

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association
Central Vancouver Island Division

June 2024

Saturday, June 8th, 2024 at 1 am for meet & greet, and at noon for lunch/
meeting at the Best Western Plus Barclay Hotel, 4277 Stamp Avenue, Port
Alberni.

1. **Call to Order** - Irwin AXNESS, Past President - 12:00 hrs.

*Our President is away at the National 2024 AGM in Edmonton

2. **Motion to Approve/Modify/Add** to the Agenda Motion by:

John IWANSON

Seconded: Larry JOHANNES

Carried

3. **Singing of O Canada** - Lead by Barney BERNARD

4. **Welcoming of Visiting Members/Guests**

Karen BRADBURRY, Don and Theresa SWITZER (Reg. #26239),

Dave GARIEPY, Alan and Pat De. St.REMY (Reg. #22897)

5. **Remembrance & Grace** - Irwin AXNESS

Remembering all who have passed away. Remembering Roy
EPPLER, Donald KEIZER

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6. Adjournment for Lunch

7. Recalling Meeting to Order - Acting President

8. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting - April 13th, 2024.

Motion by: Tracy HARDY

Seconded: Dave ALDERSON Carried

*CORRECTION - Nanaimo Director: Cal LEGASSICKE did not pass away on March 27th; but rather, on March 22d.

*CORRECTION - Parksville/Qualicum Beach Director: Phyllis ROY, spouse of Jack ROY, does not have cancer; but rather, she suffers from spinal stenosis, causing severe back problems.

9. Old Business - Nil

10. New Business

Mrs. Camilla THOROGOOD, Vice-Chair of the Tofino General Hospital Foundation gave an overview of their Foundation and fund raising. There is a concept plan for the replacement of the current Tofino Hospital. The foundation raises \$60,000 annually from population of 2,000 residents. They have been able to respond to every request made by the Hospital.

Irwin AXNESS presented Camilla with a \$250 cheque on behalf of CVI for the Foundation.

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Guard Commander South Section's Position Open - Acting President on behalf of Gary FORBES

*Gary FORBES will first seek a candidate among the current Honor Guards in the South Section. No south area volunteers to date.

Irwin provided a summary of Honor Guard duties. In the last four years the South Honor Guards attended one ceremony.

Irwin also mentioned CVI is seeking volunteers for the following positions: Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Co-ordinator, Comox/Courtenay Director, Parksville/Qualicum Beach Director, Nanaimo Director in addition to a South District Honor Guard Commander. Members please consider taking a position on our Executive. Our President will be providing a summary of duties for these positions.

11. Executives' Reports:

Secretary's Report - Jaak KOOSEL - nil report
Treasurer's Report - Rick STEELE

*April 2024 Financial Report (attached)

*May 2024 Financial Report (attached)

Membership Coordinator's Report - Irwin AXNESS for Ken HANDY

Reg. #21888 Ken GREENWELL of Parksville joined 6 June.

Reg. #44781 Theresa THOMPSON of Parksville recently joined, and is here for pin presentation and introduction.

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Quartermaster's Report - Irwin AXNESS

Nina ANTONIUK donated two of Tony's jackets (red & blue)
The blue jacket is still available.

Quartermaster has been presenting / mailing pins and service bars. Name tags are still \$14.

Presentations of Charter and Year Bars

Bruce ROBERTS - Lapel pin, Charter member and 30 year bars.

Don BUCHANAN - Lapel pin and Charter member bar.

Dave ALDERSON - Charter member bar.

Russell LABELLE- Charter member and Director bar (Russell was the first
Nanaimo Director)

Jim BOLLEFER - 30 year bar

Doug LORENZEN - Lapel pin and 25 year bar Terry HLUSKA - Lapel pin and
20 year bar

Barney BERNARD - 20 year bar

Steve KITCHEN - 15 year bar

P.S.: If you are either missing or due for a Year Bar, please advise the Quartermaster.

12. Directors' Reports:

Duncan - Brent BLANCHARD for Ken BRISSARD

Brent reminded members that the next meeting is at the Legion in Chemainus on 14 September.

Nanaimo - David ALDERSON

Thanks to Steve and Judy for a great dinner and meeting.

Welcome to our members from Gabriola.

Ken HANDY has a brain tumor and is in Nanaimo Hospital.

There are 199 shopping days left until Christmas, and the Nanaimo Christmas Dinner is coming up quickly.

Parksville/Qualicum - Irwin for Ken AZZOPARDI

Peter GRAHAM was in the hospital, and is now back home.

Port Alberni - Steve VATAMANIUK

Steve thanked everyone for coming to Alberni

Courtenay/Comox - Irwin for Mary KOSTASHUK

Mary is currently somewhere between Iceland and Norway.

Campbell River - Barney BERNARD

The STRIGHTs caught a cold after their Alaska cruise and were unable to attend. The HALLs were also not feeling well.

Glen BARRIE medical issues continue.

Barney advised the membership on what not to do when visiting the room displays at IKEA.

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13. Correspondence and Anything for the Good of the Association

14.A. Birthday Wishes for the Month of May

Ken ALLEN	Stella BARRIE	Raymond BROWN
Ralph CARLSON	Robert HAGAMASY	Terry HLUSKA
Stan NESTIBO	Doug LORENZEN	Dennis McDONALD
May PURNEY	Charles ROBERTSON	Bruce ROBERTS
Jack ROY	Fred SIMPSON	Robert SCHEELAR
Rick STEELE	Peter WILSON	Ray THOROGOOD

14.B. Birthday Wishes for this Month

Peter ATTRELL	John BECKETT	Richard BOYCE
Del COLLIN	Glenn R. DeMAERE	Pat EDWARDS
Neil GILLIS	Robert Hart	Jack HENZIE
Len JERRITT	Sean LYNCH	Wayne MOSSMAN
Donald SMITH	Nigel PATTERSON	Thomas TARABAWKA
Bert WHARTON	Daniel TETTAMANTI	Robert K. STITT

P.S.: If your birthday does not appear on a list, then please advise our President.

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15. Thanks to the Organizers Steve and Judy VATAMANIUK, Kitchen Staff & Door Prize Givers

16. Next Meeting

Our next lunch/meeting will be held in Duncan/Chemainus on 14 September.

17. Adjournment

18. Door Prizes 13:32hrs

Irwin AXNESS, Acting President

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LUNCHEON PHOTOS



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Camilla Thorogood, Vice-Chair of the Tofino General Hospital Foundation giving her presentation

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New association member Theresa Thompson introducing herself



Treasurer Rick Steele

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Bruce Roberts receiving his lapel pin, Charter member and 30 year bars



Don Buchanan receiving his lapel pin and Charter member bar

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David Alderson receiving his Charter member bar



*Russell Labelle receiving his Charter member
and Director bar*

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Jim Bollefer receiving his 30 year bar



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Terry Hluska receiving his lapel pin and 20 year bar



Barney Bernard receiving his 20 year bar

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Steve Kitchen receiving his 15 year bar



Brent Blanchard giving the Duncan area report

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David Alderson, Nanaimo area director

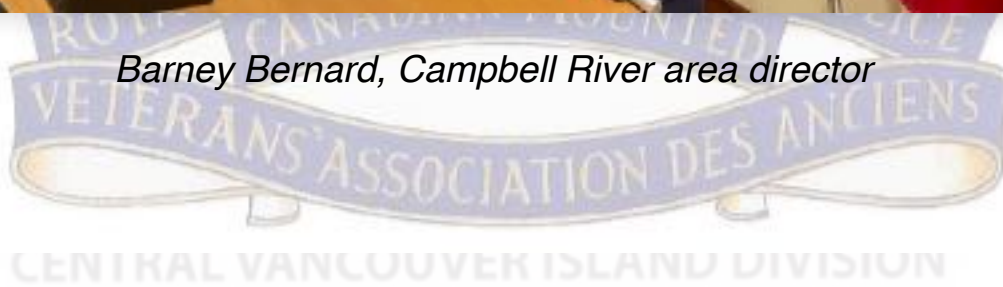


Steve Vatamaniuk, Port Alberni area director

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Barney Bernard, Campbell River area director



HUMOUR

**NOTHING IS BUILT IN AMERICA
THESE DAYS. I JUST BOUGHT A T.V.
AND IT SAID "BUILT IN ANTENNA".**



**I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE
THE HELL THAT IS!**

When someone tells me to do
something that I was already
gonna do



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Me: *wakes up* please don't be 7 am
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Clock: 3 am

Me:



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Me yelling "Representative" to the automated customer service ! 🗣️



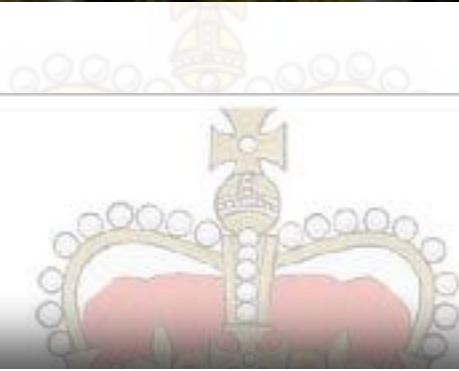
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Me smiling at you because I didn't hear anything
you just said



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Everyday's dilemma





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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
May 1 to 31, 2024

Balance Forward from		\$10,495.79
Income		
Membership	\$ 45.00	
Donations		
Purchase of Red Blazer	\$100.00	
Lynch Family Donation For Honor Guard	\$100.00	
Total Income	\$245.00	\$10,740.79
Expenses		
Executive Luncheon	\$259.61	
BMO	\$ 1.50	
Total Expenses	\$261.11	
General Account Balance		\$10,479.68
Short Term Investment 0989-9796-853		\$17,034.68
Short Term Investment 0989-9796-975		\$10,000.00
Total		\$37,514.36

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CVI DIVISION EXECUTIVE 2024

President	Gilles Chiasson	gilles.psych@gmail.com /778-441-3797
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3 rd Vice President	Vacant	
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Nanaimo	Dave Alderson	dpalderson46@gmail.com /250-729-3615
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Port Alberni	Steve Vatamaniuk	sjvat@shaw.ca /250-723-0232

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GOVERNORS

Tony Antoniuk	Don Buchanan	Tracy Hardy	Gary Forbes
Martin Thompson	Larry Johannes	George Sveinbjornson	Josh Purney
Stan Wilcox	Larry Stright	Steve Vatamaniuck	Keith Trail
George Kilvington	Robert Wheadon		



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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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