



Scarlet and Gold

September, 2015 Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans Association, Vancouver

The Summer of Fires! by Peter Bond

With forest fires raging in many areas of B.C. this summer one was especially close to home for Norma and I. The Sechelt Mine fire was within 5 miles of our house. To our great relief crews early on established a fire break on the town side and northerly winds pushed the fire away from us but perilously close to a number of water access only properties on Sechelt Inlet. The billowing clouds of smoke were most unnerving and very irritating to eyes and lungs. With great trepidation we listened to reports of the fire extending through 25 ha, to 50 ha, to 100, 200 and eventually 400 ha. Some days smoke all but concealed the hills a half mile across the bay from us. Fortunately within 2 weeks crews contained the fire and had it under control. We had been under severe threat of heavy fines from the local detachment commander to stay out of the fire zone to allow crews with their excavators and helicopters to fight the fire. Most sadly, one of our local firefighters lost his life when a fire damaged tree fell on him. Most disturbing, the fire is thought to be caused by human carelessness. At this point President Keith suggested there might be a story in it for the newsletter. As the smoke cleared it caused me to reflect on that and earlier experiences concerning forest fires.

In the mid 1950s the BC Forest Service hired high school students to fill out fire suppression crews. I applied at the end of my grade 9 but was told all positions were filled. However, a new program was being implemented. It involved one crew travelling across the

province painting KEEP BC GREEN, USE YOUR ASHTRAY on highway surfaces. The quick response was "Yes" to "Was I interested?" Over the summer we would travel all of BC's paved highways. In a single truck we departed Victoria for the East Kootenays to paint our first signs. One of us in the cab with the supervisor, the other 4 of us sitting in the back on equipment. If a straight highway section was longer than half a mile we painted our sign on it. The process involved stencils made of 4 by

8 sheets of plywood and paint spray equipment. We stayed in motels and ate in restaurants. Our adult supervisor made sure we had time off to swim in the Radium Hot Springs Pool, walk down to the Hell's Gate Fish Ladder, see the Kelowna Regatta, Penticton Peach Festival and tour the Trail Smelter. We viewed the



steel bridge in Nelson being constructed. Our travels included a trip through the Fraser Canyon. Under construction, most of the highway surface was dirt or broken rock. I recall traveling on the edge of a dirt section with no guard rail and looking straight down 100s of feet to the railroad track. I did this through three summers of high school and a forth thereafter. Norma and I frequently travel through Grand Forks and I am reminded of our stay there during the Doukhobor Crisis. Remember "Terror in the Name of God" With all the hostility and bombings, we were afraid to leave the safety of the truck. In retrospect this has become one of the fond memories of four wonderful summers.

By the summer of 1960 I had moved with my folks to Langford Lake just outside of Victoria. One hot summer afternoon I noticed smoke drifting over the hill near my folks' house. It was soon followed by a bush fire headed for our neighbourhood. Very quickly a BC Forest Service crew and the local volunteer fire department were on site. I joined the crews dragging hoses into strategic positions which instilled strong sense of community in me. While this was going on I noticed a young Mountie controlling traffic around the firefighting equipment. It was an interesting role that stuck in my mind, directing me to read about the responsibilities of an RCMP member and by the end of the year, to apply to the Force and be accepted the following year.

As I write, about 2 weeks after the Sechelt fire had been declared fully contained and out, wisps of smoke continue to rise from the burn area and inlet breezes bring the occasional stench of charred wood and soil. Crews still walk the perimeter in search of hot spots. Helicopters "chop chop chop" overhead daily for inspections of the burn area. Ash and soot soils our hands while we work in the yard. The

tree faller has been put to rest by 1000 of his Sunshine Coast neighbours. From a vantage point at the end of our street we see great lines of trees with branches scorched by the intensity of the fires. We are grateful for the northerly winds that pushed the fire away from us. With a southerly wind our neighbourhood may well be within the 400 ha burn area. We shutter over the possibility of an order to evacuate. What in a house full of possessions would we pack up and transport to safety. Peter

As many of you have heard, fellow vet Andy Johnston and his wife of Surrey suffered major fire damage to their home recently. Fortunately both escape uninjured. Andy has agreed to submit a report on the fire, it's cause, damage, house repairs, insurance settlements, and the emotional cost. As the recovery process is currently underway, Andy has not been able to take the time to write the report but promises to do so for a future issue. Peter

From the Pen of the President, Keith Leishman

As we enter September, we are seeing the end of a very long, hot and dry summer that broke many records, not the least of which were the number and magnitude of the wild fires witnessed throughout the province. Oh yes, and for the number of idiots who threw burning cigarette butts out their car windows and ended up starting more fires.

The summer was great for travelling close to home (more so given the low Canadian dollar). A visit by Lesley and I with my brother and sister-in-law at their Kelowna townhouse development included an encounter with RCMP Veterans' Okanagan Division President, Neal Collette, and a number of other Vets, at a morning coffee hour at the complex. It seems that no matter where we travel in this huge country of ours, we are never far from those who share the common bond of service in the RCMP.

And speaking of RCMP Vets, the summer has been relatively quiet in Vancouver Division. Many of us have taken the opportunity to travel both domestically and abroad. For some, however, work continued throughout the summer with only brief respite. Sheldon Boles continued to churn out interesting and informative issues

of the Communique, and Donna Morse, Director of Strategic Planning, met during the summer with her team (Sheldon Boles, Arnie Atkin, Karen Frost and John Paterson) to hammer together a draft plan outlining the direction our Division will take over the next five years, and which will be presented to the Executive at their September 11, 2015 meeting. With the changes that have occurred within our Association over the past two years under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, and new Association By-Laws which widen the potential membership pool to include serving RCMP members and employees, Vancouver Division will be challenged to meet the needs and wishes of a changing membership demographic. The Association will also in the months to come be formulating a National Strategic Plan for the Veterans Association based on brain storming that went on at AGM 2015 in Quebec City. Stay tuned for more information on both of these initiatives.

Plans for the Vancouver Division Fall Getaway to Vancouver Island from September 28th to October 1st have been finalized. Rhonda Thibeault from the Social Committee has just sent out final details of what promises to be an interesting and entertaining few days. As well as



Our next meeting is October 15th, 11:AM at Newlands Golf Club, Langley.. Please notify Secretary Mert of your intention to attend to ensure everyone has a meal and a seat.



touring some Island wineries and a Cidery, an opportunity to meet and socialize with Victoria Division members is also scheduled, as will be a dinner and live theatre presentation in the beautiful town of Chemainus where we will be spending our overnights. **PLEASE NOTE: this event will replace what was noted on the back of your 2015 membership cards as a September 19th meeting at the Rancho in Abbotsford. There will be no September membership meeting.** When the 2015 meeting schedule was made up in late 2014 it was uncertain at the time whether a meeting or an event would be held.

Our next membership meeting will a luncheon gathering on **Thursday, October 15, 2015 @ 11:30 am at Newlands Golf & Country Club in Langley.**



Looking ahead to our November 2015 meeting, we will be holding our Vancouver Division elections for Director and Executive positions that will be coming vacant at year end. If you are interested in a deeper involvement in the RCMP Veterans' Association, want to get tied in with some interesting and dedicated people, and have a little fun at the same time, contact Tom Quilley (Phone: 604-855-0147; email: ptquilley@shaw.ca), Past President and Chair of our Nomination Committee. Check the Communique for a description of the positions coming vacant, or talk with Tom or any member of the current Executive. What do we offer? Scintillating discussions, humorous banter, "Timmie" donuts, and coffee that is limitless and free. Compensation? None of a monetary nature; lots of a fellowship. Try us out!

Recognizing the Service of a "Second Man"

On July 2, 2015, E Division Sergeant Major Dave Hall had the opportunity to meet with Mrs Dorothy Robinson and Staff Sergeant (ret) Robbie Robinson (Reg. 17814) to present Dorothy with her unpaid Second Man award on behalf of the Commissioner and Commanding Officer of E Division. Unfortunately, Dorothy's application had been misplaced along the way and had been somewhat delayed. Dorothy and Robbie had spent the majority of Robbie's service in F Division, eventually retiring in Burnaby, BC. Between 1959 and 1967, Dorothy served alongside Robbie in several F Division Detachments where she fulfilled the common duties of the "Second Man" while Robbie was out of the office.

This program was a one time shot at acknowledging the "second men" I suppose if there was a loud enough hue and cry from the Vets for one more go round....it may sway those from on high in the Force to re-visit it.

But that is just me! Ric Hall, Director

LAST REMINDER to RSVP for the Annual NCOs' Mess Golf tournament.

Friday September 25th, 2015 at Guildford Golf & Country Club, Surrey BC.

Open to everyone and their guests (Serving/Retired NCO members pay only \$100/ Guests \$120) Please RSVP & PAY BY Sept 18th.

RSVP to: encomess@rcmp-grc.gc.ca or **CM Nancy So 778-290-5179**,

Do you know **Vet Ion Greenfield**. He served on Vancouver Island, then in Security Service. He has a daughter working at Coquitlam Detachment. Ion is living at Greystone Manor, 11657 Richie Avenue, Maple Ridge, BC. His telephone number is 604-467-2808. Ion would appreciate any contact, visitor or a phone call from anyone who he worked with or may have known him.

Double Your Trouble

I was in my car one day listening to a guy on the radio help callers with their home problems. One woman called up hysterical after finding a skunk in her basement. `Leave a trail of bread crumbs or cat food from your basement to your backyard`, suggested the show's host. `That'll get rid of it` An hour later the woman called back even more upset. `Now I have TWO skunks in my basement!``



I hope that everyone has been able to enjoy the hot, dry summer and have not been directly impacted by the hundreds of forest fires that raged in most areas of the Province. The recent cool, damp weather is welcome and a reminder that fall and winter are not that far around the corner.

Currently our bank balance, at \$5,622.21, is a significant reduction from the level reported in the May Newsletter. The major expenditures contributing to this reduction includes \$4,500.00 in outreach expenditures, \$1,400.00 in National Dues, \$1,100.00 in expenses to underwrite our AGM Representative, \$2,077.00 in catering charges and \$1,500.00 to discharge an outstanding Honorarium debt that I had inadvertently overlooked paying.

Unfortunately circumstances beyond our control necessitated cancelling our annual spring golf tournament. In addition to foregoing the fun and enjoyment of this annual event the cancellation also eliminated one associated aspect – the operation of the “charity hole” that helps to raise funds to help underwrite our PRDA outreach program. However not all has been lost!! We owe a **big thankyou to the Sunshine Coast Police Golf Tournament** in Sechelt. As they have done for several years, the organizers included a “charity hole” in their tournament. The net proceeds of \$338.50 have been turned over to Vancouver Division in support of our PRDA outreach. Kudos to Bob McKee, Fred Stark, Gerry Webb and all those involved in organizing and running this successful event and much appreciation for their support of our Outreach Program.

A couple of reminders: #1 Our September Fall Getaway gets underway on September 28th. If you have not registered then it may not yet be absolutely too late to get in on the good times, Get in touch with Honorary Life Member Rhonda Thibault at 604-782-0962 to see if you can still be squeezed in. #2 Time flies by so one more reminder – Annual Dues are always payable January 1st of each year. As December 31st will be here before we know it, mark your calendar now to forward your \$60.00 dues cheque for 2016.

43rd Annual “E” Division RCMP Golf Tournament CHRISTINA LAKE GOLF CLUB, CHRISTINA LAKE, B.C. September 16-18, 2015

Cost: It will be \$300.00. This will include 3 rounds of golf with a shared power cart, range balls, discount on pro shop purchases, 2 banquet dinners, Wednesday and Thursday, and a banquet lunch following the final round on Friday, as well as Team and Individual prizes. The Christina Lake Golf Club have been most gracious in helping us host the event.

Make cheques payable to: **2015 “E” Div. RCMP Golf Tournament** and mail direct to:

Ray Legare, P.O. Box 2954 Grand Forks, B.C. V0H 1H0

Further details, call: CM Nancy at 778-290-5179

ALL PRESIDENTS, GOVERNORS AND MEMBERS OF THE RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

It is with profound sadness that I convey to you that our Governor and former Association President, Director, Newfoundland and Labrador Division President and a great supporter and friend of our Association for decades, Reg. No. 19154 Sergeant (retired) James Lawrence (Larry) Power, passed away in St. John's on Sunday, July 5, 2015 at the age of 78.

Larry Power served 23 years in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, from 1955 until his retirement in 1979. In his retirement, to say that he was dedicated to the RCMP Veterans' Association, and to the interests and concerns of veterans and their families, would be an understatement. Larry was an absolute pillar of our Association. He demonstrated this not only in willingly taking on considerable leadership responsibilities at the Divisional and National levels, but also as a resource of knowledge, wisdom, direction and advice to us all. Larry had a complete and comprehensive knowledge of the Constitution and By-laws of the Association and could quote long sections of

them from memory. His expertise in Robert's Rules of Order was without peer and he was an invaluable resource as a member of the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act working group drafting the new Articles of Continuance and amended By-laws for the Association in time for registration in 2014.

He was also the Association appointed representative to the Veterans Ombudsman Stakeholders Group from 2010 and 2012 and he represented the interests and concerns of former members of the RCMP exceedingly well.

Above all, he was a caring, committed, compassionate and loyal friend beyond any measure. He led by example, and we who knew him and worked together with him are grateful to have been able to follow in his path.

We will remember him, always.

Dave Leblanc, President
RCMP Veterans' Association





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Dear Keith,

We were delighted to receive your wonderful donation - thank you so much! I spoke with Ben Gwaltney on July 15th and expressed our appreciation to both of you and to the members of the RCMP Veterans Association for your generosity and continued support of visually impaired individuals, and of children and their families living with autism.

Your contributions provide for things such as vaccinations and veterinary services, obedience training, plus the costs of a dog's advanced training before they are placed with their human partner. Just last week, we celebrated the graduation and placement of our 111th Guide Dog Team!

Because of donors like you, Sabrina, a young girl from the Gulf Islands now has a companion in Dia, an 18 month old black lab, and fully trained Guide Dog. Come September, Sabrina will be attending high school on neighboring Saltspring Island, and Dia will be there for Sabrina every day, helping her navigate the ferry system, school hallways, and classrooms. This can only be accomplished through donor support.

We will continue to keep you updated on our program's progress and how your contributions are making a difference. Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Jan Hawkins
Director, Development & Communications



Guard Report by Dan Lemieux

Retired S/Sgt. Al Gostling passed away in April, 2015. It was his request that his ashes be interred in a columbarium in the Regimental Cemetery at the RCMP Training Academy In Regina. The necessary arrangements were made through "E" Division HQ., and with the Chaplains' Office at "Depot". Two family members took the urn to Regina where Chaplain Morrisette conducted a very nice service in the Chapel. Retired Sgt. Kenn Barker, who resides in Regina attended wearing his red blazer. Kenn was one of Al's troop mates. Following the service, the *"Last Walk Across the Square"* was made from the Chapel to the cemetery. A brief grave side service was held prior to interment. Mrs. Isobel Gostling and her family members were very impressed with how smoothly everything went in making arrangements and attending to this matter. Ellis Arthur (Al) Gostling can now rest in peace.

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May 14th Minutes, Newlands Golf Club by Sec. Mert Rowden

Vancouver Division RCMP Veterans' Association
General Meeting Minutes of June 18th, 2015
Rancho Caterers, Abbotsford, BC

The meeting was called to order at 1800 hours by the President, Keith Leishman. Keith extended a welcome to the members, followed with the singing of the National Anthem. Keith called the roll of those who had recently passed and called for a moment of silence. Les Holmes asked for blessing on the meal.

Keith called for the Life Members to lead the members to dinner and following the meal the owners of Rancho Caterers, Donna and Shaun North and their staff were thanked and given a round of applause for the Barron of Beef meal. The meeting was reconvened at 1855.

Keith gave his report on the AGM 2015. Outline of topics were:

Usual Friday Board meeting was changed to a Strategy Workshop to discuss the new Not for Profit Act. Under the Act we are a new organization in spite of history of 129 years.

A challenge under the Act is our financial reporting including independent audits.

Mission: what we are, what we are doing and what we could do better. The two recent events where the Vets assisted in the Edmonton Shooting and the incident of the homeless vet who froze to death.

Membership and strength of membership for representation when and if necessary.

Needs by the extended membership.

Finance to support activities.

Development of five year strategy plan.

Sponsorship.

Short successful general meeting as a reflection of the electronic/mail vote, with a 53.5% response.

The Three new Directors were by acclimation, Murray Milne, Bill Greenslade and Bob McKee.

Need to further standard financial programs for reporting to the Audit Program.

Accuracy of National Data Bank.

The Saturday Dinner/dance was a joint event with the Force and the Association and had an excellent turnout, with the Commissioner as the Speaker. Nova Scotia veteran Harold George Searle, Reg. No.14011, (celebrated his 95th birthday in July) gave

the toast to the Force, and became a highlight of the evening.

Further information will be received from the Executive Office as the Strategic Plan is developed.

Division Strategy: Keith and Donna Morris spoke briefly on the progress of the Division Strategy Program recognizing there will be some challenges.

Division Manual: Keith spoke on the Division Manual; copies of the final draft had been circulated and published. Keith outlined the reasons and process and that we were now at a point of asking for membership approval of the new Division Policy Manual. Bob Underhill moved that the Manual be accepted and his motion was seconded by Dick Hawkshaw. There was no further discussion on the Manual and the motion was unanimously passed.

Name Tags: Bob Underhill reported that he has those name tags that had been ordered and to see him after the meeting to pick up their tag or place an order. Bob advised that he has ordered new pins.

Social: Dorothy Martinson spoke on a proposal for a BBQ in late August. There was also discussion on the Wine Tour of southern Vancouver Island and the slight increase in cost because the turnout was less than that originally anticipated.

Succession Planning: Keith and Tom Quilley reported on the vacancies on the Board of Directors that will occur at the yearend and on the elections in November. Positions open for election are Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and 4 Directors. Tom spoke briefly on the duties of each. [Note: the responsibilities of each position have been outlined in the new Division Manual].

Treasurer's report as published in the June issue of Scarlet and Gold was acknowledged in lieu of the absence of the Treasurer.

Sick Parade: There was discussion of those who are under the weather.

Keith called for the 50/50 draw. The winning ticket number ending in 0048048 was held by veteran Hugh Meikeljohn. The balance will go to support our Charity, the PRDA.

There being no other business Keith wished all members a good summer and reminded them that the next meeting would be a lunch meeting at Newlands on October 15th, 2015.

Adjourned 1945 hours.



Ladies Auxiliary

September 3, 2015 Auxiliary Luncheon/Meeting:

This was the first luncheon/meeting since last May, and with 47 in attendance, we all enjoyed getting together once again. Following a "South Pacific" theme buffet lunch provided by "Newland's Golf & Country Club" in Langley, B.C., we enjoyed the presentation by Guest Speaker, Karen Frost. Karen is a retired R.C.M.P. member with 25 years' service who has travelled extensively on various missions, and notably, in recent years, with a delegation to the Ukraine to supervise the elections in that country. She gave an over view of some of her experiences there and some of the problems encountered, and she is looking forward to her next assignment, wherever it may be.

Auxiliary Luncheon/Meetings:

The R.C.M.P. Ladies Auxiliary (Vancouver Division) reminds all eligible women within the R.C.M.P. family that they are cordially invited to attend a luncheon meeting the first Thursday of the month at "Newland's Golf & Country Club" in Langley, B.C. (September to December & February to May). Luncheon cost is \$20.00 per person. Kindly RSVP prior to the meeting by contacting Peggy Blakley (President) at (604) 585-3297, or Barb Scobie (Membership) at 1-(604) 854-6084.

Tea at "Green Timbers" Headquarters: Auxiliary President, Peggy Blakley, has arranged with R. C.M.P. Headquarters for the Ladies Auxiliary to have an afternoon tea in the Officers' Mess on Thursday, September 17th, at 1:00 p.m. The husbands/partners are also invited. The cost is \$10.00 per person and payable prior to the event, so please phone Peggy at (604) 585-3297. Attendance is by Reservation Only. The R.C.M.P. Headquarters is located at 14200



Green Timbers Way in Surrey, B.C. Pay parking is available at \$2.00/hr.

Bereavements: We sadly report that one of our Auxiliary members, Annira Thompson, passed away peacefully at home on August 5th, 2015, following a brief illness. Annira was the widow of retired R.C.M.P. Superintendent, Daniel G. Thompson, and is survived by a daughter and two sons, and their families. A family memorial and funeral service was held on August 13, 2015 at her grave site at Ross Bay Cemetery in Victoria, B.C. Condolences have been sent to the Thompson family. Our condolences also go out to Auxiliary member, Elizabeth Johnstone, and her family, on the passing of her husband, #15482, retired R.C.M.P. S/Sgt. William (Bill) Johnstone, on August 18, 2015. There were no services by request.

The Book is Published: It will be of interest to many Auxiliary members to know that former R.C.M.P. member (and former Auxiliary member), Dr. Bonnie (Reilly) Schmidt, has just recently published her book, "Silenced: The Untold Story of the Fight for Equality in the R.C.M.P." which will be available in book stores at the end of September. Bonnie took leave from the Auxiliary when she attended Simon Fraser University to complete her Ph.D. Vancouver Div. Veterans' Vancouver Island Wine Tour, September 28 to October 1, 2015: If you are still thinking of taking in this Wine Tour to Vancouver Island, please refer to ad in this Newsletter for particulars, and the contact number for Rhonda Thibeault. There are still a few vacancies available. Dorothy Martinson, Vice-President (604) 261-4630

R.C.M.P. VETS' LADIES AUXILIARY COFFEE KLATCHES

CHILLIWACK/ABBOTSFORD: Last Wed. every month, 10 AM Chilliwack at "I-HOP" Cottonwood Corners/ Freeway & alternating monthly in Abbotsford at "ABC Restaurant, (Best Western)," off Clearbrook Road & Freeway. Myrna Meyer (604) 847-8977.

WHITE ROCK/SURREY/RICHMOND: Third Wed. every month, 10 AM at "The Pantry" 152nd Ave. & 18th St. White Rock, B.C. Kathy Turnbull, 778-292-1864.

VANCOUVER: First Thurs. Summer months & January only, 9:30 AM, "Bean Bros., W. 41st Ave. in Kerrisdale. Dorothy Martinson (604) 261-4630.

NORTH & WEST VANCOUVER: Summer months only. TBA

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Richmond Koffee Klatch

Minoru Seniors Centre, Minoru Blvd and Granville Ave., 9:45 AM, 4th Thursday of every month

Friday Lunch Crew

Every Friday at 11:00 AM at the Legion in Ladner.

Chilliwack Vets & Ladies Coffee Klatch

Homer's Restaurant
46090 Yale Road, Chilliwack
2nd Monday each month, 10 AM

North Shore Koffee Klatch

The 2 Lions Pub, Westview Mall, 11:00 AM,
1st Tuesday of every month

Vancouver Koffee Klatch

White Spot Restaurant in Oakridge Mall
Second Thursday each Month, 10 AM
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Coquitlam Koffee Klatch

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3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:30 AM

Maple Ridge Coffee Crew

ABC Restaurant on Lougheed Hwy. at Dewdney
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Langley Koffee Klatch

Langley Golf Centre, 21550—44th Avenue, Corner
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- Morneau Shepell - for RCMP Insurance only - 1-800-661-7595
- Public Works & Government Services Canada - PWGSC - For all aspects of Pension
- Administration - 1-855-502-7090
- Veteran Affairs (DVA) for Hearing Pensions 1-866-522-2122
- B.C. Health Care Plan (MSPBC) Vancouver 604-736-2033
- Old Age Security (OAS) & Canada Pension Plan (CPP) 1-800-277-9914
- RCMP Veterans' National Association:
www.rcmpvetsnational.ca
- <http://www.rcmpveteransvancouver.com/>

Dinners and Lunches Call Secretary Mert Rowden at 604-434-0424 prior to meeting to ensure a meal will be available for you. Bars open 11:30AM/5:00PM, meals served 12 NN/5:30PM

Are you shut in? Would you like a visit from a fellow vet? Call Jim Druchet at (604)-536-1925.

Dues The dues for the Veterans Association at \$60.00 per year and are due on January 1 of each year. Funds should be forwarded to the Veterans Association office using **our mailing address**.

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Rides to Vet's Meetings Don't drive at night? Don't drive in the rain. Don't drive at all but want to go to a meeting? **Ray Kielan** will arrange transportation for you. If you're willing to provide a ride for a fellow vet to a meeting please call Ray at 604-936-6062.

Sick Parade

Doug & Kary Ewing - Surrey
Memorial Hospital 7th Floor of
Tower. Appreciates visitors.



If you know of someone who is ailing please
advise **Ray Kielan** at 604936-6062 or
rayandhelen@telus.net by email.

Last Post

#17664 - Gordon K. SIMONSON
#25757 - Earl E. WALKER
#21977 - Gilbert Leslie COX
#21613 - Harry Albert BOLES
#22126 - Suran Dean FANNING
#19166 - Robert (Bob) KROPINAK
#18242 - John Edward STRAIN
#19623 - Howard W. HALL
#16825 - Robert Edwin UDAHL
#17584 - Cornelius J. ANDREAS
#19154 - Larry POWER (Past President)
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#39443 - Michael Edward DELARONDE
#20723 - George Arthur RIPLEY
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Time: 10:08AM

What is it Garage Sale Item, A gasoline
powered blender for making martinis in the bush

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