

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association Central Vancouver Island Division

February 2024

Lunch/Meeting

Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 at 11 am for meet & greet, and at noon for lunch/meeting at the Arrowsmith Golf Club & Micky J's Bar & Grill, 2250 Fowler Road, Qualicum Beach.

1. Call to Order – President 12:01

2. Motion to Approve/Modify/Add to the Agenda

Motion by: Larry JOHANESS

Seconded by: Gary FORBES

Carried

3. Singing of O Canada

4. Welcoming of Visiting Members/Guests

Nick and Trudy VERES; Elaine MacDONALD; John Van SCHAIK.

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5. Remembrance & Grace - Chaplain Charlie MASSEY

Remembering:

Mel Hoffman

Russell "Russ" C.W. SUKUT

Ronald PLECAS

Terrance David EDWARDS

Wayne T. ROBERTS

Fred (Frode) Gert HANSEN

Brian Muir HENDERSON

Joseph Phillipe Gilles DEZEIL

Philip TAYLOR PHILLIPS

6. Adjournment for Lunch: 12:08

7. Recalling Meeting to Order – President

8. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting – December 9th, 2023

Motion by: Keith TRAIL

Seconded by: Lou RACZ

Carried

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9. Old Business

Vote on Stuart PURNEY's application as an Associate Member by the Membership

Motion by: Charlie MASSEY

Seconded by: Gary FORBES

Carried

President Gilles CHIASSON presented Stuart PURNEY with his membership pin. A hearty round of applause followed.

10. New Business

Secretary's Report - Jaak KOOSEL - nil report

Treasurer's Report - Rick STEELE

*Statistics

ACTIVE MEMBERS PAID **197 (86%)**

ACTIVE MEMBERS UNPAID **32 (14%)**

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS **229**

*December Financial Report (attached)

*January 1 to 31, 2023 Financial Report (attached)

*Approved Budget for 2023 – Actual Expenses (attached)

*Revised Proposed Budget for 2024 (attached)

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Membership Coordinator's Report - Ken HANDY (absent)

Rick STEELE provided the information on behalf of Ken:

*New members processed in January 2024:

21813, Bob BYAM, Qualicum Beach

50743, Dean BIOLLO, Courtenay

45545, Russell WARREN, Ladysmith

Maurice (Mo) ALLEN; resignation. MMS file amended to inactive.

Quartermaster's Report – President on behalf of Bryan WALKER.

Bryan has passed the Quartermaster's duties on to Irwin AXNESS.

The Bastion in Nanaimo will supply CVI name tags at a price of \$14.

11. Directors' Reports:

Duncan – Brent BLANCHARD introduced Ken BRISSARD as the NEW Director for Duncan area. Ken was planning to attend today's meeting but was distracted by the birth of a grandchild.

Brent thanked the Duncan members for their support over the past ten years.

Nanaimo – David ALDERSON-Thanked all Nanaimo members who attended today's meeting.

Congratulations to Stuart PURNEY on becoming an Associate Member.

Thanks to KEN AZZOPARDI for the excellent venue and meal.

Parksville/Qualicum – Ken AZZOPARDI- Welcomed everyone to the Parksville/Qualicum area.

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Ken HANDY is recuperating.

Peter and Trin GRAHAM are looking for live-in nursing care so that they can stay in their home. Anyone with suggestions is asked to contact Ken.

Port Alberni – Steve VATAMANIUK- Quoted a famous philosopher in stating that “he had nothing to report”.

Courtenay/Comox – Mary KOSTASHUK- reported that as a former fraud investigator, she fell victim to an email scam. She did manage to arrange a trace on the fraudster.

Pillars of the Force bricks are currently available at half price. Gilles CHIASSON indicated that he has purchased one brick in honor of the CVI Division.

Campbell River – Barney BERNARD (absent) - Terry HLUŠKA reported that Barney & Darlene BERNARD are away in Vegas and Mexico celebrating their 60th anniversary.

Glen BARRIE is dealing with health issues.

Norm BREault threw out his shoulder two years ago and is still recovering from that injury.

Great to see Doug and Edna LORENZEN in attendance at today's meeting.

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12. Correspondence and Anything for the Good of the Association

Letter of Thank You from Tina LUTZ, Manager for the Nanaimo

Recognition of RCMPVA CVI Division will appear on Nanaimo Hospital & District Foundation's Honor Wall.

Future Presentation from the CEO of the Nanaimo Hospital & District Foundation is planned for our September 2024 meeting.

Debbie REITENBACH, a veteran from Campbell River, received a Life Member Award from the Heritage Centre for her donations (two photos attached),

Pension Disability Class Action Order – President & Secretary

Latest from Disabled Veterans Class Action website:

We are pleased to inform you that the Federal Court has approved the settlement of this class proceeding. The Court's Order will not become effective until March 18, 2024. Later this year, Class Members who currently receive disability pensions directly from Veterans Affairs

Canada (VAC) will automatically receive settlement payments from VAC by direct deposit or cheque. Estates and other Class Members and survivors who do not currently receive disability pensions directly from VAC will be required to file a Claim Form: Claim Forms may be filed with the settlement administrator beginning on March 18, 2024 (up to 9 months to claim). We will post more information about the claims process at that time. A copy of the Federal Court decision approving the settlement is now posted on this site at: [Order and Reasons for Settlement Approval](#)

The quick calculation of the entitlement for current recipients is:

Total of all VA disability pension payments since 2002 multiplied by .02 (2%)

All members are encouraged to identify and help survivors in preparing a claim form and accessing their entitlements under this order.

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13.A. Birthday Wishes for the Month of January

Bernie MASON	Maurice ALLEN	Terry COURTE
George KILVINGTON	Claude LALANDE	Jim STRIKER
Tracy HARDY	Jennifer LYONS	Cameron MUIR
Dawn FLANNER	Glenn S. McKENNA	Jann BAIN

13.B. Birthday Wishes for this Month

Trent BALON	Rhonda LEIGH	Rod BOOT	
Marion RIVERS	John IWANSON	Sandy MACCULLOCH	
Charlie MASSEY	Michael SCHARF	Paul CHERNEY	
Clay THOMPSON	J. Neil DONALDSON	Gary FORBES	
John Paul SMYTHE	Martin DEY	Glenn YEOMANS	
Jim CARD	Garry BASS	Al MOORE	David BROWN

14. Thanks to the Organizer, Kitchen Staff & Door Prize Givers

15. Next Meeting

Our next lunch/meeting will be held at the Eagles Hall on April 13th.
2024, 1999 14 Avenue, Campbell River.

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16. Adjournment 13:21

Motion by: Josh PURNEY

Seconded by: Rick STEELE

Carried

17. Door Prizes

Gilles Chiasson, President



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Humour



Humour

Courtesy of Terry Hluska





I always cook with wine.
Sometimes I even add it to the food.

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(ge-zer)-noun. slang.
Not young. Not dead.
Somewhere in between.

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I'M RETIRED

**I was tired yesterday.
I'm tired again today.**

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AT MY AGE...

Happy Hour is a NAP!!

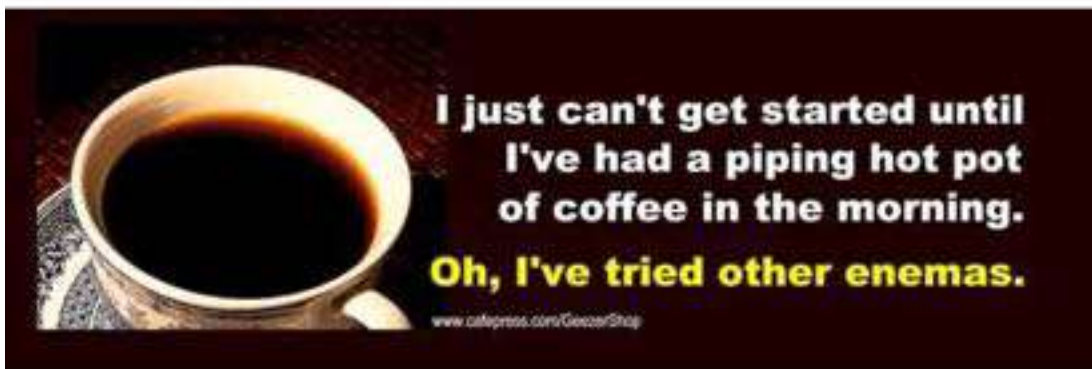
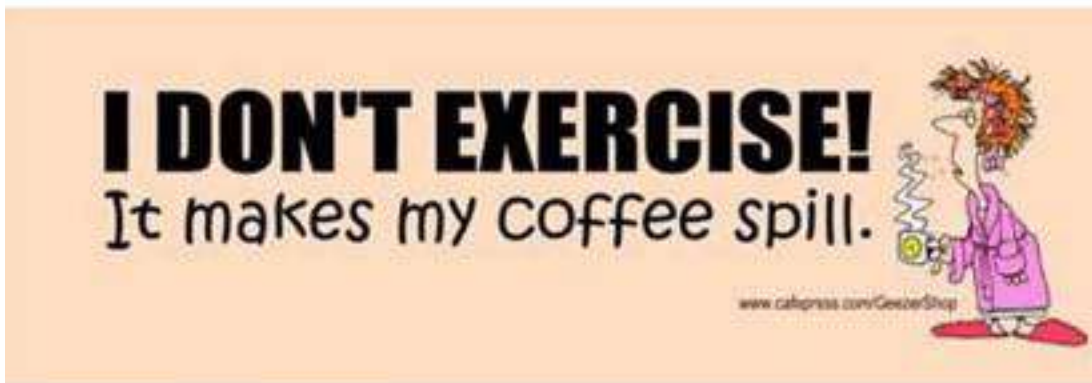
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I DON'T THINK ABOUT DYING.

It's the last thing I want to do.

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**EAT RIGHT and
EXERCISE.**

DIE ANYWAY.

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Be nice to your kids.
They will choose your
Nursing Home.



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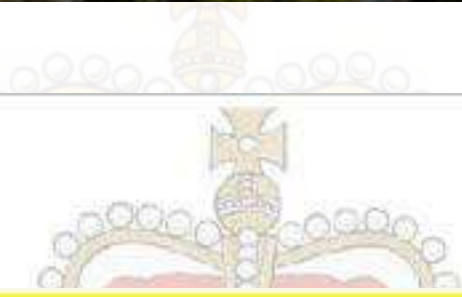
I believe in having sex
on the first date.
At my age, there
may not be a second.



I've been diagnosed with C.R.S.

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The only trouble
with retirement...
you never get a damn day off!



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SENILITY AIN'T BAD

I wrap my own Christmas presents.
I never watch reruns. I can hide my own
Easter eggs and I get to meet new
people everyday.



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Meeting Images



Arrowsmith Golf & Country Club

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President Gilles Chiasson

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*President Chiasson presenting Associate Member Stuart Purney
with his membership pin.*

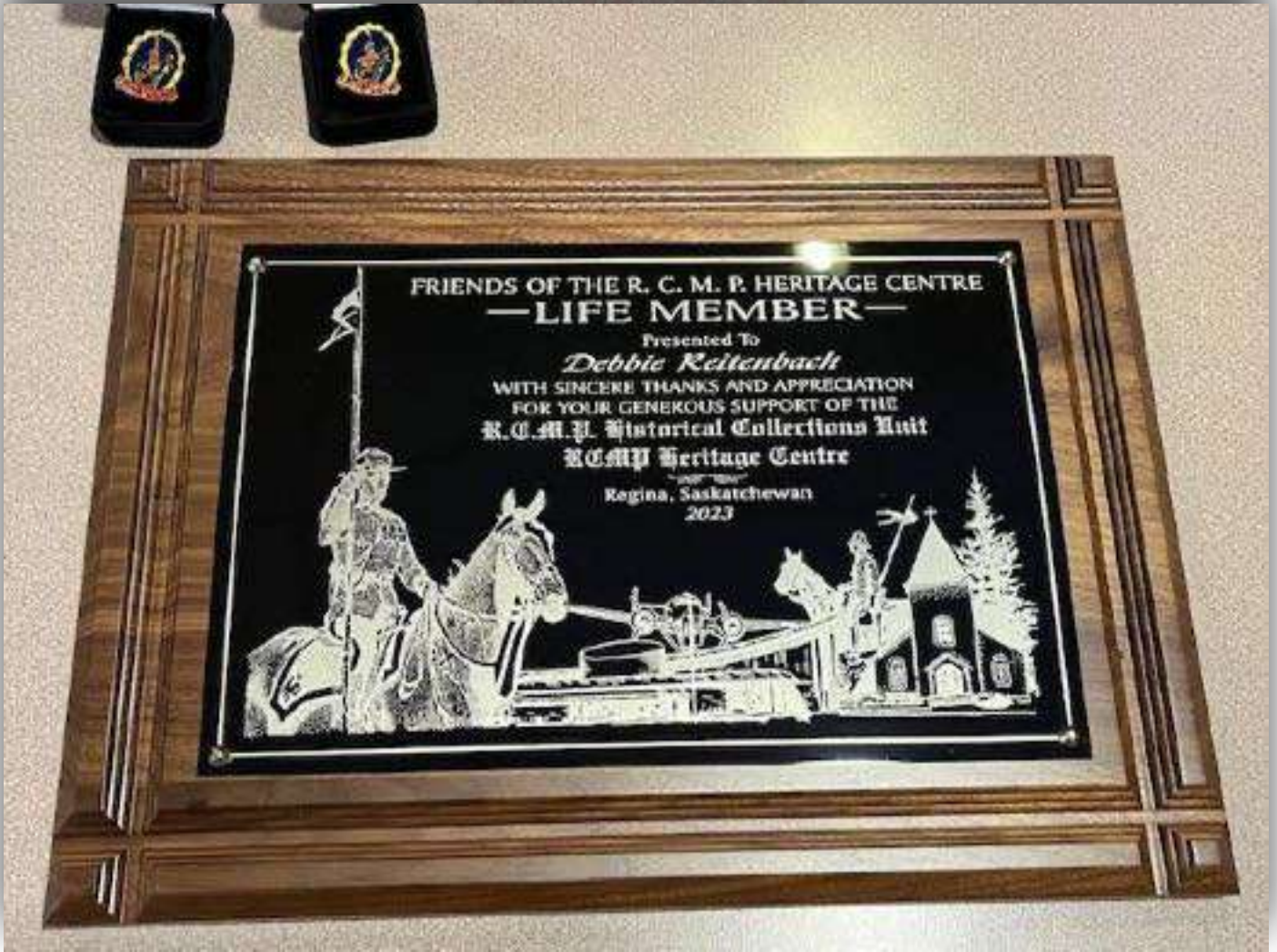
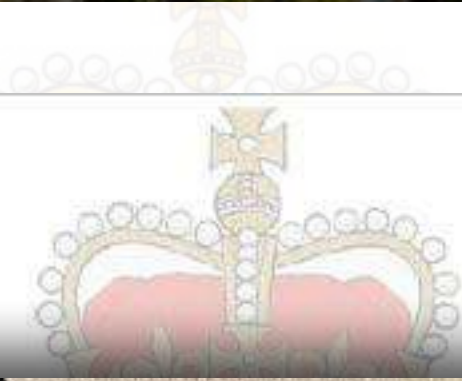
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Barney Bernard Debbie Reitenbach & Larry Stright

Central Vancouver Island Division member Rtd. S/M Deborah Reitenbach #36934 was presented a "LIFE MEMBER -Friends of the RCMP Heritage Centre " for her generous support of the RCMP Historical Collections Unit. The presentation took place in Campbell River on December 19, 2023 with Barney Bernard and Larry Stright acting on behalf of the Heritage Centre .

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CENTRAL VANCOUVER ISLAND DIVISION *Life Membership Plaque*

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*President Chiasson with New member Bob Byam
of Qualicum Beach*

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Fan Out Master Terry Hluska

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Parksville/Qualicum Director Ken Azzopardi

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Nanaimo Director Dave Alderson

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Past Duncan Director Brent Blanchard

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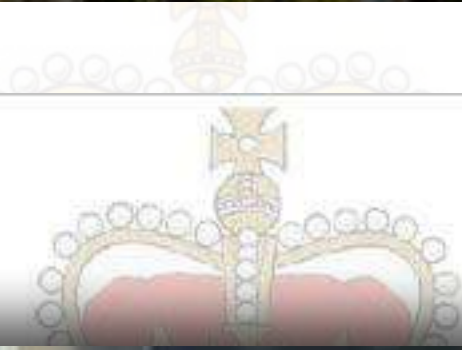
Comox Valley Director Mary Kostachuk

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Port Alberni Director Steve Vatamaniuk

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John Van Sheik

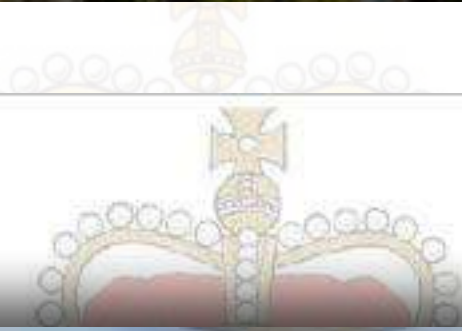
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The Purney Family

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The Thorogoods

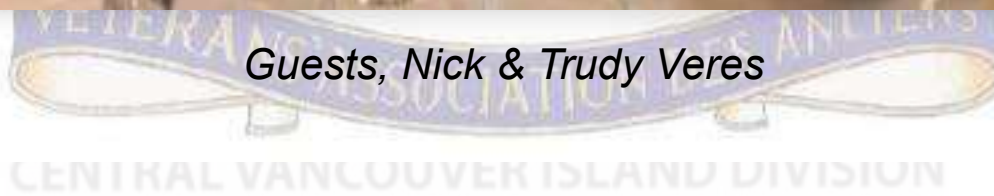
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Nick and Trudy VERES

Guests, Nick & Trudy Veres



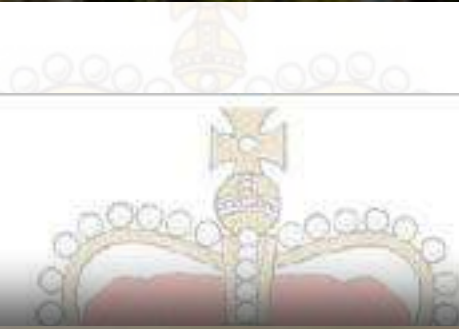
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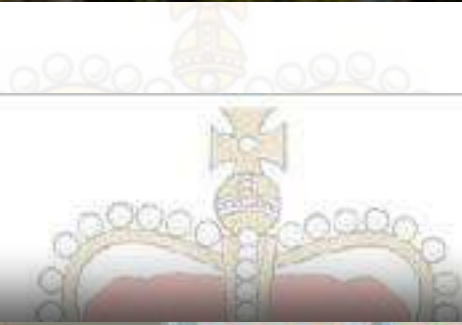


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CVI DIVISION EXECUTIVE 2024

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3 rd Vice President	Vacant	
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Port Alberni	Steve Vatamaniuk	sjvat@shaw.ca /250-723-0232

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COMMITTEES/APPOINTMENTS

Benefits	Gilles Chiasson / Sheryl Armstrong
Chaplain	Charlie Massey
Database Administrator	Keith Trail
Membership	Ken Handy
Newsletter/Webmaster	Glenn McKenna
Quartermaster	Irwin Axness
Grave Location & Maintenance	Len Jerrit
Fan Out	Terry Hluska
Honour Guard Coordinators	Gilles Chiasson / Sheryl Armstrong
North Team Honour Guard Commander	Larry Stright
South Team Honour Guard Commander	Gary Forbes
CVI National Advocacy Co-Ordinator	Gilles Chiasson

Coffee Clubs on Vancouver Island and Powell River

Campbell River: Tim Hortons at 10.00 hours on Wednesdays & Fridays.

Courtenay/Comox: Best Western Westerly Hotel, 1590 Cliffe Avenue every Wednesday @ 09.30 hours.

Duncan: York Street Diner, 5859 York Road - Mondays @10.00 hours.

Nanaimo: Woodgrove Mall Food Court Wednesdays @ 10.00 hours.

Parksville/Qualicum: Thursdays at 09.00 hours upstairs at Quality Foods, 371 Alberni Hwy., Parksville.

Port Alberni: No organized gathering.

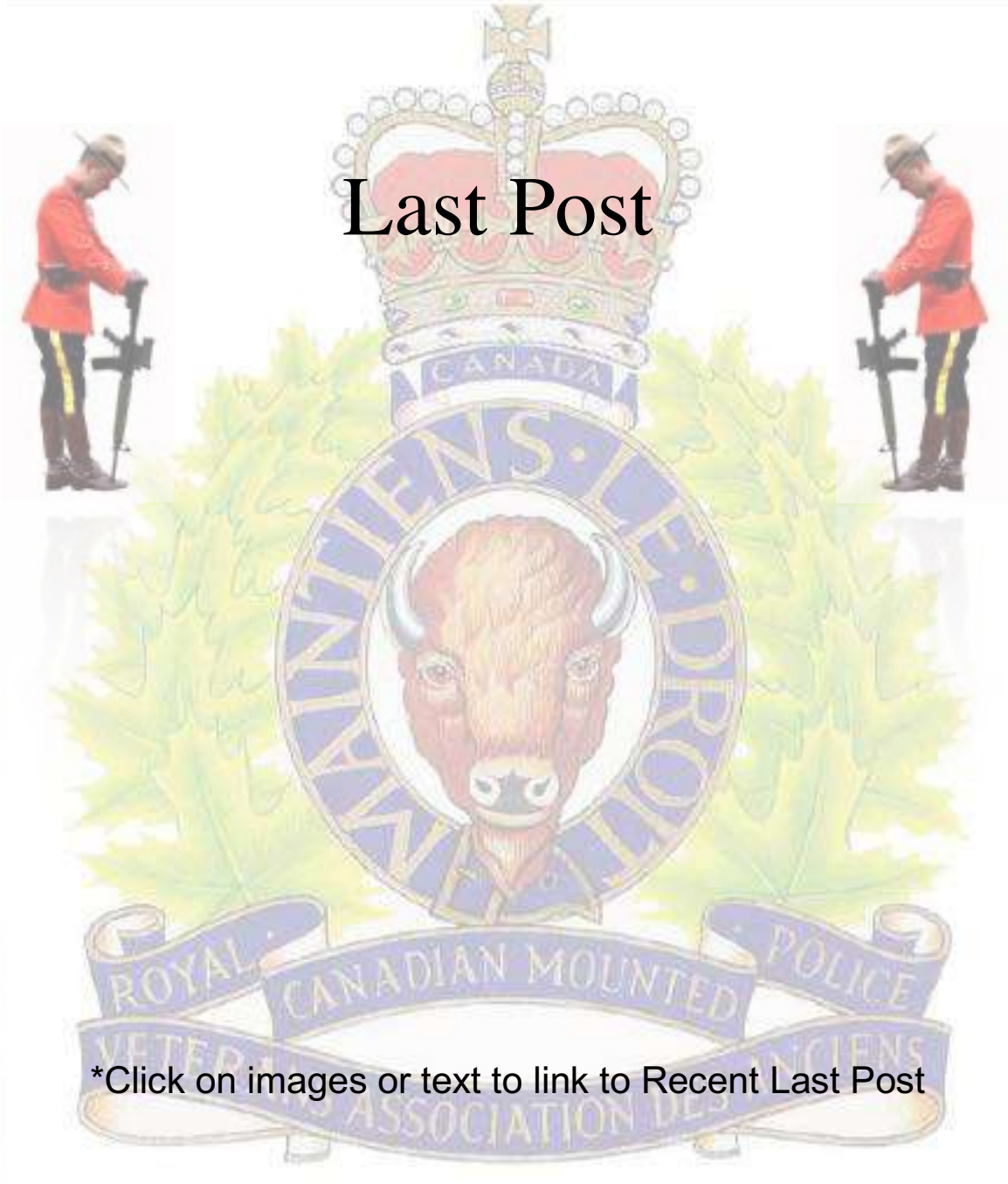
Powell River : No organized gathering.

Victoria: Hillside Shopping Mall at the west side of the Food Court 1st and 3rd Monday @ 10.00 hours.

Westshore: Quality Foods Restaurant on the Langford Parkway Wednesdays @ 08.30 hours.

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Association des vétérans de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada

Central Vancouver Island Division, c/o 4115 Gulfview Drive, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6G3

Financial Report
December 1 to 31, 2023

Balance Forward from **\$7,700.70**

Income

Membership	\$1,600.00	
December Luncheon	\$3,680.00	
Total Income		\$5,250.00

Expenses

Remittance to National	\$ 935.00	
Donation to Nanaimo & District Hospital Foundation	\$ 500.00	
Comfort	\$ 33.08	
Nanaimo Golf Club Payment for Meal	\$2,419.35	
(Note Actual Cost of meal was \$3,419.35, the CVI had a \$1,000.00 Deposit when applied reduced the payment to \$2,419.35)		
Expenses	\$ 289.78	
BMO	\$ 15.00	
Total Expenses		\$4,192.21

General Account Balance **\$8,788.49**

Short Term Investment 0989-9796-853 **\$17,034.68**

Short Term Investment 0989-9796-975 **\$10,000.00**

Total **\$35,823.17**



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Central Vancouver Island Division, c/o 4115 Gulfview Drive, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6G3

Financial Report
January 1 to 31, 2024

Balance Forward from		\$8,788.49
Income		
Membership	\$2,090.00	
		\$10,938.49
Expenses		
Remittance to National		\$1,375.00
Comfort		\$ 62.99
Honorariums		\$ 700.00
BMO		\$ 12.00
Total Expenses		\$2,149.99
General Account Balance		\$8,728.50
Short Term Investment 0989-9796-853		\$17,034.68
Short Term Investment 0989-9796-975		\$10,000.00
Total		\$35,763.18

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RCMP Veterans' Association

Approved Budget for 2023

INCOME

220 members at \$15.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,375.00
Life Member Donations	\$ 130.00	\$ 500.00
Income from Luncheons	\$1,000.00	\$1,343.62
Other potential income	Unknown	
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,430.00	\$5,218.62

EXPENSES

AGM Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$1,479.12
Honorariums	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Nov 11 Wreaths	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Comfort for Members	\$ 600.00	\$ 295.95
Office Expenses	\$ 230.00	\$ 126.53
Donation(s)	\$ 500.00	\$1,000.00
CVI RCMP 150 initiative	\$1,000.00	\$ 796.46
BMO CHARGES		\$ 62.00
Total Expenses	\$4,430.00	\$4,860.06

2023 SURPLUS

\$358.56

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RCMP Veteran's Association

2024 Proposed Budget

Revised January 08, 2024

INCOME

225 members at \$15.00	\$3,395.00
Income from 6 Luncheons	\$1,000.00
Donations	\$ 210.00
Other potential income	Unknown

TOTAL INCOME **\$4,585.00**

EXPENSES

Honorariums	\$ 700.00
AGM	\$1,500.00
Nov 11 Wreaths	\$ 400.00
Comfort	\$ 500.00
Misc Expenses	\$ 250.00
Donation	\$1,000.00
Unexpected Expenses	\$ 235.00

Total Expenses **\$4,585.00**



NANAIMO & DISTRICT
HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

For better healthcare it's our place to give

November 16, 2023

RCMP Veterans Association Central Vancouver Island Div
c/o 4115 Gulfview Dr
Nanaimo, BC V9T 6G3

Dear Mr. Steele and RCMP Veterans,

Money doesn't grow on trees, so we know that your organization made a careful decision to donate to us. Your collective decision to donate to your Hospital says a lot about your group. It says you all want to benefit your friends, family, and neighbours. It says you all want a better future for your community's healthcare. That means something very special to us at the Nanaimo & District Hospital Foundation—it means you all took the time to think about the health of your community and made a choice to give.

We are a hospital under pressure. We are over capacity every day, running 24/7, funded for 340 beds but averaging 400 beds filled with our patients on any given day. There is incredible strain on our healthcare workers and those who support them.

Groups like yours make a difference. Your gift helps us move toward a better resourced healthcare system for everyone in our region.

Thank you for your gift of \$500.00. It was lovely getting to meet Rick in person and to learn more about your organization!

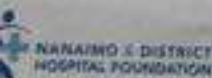
Thank you so much for thinking of the healthcare workers in your community and helping make things better for the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital, and for everyone in our region.

With gratitude and hope,

Tina Lutz

Tina Lutz
Manager, Corporate Relations & Community Engagement

Thank you so much
for your continued
support! Four years
of giving for \$2000!



For better healthcare it's our place to give

Dufferin Crescent, Nanaimo, BC V8S 2B7
55-7690 nanaimohospitalfoundation.com

Please retain this official donation
receipt for income tax purposes.

Thank you for your gift!

Receipt#: 58459
ID #: 2019-67729
Gift Date: 2023-11-06
Receipt Date: 2023-11-06
Amount: \$500.00

GIFT DESIGNATION: Greatest Needs

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Authorized Signature

Tina Lutz

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