



### **Presidents** **Message**

Vancouver Division had a successful start to the Fall season with a well-attended meeting in the Eastern Fraser Valley. The Chilliwack Curling Club provided a great venue for over 100 members and guests to enjoy a delicious lunch, an inspiring guest speaker, and the chance to reconnect with old friends. The addition of Art Hoivik to the executive team as the EFV representative, along with the efforts of Murray Macham and Social Director Dorothy Martinson, played a crucial role in organizing the successful luncheon. However, the mood turned somber with the tragic loss of Cst. Rick O'Brien, who was murdered in the line of duty on September 22. Members of Vancouver Division actively participated in the Regimental Funeral to honor and remember Cst. O'Brien, acknowledging his exemplary service and expressing condolences to his family. It's a heartbreaking reminder of the risks faced by law enforcement officers in the course of their duties. Cst. O'Brien was remembered as an outstanding member of the RCMP and a loving family man, and his service was honored with gratitude. The Law Enforcement Memorial Weekend in Victoria on September 23 & 24, where Cst. Shaelyn Yang's name was added to the Honour

Roll, is a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by law enforcement officers. It is unfortunate that Cst. O'Brien's name will be added next year, and we can only hope that his will be the last name to be added to this solemn list.

The end of the year also brings with it, the opportunity to serve on our Division Board of Directors. If you are interested in assisting and taking an active role in the management of the Division, please contact one of our current board members.

I also want to recognize and thank the Support & Advocacy team, including John Sherstone, the Association Co-Chair, and Division Advocates Murray Macham and Alain Duplantie for their dedication and hard work in assisting veterans and their families, as well as serving members of the Force. Their countless hours of support and advocacy have undoubtedly made a significant difference in the lives of many individuals, including veterans who may not even be members of the Association.

Lastly, the Christmas Levee on December 13 at Hazelmere will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Force and is a great way to end the year. Dinner meetings provide an excellent opportunity for members, spouses, and guests to socialize and come together to commemorate this significant milestone. More details about the event will be shared in the coming weeks. ♦

LAST POST**Frederick (Rick) O'Brien**

Cst. Frederick (Rick) O'Brien  
Regimental # 62890  
February 29, 1972 - September 22, 2023

*Killed in the Line of Duty while serving and dealing with a search warrant at a residence. Troop 1 (2016 - 2017) 1972 - 2023: Years of Service: 2016 - 2023 Postings: Depot and "E" Division*

The Commanding Officer of E Division released this statement: "It is with a deep and profound sadness that I must advise of the on-duty death of RCMP Ridge Meadows member Cst. Rick (Frederick) O'Brien on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2023. This is an extremely difficult and tragic day for the members of the Ridge Meadows Detachment, Coquitlam RCMP where the incident occurred, and the greater BC RCMP and RCMP family. With respect to what happened, there are a few details we can provide, mindful there are two active investigations underway. I can confirm that at

approximately 10:00 am Ridge Meadows RCMP were executing a search warrant on a residence near the intersection of Pine Tree Way and Glen Drive in Coquitlam, Bachler there, the attending officers became engaged in an altercation with a man which resulted in multiple officers being injured -including our member and the suspect being shot. Emergency Health Services transported all injured to hospital, but our officer did succumb to his injuries at scene. The injured male suspect is in hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The Independent Investigations Office of BC (IIO BC) is now investigating the incident as it relates to police actions. A concurrent investigation into the homicide of Cst. O'Brien and the injuries to our two other members is also underway and will be conducted by the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT). As for our two members. One has been treated for their minor injuries and is with family. The other is still in hospital with non-life-threatening injuries and has family and friends with them". Official notes of condolence were sent by Vancouver Division President Ron Morse and RCMP Veterans National President Sandra Conlin, to Ricks family and his Commanding Officer.

*Rest In Peace Constable Rick O'Brien*

**Vidvuds U. KALNINS**

Passed away in June 2023

Reg. #21038. S/Sgt. (Rtd.) Years of Service: 1959 - 1994 Posting: "E" Division Commercial Crime Section, HQ War Crimes Div. Vid was the leader of the tax group in CCS. His wisdom and leadership were highly valued. He had one of the best relationships with Revenue Canada contributing to the success of his group. Vid's fluency in the Latvian language had him in demand for investigations of war crimes which he enjoyed. He enjoyed those assignments and I always said "yes" when his services were requested., Following retirement Vid was active in the therapeutic riding program. (Submitted

by unnamed donor and former OIC of deceased)

**Dennis G.W. GARRETT**

Reg. # 22625. Cpl. (Rtd.) Years of Service: 1962 – 1995 Posting: "E" Division passed away June 2023.

**Victor George Peter IRVING**

Superintendent (Retired) #17484 / O.668, Dec 26, 1931 – Jun 26, 2023 aged 91. Survived by his wife, Louise and other family.



Years of Service: 1952 – 1976 Postings: "E", "K", HQ and "G" Divisions, RCMP Veterans' Association, Vancouver Division Victor (Vic) Irving joined the RCMP on January 21, 1952. Following recruit training, he was posted to "E" Division. He subsequently served in "K", HQ and "G" Divisions from which he retired at the rank of Superintendent on February 29, 1976. He and a number of other RCMP members were awarded commendations for bravery for their part in the arrest of three armed suspects during an attempted robbery near Edmonton, Alberta, in 1960, following an intense gun battle. Following his retirement in 1976, Victor served as Deputy Minister, Justice and Public Safety in

the Government of the Northwest Territories in the late 1970s, Managing Director of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation and President of the Corporation's Board of Directors in the early 1980s.

Victor is Remembered with respect and gratitude for his service.



*Victor Irving making a presentation of framed Arnold Freiberg prints to retired RCMP*

*Commissioner Bev Busson at a Veterans event in Vancouver in the spring of 2017.*

Victor Irving's Funeral took Place on July 27th 2023 at St. Augustine's Catholic Church, 2028 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver; 45 people attended including Vancouver Division members Dorothy Martinsen and her daughters, Robert Underhill, Robert and Lois Pilot.

**John McKAY**

From The Chief Constable of the Vancouver Police Department: *"It is with great sadness that we announce the death of retired Inspector 1241 John McKAY who passed away on July 31 at the age of 73.*



*John joined the VPD July 3, 1984 and retired April 30, 2009. During his service, John worked in Patrol, Detention and Services Section, Support Services, Emergency Response Section, Education and Training, Executive Services*

*Section, was Aide to the DCC of Operations, and a Duty Officer" JOHN HAD PRIOR SERVICE WITH THE RCMP.*

May he rest in peace.

Celebration of Life for retired Inspector McKAY is scheduled for Saturday, October 28 at 2pm

and will be held at the Broadway Church located at 2700 East Broadway in Vancouver. In order to help the family plan for the event, please click the link below (or scan the QR code), indicating whether you plan on attending. If you do not plan on attending, no action is required. This form does not collect any personal information.



<https://forms.office.com/r/6szxpsP1R7>

**CONSTABLE FREDERICK (RICK) O'BRIEN  
REGIMENTAL FUNERAL**



Vancouver Division Members involved in planning and delivering – John Buis & Ric Hall were media coverage. Assisting at venue were RCMP - Bob Underhill, Laurier Cadieux, Karen Frost, David Atfield, David Reece, Ed Bulpit, Bob Stone, Steve Crawford, Roy Daly, Randall Simpson, Pat Coombes, Lindsay Soo-Chan, Richard Bergevin, Brian Andrews, Ron Dicks, Saagar Prihar, Ron Morse, Al Anderson, Wally Lee, Derek Hudson, Nigel Busche, Laird Allan and Jim Hunter. Vancouver PD were Brian Honeybourne, Frank Owen, Don Nucich, David Wright, Bob McClelland and Eric Borglund. The members RCMP liaison was Cpl Christina Martin who was a joy to work with. Also assisting were

Vancouver Police retired members See Photographs at end of this edition.



**FINAL SALUTE**

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED**

Amber Van Hove, Blake Burgess, Dan Guilfoyle, Paul Rowat, Joanne Kaminsky, Don Harder, Curtis Burks, Rod Clemons, Nigel Busche. Shiv Akari, Greg Proudman and John Shane Tuckey.



New members sworn in at the Chilliwack Lunch meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Don Harder, Paul Rowat, Rod Clemons and Curtis Burks

**BUGLE CALL**

PLEASE NOTE THE OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup> MEETING AT HAZELMERE GOLF CLUB HAS BEEN CANCELLED. Mark your calendar for:-

**Our Christmas Levee**

will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 3:00 pm at Hazelmere Golf & Tennis Club, 18150 - 8 Avenue, Surrey.



Members and guests are welcome. More information to follow.

Christmas Lunch,

December 4<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Chilliwack Curling Club. Full Details to follow.

RCMP 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

September 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> saw the new Guidon Dedication (and retiring of the old one) and the Annual Fallen Members Memorial Parade respectively. Our members Bob Underhill and the author ic with authors serving member son Paul Reece, attended Depot Division for the event; authors wife Carol Reece was with us and accompanying other police retirees and their partners from Los Angeles Police Department. The Dedication ceremony is well documented on the RCMP website so included here are a few images of the Vancouver Division retiree contingent and their involvement.

3<sup>rd</sup> Guidon Dedication

The 3<sup>rd</sup> (latest) Guidon  
With King Charles III cipher

Lots of veterans attended the event some in uniform. No parade activities were asked of us other than lining the route for the retiring Guidon- see photo A full list of retired members spouses and family attending from all Divisions were:

- Randy Burt
- Dave & Jane Pearce
- Al & Shirley Higgs
- Ev & Juleen Summerfield
- Dave Muirhead
- Bob Underhill & Beverley Jean Pilkington
- John Leitch
- Roger Burns

- Steve & Peggy Smedley
- Bob Smart
- Dave & Carol Slinn
- Tonia Harris
- Bill & Dorothy Perry
- Marc Dureau
- Joe McAllister
- Dave & Carol Reece Vancouver Div
- Paul Reece (serving E Div)
- Terry & Francis Minton (LAPD retd)
- Michael & Sherry Lewin (LAPD retd)
- Al & Jan Nicholson
- Lynn & Bernice Spring
- Bob & Nancy Stephens
- Harper & Rose Boucher
- Bill Greenslade
- Ron & Deb Plomp
- John Tokarcsik
- Bob Roy
- Mark Johnson
- Judy Helfrick
- Grant Veitch
- Richard & Kim Thibeault
- Murray Klatt
- Bob Byers
- Mike Duffy
- Darcy Sander



Uniformed RCMP Veterans Attending the  
Consecration of the 3rd Guidon

September 8th, 2023 – Depot Division Drill Hall,  
Regina, Saskatchewan



Left to Right:

- 1) CSM Al McCambridge
- 2) Pierre Belanger, Ottawa Division
- 3) Bob Underhill, Vancouver Division
- 4) David Reece
- 5) Ron Plomp, Regina Division
- 6) Mike Duffy, Lethbridge Division
- 7) Grant Veitch, Regina Division
- 8) Sandra Conlin, Ottawa Division, RCMPVA President
- 9) Bill Greenslade, Regina Division
- 10) Bob Byers, Lethbridge Division, RCMPVA Vice-President
- 11) Lynn Spring, Lethbridge Division
- 12) Everett Summerfield, Regina Division

Retiring the previous (2<sup>nd</sup>) Guidon

The retiring Guidon with Queen Elizabeth II cipher.



Recognising that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Guidon was the one we had all served under the RCMP Veterans lined the route to the Chapel where the retiring Guidon was to be housed. Here are a few photos of the Vets and our members lined up awaiting its arrival.



Pillars of the Force

In consequence of the recent drive to gather funds for the Heritage Centre members were offered reduced rate for inclusion on The Pillars at Pricess Royal Walk. Many members took advantage including Bob and the author seen here checking out they got their monies worth !



(Our) Robert (Bob) Underhill, Randy Burt and other retired and serving Sgt Majors

Portion of Pillars



Plack showing Bob Underhill's entry Col C.



Author and son Paul Reece at Pillars both names inscribed.

RCMP ANNUAL MEMORIAL PARADE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, DEPOT

DIVISION.

Forming up prior to marching on



March Past -E Div Troop



Veterans Troop

Sandy Mahon on front rank flank author right behind.



**HISTORICAL CORNER**

**THE RCMP GUIDON and its HISTORY.**

There’s much to be written about the Royal Canadian Mounted Police guidon with the organization celebrating its 150th anniversary. This year, the force will consecrate, present and parade a new regimental colour, and lay up its old guidon.

As such, it’s a perfect time to reflect on the RCMP’s storied past, particularly to edify the many Canadians who aren’t aware of the force’s service abroad to Crown and country.

The history told through honours received and carried on the force’s guidon is exclusive to its actions in theatres of war. The RCMP’s extraordinary contributions to international peace operations and United Nations peacekeeping is not included, though that’s not to say it doesn’t matter—rather that it’s not war per se. Anyone who has offered themselves in the service of peace during internecine civil strife and violence knows better.

The RCMP is the only police force in the Commonwealth, if not the world, that is a colour-bearing corps. It proudly possesses a regimental banner that, according to its light cavalry traditions, is known as a guidon; derived from the French word *guy d’homme*, which means “guide man” in English—the horseman charged with carrying the regimental flag.

The RCMP guidon may be paraded, mounted or dismounted, on occasions consistent with policy and, according to historical convention, it’s carried and escorted by the force’s sergeants major, the stewards of RCMP regimental tradition.

The force’s original guidon was presented during a dismounted parade in the Riding School at Depot, due to inclement weather, in April 1935. The consecration service was

conducted by the RCMP chaplain, and the governor general, the Earl of Bessborough, presented it to the force. It bore the RCMP's first four campaign honours.

**NORTHWEST CANADA, 1885:** The North West Mounted Police (NWMP) was integral to the Northwest Field Force comprised predominantly of Canadian militia that was deployed to the North West Resistance.

**SOUTH AFRICA, 1900-1902:** NWMP members were drafted into the Canadian Mounted Rifles, while others were selected to form and lead Lord Strathcona's Horse. They were deployed to South Africa with other armed elements of the British Empire to take part in the Boer War. In 1904, due to its record of service in western Canada and South Africa, King Edward VII conferred the Royal title on the force, and it became the Royal North West Mounted Police (RNWMP).

**FRANCE AND FLANDERS, 1918:** In April 1918, a RNWMP cavalry draft was organized consisting of 15 officers, 768 non-commissioned officers and men. It was deployed to France and Flanders, Belgium, as part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force where most were absorbed into existing cavalry units fighting in the First World War. From within the draft, a squadron comprised exclusively of RNWMP members (four troops consisting of six officers and 151 men) was transferred to the Canadian Light Horse Brigade. It was this group that would later become known as 'A' Squadron, RNWMP.

**SIBERIA 1918-19:** In August 1918, the Canadian government formed the Canadian Siberian expeditionary Force (CSEF), 16th Infantry Brigade, which was deployed to join with a multi-national force at Vladivostok, Russia, during the Russian Revolution. The Force activated another cavalry draft for the CSEF that became 'B' Squadron, RNWMP.

At the outset of the Second World War, the Canadian government prohibited members of the RCMP from enlisting. It did, however, allow for a "representative unit" from the force to be formed and deployed as part of the Canadian Army. No. 1 Provost Company (RCMP) was formed from volunteers and deployed to England in 1939. It went on to serve in Sicily, mainland Italy and northern Europe, culminating in the liberation of Holland in 1945.

Following the war, the RCMP sought recognition for its overall contributions, particularly the actions of No. 1 Provost Company and its marine section. Instead of a theatre honour, the force was granted an "Honorary Distinction" composed of the badge of the Provost Company, with the dates 1939-45. A formal parade was held on Parliament Hill in September 1955, where the Honorary Distinction was affixed to the guidon by the Minister of National Defence George Pearkes on behalf of Queen Elizabeth II.

Starting to show its wear, the RCMP's first guidon was replaced as part of the force's centennial celebrations in 1973. The current guidon was consecrated and presented at a ceremony conducted on the parade square at Depot Division by the Queen (*Queen Elizabeth II*) in July 1973. The Honorary Distinction cypher was replaced with a Theatre Honour—Europe 1939-45—deemed more representative of the RCMP's broader contribution to the war effort.

The original guidon was then laid up in the RCMP Chapel at Depot in September 1973 during a church service attended by veterans of No. 1 Provost Company.

*Guidon carried by HQ Division Sergeant Major William 'Jock' Taylor, presentation of Provost Corps Honorary Distinction, Ottawa, September 1955.*



When the RCMP's new guidon is presented during its 150th anniversary celebrations in 2023, there will be some modifications and additions. There is now also a force policy that prescribes the process and requisite standards to acquire RCMP "Corps Operational Honours." Current and future honours will be reviewed and granted directly by the honorary commissioner in chief of the RCMP, King Charles III.

Chief superintendent (then corps sergeant major) Darren Campbell initiated and led this initiative, with support by superintendent (then sergeant major) Dave Hall. The RCMP Veterans' Association, Mark Gaillard, Dave Muirhead and Graham Muir were also key contributors.



*No. 1 Company, Provost Corps, England, 1940.*

Corps Sgt. Maj. Al McCambridge brought the work to fruition. The new guidon will include:

The Corps Operational Honour, Second World War 1939-45, which will replace the Theatre Honour, Europe 1939-45, with a much-expanded elaboration of the RCMP's contribution to the war effort.

The Canadian Provost Corps Honorary Distinction, which will be restored.

A new Corps Operational Honour, Afghanistan 2003-14. In Afghanistan, the RCMP played a pivotal role in Canada's whole of government strategic and operational thrust to prevail militarily against a virulent insurgency while concurrently confronting pressing priorities that underpinned the machinery of civil society. The RCMP deployed, enabled and led a cadre of 297 Canadian police officers over the course of the mission, of which 138 were serving members.

As the force looks to the future, one can only imagine what may lie ahead in terms of international engagement. RCMP members and other Canadian police, for instance, have been on the ground in Ukraine for years as part of bilateral arrangements to conduct institutional reform and improve the capacity of Ukrainian police. *(Reprinted from Legion Magazine) ♦*

## SPORTS

### **2023 World Police and Fires Games**

The 2023 World Police and Fire Games were held in Winnipeg, Manitoba July 23 – August 6th. Congratulations to all those, including a number within our extended Mountie family, who participated in the games. You are all champions! More information about the games and the game results can be viewed by clicking on the link below:  
<https://www.wpfg2023.com/about-the-games>

### GOOD and WELFARE

**Member Ray Kielan brings this to our attention." If you or another Veteran you know can make it to see Frank it would be much appreciated.**

**Dear David and Bev,**

**This afternoon at the luncheon (Chilliwack Curling Club) I mentioned the retired RCMP**

**Vet, Frank Michalski. His strong advocate is his daughter, Tracey who has reached out to us on her father's behalf. He would very much appreciate visitors. He is currently residing at Menno Home – West 2 Wing 32945 Marshall Rd.**

**Abbotsford (room 2459)**

**Office #604-859-7631**

**Please publicize this info with the encouragement that those who are able accommodate this request.**

**Thank You,**

**Ray Kielan"**

### Our Membership helping Members and Communities

It seems we, as members and veterans, find it difficult to blow our own horn as helping each other and those within our communities is just what we have all done for years.

With much hesitation, one of our Veterans wrote to me regarding his volunteerism throughout his career which continues as a Veteran. This Vet has been a member of the Association since retiring in 1989 and saw service in BC, the NWT, Yukon and F Division. Many times (especially with the ongoing dialogue of replacing RCMP in various communities and provinces) we often hear that our serving members are not committed to the jurisdictions in which they serve. Rhetoric also suggests that the Force's Veterans did not know the communities in which they served and on it goes. We all know these are not accurate

statements as serving members and our Veterans continue to volunteer their time to many organizations and communities throughout Canada.

Within this Veteran's writings, I found that he had spent much time as a cub scout leader, volunteered with the Yukon Territory Transportation Association, the local Junior Chamber of Commerce, read books to children in pediatric wards, served as a Block Parent, helped with school field trips, served 5 on the Parent Teacher' Advisory Committees, helped provide food to inner schools and on it goes. I know this level of volunteerism is no different than what many, many serving members and Veterans have done and are doing within the communities they serve and live.

The Veteran is also helping to keep those who served in northern postings in touch with each other and arranging reunions. He started the website: [www.northernite.com](http://www.northernite.com) and continues to be the webmaster for the site. Further, to help those who served "north of 60" stay in touch, he continues to oversee the website: [www.northernite.com/northerners.htm](http://www.northernite.com/northerners.htm) which contains over 600 names of members who have served in "G", "M" & "V" Divisions.

This is just one example of how our Veterans, and those who continue to serve, are involved within their communities. There are many more examples of how our Veterans volunteered and continue to volunteer in the communities they served and those communities which they now call home.

Thank you, Veteran George Bliss, for sharing. If you have a story about Members helping Members and a Veterans' volunteerism, please send it along to [donna.morse@rcmpva.org](mailto:donna.morse@rcmpva.org). Donna Morse Communications Director.

**Update received from John Sherstone,  
Advocacy Director**

Just an update on the ADVOCACY area. Last year we assisted with 77 veterans, their widows, and families with various issues. The total for the entire force was 737. There are meetings currently being held in Regina with NFPD as to funding a seminar for the Advocates across Canada as we are now being tasked with assisting those serving members. The Union seems to Have dropped the ball in this area (not able to provide this type of service to their members).

\*\*\*\*There has been a total of 351 assistance files to serving members across Canada... To date I have had 36 assistance cases, and I have not checked with Alain. JS  
Link to VAC Booklet as per Division E Mail :-



RCMP MyVACBook  
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**FYI**

**PACIFIC RIDING FOR DEVELOPING DISABILITIES**



**Association Member Supporters**

As the Association continues to build on existing business relationships with RCMP VA supporters, information will be shared with the membership. Please go online to see the links to those businesses you may be interested in.  
Trip Merchant

- If you have signed up for Trip Merchant or have taken a Trip using their services, we would like to hear from you to share your experiences with our membership.
- Trip Merchant can be accessed via the link on the Association Website: <https://rcmpva.org>.

**Good Life Fitness**

- Effective July 6th, employee/members who have enrolled in their corporate membership program may now add up to two family members at the same great corporate discount.

**ABGroup – Budget/Avis Car Rental**

- The Association has resigned the contract with ABG for another 3 years.
- Just follow the links on the Association website to explore the opportunities for our membership.

**Broadway Across Canada**

- The Association has a new relationship with Broadway Across Canada, a subgroup of Broadway Across America. The Association membership is being offered reduced pricing for tickets through our website links.

**Other Division Newsletters**

Toronto Summer Newsletter

<https://rcmpvetstoronto.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3298eb9daeda46e9effc59a09&id=1fad411f25&e=1397fc81f16>

Edmonton September Newsletter

<https://rcmpva.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3298eb9daeda46e9effc59a09&id=77e0727ab4&e=9c083872eb>

And, to wrap up, if you have information that should be shared with the Association



Membership, please contact me at donna.morse@rcmpva.org. Take care and stay safe out there. Donna Morse

**Indigenous Veterans’ Engagement Team**

The following has been received from David Thomson, Operations Advisor, Indigenous Veteran Engagement, Veterans Affairs Canada / Government of Canada. Please give thought to learning more about the programs as indicated in the message below. “Our goal is to ensure all Indigenous Veterans and still-serving members of the CAF and RCMP are aware of VAC’s benefits and services. We want to learn about any gaps or barriers that may exist. The team would be happy to attend meetings or events, give presentations on our programs, and hear from First Nations, Inuit and Metis Veterans about their experiences with Veterans Affairs’ programs and services.”  
 Contacts: David Thomson  
 David.thomson@veterans.gc.ca  
 Lee-Ann Lavoie lee-ann.lavoie@veterans.gc.ca  
 In addition, here is the link to the My VAC Book that provides some high-level information about benefits/services at VAC – there are two different copies for RCMP and CAF. If a member has dualservice, they may be eligible for both sets of benefits

**PHOTO GALLERY**

**Division Lunch on September 14<sup>th</sup> 2023  
 Chilliwack Curling Club.**



Laurie White, guest speaker, presented with gifted priceless artwork by Rosemary Bridge

Gerry & Sandra Waddington retd from Coquitlam in 1987. Rosemary is partner of Murray Macham (lucky guy!) Paul McArI peeking!



Murray Macham and Harry Shardlow. Harry retired from Duncan in 1998



Heather Lew well known to us all as the E Division SM and Deb Bourne Ch. Supt, who is the Commandant of PRTC.



John LeSeur and Nathan Olson same shirt day!

John again with Paul McArI who retd from GT in 2013



Brian Brasnett and author both served in the Reserves post retirement!



Andy Johnson who retired from RCMP in 1989 Federal Services with author.

Andy and Dave Reece worked on cases for more than 3 years after Andy retired and went to work for Coast Forest Products. It was more than 20 yrs since they have seen each other and had a chance to catch up. God bless the Veterans Association!

Reception at The Regimental Funeral for Constable Rick O'Brien

Bob Underhill, "Duke" Cadeux, Sharon Hunter of the Vancouver Police Department and partner Dave Miyashita,



recently retired now living in Kamloops. Dave isa new member and wants to get in touch with Kamloops

Members for socials etc.Any Kamloops members plse send note to President who will put you in touch with Dave and Sharon.

Blake Burgess (New Member) and Karen Frost



Ed Bulpit with his "helpers"

Nigel Busche (new Member) with Duke and Karen



More from RCMP Memorial Day



SM (retd) Ian Ferguson  
in the middle

Troop 46 "N" Division Ottawa 1958. 65th Troop Reunion - Sept. 20th 2023 – New Westminster

Art Hoivik writes :-

We met on Neil MacKay's deck in New Westminster, BC on Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 to celebrate. The weather was great, we had a nice catered lunch and a dinner that evening at the Inn on the Quay Boathouse. Unfortunately, a few of our members could not attend for a variety of reasons including health, we are aging. Not many troops reach this pinnacle but we did and we are truly thankful for great lives and great careers in the RCMP.



“Still standing”! L to R. Art Hoivik. Ed Virgo. Ron McKinnon. George Foulon. Dave Church. Neil MacKay.

SENT IN FROM DEPOT DIVISION - NOTICE AT BUS STOP OUTSIDE MAIN GATE !!



Seems not only the RCMP are having staffing issues !

### Editors Note

Dear Members and Friends of the RCMP Veterans Vancouver Division. I was asked to compile a newsletter on your behalf and this is the third Members edition. I hope you find it of interest. I will try my best to provide interesting material but the content really is a team effort from all your Executive Members and yourselves. If you have articles or items of interest, please don't be shy in sending on to us. The only criteria we apply is that we want material of interest to Vancouver Division members and subject to rules of space and

accuracy, decency and professionalism in publication. Controversial issues are welcome but please remain civil and we may have to caveat that the writers' opinions and submissions do not reflect opinions held by the Vancouver Division executive or membership. We know there is a host of writing and other talent among all our 360 or so members and as this is your newsletter, we all want to hear from you. Please also note that if like me you like to read a newsletter in your favorite comfy chair with coffee or something stronger then this format is designed to be easily printed in tabloid form on 11x17 paper. Simply load it into a thumbnail drive and take it to Staples who will print it for modest cost! If you are really computer savvy you can upload the newsletter to an account at Staples who will have it printed for you to collect! This will also facilitate our printing for our members who are unable to use computers to view this newsletter. If you know of any of these please contact the editor. Best regards and welcome to the new newsletter! - Dave Reece