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Long Island Camp is celebrating its 75th Anniversary of association with the RCMP. See P. 12 for an invitation, some history and great pictures.

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- June / Juin** 7 - Perth and District RCMP Veterans Spring Classic
10 - 12th annual barbecue / 12e BBQ annuel
14 - Special RGM - Honours / RGM Spéciale - Distinctions
20 - Training and Development Branch Reunion
22-26 - Sunset Ceremonies / Cérémonies du Crépuscule
- July / Juillet** 9 - Long Island Camp 75th Anniversary / 75e du Camp Long Island
- Aug. / Août** 9 - National Peacekeepers' Day / Journée nationale des Gardiens de la paix
- Sept / Sept** 12 - RCMP Veterans/Bruce Denniston Classic Golf Tournament / Classique de golf de l'Association des Anciens de la GRC/la moelle osseuse Denniston
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT

Michel Séguin

Spring at last! Well at least for today. Spring has been on and off and it seems a long time coming despite the mild winter. Welcome back to all who wintered in the south. We look forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting.

We celebrated Volunteer week this month and for a few of our members it was a notable event. Congratulations to Garth Hampson, Roy Berlinquette, Ian Cooper, Joe Healy, Brent MacDonald and Gary Walkling who have been awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. Garth attended the ceremony at Government House on April 12 to have his medal presented to him by the Governor General. All of these members epitomize the spirit of volunteerism. They participate and contribute to make their part of the world a better place.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Patricia Lawson. Her husband Jim passed away in January and he bequeathed \$5,000 to the Ottawa Division. Following Jim's service at RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood in March, we received a letter from Mrs. Lawson with a cheque for an additional \$5,000. The funds will be used for the benefit of our members and will be a lasting memorial for Jim Lawson.

June 14 will be our Honours and Recognition night. I encourage everyone who has been contacted for an award to RSVP. This helps with the planning so that the evening goes well. To date, this event has been well attended and well received.

In the Winter Spirit we thanked

Fred Davis for his work organizing the Christmas Party. Fred is always a great help. In this case he was enjoying Texas sunshine, not braving an Ottawa winter, acting as a consultant in the planning phase. Scott Ferris got everyone together and led the volunteers for this very successful event. Thanks to Scott and his crew.



pour un

montant supplémentaire de \$5,000. Les fonds seront utilisés au bénéfice de nos membres et constitueront un souvenir durable de Jim Lawson.

Enfin, le printemps! Eh bien, au moins aujourd'hui. Il y a eu des hauts et des bas et ce fut lent à venir, malgré l'hiver doux. Bienvenue à tous ceux qui ont passé l'hiver dans le sud. Nous espérons vous voir tous à la prochaine réunion.

Nous avons célébré la semaine du bénévolat ce mois-ci et pour quelques-uns de nos membres, ce fut un événement marquant. Félicitations à Garth Hampson, Roy Berlinquette, Ian Cooper, Joe Healy, Brent McDonald et Gary Walkling qui se sont vus décerner la Médaille du souverain pour les bénévoles. Garth a assisté à la cérémonie à Rideau Hall le 12 avril pour recevoir sa médaille du gouverneur général. Tous ces membres incarnent l'esprit du bénévolat. Ils participent et concourent à produire un monde meilleur.

Je veux profiter de cette occasion pour remercier Mme Patricia Lawson. Son mari Jim est décédé en janvier et il a légué \$5,000 à la Division d'Ottawa. Après le service de Jim à Beechwood en Mars, nous avons reçu une lettre de Mme Lawson avec un chèque

Le 14 juin sera notre soirée Distinctions et Reconnaissance. J'encourage tous ceux qui ont été contactés pour un prix à réserver. Cela facilite la planification et permet à la soirée de ce bien dérouler. À ce jour, l'événement a été bien fréquenté et favorablement reçu.

Dans le "Spirit" d'hiver nous avons remercié Fred Davis pour son organisation de la fête de Noël. Bien que Fred soit toujours d'une grande aide, dans ce cas, il jouissait du soleil du Texas, évitant un hiver à Ottawa, et a agi uniquement en tant que consultant dans la planification. Scott Ferris a réuni tout le monde et a conduit les bénévoles pour cet événement très réussi. Merci à Scott et son équipe.



Musical Ride starts the season early

The 2016 Musical Ride held its annual special performance for Veterans on April 21 and started its summer season the next day with the annual Commissioner's Inspection and the first official performance. The Master of Ceremonies for both performances was ODVA member Suzanne Sarault, with the Royal and National Anthems sung by Veteran Garth Hampson at the performance for Veterans.

Following the inspection by Commissioner Bob Paulson, a reception was hosted by the Bruce Denniston Bone Marrow Society – Ottawa Chapter in collaboration with Canadian Blood Services. The co-hosts were honoured to be able to have this event in tribute to Bruce Denniston a former member of the Ride, whose fight with leukemia some 30 years ago, resulted in the establishment of a Canadian Bone Marrow Donor Registry. Master of Ceremonies, Michel Pelletier, of the ODVA welcomed everyone to the event and introduced special guests, Margaret Miedema, of the Canadian Blood Services, and RCMP Commissioner , Bob Paulson. The event provided an opportunity for the Commissioner and invited guests to meet with the members of the Musical Ride and to take those special memorable photos.

The Ottawa Chapter extends its appreciation and thanks to the Commissioner and the 2016 Musical Ride members for the opportunity to present this event.

The highlight of this year's Musical Ride will be the opportunity to take part in the 90th birthday celebrations for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II in London, England in May. Events will include an equestrian-themed party on the private grounds of Windsor Castle and a performance at the Royal Windsor Horse Show.



Mia MacDonald met old friends Cst. Ashley Taylor and her horse , Gidget. If asked, Gidget will give a kiss on the cheek and Mia got two! Mia is the granddaughter of RCMP Veteran John R. McDonald and Jackie MacDonald.
Photo by /par : Andrea Allen-Cortes



At the performance for Veterans, left to right: Fred Lyle, Michel Pelletier, Jennifer Baird, Office of the Secretary to the Governor General, Claudette Séguin, Michel Séguin, A/Commr. Serge Thériault, Kevin Shanahan, Beechwood Cemetery, Supt. Leslie Cooke, Joan Panich and Mark Gaillard.

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Gary Walkling, Bruce
Denniston Bone
Marrow Society and
Suzanne Sarault*

*Photo (left) by/par: Martine Chénier, RCMP
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Above, Commissioner Paulson inspects the Musical Ride.
Below, he takes the salute.

Photos by/par: Gary Walkling



Veteran Susan Munn poses with Musical Ride Members.

Photo by/par: Lia Eichele



Lawson gifts Form a A lasting legacy



By the terms of his will, James (Jim) Arthur Lawson (Reg #16788) left \$5,000 to the RCMP Veterans Association Ottawa Division (ODVA) to be used to assist needy RCMP veterans and their families.

Mr. Lawson died on January 16 at his residence in Newmarket. A memorial service was held at the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood on March 19. At that time Mr. Lawson's wife, Patricia, and their daughters Penny and Pamela, had an opportunity to meet co-workers and colleagues who joined them to remember Mr. Lawson. In appreciation for the assistance and participation of RCMP Veterans, and in memory of Jim, the Lawson family made a donation of an additional \$5,000 to the ODVA. In conversation with Ron Mostrey, director of Member Services, Mrs. Lawson learned of Association plans to purchase an additional Pall and other ceremonial items. Mrs. Lawson has requested that Mr. Lawson's bequest , and the family donation, be directed to that project.

In January of 1951 at the age of 19, without his parents knowledge or consent, Jim joined the RCMP.

When his father found out, he approached his good friend, Commissioner S. T. Wood, to have Jim released from his contract. Obviously he was not successful because, 35 years later, on April 10, 1986 Jim retired from the Force at the conclusion of an interesting and successful career.

Upon completion of training, Jim served in "J" Division until 1958 at Fredericton, Moncton, Newcastle, Jacquet River, Dalhousie, Campbellton, Sussex and St. John. In 1958 he went to "G" division and was i/c at various detachments: Aklavik, Arctic Red River, Fort McPherson, Inuvik, Rankin Inlet (all in the NWT) and later in the Yukon at Whitehorse and Haines Junction. In these years travel in the north was by dog team with supplies arriving by boat once a year! From 1964 Jim served in "F" Division at North Battleford, Meadow Lake and Cochin before being transferred to HQ in Ottawa in 1967.

Following his retirement in 1986, Jim and his wife operated Lawson Gallery dealing in fine art, rare coins, silver and collectibles. With his health declining and his eyesight failing, Jim announced to his colleagues in October that he was closing the business. He died three months later.

Jim was always very supportive of the RCMP and the Veterans' Association. When he lived in Ottawa he enjoyed the regular breakfast meetings of the Westenders. Unfortunately, when he moved to Newmarket in 2014, he found that there wasn't a Veterans' Association nearby. He greatly missed that friendship and camaraderie.

*Information and photo provided by :
Patricia Lawson*



RCMP Const. Sarah Beckett, 32, died April 5 in an on-duty motor vehicle accident in Langford, BC. Cst. Beckett was working on General Duty and was driving a marked police vehicle at the time of her death. She had 11 years service, all of it on Vancouver Island. She is survived by her husband, Brad, and their two sons. In addition to those attending the Regimental Funeral, thousands of RCMP members, employees, veterans and friends wore red to remember Const. Beckett.

There is a criminal investigation of the collision, which is also being investigated by the BC Independent Investigation Office.



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LAST POST - DERNIÈRE SONNERIE

REG. NO. RÉG.	NAME - NOM	DATE	PLACE / ENDROIT
44191	PARIS Claude	April 22	Ottawa, ON
	CLEMENT, Glenn, David	April 22	Ottawa, ON
	COLWELL, Marjorie (spouse of Darrel Colwell)	April 18	Kingston, ON
16791	GOETT, Robert Theodore (Bob)	April 16	Kelowna, BC
36674	MELANSON, Catherine (Cathy)	April 16	St. Amable, QC
	HUM, San Fung (Susan) Former Public Service Employee of the RCMP	April 16	Ottawa, ON
24806	MORROW, O.T.C. (Orville)	April 15	St. Paul, AB
15455	BEVERIDGE, Lynn Harold "Bev"	April 15	Stittsville, ON
	WILSON, John Arthur (Jack) Former Public Service Employee of the RCMP (Tailor Shop)	April 14	Ottawa, ON
51939	BECKETT, Sarah A. (serving Member) killed in an on-duty motor vehicle accident	April 5	Langford, BC
13639	CALVERLEY, Arnold H. (Cal)	April 5	Lethbridge, AB
24233	WINTON, Maurice Stewart	April 4	Kelowna, BC
18776	McKELVIE, Ronald	April 4	Grand Falls/Windsor, NL
20809	PRUETT, Arthur Andrew	April 3	Ridge Meadows, BC
18789	WOOD, Robert Arthur	April 3	Kemptville, ON
14620	LEGGE, W.D.	April 1	Toronto, ON
16971	BAUCKMAN, R.G.	March 30	Halifax, NS
15469	HEFFERN, J.O. (John Oliver)	March 27	Uxbridge, ON
20962	ANDERSON, R.V.C. (Ron)	March 26	Parry Sound, ON



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REG. NO. RÉG.	NAME - NOM	DATE	PLACE / ENDROIT
	BRUNEAU, Catherine (Kathy) E. , Former Public Service employee of the RCMP (while vacationing in Florida)	March 25	Ottawa, ON
19213	REA, J.H.	March 25	Ladner, BC
21151	HILL, A.K. (Allan)	March 24	Edmonton, AB
17932	SPOFFORD, Charlie	March 24	Kingston, ON
15619	SIMPSON, T.E.	March 20	Delta, BC
SI0722	D'ENTREMENT, Francois	March 19	Musquodobit Harbour, NS
18363	HARVEY, John Alan (Al)	March 19	Ottawa, ON
23306	RADKE, G. Gilbert (Gil)	March 17	Red Deer, AB
52655	NOLIN, Jean-Pascal (serving Member)	March 17	Ottawa, ON
41343	LAPORTE, Lucie (serving Member)	15 mars	Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC
40626	BRAR, Yarinder (serving Member)	March 13	Ottawa, ON
43797	WOOD V.L.A. "Vonnie"	March 12	Fort Saskatchewan, SK
	CASSIDY, Gerald	March 5	Ashton, ON
35865	PARDY, J.H.	March 4	St. John's NL
16371	RING, R.S.	Feb. 27	Vernon, BC
16512	STEEN, William	Feb. 21	New Westminister, BC
30372	CHILDS, C.E. (Gene) (while vacationing in Cuba)	Feb. 18	Debert, NS
19932	WYMAN, Wayne Rogers	Feb. 17	Edmonton, AB
	SOLES, Lyle Terrance	Feb. 14	Winnipeg, MB
20493	ANDERSON, William R. "Bill"	Feb 12	Ottawa, ON
41110	DEVEAU, Donald J.	Feb. 11	Grand Bank, NL



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REG. NO. RÉG.	NAME - NOM	DATE	PLACE / ENDROIT
29741	MacAULAY, David James	Feb. 9	Sydney, NS
36255	GUSHULAK, R.A. (Randolph A. "Randy")	Feb. 7	Stony Plain, AB
22135	HARLEY, H.E. (Hank)	Feb. 2	Tillsonburg, ON
18294	BRITTON, D.O. (Douglas Orton)	Jan. 30	Oakville, ON
	DREILICH, Stanley George	Jan. 29	Parker Dam, CA
27935	MacLEAN, Kenneth James	Jan. 18	Picton, ON



Charles H. SPOFFORD
Reg. No. 17932, who
received a
Commissioner's
Commendation for
"Courage Displayed
June 28, 1961", died
March 24, 2016 after a
short battle with
cancer.

'Charlie' joined the
RCMP in 1952. After
training he served in
"B" Division until
transferring to "HQ"
Division in 1971.
He retired in 1988.

Mr. Spofford is survived by his wife Lorine and their three children Anne, Wendy and Rick, several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son Robert. Charlie's smile will be missed.

" Some Damn Glad You Came Aboard"

Third Training & Development Branch Reunion

The next Training and Development Branch Reunion will be June 21, 2016, from 2 to 5:30 p.m., at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 641, 3500 Fallowfield Rd. Barrhaven. Friendship is our only objective and the more, the merrier.

Last year, 50 Regular Members, Civilian Members and Public Service Employees and spouses attended the reunion. There were 24 regrets. In 2014, 40 people attended.

Help spread the news. Please provide names and email addresses to:

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Hampson among first to receive Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers

Ottawa District RCMP Veterans' Association member, Garth Hampson, is one of the first 55 Canadians to receive the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers, presented by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, April 12 at Rideau Hall.

This new medal recognizes volunteer achievement in a wide range of fields. Recipients have been nominated for the medal from within their community and the first presentation was made during National Volunteer Week.

Ottawa Division Veterans' Association members Roy Berlinquette, Ian Cooper, Brent MacDonald, Joe Healy and Gary Walkling will also receive the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers at a presentation at a later date.

In announcing the awarding of the medal, the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General read the following citation:

"For over 50 years, Sergeant Garth Hampson has been a community leader, providing his voice and musical talents to such organizations as the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, the RCMP Charity Ball and the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, in addition to other community-building initiatives. His efforts have facilitated bridge-building with Aboriginal peoples throughout Canada and have supported many valuable charities and programs."



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As an official Canadian honour, the Medal for Volunteers incorporates and replaces the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award (CCA), created in 1995 by then governor-general, the Right Honourable Roméo LeBlanc. CCA recipients will receive a medal to complement the pin they received earlier .



Garth Hampson, un membre de l'association des Anciens de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) du district d'Ottawa, est l'un des 55 premiers Canadiens et Canadiennes à recevoir la Médaille du souverain pour les bénévoles, des mains de Son Excellence le très honorable David Johnston, gouverneur général du Canada le 12 avril à Rideau Hall.

Cette nouvelle médaille souligne les réalisations bénévoles dans un large éventail de domaines. Les récipiendaires de cette médaille ont été nommés par leur communauté et la présentation initiale a pris place lors de la Semaine nationale de l'action bénévole.

Roy Berlinquette, Ian Cooper, Brent MacDonald, Joe Healy et Gary Walkling, qui sont aussi membres de l'association des Anciens de la GRC, division d'Ottawa, recevront également la Médaille du souverain pour les bénévoles lors d'une présentation à une date ultérieure.

Lors de l'annonce de la présentation de la Médaille, le Bureau du secrétaire du gouverneur général a lu la citation suivante:

"Depuis plus de 50 ans, le sergent Garth Hampson est un leader communautaire, offrant sa voix et ses talents musicaux à des organismes comme le Centre hospitalier de l'est de l'Ontario, le bal de bienfaisance de la GRC, le Prix international du Duc d'Édimbourg et d'autres initiatives de renforcement"

communautaire. Ses efforts ont favorisé l'établissement de ponts avec les Autochtones au Canada et soutenu divers programmes et organismes de bienfaisance précieux."

En tant que distinction honorifique canadienne officielle, la Médaille pour les bénévoles intègre et remplace le Prix du Gouverneur général pour l'entraide, qui fut créé en 1995 par le gouverneur général de l'époque, le très honorable Roméo LeBlanc. Les récipiendaires du Prix pour l'entraide recevront une médaille comme complément à leur épingle qu'ils ont déjà reçue.

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Photo below by/par: Suzanne Sarault





Long Island Camp celebrates 75 years in the RCMP Family

Le camp Long Island célèbre ses 75 ans dans la grande famille de la GRC



In late summer 2010 two large oak trees on the bank of the Rideau River at the RCMP Long Island Camp near Manotick, ON, had to be removed due to a fungus attacking the root system. These trees, which stood on the bank of the river for 200 years, would have witnessed the construction of the Rideau Canal by Lt. Col. By, the use of the site as an RCMP training facility and, more recently, for recreation and camping.

Since the camp's inception, the area under the old oak trees was a gathering spot for shade, casual conversation, refreshment and friendship.

On July 9 there will be a celebration of the 75 years of the RCMP use of the Long Island property. RCMP recruits who trained at Long Island Camp between 1941 and 1960 are unlikely to have imagined

that, in the years to come, the camp would become a recreation and camping centre for RCMP members and employees, their families, veterans, Canadian police services, Military police of the Canadian Armed Forces and the Parliamentary Protective Services.

The nearby locks are part of the historic Rideau Canal, built between 1827 and 1832 under the supervision of Lt. Colonel John By of the British Royal Engineers.

On August 29, 1941 the RCMP obtained 9.5 acres (3.84 hectares) of land from what is today Parks Canada. Additional parcels of privately owned land were obtained over the years and the site now consists of about 15 acres (6.07 hectares).

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Come and Help Celebrate
The 75th Anniversary of the RCMP
Long Island Camp Ground
(1941 -2016)
On July 9, 2016
415 Nicolls Island Road, Manotick

Details available at www.folic.ca

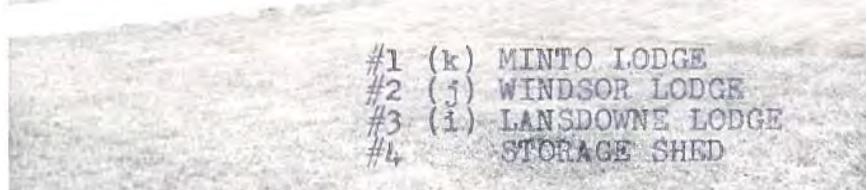
Admission to the camp for those with proper identification will be free. Guests will enjoy displays, food, refreshments and live musical entertainment. There will be a video display recognizing the various changes in the camp over the years and its many activities.



Aidez-nous à célébrer
le 75^{ème} anniversaire du camp de la
GRC de Long Island
Terrain de camping (1941-2016)
Le 9 juillet 2016
415, chemin Nicolls Island, Manotick

De plus amples renseignements sont disponibles - en anglais seulement - sur le site web (www.folic.ca)

L'admission au camp sera gratuite pour celles et ceux qui auront une pièce d'identité appropriée. Les invités pourront profiter des expositions, de la nourriture, des rafraîchissements et des spectacles musicaux. Il y aura une production audio-visuelle illustrant les différentes étapes de transformations du camp à travers les années et ses nombreuses activités.





Long Island (suite de la page 12)

Until approximately 1960, RCMP recruits trained at the camp. Over the past 50 plus years the site has developed into a modern and desirable recreational facility. The conference centre is used by the RCMP and various interest groups.

At the camp there are 14 cabins, 51 trailer/tent sites, one fully furnished cottage, caretaker residence and a community hall/conference centre with kitchen.

During the summer there is an outdoor heated swimming pool with lifeguards and swimming lessons, children's playground, canteen, volleyball, basketball and tennis courts. A large covered barbecue area with four pits is available for family or group gatherings. Supervised children's activities are available, during the evening, at least once a week. The camp also provides docking facilities for both small and large boats. The excellent fishing on the Rideau River provides a great source of recreation for the entire family.

Friends of Canadian Sports Fishing use the Long Island dock, at little to no cost, to provide a boating / fishing experience on a large pontoon boat to elderly and handicapped participants. The trips, run by volunteers, run almost daily throughout the summer. A large gazebo was erected in 2001 by family, friends and colleagues as a memorial to Cpl. Christopher Fedor who died of cancer. Since then, other commemorative plaques to camping friends and family have been placed in the flower garden surrounding the gazebo. Friends of Long Island Camp (FOLIC), a group of elected / appointed volunteers of a Not-for-Profit Organization, has managed the camp since 2001. It consists of a President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and Camp Manager. There is also a Director of Aquatic Activities and a Director of Social / Children's Activities.

The camp would not exist today without the support of the RCMP and its Property Management Branch, and the work over the decades of the many Camp Supervisors, Managers and volunteers.

During the off season the camp facilities are used by the RCMP for conferences and retreats. It is also used by various community-based organizations for overnight camping and outdoor activities. The

conference centre hosts many meetings, community events and weddings. The RCMP Veterans, Ottawa Police and the Military host their annual barbeques at the camp. The Canadian Old Time Fiddling Organization has used the camp as a training facility each August for many years.

Vers la fin de l'été 2010, deux grands chênes sur la rive de la rivière Rideau le long du camp Long Island de la GRC près de Manotick, ont dû être abattus en raison de champignons attaquant les racines. Ces arbres, érigés sur la rive de la rivière depuis 200 ans, auraient été témoins de la construction du canal Rideau par le lieutenant-colonel By, de l'utilisation du site en tant que centre de formation de la GRC et plus récemment, pour les loisirs et le camping. Depuis la création de ce camp, c'est à l'ombre de ces vieux chênes que les gens se sont rassemblés pour des conversations informelles, des rafraîchissements et pour socialiser.

Le 9 juillet, nous célébrerons les 75 ans d'activités de la GRC sur la propriété de Long Island.

Les recrues de la GRC formées au camp de Long Island entre 1941 et 1960 n'auraient pu imaginer que, dans les années à venir, le camp deviendrait le centre de loisir et de camping pour les membres et les employées de la GRC, leur famille, les vétérans, la police militaire des forces armées canadiennes et les services de protection parlementaire.

Les écluses à proximité, font partie de l'historique du canal Rideau construit entre 1827 et 1832 sous la supervision du lieutenant-colonel John By des Ingénieurs royaux britanniques.

Le 29 août 1941, la GRC a obtenu 9.5 acres (3.84 hectares) de terrain de ce qui est connu aujourd'hui sous le nom de Parcs Canada. Des parcelles additionnelles de terrains privés ont été acquises au cours des années et ce site est maintenant d'une superficie d'environ 15 acres (6.07 hectares).

Les recrues de la GRC y ont reçu leur formation jusqu'en 1960 environ et depuis plus de 50 ans, le camp s'est transformé en un site récréatif très moderne et convoité et en centre de conférence utilisé par la GRC et des groupes d'intérêt différents.



Le camp comprend 14 cabines, 51 emplacements pour roulotte ou tentes, un chalet entièrement meublé, une résidence pour le gardien et une salle communautaire/centre de conférence avec cuisine. En été, il y a une piscine chauffée extérieure avec maîtres-nageurs et des cours de natation, une aire de jeux pour les enfants, une cantine, en plus de terrains de volleyball, de basket-ball et de tennis. Un vaste espace couvert donnant accès à 4 foyers pour barbecue est disponible pour les réunions de famille ou de groupe. Des activités supervisées pour les enfants sont disponibles au cours de la soirée, au moins une fois par semaine. Le camp est équipé d'un quai permettant l'amarrage de grands et petits bateaux.

Les Amis de la pêche récréative au Canada utilisent le quai de Long Island, à peu de frais ou sans frais, afin d'offrir des randonnées de bateau ou de pêche à bord d'un grand bateau-ponton pour les personnes âgées et les pêcheuses et les pêcheurs handicapés. Un grand gazébo a été construit en 2001 par la famille, les amis et les collègues à la mémoire du caporal Christopher Fedor décédé d'un cancer. Depuis lors, d'autres plaques commémoratives à la mémoire des amies et amis du camping et de la famille ont été placées dans le jardin de fleurs entourant le gazébo. Les amies et amis du camp Long Island ('FOLIC'), un groupe d'élus / de bénévoles nommés d'un organisme sans but lucratif, a géré le camp depuis 2001. On y retrouve une présidente, un vice-président, un secrétaire, un trésorier et un gérant du camp. Il y a aussi une directrice des activités aquatiques ainsi qu'une directrice des activités sociales / activités pour les enfants.

Le camp n'existerait pas aujourd'hui sans l'appui de la GRC et sa direction de la gestion immobilière, ainsi que le travail de plusieurs superviseurs, gérants et

*Photos and Information from:
Mike Foran, Treasurer, Friends of Long Island
Camp, and the Foran Family*

bénévoles au Camp, ce depuis plusieurs décennies. Durant la saison morte, les installations du camp sont utilisées par la GRC pour des conférences et des retraites. Elles sont aussi utilisées par des organisations communautaires pour des nuités de camping et des activités de plein air. Le centre de conférence est l'hôte de plusieurs réunions, événements communautaires et noces. Les vétérans de la GRC, le service de police d'Ottawa et les Forces armées canadiennes tiennent leur barbecue annuel au camp. L'organisation 'Old Time Fiddling' utilise le camp comme centre d'entraînement la dernière semaine d'août depuis plusieurs années.





Charitable donations made at special performance

At a charity concert April 10 at Dominion Chalmers Church the RCMP Pipes, Drums and Dancers was able to donate \$3,500 to each of two local initiatives; City Kidz, Ottawa and the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood.

Roy Berlinquette received the donation on behalf of the Ottawa District RCMP Veterans' Association (ODVA). Other ODVA attendees who assisted included Bill Stewart, Al Haggerty, Don Harrison, Barry Thomas and Lia Eichele who attended in red blazers and provided escorts for special guests and to cheque presenters. They were even called into service to provide special assistance to the stage producer.

The Master of Ceremonies was Suzanne Sarault from ODVA.

Photos from: twitter.com/RCMPpipesNCR



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(Top) The RCMP Pipes and Drums take the stage.

(Middle) The Celtic band Shabraque was a great pre-show act to warm up the audience.

(Bottom) Cheque presentations to the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood and to City Kidz, Ottawa.



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RCMP Veterans / Denniston Bone Marrow Golf Classic Tournament at Hylands Golf Club

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[rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca / events](http://rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca/events)

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Register now for the early bird prize draw on August 2nd!
Inscrivez-vous maintenant pour le tirage du participant hâtif le 2 août!

Classique de golf
des Anciens de la GRC / la moelle osseuse Denniston
au Club de golf Hylands



Eastenders' Visitation Committee

The Eastenders' Visitation Committee of the RCMP Veterans' Association, Ottawa Division, is building its capacity to visit shut-in, or hospitalized, Veterans who really appreciate a friendly chat with visitors who come from a similar background.

One of the tenets of the RCMP Veterans' Association is to continue the comradery so important to those serving in the RCMP. Sometimes, as a result of illness or incapacity, Veterans are no longer able to take part in association events or attend meetings.

In 2015, the Ottawa Division chapter formalized a visitation program to ensure fellow Veterans and their spouses are reminded of their importance to the Veterans' Association. In its first year volunteers from the two Ottawa Division visitation teams visited 27 Veterans, a total of 113 times. Some of these Veterans had not had a connection with the association for many years - all were very grateful for the visits they received.

At the fall awards ceremony Lia Eichele, a retired Civilian Member, was recognized for her significant contribution to this new program.

All ODVA members, from all job categories, are encouraged to volunteer for a few visits, or more--a month. Those interested are asked to contact Sig Sigurdson at 613-824-4359 or eastenders@sympatico.ca

Le Comité de visites pour le secteur est

Le Comité de visites des anciens de la GRC pour le secteur est de la Division Ottawa est à améliorer sa capacité de rendre visite aux anciens, confinés à résidence ou hospitalisés, qui aiment échanger amicalement avec des personnes ayant eu des expériences similaires aux leurs.

L'un des principes de l'Association des Anciens de la GRC est de maintenir la camaraderie si nécessaire à ceux qui servent dans la GRC. Parfois, en raison de maladie ou d'incapacité, des vétérans ne sont plus en mesure de prendre part à des événements d'association ou de participer à des réunions.

En 2015, la division Ottawa a mis sur pieds un programme de visites qui assure que nos vétérans et leurs conjoint(e)s soient sensibilisés à l'importance de l'Association des Anciens.

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Durant la première année, des volontaires des deux équipes de visite de la Division Ottawa ont visité 27 vétérans, un total de 113 fois. Certains de ces anciens n'avaient pas eu de liens avec l'Association depuis de nombreuses années - tous étaient très reconnaissants des visites qu'ils ont reçues.

Lors de la cérémonie d'automne de remise des prix, Lia Eichele, une membre civil à la retraite, a été applaudie pour son importante contribution à ce nouveau programme.

Les membres réguliers ou retraités, de même que les fonctionnaires et les membres civils sont encouragés à s'impliquer pour quelques visites, ou plus, par mois.

Toute personne intéressée est priée de communiquer avec Sig Sigurdson au 613-824-4359 ou eastenders@sympatico.ca.

THANK YOU to everyone who have paid their dues

For those who have yet to do so, your fees are due now. Follow the instructions on Page 22 to proceed with your electronic payment. The new email address for the electronic transfer is rcmpvetsott.treasurer@rogers.com

You can also pay by cheque or cash at the RGM or by mailing your cheque to:

The RCMP Veterans' Association
Ottawa Division
P.O. Box 42020, 1200 St. Laurent Blvd.,
Ottawa, ON K1K 4L8

MERCI à tous qui ont payé leur cotisation

Pour ceux et celles qui ont encore à le faire, vos frais de cotisation sont dues maintenant. Voir les instructions à la page 22 pour le virement électronique. La nouvelle adresse courriel à utiliser pour le virement électronique est rcmpvetsott.treasurer@rogers.com

Vous pouvez aussi payer comptant ou par chèque à la RGM ou envoyer votre chèque à

L'Association des Anciens de la GRC,
Division d'Ottawa,
C.P.42020
1200,boul.St-Laurent
Ottawa, ON K1K 4L8.

MEMBERSHIP ADHÉSION



Jean Claude Couturier (Reg. #37537) joined the RCMP ODVA at the RGM March 3. He was officially welcomed by President Michel Séguin (right) and Membership Director Barry Thomas

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12th Annual WIVES Barbecue at Long Island Friday, June 10, 2016

- Come in the afternoon about 3 p.m. for a chat time.
- Barbecues will be lit at 4:30; eat at 5 and later
- Cost per ticket \$25.00 - a full meal-steak, salads, desserts, tea, coffee. etc.
- Bring your own beverages, plates & cutlery
- For tickets: contact Shirley Pinnock @ 613.834-2600

It is again time to get together to meet, greet and brag at the World famous Golf Classic. Breakfast will commence at 9 am at Mr. Victor's Restaurant 16 Conlon Drive , followed by the Spring Golf Classic at the Blue Heron Golf Course in Lanark.

There will be the usual free breakfast draw, a 50/50, Gifts for participating golfers, and of course, the traditional Carrot Cake. Our record for breakfast and this event is 53, let's set a new record.

Prices at the Blue Heron Golf Course:

18 holes walking.....	\$23.00 plus tax.
18 holes with cart.....	\$32.00 plus tax.
9 holes walking	\$14.00 plus tax.
9 holes with half cart.....	\$22.00 plus tax.

Looking forward to seeing everyone,
Ed Rockburne, and Bill Irwin, Breakfast and Golf Com-



Perth and District RCMP Veterans Spring Classic Golf Game

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

EDUCATION AWARDS PROGRAM

The Ottawa Division is pleased to announce the launching of its 2016 Education Award Program. This initiative is sponsored by **belairedirect** and it consists of six \$1,000 education awards.

Submission dates: May 15th - July 15th, 2016
Detailed information and application form at rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca under **Administration**.



PROGRAMME DE BOURSES D'ÉTUDES

La Division d'Ottawa est heureuse d'annoncer le lancement de son programme de bourses d'études 2015. Cette initiative est commanditée par **belairedirect** et se compose de six bourses d'étude de 1,000 \$.

Dates de soumission: du 15 mai au 15 juillet 2016
Toutes les informations et le formulaire de demande sur notre site web rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca sous **administration**.

Ron Lewis, Chair / Président 613.837-4540

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<p>You will require the following three things:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. account email address to send payment to rcmpvetsott.treasurer@rogers.com 2. enter the following security question: What is the RCMP ceremonial hat called? 3. enter the answer to the security question in the answer field. The answer is not case sensitive. 	<p>Voici ce dont vous avez besoin:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. un compte courriel pour envoyer votre paiement à rcmpvetsott.treasurer@rogers.com 2. composez la question de sécurité suivante: quel est le nom du chapeau de cérémonie de la GRC? 3. inscrivez la réponse à la question de sécurité dans la case de réponse. La réponse n'est pas sensible aux caractères.
<p>**PLEASE NOTE** The email address noted above for payment is set up specifically for receiving annual dues. It is not monitored for regular correspondence.</p> <p>If you have questions on this or any other issue, please email us at vetsottdiv@rogers.com</p>	<p>VEUILLEZ PRENDRE NOTE que cette adresse courriel est strictement utilisée pour les paiements et n'est pas suivie pour les courriels.</p> <p>Si avez des questions à ce sujet ou toute autre initiative, veuillez nous écrire à vetsottdiv@rogers.com.</p>
<p>Other Payment Options</p> <p>You can pay at the RGMs held on the second Tuesday of the month or you can mail your cheque made out to The RCMP Veterans' Association, Ottawa Division, P.O. Box 42020, 1200 St Laurent Blvd. Ottawa, ON K1K 4L8.</p> <p>Membership dues are only \$60 per year for active members and \$38 for associate members. You can find the criteria for each category on our website at www.rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca under Administration.</p> <p>Issues or questions, contact Barry Thomas at barry48@bell.net or phone 613- 752-1980. Thank you.</p>	<p>Autres façons de payer</p> <p>Vous pouvez payer lors d'une RGM les deuxièmes mardis du mois ou envoyez votre chèque à l'ordre de L'Association des Anciens de la GRC, Division d'Ottawa C.P. 42020, 1200, boul. St-Laurent Ottawa, ON K1K 4L8.</p> <p>La cotisation pour les membres actifs est seulement 60 \$ par année et 38 \$ pour les associés. Vous pouvez trouver les critères pour chaque catégorie sur le site web à www.rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca sous Administration.</p> <p>Pour toutes questions, communiquez avec Barry Thomas barry48@bell.net ou au 613-752-1980. Merci.</p>

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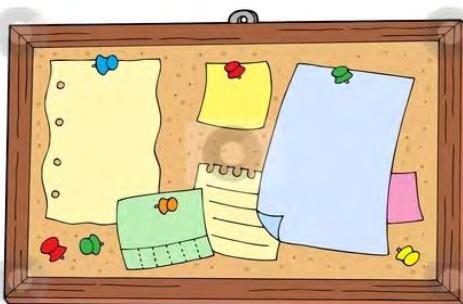


If you require a ride to one of our breakfast, lunch or coffee club meetings, please contact me by email (eastenders@sympatico.ca) or 613-824-4359. If I cannot pick you up myself, I will make arrangements for one of our members to pick you up and return you to your home. If you belong to one of our other clubs, **OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE A RIDE TO THE RGM**, please let me know and I will make arrangements for someone in your area to pick you up and also return you to your home.

Sig Sigurdson

We have a variety of tools to keep you informed of all activities and issues of the Ottawa Division; our quarterly publication *The Spirit*, our website rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca and our **regular electronic bulletins** that you receive by email.

As a member in good standing, you can expect to receive at least one electronic bulletin every two weeks. If you do not, please contact us at vetsottdiv@rogers.com to ensure that you receive all information bulletins.



RGM

Our RGMs are held on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 7:30 p.m. at the HQ Mess, 73 Leikin Drive. Join us! Your opinion and participation are important!

Nos réunions ont lieu tous les deuxièmes mardis du mois et débutent à 19 h 30 au Mess du QC, 73 Leikin. Joignez-vous à nous! Votre opinion et votre participation sont importantes.

If you need a ride to the RGM or any other assistance, you can contact the Director of Member Services, Ron Mostrey, at ottawarcmpvetservices@gmail.com or 819-414-0515

Les coordonnées du Directeur, Services aux membres, si vous désirez faire du co-voiturage pour la RGM ou pour tout autre besoin.

Nous avons une variété d'outils pour vous tenir informé des activités et des enjeux de la Division d'Ottawa; notre publication trimestrielle *The Spirit*, notre site web rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca et nos **bulletins électroniques réguliers** que vous recevez dans vos courriels.

En tant que membre en règle, vous pouvez vous attendre à recevoir au moins un bulletin électronique à toutes les deux semaines. Si ce n'est pas le cas, s'il vous plaît contactez-nous au vetsottdiv@rogers.com afin d'assurer que vous recevez tous nos communiqués.

Check our calendar of activities and events regularly at www.rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca and participate!

Consultez notre calendrier d'activités et d'événements au www.rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca et participez!

Sick, hospitalized or shut-in

We would like to pay a cordial visit to any member or veteran who is either sick, hospitalized or shut-in.

We are confirming visitation teams divided into zones - East, West, North and South. Would you like to be a volunteer visitor? It's a wonderful way to brighten someone's day and enjoy the company of a comrade.

Please let us know if you can contribute to one of our visitation teams. Also, if you are aware of anyone who would appreciate a visit, please provide us with their name, phone number and address. We can't visit those whom we do not know are ill or shut-in.

Contact: Ronald Mostrey
Member Services / Services aux membres
ottawarcmpvetservices@gmail.com
819-414-0515

Malade, hospitalisé ou confiné

Nous aimerais rendre visite à tout membre ou vétéran qui est soit malade, hospitalisé ou confiné.

Nous sommes à mettre sur pied des équipes qui seront organisés par secteur - est, ouest, nord et sud. Aimeriez-vous contribuer à cette initiative? C'est une belle façon d'ensoleiller la journée de quelqu'un et de passer du bon temps avec un camarade.

SVP nous aviser si vous pouvez contribuer à une des équipes. Aussi, si vous connaissez quelqu'un qui aimerait une visite, svp nous communiquer leur nom, numéro de téléphone et adresse. Si nous ne savons pas qui est malade, nous ne pouvons leur rendre visite.



COFFEE TIME - LES P'TITS CAFÉS



PERTH

1st Tuesday of the month 9:00 a.m.. "Mr. Victor's Diner" located at 16 Conlon Drive. Directions: When arriving in Perth, proceed to Gore Street, over the bridge, until you come to Cockburn St., then turn right, and proceed to Conlon Drive. At Rogers Road, the street becomes Smith St., ignore this and continue on to Conlon Drive. Victor's is located directly across from the soccer field in a Sports Complex.

EASTENDERS - EST

2nd Monday at 7:45 a.m. and/or 4th Monday at 9 a.m. at Gabriel's, 2160 St Joseph Blvd., in Orleans.

CENTRAL - CENTRE

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month
 8 a.m. at Dunn's Famous Deli, 2679 Bank Street,
 South of Hunt Club across from the cemetery.

WESTENDERS - OUEST

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month
 10 a.m. at Eggstyle, 790 Kanata Ave, Kanata, next to the Baton Rouge Restaurant.

LES BONS VIVANTS DE GATINEAU - Dîner des retraité(e)s

Dernier jeudi du mois à 11h30 à la Cage aux Sports, 325, boul. Gréber, Gatineau. Bienvenue à tous. Pour information, Réo Belhumeur au 819-669-3493



LES BONS VIVANTS DE GATINEAU - Retirees luncheon

At 11:30 a.m. last Thursday of every month at La Cage aux Sports, 325, blvd. Gréber, Gatineau. For information, call Réo Belhumeur at 819-669-3493.



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Burial in the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery is exclusive to current members of the RCMP, veterans, civilian members, special constables, civilians with 20 years of uninterrupted service and their families.

As well, Beechwood offers special services to honour the memory of RCMP veterans.

This includes placement of an urn or casket on the large, black granite plinth in the Hall of Colours, an area for quiet visitation. Through the Hall's beautiful memorial stained glass window, sunlight shines on the plinth. Application for these special services can be obtained from Beechwood's website at www.beechwoodottawa.ca.

Although Beechwood is a National Historic Site, many people are surprised to learn that it is not publicly funded and operates as a not-for-profit organization. Governed by a volunteer Board of Directors under the able leadership of Chair, Mrs. Grete Hale, and Vice Chair, General (retired) Maurice Baril, it is the only organization of its kind in Ottawa. Many people take comfort in knowing that the money they spend for their remembrances will be used for the perpetual maintenance, preservation and enhancement of the beauty of Beechwood.

Members of the RCMP and their families can receive planning assistance from Beechwood's Certified Pre-Planning Specialists. You can choose all of Beechwood's services or only those that you want. Beechwood's customized, flexible plans can be tailored to your wishes and your budget.

For no-obligation inquiries, or to arrange a no-cost transfer of pre-existing funeral or cremation plans to Beechwood from somewhere else, contact:

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