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Hi Everyone,

I hope all is going well with you and yours and that you are enjoying our Spring weather. Yes, the temperatures certainly could be little warmer, but the rain has been a Godsend aiding the fire-fighters with the wildfires our Province has been experiencing. Lets keep our fingers crossed rain continues to fall at the right times and pray our farmers and ranchers have a fabulous & prosperous year!

There was no Guest Speaker at our May Dinner Meeting, but the meal was fantastic as usual, and I find it's always a wonderful way to be with

friends and meet a few you haven't seen in a while. That was the case with Bob and Mary Knights. Bob has belonged to our Division for more than 30 years, but the last time they attended a dinner meeting was



when we held them at K Division HQ's. Although we didn't get a picture of them together, I included them as noted above. I think they enjoyed themselves and hope to join us again at other dinner meetings. Below are a few other pictures and head shots from that evening.



Garry & Judith Olshewski and Janet Wiszowaty



Our birthday lady, Marg Elliott Manny Langman, Rob Bacchus, Nick Taylor and Don Martin



Eric Lafoy, Bob Knights & Geoff McKay

Shaunda Farquhar and Tom Hutchison



Zachary Sayers, Erin Benedict and Issac Verbaas



Jim & Stella Medley





LtoR: Tom, Donna, Don, Jerry, Zelly, Bob, Darlene, Norma, Joe, Don & Alanna



The following is a little bit of information about the Association's AGM, and I apologize for this Newsletter being so late, but I was just much too busy with the AGM, still trying to catch up on my sleep and the CO's Message was a little late at arriving.

The Association Council (AC) Meeting was held on Friday, 7th June was very productive and should pay dividends down the road for the Association and its membership. For those who don't know what the AC is all about, it includes the Presidents or their representatives from all 30 Divisions within the Association. During the meeting we established a Chair, Saskatoon Division President Warren Gherasim, and a Secretary from Okanagan Division, Mike Dornian. The AC will meet at least twice per year and present the Association's Board of Directors (BoD's) with advice and recommendations for change. This is a positive step forward and from what I heard the BoD's are looking forward working with the AC.

Besides the AC meeting, the presenters on Saturday were well received, they being the RCMP Veterans' Association Foundation, by our own, Jerry Plastow; Fraud Awareness & Prevention by Cpl. Sean Milne, National Police Federation, Jeff McGowan all in the morning. That afternoon we had a short video address by the Commissioner followed by the Commanding Officer, 'K' Division, D/Comm'r Rob Hill. We were then thrilled and honoured to have Donna Morse from Troop 17, 1974, the first female troop in the RCMP who are celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year. All this was followed by the Association's AGM. That evening, we had the Gala dinner and dance with approximately 135 people entertained by the Alberta RCMP Pipes and Drums Band, followed by a wonderful supper. Then, "Elvis was in the building." A dance ensued with Elvis singing to the delight of everyone in attendance.

The following are just a few pictures from the AGM



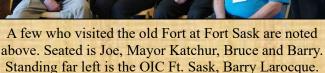
in Alberta



June 7 – Day 2



Prior to visiting the Heritage Fort at Ft Sask, the bus stopped at the RCMP Cemetery in the Fort. Joe gave a little history lesson on the Cemetery





Following the AC meeting that started at 08:30 hrs and ended at about 1500 hrs, everyone enjoyed the Beer & Wine tasting which was well deserved for those who attended the meeting. To the right above people are tasting some wine and George Rechner, above right, is about to taste some beer.



Once the beer and wine tasting was done, everyone attended the Association President's Reception enjoying the delicious Hors d'Oeuvres. To the left we have Nadia & Eric LaFoy with their friends from Quesnel, BC, James & Kathy Howie. To the right we have a group from Lethbridge and Cypress Hills Divisions with a few others.

Laughs:

- I've just finished reading a book about the world's greatest basement It was a best cellar.
- My laptop caught pneumonia, apparently, because I left Windows open.

June 8 - Day 3



The official Annual General Meeting for the Association started at 14:30 hrs. To the left we have the Sgtat-Arms, Ross Hogg, marching into the Ballroom carrying the RCMPVA Tipstaff, followed by the Association's Chief Administration Officer (CAO), Glen Siegersma and other Board of Director members. On the right we have, L to R: Glen Siegersma, Donna Morse, Peter Sorensen, Sandy Glenn, President Sandra Conlin, Bob Byers, Steve Walker & Brian Carter.



We also had a bus trip to the St. Albert Farmers' Market this day.

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We took the opportunity to thank two of our stalwart members, Joe Collinson, 45 years, and Robert Bacchus, 43 years, for all the work they have done for the Association and our Division. The presentations were done at the AGM Gala by D/Comm'r Rob Hill and S/M Leilani Collins and were a complete surprise to these well deserving members. Joe can be seen above to the left with Aggie and Rob to the right, both with the commendation certificate they received from the K Division Commanding Officer.





Octogenarians attending the Gala

Standing: George Rechner, Bill Donahue, Garry Olshewski, Reg Chase, Ross Hogg, Don Klancher, Ron Martineau, Keith Trail, Don Belke, Jerry Plastow, John Griffiths, Jim Fisher, Allan Speevak. Seated: Don Martin, Rob Bacchus, Joe Collinson all flanked by S/M Leilani Collins and D/Comm'r Rod Hill



All those who paid their AGM Registration Fees on or before the 15th April were in a draw to have their Full Registration fee returned. The winner was announced at the Gala and was Heniz Hauser and here we have Shane present him with his \$200 cheque.



Shane Ramteemal, the emcee for the entire event. You did a Great Job Shane!



Les Wiszowaty, our Official Photographer on the right with Joe Healy. Great work Les, but how did you take a selfie with that large camera?

Some the volunteers who helped with the AGM: LtoR: Don Belke, Shane Ramteemal, Rita Belke, Jim & Stella Medley, Jerry Plastow, Elaine Schnepf, Kees Kikkert, Denise & Tom Burkett, Marg Eliott, Linda Plomp, Dave Mitchell. Seated: Wendy & Bruce Allen

Kees thanked our volunteers, sponsors and all those who attended. But WOW, I loved that podium!

Click <u>here</u> for the link to 848 photographs taken at the AGM June 6 to 8th, 2024. To download a photo, select the download icon, far right, under the larger picture and there is no charge for downloading pictures.

Leszek Wiszowaty Independent Business Owner Whitebeard Photography whitebeard.smugmug.com leszekwiszowaty (at) gmail.com Ladies and Gentlemen, the AGM turned out to be an excellent event with more accolades received than one can count. All of this can be attributed to the great work done by all our team of volunteers. However, aside from the fact we had great spousal trips to Fort Saskatchewan and St. Albert, interesting speakers, and a wonderful Gala and more, as your President, the business part of this AGM on the Friday stands out as the most satisfying part of this entire event. I missed saying this during my comments at the Gala, but I credit the incredible lead work the Association's CAO, Glen Siegersma did since the AGM last year. His leadership, without a doubt, guided all of us at the Association Council meeting where we finally have a proper process to lead us into the future. I can't say or thank Glen enough for his efforts and although he wasn't one our volunteers, he certainly helped guide our Team with the entire process and setting up the Convention program.

As most of you know, Tom Burkett has been our Membership Director for some time, in fact for six years. He, along with his dear wife, Denise, have done a fantastic job and we can't thank them enough for all they have done for our Division. With Tom relinquishing these duties, Carol Blannin has stepped forward taking on the Membership Director position and has joined us on the Executive Committee. Tom will be working with Carol for the next while or so and as soon as she is ready to take on the role, a message will be sent to everyone with the new contact information, etc.

Again, Tom, Denise, THANK-YOU So Much!!

New Member Edmonton Division - May 2024 Donald Scott, 20166, St. Albert, AB. Erin Matthews, 47102, Drayton Valley, AB

We welcome Don and Erin as our new members and hope they will join us at our Dinner Meetings. The next Newsletter won't be until September, so from our entire Executive, we wish everyone a wonderful summer and hope to see you at our Appreciation Night Dinner Meeting on September 24th!

If anyone has any questions or concerns or if there is something you would like to see in the Newsletter, please let me know.

Stay well, stay safe and enjoy the Summer.

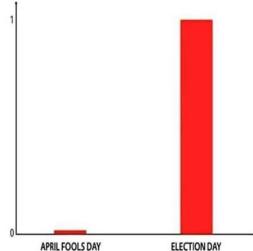
Kees Kikkert, President president@edmrcmpvets.ca

Thoughts on Aging.....

"Nice to be here? At my age, it's nice to be anywhere." – George Burns

"Don't let aging get you down. It's too hard to get back up." John Wagner

PROBABILITY OF GETTING FOOLED



APRIL FOOLS DAY ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY JUNE 25, 2024 RCMP VETS' DINNER MEETING WOODVALE COMMUNITY FACILITY



MEET AND GREET - 5:00 PM DINNER 6:00 PM

4540 - 50 ST. EDMONTON, AB

BBQ HAMBURGER, BBQ CHICKEN, BUNS, CAESAR SALAD, BAKED BEANS, PASTA SALAD, FRESH VEGETABLE TRAY, CORN ON THE COB, FRESH FRUIT TRAY, BUTTER, CONDIMENTS, ASSORTED SQUARES, COFFEE AND TEA

CONTACT LINDA PLOMP TO REGISTER FOR THE DINNER

EMAIL: LFPLOMP@HOTMAIL.COM PHONE 780-238-7606.

REGISTER BY FRIDAY JUNE 21, 2024. COST PER PLATE IS \$30.00 (INCLUDES MEAL, GRATUITY AND GST)

SPEAKERS

KEVIN KUNTEZKI, ANTHONY SETLACK, AND COREY BI RCMP USE OF DRONES AND DEMONSTRATION.

THE ASSOCIATION MUST PAY FOR MEALS FOR THOSE WHO REGISTER AND FAIL TO COME TO THE DINNER. PLEASE REMEMBER TO CANCEL IF NOT ABLE TO ATTEND.

BOOK AND PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Parkland Detachment asked me to circulate the following:

In an effort to improve our communications here at Parkland Detachment, we have created a local

Facebook account. We are posting good news stories, crime prevention techniques, etc. Part of our annual performance plan is tracking the number of our followers.

If you could spread the word for us, it would help us with our APP, but more importantly it would let our followers know of some of the good work that is taking place here.

People can find us by searching Royal Canadian Mounted Police Alberta Parkland or by clicking the attached QR code.



Kevin

Insp. Kevin McGillivray OIC Parkland RCMP Detachment

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Edmonton RCMP Veterans' Executive Meeting Minutes May 23/2024 Woodvale Community Facility, Edmonton

Members Present: Kees Kikkert, Jerry Plastow, Elaine Schnepf, Barry Callbeck, Jim Medley, Bruce Allen, Nick Taylor, Shane Ramteemal, Dave Mitchell, Tom & Denise Burkett

Unable to Attend: Randy Montgomery, Linda Plomp, Eric LaFoy, Tom Dunlop, Dianne Lehman, S/M Leilani Collins.

Meeting called to order: 10:00 am by President Kees Kikkert

Barry Callbeck, Secretary:

• Motion for acceptance of the minutes for April 25/2024 as published in the April Newsletter, Seconded by Dave Mitchell, Carried.

Kees Kikkert, President:

• Kees reported the AGM Planning Meeting at the Double Tree went very well.

Kees on behalf of Linda Plomp, Treasurer:

• Financial Update

Chequing Account \$ 23,471.55 Total GIC's \$ 104,668.43

Jerry Plastow, Past President:

• Jerry suggested we look for guest speakers for upcoming Dinner meetings as attendance seems to be higher when we have a speaker.

Elaine Schnepf, Director- Boost program:

• Very busy with members having treatments and Doctor visits.

Tom Burkett, Membership Director:

• We have 401 active members, 206 Associate members for a total of 607 members, 28 unpaid.

Dave Mitchel, 2nd VP:

• The need to start collecting paperwork for the switch over to the new system will be addressed sometime following the AGM.

Nick Taylor, Director, Valour Place:

• The walk for Valour will take place September 15/2024, 6 to 8 volunteers are needed.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 AM

Next Executive meeting: @ Woodvale Community Facility June 20/2024

Barry Callbeck, Secretary

EDMONTON DIVISION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Woodvale Community Facility -Tuesday 28 May 2024

Meeting Called to Order at 7:50 PM by President Kees Kikkert:

Barry Callbeck , Secretary:

• Motion to accept the meeting minutes for the General Meeting for 30 April 2024 as published in the May Newsletter; Seconded: Jim Medley, Carried.

Tom Burkett, Director of Membership

• Service pins and bar for 28 May 2024 were Tom Hutchison, 10-year bar, Paul Warenchuk 20-year bar, Bob Knights 5-pin and bars for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, & 30 year bars.



Tom & Tom Hutchison

Tom & Paul Warenchuk

Meeting Adjourned 7:53 PM

Next Dinner Meeting Tuesday June 25, 2024

As I watch this generation try to rewrite history, one thing I am sure of is that it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.



Tom & Bob Knights

Thoughts on Aging.....

"Old age is like a plane flying through a storm. Once you are aboard there is nothing you can do about it." - Golda Meir

CO's Message

Now that June is here, it's officially summer and the Alberta RCMP is gearing up for another busy few months filled with events throughout the province.

Over the summer, myself and many Alberta RCMP employees will be participating in a number of Indigenous gatherings, pride events, community BBQs, and more across our detachments. This season gives us the opportunity to get out and connect with our communities as their Alberta RCMP. I look forward to interacting with those we serve and am wishing you all a safe summer! Respectfully,

Rob

Rob Hill Deputy Commissioner Commanding officer Alberta RCMP

Expansion of the Operational Readiness and Response Unit



and Response Unit On May 15, the Alberta RCMP announced the expansion of the Operational Readiness and Response (ORR) unit. The Alberta RCMP has worked hard to provide Albertan's with a state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Centre and ORR unit. This new space for the Divisional Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC) is a significant resource for the province. The DEOC is only of two in the entire RCMP, and our Alberta RCMP have invested many hours in creating this infrastructure. Whenever there is a sustained or planned operation, the DEOC is stood up. When activated, there are members working around the clock, 24/7 to ensure the safety of Albertans. The role of the DEOC is to provide a centralized location to mobilize and

coordinate a province-wide response to large scale public safety operations. Depending on the

size and scope of the emergency, the DEOC can be scaled up to ensure we are directing resources as needed. When active, DEOC ensures our operational commanders and the officers we deploy have everything they need to serve Albertans. They provide logistical support and planning, they serve as liaisons for outside organizations, and they ensure that our members have the proper specialized equipment for the emergencies they're responding to. The new DEOC space will allow the Alberta RCMP to consolidate all different actors into one location, such as the Alberta Sheriffs Branch, Search and Rescue, and community peace officers, where they can work together and mutually coordinate our resources more



effectively. This integrated approach will go a long way in responding to emergency situations and adapting to changes on the fly.

Alberta RCMP link four historical homicides to deceased serial killer

On May 17, the Alberta RCMP announced it had linked four historical homicides from the 1970s. The now deceased, convicted serial violent sexual offender, Gary Allen Srery, was sentenced to life in prison in 2009. Srery served time in prisons over four decades, dating back to the 1960s. He served time in jails in the United States and in Canada, with convictions for rape, kidnapping, and assault. The Historical Homicide Unit was able to discover, with the advancement of DNA testing, that Srery was responsible for the murders of Eva Dvorak, Patricia McQueen, Melissa Rohorek, and Barbara MacLean.

Over the past 40 years, the Alberta RCMP exhausted investigational means in an attempt to identify the person(s) responsible for these tragic deaths. These files were never closed and were continually being reassessed under the microscope of new information, advancement in technology, and evolution of police techniques. In 2003, police were able to confirm the same suspect was linked to both Melissa Rehorek and Barbara MacLean's murders through DNA. At that time, the suspect's DNA was compared against the National DNA Databank without a match. The profile was uploaded into the Databank and went without a hit for over 20 years.





When the tool known as Investigative Genetic Genealogy (IGG) became available, the Alberta RCMP were hopeful they could identify the unknown DNA contributor linked to the Melissa Rehorek and Barbara MacLean homicides.

Genealogists from Convergence IGG were able to start building a family tree based on the SNP profile while CPS consulted with them and completed target testing to help drive

the genealogy portion forward. When target testing was complete, Convergence IGG was able to provide a suspect hypothesis.

The resulting investigation, which took RCMP investigators throughout Alberta, British Columbia and several US states confirmed this hypothesis. During this same time, crime scene evidence was resubmitted to the lab from the Dvorak and McQueen investigation. The same unknown male DNA profile was identified on both victims that matched the unknown male DNA profile from the Rehorek and MacLean murders. In light of this new information, the RCMP found that Gary Allen Srery was responsible for the deaths of all four victims.

"For over forty years, investigators did not give up in their pursuit to identify those responsible for these murders," said Superintendent David Hall, Officer in Charge of the Alberta RCMP's Serious Crimes Branch. "Identifying the perpetrator does not bring Eva, Patsy, Melissa or Barbara back. It is our hope however, that the families are finally able to have some answers as to what happened to their loved ones all of those years ago."





National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month. This month, the Alberta RCMP celebrates the contributions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people, commemorating their rich history, resilience, and diversity. It is a time to honour the stories and experiences of Indigenous Peoples who have made an incredible impact on this country and this organization. We recognize that our shared history with Indigenous peoples continues to have lasting impacts across communities we serve. While we acknowledge the past, we also acknowledge our progress as an organization and the steps we are actively taking towards reconciliation. Today, we are working to increase diversity and Indigenous representation within our organization through recruitment, so that employees reflect the communities we serve. We are also committed to a Reconcile-ACTION strategy in collaboration with Indigenous partners and Elders, increasing community engagement, cultural awareness, and education, while strengthening relationships and reinforcing safety and security with Indigenous peoples.

One way the Alberta RCMP is working towards reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples in Alberta is by hosting annual meetings with the Commanding Officer's Indigenous Advisory Committee. The committee includes Deputy Commissioner Rob Hill, Indigenous Police Officers, and representatives from First Nations and Métis communities across Alberta. Each year, this committee meets to discuss important issues regarding Indigenous Peoples and their communities, and how we can build stronger relationships with Indigenous Peoples. This year's meeting took place last week in Blackfoot Crossing, the historic site of the signing of Treaty No.7.

Pride Month

This June, we celebrate Pride month. Our organization firmly believes that everyone should feel safe, and be treated with equality and respect. We are committed to ensuring everyone we serve can live in communities free from discrimination and bias. This month, in honour of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, we will proudly raise the Rainbow Flag outside of Alberta RCMP Headquarters and detachments around the province. In addition to raising the flag, we show our support for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community by standing in solidarity with them as their RCMP, upholding the safety and security of all Albertans.





THE LAST POST

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Reg # C/M	Name : Jubb, Richard	2024-05-02	Edmonton, AB
25466	Senfit, James R.	2024-03-02	Victoria, BC
C/398	Burke, Eileen	2024-03-01	Vancouver, BC
42716	Cooper, Gordon Edward	2024-04-22	Duncan, BC
19947/0.1046	Brown, David J.	2024-04-23	Red Deer, AB
S/575		2024-04-02	Emo, ON
20486	Crampton, Wayne Douglas Phillips, George Edgar	2024-02-12	St. John's, NL
20480	Carty, David S.	2024-03-09	,
C/7281	•	2024-04-23	Ottawa, ON Winning MP
38010	Stoyko, Richelle Marie Diane	2024-03-11	Winnipeg, MB Liberia, Costa Rica
C/250	Hoffman, Marlyn Melnick "Mel" Munroe, Arthur B. "Art"	2023-09-29	Halifax, NS
23933/0.1241		2023-09-29	Surrey, BC
21183/0.1132	Watt, Brian George Beaudreau, Bruce A.	2023-09-27	Edmonton, AB
19810	Andrews, George Emery	2023-09-27 2024-05-14	Charlottetown, PE
21275	Neitzel, Reginald Jerome	2024-05-14	Eganville, ON
25039/0.1150	Cummins, Patrick Martin	2024-05-13	Brampton, ON
22334	Malloy, Jerome Mally	2024-05-18	Dartmouth, NS
	•	2024-05-08	Kelowna, BC
18747 23653	Petkau, Wilfred Stanley	2024-05-11	Thunder Bay, ON
40710	Coupland, John Leslie Roche-Leveque, Austin	2024-03-14	Rosemère, QC
39354	Gehue, Patrick	2024-04-19	St. John's, NL
27395	Young, Wayne	2024-05-22	,
27595	Wilden, Donald Earle	2024-05-13	Fort MacLeod, AB Manitoba
22794	Eppler, Roy	2024-05-12	Kamloops, BC
C/M	McMurray, Pierre	2024-05-22	Sainte-Julie, QC
27362	Bennett, Daniel Francis	2024-05-14	Lethbridge, AB
21572/0.1374	Legassicke, Cal A.	2024-03-13	Nanaimo, BC
24072	Harper, Robert "Bob" George	2024-05-22	Windsor, ON
C/3007	Unland, Laurie A.	2024-05-24	Edmonton, AB
27026	Bégin, Regent	2024-05-21	Lévis, QC
31637	Duncan, Michael Douglas	2024-05-21	Orleans, ON
22338/0.1362	Yeske, Larry E.	2024-05-24	Winnipeg, MB
20616	Prendergast, James Joseph	2024-05-22	Carbonear, NL
25034/0.1762	Wheeler, Eric Rankine	2024-05-29	Surrey, BC
35863/0.2223	Oliver, Raymond Patrick	2024-06-06	NS
33375	Neufeld, Rodger Duane	2024-00-00	Kamloops, BC
S/2674	Zeleny, Walter Myron	2024-04-27	ON
18445	Hennan, Amos Barnet "Shane"		ew Westminster, BC
RCMP Tailor	Colantuoni, Alberto	2024-06-09	Ottawa, ON
22816	Erickson, Myron Calmar	2024-06-02	Medicine Hat, AB
35254	Roberts, Kevin Alan	2024-05-29	London, ON
27534	Cougle, Gregory Murray	2024-05-22	Dartmouth, NS
C/2300	Calvert, Lynn Mary	2024-00-12	Red Deer, AB
23867	Dawson, William Sherwood	2024-05-20	Delta, BC
40942	Larrey, Paulina Antonia	2024-06-08	Alberta
32478	Ashby, Douglas Grant	2024-06-10	Medicine Hat, AB
22138	Bragg, John (Jack) E.S.	2024-05-27	Victoria, BC
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29879	Dauphinee, Daniel Douglas	2024-05-31	Halifax, NS
223216	Humphrey, George Matthew	2024-06-01	Kamloops, BC
22158/0.1415	Gallager, Lawrence J. "Larry"	2024-06-11	Oshawa, ON
64269	Tommaso, David Di	2024-06-14	Woodbridge, ON
S/1457	Hobbis, Clifford Gilbert Vernon	2024-06-15	Comox, BC
18694	Bates, Leo Royce	2024-06-11	Edmonton, AB
26151	Brown, Robert William	2024-06-14	Winnipeg, MB

May they rest In Peace

Should anyone wish more information on anyone on the list you can go to the <u>National website</u> and/or the <u>RCMP Graves</u> site.