Meals for homeless/financially challenged.

### **THE CHALLENGES WE FACE (AND WILL OVERCOME)**

As always there are some challenges to overcome. These are usually finance related. Dues have been identified as a matter of concern on two fronts:

1. We still have members who have not paid their dues.
2. Numerous members identified the division of dues between national and the provincial as a concern.

Dues for our full status Members is \$60.00 per year with National receiving \$50.00 and \$10.00 to our association. National informed us of an increase of \$5.00 per year for the next two years.

President Jim had a video conference with members of the National Board of Directors along with other Association representatives. He expressed our concern over the distribution of dues



and the effect on our ability to carry on with our mandate. While attending the AGM May 24 to 18 we will continue to press for changes for a more equal distribution of dues. (Note: Associate Members dues all go to your Provincial Association).

### **interesting facts: Did you know ...**

You can continue to connect VA through [My VAC Account secure messaging](#) or by calling [1-866-522-2122](tel:1-866-522-2122).

To speak to a mental health professional now, please [call the VAC Assistance Service](#):

[1-800-268-7708](tel:1-800-268-7708)

[1-800-567-5803](tel:1-800-567-5803) (TTD/TTY)

If you are experiencing an urgent financial need, [emergency funding](#) may be available. Call [1-866-522-2122](tel:1-866-522-2122).

### **FINAL NOTE TO ALL RCMP VETERANS:**

I truly enjoy putting the newsletter together. I hope the information is of interest to each of you in some way. I also hope it helps you feel connected to your fellow veterans. I am very happy to receive personal notes that you want to share.

### **THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:**

I ask each of you remember our veterans who are experiencing challenges and where possible, support the families of those who have left us.

### **JOHNSON AND ANTHONY INSURANCE REBRAND TO BELAIRDIRECT**

Your executive are meeting with Johnson Insurance representatives on July 25<sup>th</sup> to learn more about these changes. It is our understanding that clients of both firms will see nothing different except the name changes. Below are some items sent to us by the local representative.

1. The official media release that went out late last week:

Media Release: [Johnson Insurance and Anthony Insurance will rebrand to belairdirect to provide enhanced customer experience \(newswire.ca\)](#)

2. A link to FAQs about the rebranding on our website:

FAQs: [Johnson is rebranding to belairdirect | Johnson Insurance](#)

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