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Ottawa Division Veteran Guy Boisjoli has a very peaceful way to remember a fallen young RCMP member. See Page 20

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April / Avril

- 10- Pipes, Drums and Dancers Concert
Concert du Corps de cornemuses, tambours et danseurs de la GRC
21- Musical Ride for Veterans
Prestation du Carrousel pour les Anciens

June / Juin

- 10- 12th annual barbecue / 12e BBQ annuel
Sunset Ceremonies / Cérémonies du Crépuscule

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT

Michel Séguin



Happy New Year!!

The holiday season is a busy time for many of our members, with events such as the Perth Christmas breakfast, the Christmas dinner and the Ladies Christmas lunch.

The Christmas basket delivery was again a great success. The expressions of appreciation from the recipients certainly make this worthwhile. Thank you to Pierre and Karen Bélanger for their enormous contribution. We also thank the volunteers who assisted in other capacities, including the deliveries.

I would like to thank Fred Davis for taking the leadership in planning and organizing the Ottawa Division Christmas Dinner. Thanks to his experience, he was able to step right in and it was a great evening for all those who attended.

We have already had our January meeting and have started to follow-up on some of the issues carried over from last year. We will be focusing on services to our members, supporting the traditions of the RCMP and participating in community events in the National Capital area. We will

be actively involved in assisting members who retired with Occupational Stress Injuries. We will develop closer links with the RCMP by assisting in ceremonial and traditional events. We will determine how we can participate in community activities to highlight our Association and the RCMP's contributions to our community.

To accomplish this, it is important every member consider how he, or she, can contribute. I know not everyone has the capacity to make a commitment to participate in the Executive, or on committees, but sometimes, helping out with just one activity can have a great impact, such as the delivery of a Christmas basket or helping organize a social event. Your assistance in any capacity helps us meet our goals.

As we move into this new year, I would like to express our appreciation to the Committee members who have stepped down.

Don Day has been a fixture on the Executive Committee for a couple of decades, as has Ian Cooper, who is a Member Emeritus. Many thanks also to Scott Ferris, Alison Straker and Bill Stewart. It goes without saying that Brian Sparrow will be greatly missed. His dedication to the Ottawa Division will always be remembered.

Thank you, Graham Muir, for the leadership and enthusiasm you demonstrated in your three years as President. Graham will continue to serve Ottawa Division as Past President. One of the challenges Graham has undertaken is succession planning and recruiting. We all know that many members and employees of the RCMP retire and do not join the Veterans' Association. We will be looking at ways to attract, retain and get members involved in the Association in whatever capacity they can.

We all have friends who are not active, or are not members of the Association. We can all be recruiters! This will ensure we have more hands to help with activities that will enhance the social side of the Association.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT



Bonne année à tous et toutes!

La période des Fêtes est occupée pour plusieurs de nos membres, avec de nombreuses activités telles que le petit déjeuner du groupe de Perth, le dîner de Noël et le déjeuner des conjointes.

Les paniers de Noël ont, encore une fois, connu un grand succès. Les commentaires reçus de la part des bénéficiaires témoignent du bienfait de cette initiative. Merci à Pierre et à Karen Bélanger pour leur contribution précieuse. Nous remercions également tous les bénévoles qui ont participé à ce projet, y compris ceux et celles qui ont pris part aux livraisons.

Je tiens à remercier Fred Davis pour son leadership dans la planification et l'organisation du dîner de Noël de la division d'Ottawa. Son expérience lui a permis de prendre les rênes rapidement et... ce fut une excellente soirée!

Lors de notre réunion de janvier 2016, nous avons donné suite aux orientations privilégiées pour

l'année à venir. Nous nous concentrerons entre autres sur les services aux membres, tout en maintenant les traditions de la GRC et en participant à des événements communautaires dans la région de la capitale nationale. Nous soutiendrons les membres qui ont pris leur retraite et qui souffrent de blessures de stress opérationnel. Nous resserrerons les liens avec la GRC en contribuant aux cérémonies et aux traditions de l'organisation. Nous déterminerons comment participer à des activités dans notre collectivité afin de rehausser le profil de notre Association tout en faisant valoir les contributions de la GRC.

Pour ce faire, il est important que nous réfléchissions tous à comment contribuer à ces projets. Je sais que tout le monde ne peut pas toujours participer aux activités du comité exécutif ou d'autres comités, mais parfois, un coup de pouce pour une activité quelconque peut avoir des retombées positives (par exemple la livraison d'un panier de Noël, l'organisation d'une soirée sociale, etc.). Quelle que soit votre contribution, elle nous aidera à atteindre nos objectifs.

Comme nous commençons une nouvelle année, je voudrais remercier les membres du Comité qui ont cédé leur place à d'autres. Don Day a été un pilier au sein du

comité exécutif depuis une vingtaine d'années, tout comme Ian Cooper, notre membre émérite. Merci aussi à Scott Ferris, Alison Straker et Bill Stewart. Et, il va sans dire que Brian Sparrow nous manquera beaucoup; nous nous souviendrons toujours de son dévouement.

Merci aussi à Graham Muir pour votre leadership et votre enthousiasme au cours de votre mandat comme président. Graham continuera à contribuer à la division d'Ottawa à titre d'ancien président et, notamment, en jouant un rôle important sur le plan de la relève et le recrutement. Nous savons tous que de nombreux membres et employés de la GRC prennent leur retraite et ne rejoignent pas les rangs de l'Association.

Nous allons nous pencher sur des méthodes de recrutement et de rétention de nouveaux membres tout en encourageant les membres actuels à participer davantage. Nous avons tous des amis qui ne sont pas actifs au sein de l'Association ou qui ne sont pas membres; nous pouvons donc tous être des recruteurs! Plus nous serons nombreux, plus nous pourrons améliorer notre programme d'activités sociales.





Hodgson remembered as outstanding RCMP partner in the North

Stuart Hodgson, the first resident Commissioner of the North West Territories (NWT) and Distinguished Member of RCMP Messes, died Dec. 18 in Vancouver, B. C.

Mr. Hodgson was appointed as a member of the Council of the Northwest Territories in 1964 and was subsequently made Deputy Commissioner. In 1967 Prime Minister Lester Pearson appointed him Commissioner of the NWT and he moved the government north from Vancouver to establish Yellowknife as the new Capital of the NWT. In 1975 he relinquished his authority to a fully elected council. Mr. Hodgson had a strong and developed a relationship with RCMP members in the North and in "E" Division.

Mr. Hodgson was appointed a Distinguished Member of RCMP Messes on Jan. 19, 1973 by Commissioner William Higgitt as part of the RCMP Centennial celebrations.

Ottawa Division Veteran Garth Hampson, as a member of the RCMP Band, remembers his association with Mr. Hodgson. 'He was a true friend of the RCMP Band and we had the privilege of being part of his many programs in the north and latterly here in Ottawa.... he was there at a very important time for the Force as a kick off to the RCMP Centennial year. We, in the Band, were privy to one of the most glorious events of that special year – being at Fort Michener in Yellowknife – all created and executed by this amazing man.'

On Nov. 10, 2015 Ottawa Division Veteran Robert Pilot presented the Headquarters General Mess with a picture, commissioned by Mr. Hodgson, of all

living Commissioners who attended the Yellowknife celebrations (See *The Spirit*, Fall 2015). Mr. Pilot remembered Mr. Hodgson celebrated the Centennial of the Force by having a replica of an NWMP Fort erected in the Elks Hall, Yellowknife, named Fort Michener, in honour of Governor General Roland Michener. The Governor General and his wife, Norah Willis Michener, together with Comm. Higgitt, attended the Centennial celebration.

Vancouver Veterans' Association member Ernie macAulay wrote, 'Stu's association with the RCMP began when he was a national leader of the International Woodworkers' Union and Commissioner Nicholson resigned when the Government of Canada declined to provide the resources necessary to deal with a violent strike in Newfoundland. Although they had different roles in the dispute, Stu really admired 'Nick' (as he called him) and they were friends until Commissioner Nicholson died. He had a close relationship with the Force during his tenure in the NWT and continued his association with us when he moved to Richmond.'

Mr. Hodgson also served as Chair of the International Joint Commission, of the BC Ferry Corporation and BC Transit. He became a Citizenship Judge in 1983 and retired in 2005. He was an Officer of the Order of Canada, a Knight of the Order of St. John, an Honorary Colonel of the 1st Canadian Ranger Patrol Group and a Doctor of Law (U of Calgary).

Sources: Robert Pilot, RCMP Veterans' Association, Ottawa Division; RCMP Veterans' Association, Vancouver Division; Vancouver Sun.

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Ungermans built RCMP legacy with artwork that illustrated history, sacrifice and pride



Irving Ungerman, the man who, along with his wife of more than 70 years, Sylvia, envisioned and commissioned a painting of RCMP members killed in Mayerthorpe, AB and the 'Tradition' painting featured in the Headquarters General Mess, died Oct. 27, 2015.

Mr. Ungerman was appointed "Distinguished Member of RCMP Messes" by Commissioner Giuliano Zaccardelli and was an Honorary Member of the RCMP Veterans' Association, Ottawa Division.

In 2003 the Ungermans were honoured as guests of Commissioner Zaccardelli when the painting "Tradition" was dedicated at RCMP National Headquarters General Mess' 50th Anniversary and the 130th Anniversary of the RCMP.

Mr. Ungerman also had numbered prints of the painting produced and asked that they be used to support the "RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood". He funded the purchase of the limited edition of the RCMP coin sets from the Royal Canadian Mint and donated them to the Mounted Police Foundation to be used for fundraising.

On learning of the death of four RCMP members in

Mayerthorpe, AB, March 3, 2005 ,the Ungermans arranged for a commemorative painting to be done of the members in time for the Regimental Funeral.

Mr. Ungerman served on the Board of Directors of Toronto's Santa Claus Parade for more than 30 years. He and Eric Conroy, an Honourary Member of our Association, always found innovative ways to have the RCMP directly involved in the parade by either having the C.O. "O" Division lead the parade on horseback, or having the RCMP Pipes and Drums Band and the Musical Ride participate.

Mr. Ungerman was most proud of "Toys for the North" where he arranged for members of the police community to gather toys along the Santa Claus Parade route and, with additional support from the Canadian Toy Manufacturers of Canada, shipped to the northern Native, Aboriginal, Inuit communities to be distributed by RCMP members.

Mr. Ungerman never forgot his roots and was one of the largest personal supporters of charitable causes in Canada.

*Information: Michel Pelletier
Photo: Eric Conroy*



LAST POST - DERNIÈRE SONNERIE

REG. NO. RÉG.	NAME - NOM	DATE	PLACE / ENDROIT
	WATSON, D. Reilly (Former Legal Counsel to the RCMP)	Feb. 6	Ottawa, ON
17659	VINEYARD, George S.	Feb. 4	Ottawa, ON.
14735	FORSICK, John Edward	Jan. 29	Saskatoon, SK
21124	MacDOUGALL, Gordon	Jan. 29	St. Albert, SK
22148	EWING, Douglas Ronald	Jan. 28	Delta, BC
24475	RIDEOUT, Lloyd	Jan. 28	Ottawa, ON
14194	GOVE G.J. (Gilbert James)	Jan. 23	Toronto, ON
18938	McDONALD, D.H.	Jan. 20	St. John's , NL
20544	KRETZER, Herb	Jan. 17	Leduc, AB
16788	LAWSON , James Arthur	Jan. 16	Newmarket, ON
	THOMAS, Christopher	Jan. 15	Ottawa, ON
17365	NEILL, William J. (Bill)	Jan. 14	Chilliwack, BC
	WALKER, Emily Esther (Former Public Service Employee of the RCMP)	Jan. 14	Ottawa, ON
	McMULLEN, Jean Victoria "Vicky" (Former Public Service Employee of the RCMP)	Jan. 12	Ottawa, ON
19607	CASCAGNETTE, Henry William "Bill"	Jan. 11	Scarborough, ON
	QUINN, Clara (Former Public Service Employee of the RCMP)	Jan. 11	Ottawa, ON
30996	LAWLOR, Thomas D. (Tom)	Jan. 7	Agassiz, BC
41173	SCAFFIDI, Carmelo	Jan. 7	Ottawa, ON
24449	BARNES, Robert (Bob)	Jan. 6	Bridgewater, NS
CM	LOUGH, Colin James	Jan. 6	Edmonton, AB
28222	DOLL, Dennis	Jan. 2	Edmonton AB
22915	WOYTENKO, Edward	Jan. 1st	



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REG. NO. RÉG.	NAME - NOM	DATE	PLACE / ENDROIT
27417	ANGER, William 'Bill'	Dec. 27	London, ON
20954	GIBLAK, M.B. ("Bob")	Dec. 26	Fort Saskatchewan, SK
15310	POOLE, William James Henry	Dec. 24	Regina, SK
26641	SALMONS, Ron H.	Dec. 24	Maple Ridge, BC
23156	CAIN, James Harry	Dec. 21	Regina, SK
27425	REID, David McNaughton	Dec. 21	Burlington, ON
	HODGSON, Stuart (Distinguished Member of RCMP Messes)	Dec. 18	Vancouver, BC
R1502	WALKINSHAW John Bret (Association Life Member)	Dec. 17	Vancouver, BC
25564	BRAVENER, A.V. (Andrew Verne)	Dec. 16	Delta, BC
17335	KELLY, S.W. (Sheldon Warren "Shel")	Dec. 15	Edmonton, AB
17287	CADENHEAD, Edward Harry (Ed)	Dec. 14	Surrey, BC
17118	ELDER, Harry William (Darby)	Dec. 13	Saskatoon, SK
30598	McCRINDLE, K.J. (Kenneth John)	Dec. 12	Burnaby, BC
S/0371	WATSON, Brian Darcy	Dec. 10	White Rock, BC
	MENDOLA, Charles "Chuck"	Dec. 9	Ottawa, ON
21106	WEST, R.W. (Russell)	Dec. 8	Surrey, BC
14681	MUMFORD, G.E. (Jim)	Dec. 8	Surrey, BC
26331	GRUTER, E.F. (Erik Frederik)	Dec. 7	New Westminster, BC
42104	RORISON, Donna Marie	Dec. 6	Calgary, AB
24867	DOUGLAS, W.R (Wayne)	Dec. 5	Richmond, BC
15110	DICKEY, Calvin J.	Dec. 4	Delta, BC
41478	WALKER, Roger R.	Dec. 4	Sebring, FL
16764	SMITH, Terrance "Terry"	Dec. 4	Ottawa, ON



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REG. NO. RÉG.	NAME - NOM	DATE	PLACE / ENDROIT
19053	HARRIS, Norman (Mitch)	Dec. 2	Ottawa, ON
43039	ROBERTS, Carole	December	Ottawa, ON
22545	SWALLOW, L.B. (Larry Bruce)	Dec. 1	Winnipeg, MB
32281	WHEELIHAN, John Davis	Nov. 30	Campbellville, ON
25521	ROBERT, Luc	30 nov	Longueil, QC
36393	TOWNSEND, Abe (Bram)	Nov. 29,	Sydney, NS
	HARING, P. (Petro)	Nov. 28	Okotoks, AB
35200	RAVELLI, Dean	Nov. 28	Penticton, BC
18181	MURRAY, D. Roy	Nov. 26	Sherwood Park, AB
14807	BATES, S.W (Stuart Wesley)	Nov. 26	Clearwater, BC
	HOLOWAYCHUK , Harry, (Public Service Employee in Division Stores in K Division)	Nov. 25	Edmonton, AB
23993	COPELAND, Russell	Nov. 24	
16777	ECKERT, H. (Henry)	Nov. 24	Calgary, AB
16881	NEIDIG, Ronald	Nov. 19	Ottawa, ON
25288	GILBERT, J.H. (John)	Nov. 15,	Kelowna, BC
32033	FORREST, E.W. (Wayne)	Nov. 10	Nanaimo, BC
	UNGERMAN, Irving (Distinguished Member of the RCMP Messes)	Oct. 27	Toronto, ON
	BARR, Betty Ann, predeceased by her first husband Cst. Gordon Pedersen (killed on duty 1965) survived by her second husband Robert Barr	Oct. 21	Vernon, BC

Au lieu de notre réunion habituelle, nous avons transformé notre RGM de février en fête de la Saint-Valentin. Des représentants du corps de cornemuses et tambours de la GRC ont défilé en interprétant « The Rose » (oui, oui, « The Rose », joué à la cornemuse !). Le groupe *Cara Q* a entraîné certains à danser et d'autres à taper du pied au rythme de la musique. Le service de traiteur *Bytown Catering* a préparé un beau buffet avec des desserts au goût de la Saint-Valentin. Peter Austin a été l'heureux gagnant du prix de présence offert par Michel Séguin et son épouse Claudette. Ce fut une soirée très chaleureuse et agréable entre amis et collègues. Merci aux bénévoles pour cette très belle soirée.

Instead of a regular meeting, the February RGM was transformed into a social evening to celebrate Valentine's. Representatives of the RCMP Pipes, Drums and Dancers marched in to their rendition of the Rose, yes the Rose on the pipes! *Cara Q* provided live entertainment which had everyone, if not dancing, tapping their toes and *ByTown Catering* prepared a nice buffet for the evening with a special Valentine's attention for the desserts. Peter Austin was the lucky winner of the door prize offered by Michel Séguin and his spouse Claudette. It was a very warm and pleasant evening among friends and colleagues. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this evening a success.



Article & photos :
Suzanne Sarault &
Peter Austin





Division Executive Committee 2016 Comité exécutif de la division



Front row, left to right / Assis de gauche à droite: Ron Mostrey, Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah, Suzanne Sarault, Fred Lyle, Michel Séguin, Michel Pelletier, Joan Panich, Bill Lenton

Back row, left to right / Debout de gauche à droite: Marc Dureau, Don Harrison, Graham Muir, Roy Berlinquette, Pat Arseneau, Barry Thomas and our "Draw Man Extraordinaire" Roger Newman.

Absent: Rick Reynolds, Wendy Nicol, Ralph Mahar, Gary Walkling, Gérard Dupuis, Pierre Bélanger, Ron Lewis, Joe Healy and Ian Cooper



The 2015 Christmas Dinner and Dance were a great success. We enjoyed a beautiful traditional Christmas dinner served by ByTown Catering; turkey, tourtière, and the whole works!! No one left the table feeling hungry! As a matter of fact, it is a good thing that we were able to get up and move to the music of Cara Q. They played music for all tastes and the dance floor was kept busy. In between sets, some fabulous door prizes were drawn. To top it all off, the evening finished in a “kitchen party” style; everyone sitting around Cara Q and singing along!

It was a great evening and we thank all the volunteers who made it happen!

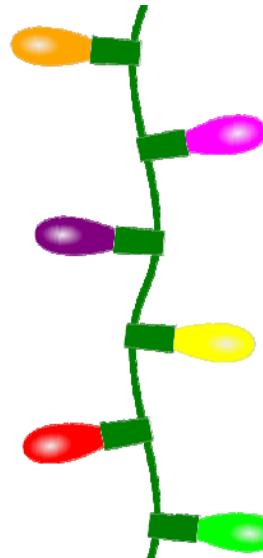
Le dîner et la danse de Noël 2015 ont connu un grand succès. Nous avons savouré une belle assiette de Noël traditionnelle servie par Le Service de traiteurs ByTown Catering: dinde, tourtière, et tout ce que ça comprend! Tous ont quitté la table rassasiés! C'était idéal de pouvoir se lever et de danser sur la musique de Cara Q. Leur répertoire en avait pour tous les goûts et la piste de danse a été bien occupée. Au cours des pauses, de fabuleux prix de présence ont été tirés. Pour couronner le tout, la soirée s'est terminée en « party de cuisine »; tout le monde assis ensemble chantant avec Cara Q!

Nous remercions tous les bénévoles qui ont contribué à l'organisation de cette superbe soirée!



<u>Door Prize Winners</u>	<u>Gagnants des prix de présence</u>
Dave Muir	Marg Hobbs
Dianne McCallum	Jennifer Patterson
Al Haggerty	Annette Fawcett
Gregg Kennedy	Joan Arseneau
Suzanne Sarault	Bob Crosby
Joan Panich	Chris Sobering
Diane Cummins	Catherine Crosby

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Are you doing something that would interest other members of the Ottawa Division? *The Spirit* is your publication and we would like to fill it with things that interest you and other association members. We have received some great feedback on recent issues and the reason is that members are providing us with articles and pictures about things they are doing. In this issue, for example, we find out about the impact of the Visitation Teams, learn about a very personal connection to the Paris terrorist attacks, about two public figures who made great contributions to the RCMP and we get some insight into the RCMP's role in the Netherlands in the closing days of the Second World War.

The information and pictures come from our members who use *The Spirit* to share what they are doing, or experiencing, that they think others may find interesting.

If you would like to make a contribution, or have articles and/or pictures to share, please contact the Editor, Wendy Nicol at spirit.bulletin@yahoo.ca.

Est-ce que vous faites des activités qui seraient d'intérêt pour les membres de la division? *Le Spirit* est votre bulletin d'information et nous tenons à y inclure des sujets qui sont d'intérêt pour vous et les membres de l'Association. Nous avons reçu d'excellents commentaires sur les récents numéros et la raison est que les membres nous fournissent des articles et des photos au sujet de leurs activités. Dans ce numéro, par exemple, nous pouvons constater l'impact des visites auprès de ceux et celles qui sont hospitalisés ou confinés, nous apprenons qu'un des nôtres a été personnellement interpellé par les attentats terroristes à Paris, nous reconnaissions deux personnalités publiques qui ont fait de grandes contributions à la GRC et nous en apprenons un peu plus sur le rôle que la GRC a joué aux Pays-Bas dans les derniers jours de la Seconde Guerre mondiale.

Les informations et les images proviennent de nos membres qui utilisent *le Spirit* afin de partager ce qu'ils font, ce qu'ils vivent, et tout autre information qui pourrait intéresser les collègues.

Si vous souhaitez faire une contribution, ou si vous avez des articles et/ou des photos, s'il vous plaît contacter l'éditrice, Wendy Nicol à spirit.bulletin@yahoo.ca.



On Dec. 9, 2015 The Ottawa RCMP Veterans' WIVES Association gathered at the Rideau Carleton Raceway Dining Room for its Christmas Luncheon. The event was another huge success with 45 members attending, including Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Florence Coates was recognized as one our founding members, and presented with a plant, as well as our thanks for all that she contributed over the years.

After lunch the ladies enjoyed some fun in the Casino with complimentary " play money " from OLG.

I am pleased to say that 2015 was a very good year for our association, we added a few new members and look forward to increasing our membership this year.

Information: Joan Rud / Photos: Suzanne Sarault

Door Prizes were won by:
Des prix de présence ont été remportés par:

1st / 1er - Betty Charlesworth
2nd/2e - Lenore Dick
3rd/3e - Shirley Pinnock

The Secret Santa gift was won by Ruth Mayer.
Le cadeau secret du Père Noël a été remporté par Ruth Mayer.

L'Association des Épouses des Anciens de la GRC d'Ottawa s'est réunie le 9 décembre 2015 à la salle à manger du Rideau Carleton Raceway pour le déjeuner de Noël. L'événement a été un autre grand succès: 45 membres étaient présentes en plus du Père Noël et de la Mère Noël.

Une de nos membres fondatrices, Florence Coates, a été reconnue. Une plante lui a été présentée, ainsi que nos remerciements pour tout ce qu'elle contribué au fil des ans.

Après le déjeuner, les dames se sont amusées au Casino avec de l'argent virtuel, gracieuseté de OLG.

Je suis heureuse de dire que 2015 a été une très bonne année pour notre Association. Nous avons recruté de nouvelles membres et nous comptons continuer d'en accueillir d'autres aussi cette année.

Our 2016 events include/Nos événements en 2016 :

- March 9 meeting at 1 p.m. / Réunion, le 9 mars à 13 h.
- April 13 meeting at 1 p.m. / Réunion, le 13 avril à 13 h.
- May 11 Ladies Spring Luncheon. Location to be decided at April meeting.
Le 11 mai, Déjeuner du Printemps. L'endroit sera déterminé lors de la réunion en avril.
- 12th Annual BBQ - Long Island - June 10 / Le 12^e BBQ annuel à Long Island, le 10 juin.



Perth and
District
RCMP Veterans
Christmas
Breakfast



On Dec. 1, 2015, the Perth and District RCMP Veterans held their Christmas Breakfast. All were surprised when Santa Claus (Jim Piche) showed up for the second Christmas in a row, with sweets prepared by Mrs. Claus. Ian MacDonald won both the free breakfast and the 50/50 draw.

On this occasion, a Christmas gift was given to Tanya, on behalf of the Veterans in appreciation for her dedication over the years. It was noted that some of regulars were absent because of illness, and we wish them a quick recovery.

Information: Ed Rockburne

Photos: Bill Irwin



The following , submitted by Lia Eichele, may be of interest to some of the history buffs among RCMP Veterans:

Mention of the RCMP sometimes shows up in very unexpected ways. I was recently reading a Dutch book by Peter A. Veldheer who has documented the Canadian contribution in Holland to the Allied Victory Campaign that ended the Second World War. The book was called "*Daar komen de Canadezen!*" (The Canadians are Coming). It is the second book he wrote on this topic; the first one, called "*The Battle of 'the Veluwe', 1945*", documented the liberation of the Veluwe by British and Canadian troops during the last year of the Second World War.

This second book, then, documents the efforts of the First Canadian Army across the Veluwe to Western Holland during April and May 1945. While reading the book I came across a mention of the role Provost officers played during the retreat of the recently-defeated German army, and that portion of the text was accompanied by a photo of an officer at work who was identified as someone from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The text reads as follows (Lia has translated):
 "Organizing the German retreat was treated as a purely military operation, completely in Allied hands – Dutch people were only indirectly involved.
 In Den Helder, where all transports (of German soldiers) converged, a number of Resistance fighters were engaged to detect war criminals. A Canadian Safety Officer provided useful assistance in this regard. Each newly-arrived group of Germans was inspected, one row at a time, whereby in cases of doubt the suspects were removed from the ranks for further and more intense interrogation. Often individuals were discovered who had been guilty of impermissible acts that were contrary to laws of war,

or who as Dutch citizens had entered into German military service. The latter were a particular focus of attention. Many SS volunteers, who had hoped to be able to blend in the crowd, and to that effect had changed their appearance (e.g. hairstyle) or their papers, were discovered here. Until such time that the Department of Justice would become involved with their cases, these individuals were placed in separate prison camps.

Some of them managed to slip through the net in Den Helder but were nevertheless caught at one of the subsequent inspections—before they reached the German border there were several more inspections, a.o. at Den Oever, where the Canadian Provost (with assistance from several additional specialists from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police from their faraway homeland) checked the thousands of prisoners of war once more really good and relieved them of all their ill-gotten goods.

At the request of the Dutch Government these checks were not just about watches, rings and other valuable jewelry but included radios, workshop tools, bicycles, sewing machines, etc. Everything that could not be convincingly explained as honestly gotten was being seized, with the intent to return them to the deprived owners. Whether the latter actually happened is doubtful."

From : *Daar komen de Canadezen* by Peter A. Veldheer, Gijsbers & Van Loon, Arnhem 1982
 ISBN: 90 6235 041 0



One of the tenets of the RCMP Veterans' Association is to continue the comradery we enjoyed while we were serving in the RCMP. Sometimes, as a result of illness or incapacity, some veterans are no longer able to enjoy and benefit from contact with the Ottawa Division Veterans' Association and our events. In 2015, the Ottawa division chapter decided to formalize a visitation program to ensure fellow veterans and their spouses are not deprived of this tenet. With the help of "captains" Sig Sigurdson and Basil Adams, two visitation teams were established, consisting of a total of 20 volunteers. I am pleased to report that, in our first year, the teams visited 27 veterans, a total of 113 times. Some of these vets had not had a connection with our association for many years - all were very grateful for the visits they received. At our fall awards ceremony we recognized Lia Eichele for her significant contribution to this program.

Sometimes it's easy to get wrapped up in our own affairs and the "daily grind." To spend some time with a comrade who is in hospital, or who is shut-in, can not only bring a

smile to their face, but it can also warm our own hearts. We currently have a list of 43 veterans who could use a visit from time-to-time. If you would like to be a visitor please contact Ron Mostrey at: ottawarcmpvetservices@gmail.com Concurrently, if you know of a veteran who is in such circumstances, let Ron know so they can be put on the list.

Un des principes de l'Association des Anciens de la GRC est de maintenir la camaraderie que nous avons connu au cours de nos années de service. Parfois, en raison de maladie ou d'incapacité, certains Vétérans ne sont plus en mesure de profiter et de bénéficier d'un contact avec l'Association des Anciens et de participer à nos événements. En 2015, la division d'Ottawa a décidé de formaliser un programme de visites afin d'assurer que nos camarades et leurs conjoint(e)s ne soient pas privés de ce principe. Avec l'aide des «capitaines» Sig Sigurdson et Basil Adams, deux équipes de visite ont été mis sur pied avec un total de 20 bénévoles.

Je suis heureux de rapporter que, pour notre première année, les équipes ont visité 27 Vétérans pour un total de 113 visites. Certains de ces Vétérans n'avaient pas eu de contact avec notre Association depuis de nombreuses années. Tous étaient très reconnaissants pour les visites. Lors de notre cérémonie de remise de prix et de reconnaissance cet automne, nous avons reconnu Lia Eichele pour son importante contribution à ce programme.

Il est facile de devenir absorber par nos propres affaires et le «train-train» quotidien. Passer quelques heures avec un camarade qui est confiné ou à l'hôpital peut non seulement apporter un sourire, mais aussi réchauffer nos coeurs. Nous avons actuellement une liste de 43 Vétérans qui pourraient être visités. Si vous voulez être un visiteur, s'il vous plaît, contactez Ron Mostrey à ottawarcmpvetservices@gmail.com Également, si vous connaissez un Vétéran dans de telles circonstances, informez Ron afin qu'il puisse être mis sur la liste de camarades à visiter.

*Information: Ron Mostrey, Director, Member Services
Director, Services aux membres*

In recent weeks, Veterans' Association members responsible for Visitations, and those who assembled and delivered holiday baskets, have received many notes of thanks from the recipients and their families. Comments noted the beauty of the baskets, and expressed appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the Association. The team of Karen Bélanger, Roberta (Bobbie) Timko, Jackie Macdonald put together 40 Christmas baskets which were delivered by volunteers, led by Deacon Pierre Bélanger.





Following the November 13th terrorist attacks in Paris, the Ottawa Division, RCMP Veterans' Association Director of Member Services, Ron Mostrey, was deployed to Paris in his capacity as a chaplain with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's (BGEA) Rapid Response Team (RRT). This team consists of Christian volunteers who serve as chaplains at disaster scenes. Usually such disasters are natural occurrences such as floods, tornadoes, and hurricanes. Occasionally, they are man-made. For example, BGEA chaplains were on the scene in Moncton, N.B. following the murder of three RCMP members and have assisted at other such tragic events in Canada. This was the first such overseas deployment of Canadian chaplains.

In this case, the head of the Billy Graham Association, Franklin Graham, saw the immediate need to deploy chaplains. He contacted the Canadian wing of the organization to deploy French-speaking chaplains. "I got the call the morning after the attacks and was on a plane to Paris the next day" said Ron. He was deployed along with three other Canadians, two Americans, and one chaplain from England.

"It's a ministry of presence – we were there to listen to the Parisians and comfort them with God's love in their shock, bewilderment and sorrow" said Ron. "We attended the various scenes where the horrors had occurred. We found a grieving population, and we offered hope and encouragement." The team equipped and worked with local Christians and a

variety of Christian denominations working under a hastily established informal group, working under a banner of "Pray For Paris". "I was impressed at how well all worked together in harmony, as the need was great. In all my years of policing, I had never seen such pain and suffering. It seemed everyone had a story – they knew someone, or knew of someone who had been directly affected by the attacks". The Team stayed for two weeks. Ron concluded by saying that "although he had seen the sorrow caused by this senseless tragedy, he had also seen the good of folks stepping up to offer compassion and hope to their fellow citizens".



Après les attentats terroristes du 13 novembre 2015 à Paris, le directeur des services aux membres de l'Association des Anciens de la GRC, division d'Ottawa, Ron Mostrey, a été déployé à Paris, en sa qualité d'aumônier avec l'Équipe d'intervention rapide (EIR) du « Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA). Cette équipe est composée de bénévoles chrétiens qui servent comme aumôniers lors de catastrophes. Habituellement, de telles catastrophes sont des phénomènes naturels tels que les inondations, les tornades et les ouragans. Parfois, ils sont à la suite d'incidents tragiques. Par exemple, les aumôniers du BGEA étaient à Moncton au NB à la suite des meurtres des trois membres de la GRC et ont aussi assisté à d'autres événements tragiques au Canada. Paris était le premier déploiement outremer pour les Canadiens.

Le dirigeant de l'Association Billy Graham, Franklin Graham, a immédiatement reconnu la nécessité de déployer des aumôniers. Il a contacté l'aile

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canadienne de l'organisation afin de déployer des aumôniers de langue française. «J'ai reçu l'appel le matin après les attentats et je m'enfouis pour Paris le lendemain», a déclaré Ron. Il a été déployé avec trois autres Canadiens, deux Américains, et un Anglais.

« Nous sommes un ministère de présence. Nous étions là pour écouter les Parisiens qui étaient sous le choc, confus et triste et pour les réconforter avec l'amour de Dieu » a déclaré Ron. «Nous sommes venus en aide là où les événements ont eu lieu. Nous avons offert espoir et encouragement à la population. «L'équipe a appuyé et travaillé avec les chrétiens locaux et avec une variété de dénominations chrétiennes formant ainsi un groupe informel créé à la hâte, sous la bannière de "Pray For Paris" (Priez pour Paris). « J'ai été impressionné par la façon dont tous ont travaillé ensemble dans l'harmonie car le besoin était grand. Dans toutes mes années comme policier, je n'ai jamais vu une telle douleur et une telle souffrance. Il semblait que tout

le monde avait une histoire: soit qu'ils connaissaient quelqu'un, ou qu'ils avaient connaissance de quelqu'un qui avait été directement touchées par les attentats ».

L'équipe a séjourné à Paris pendant deux semaines. Ron a conclu en disant que « bien qu'il avait vu la douleur causée par cette tragédie insensée, il avait aussi vu le bon côté des gens prêts à offrir compassion et espoir à leurs concitoyens ».

A more detailed account of the efforts of Ron and the team can be found on the BGEA website:

Sur le site de BGEA, vous trouverez un compte rendu détaillé du travail de Ron et de l'équipe.

<http://billygraham.ca/stories/rapid-response-team-chaplains-in-paris.aspx>

<http://billygraham.org/video/hope-emerges-in-the-wake-of-paris-attacks/>

Information & photos: Ron Mostrey



The RCMP Pipes, Drums and Dancers, along with their guests, will be in concert April 10 at 2 pm at the Dominion-Chalmers United Church, 355 Cooper St. Ottawa. General Admission \$20.

Partial Proceeds in support of City Kidz, Ottawa and the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood. For tickets contact Graham Muir at grahammuir@rogers.com

Ottawa Veteran Guy Boisjoli has found an interesting way to combine his love of boats, and the healing power of the water, with his pride in the RCMP, the members he served with, the places he served in, and those who continue to serve.

Guy retired from the RCMP in 2002 after more than 30 years of service, including 17 years in northern Alberta. He was posted to Ottawa in 1989. He remembers his time in the north, the challenges and the rewards, with pride and fondness. He is proud of the friends he made, some of whom still drop in.

Guy loves steam-powered boats and, when he retired, owned Sagitawah, the Cree name for Whitecourt, Alta., a detachment he served in. In Cree, Sagitawah means ‘where the rivers meet’ and has also come to mean ‘where friends meet’. Quite appropriate for Guy’s boat.

In February 2005, Guy and his wife Diane went to Batesville, Ark. to pick up a 26-foot boat hull he had purchased on e-bay. The hull had never been in the water, but Guy knew it would be ‘the’ boat. On the trip back he started to think about a meaningful name for this boat, which he was sure he would launch in a year or two.

On the morning of March 3, 2005, as she was leaving for work, Diane told Guy to turn on the television. He then learned of the killing of four young RCMP members near Mayerthorpe, Alta. Guy knew the detachment area well, 20 years before Mayerthorpe had been a neighboring detachment, and the Blue Ridge area was the detachment dividing line. Guy said “the news reports brought me to tears. The pain I felt at the loss of these four lives was unbearable. Add to this pain, the thought that these young men were the ages of my two daughters. Not only were they brothers but they were also my family. I could not understand how someone so young could be taken away so quickly and so violently.”

He called a friend in Whitecourt who provided more information, including the name of Tony Gordon, the member from Whitecourt detachment who had gone to assist Mayerthorpe. He also learned that the suspect was a person known to him from a 1985 stolen auto investigation.



Guy attended the Ottawa memorial service for the fallen members and signed a Book of Condolences at the Canadian Police College. At the CPC, Guy said, “I stood before the four pictures of the four deceased members. I took the time to read every piece of information that there was on every photo. I came upon the picture of Tony. On it I read the name of Anthony Fitzgerald Orion GORDON. Regimental No 49673. I smiled. I vowed there and then that my new boat would be called ORION in his memory and that of his partners.”

Guy launched ORION in August 2012. She is powered by a single cylinder steam engine and wood is the preferred material for fuel. ORION attracts a lot of attention. When people ask questions, Guy first provides them with background on the origin of the name. “I take great pride,” he says, “in telling the people of the brave young men and women who serve as police officers in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. I then remind them of the price there is to pay for the freedoms we enjoy today.”

“Often times,” he continues, “I will find myself sitting at the dock meeting many people. I will wait and when the time is right, I will ask a couple, an individual to go for a short cruise. As we leave the dock, we leave our troubles behind. This is one of the biggest rewards the boat brings to me.”

Information & photo: Guy Boisjoli



With a focus on the RCMP's ability to retain contact with members of the Force, as well as former and retired police and Canadian citizens, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association publishes the Quarterly magazine and its French language version La Trimestrielle. Through these publications, the Association provides an informative, entertaining and unique magazine that reinforces the traditions and pride of the RCMP, and highlights the good works of people who serve, and have served, in Canada's federal police force. The Veterans' Association took over responsibility for the Quarterly in 1999 when the 70- year- old publication was in danger of ceasing publication for budgetary reasons.

At that time, Ron Sparks, Executive Director of the Veterans' Association, wrote: "We were concerned that the history of the Force was being lost, and with it, the very basis of our reputation and the respect gained from many years of outstanding service to the citizens of Canada. We felt that maintaining this historic publication would allow the Force to continue to have contact with members, former members, and citizens in general who have built the Quarterly's reputation over the years."

Today, the Quarterly continues to reinforce the value of the RCMP in Canadian communities, and the good deeds of present and former members. The Quarterly also remains the oldest continuously published magazine in Canada, and a leading source of news about policing.

"I have been a subscriber to the Quarterly since June 1966, when I joined the Force. As President of the RCMP Veterans Association, I am honoured that we stepped up at a time the magazine needed us," says

Dave LeBlanc, President of the RCMP Veterans Association. "As always, it has presented our stories and history as no other journal could, and as an individual and organization I believe it is our combined responsibility to ensure that this tradition continues. For me, there is no better way to stay in touch with comrades and reinforce our pride in who we were, are and could be."

For further information, please contact the Quarterly at 1-877-215-3469 or at Quarterly@rcmp-grc.gc.ca



La GRC dispose d'un outil exceptionnel pour rejoindre et demeurer en contact avec ses membres actuels et ses policiers retraités et bien sûr également avec les citoyens canadiens. Il s'agit du magazine the Quarterly et sa version française, la Trimestrielle, publiés par l'Association des anciens de la GRC. Grâce à cet outil, l'Association communique de l'information pertinente axée sur les traditions et la fierté de la GRC en présentant des articles sur les réussites et le travail des individus qui servent et ont servi dans la force policière fédérale au Canada. L'Association des anciens a fait sienne en 1999 la responsabilité de poursuivre la publication de ce magazine ancré dans notre histoire depuis 70 ans suite aux contraintes budgétaires menaçant sa survie.

À ce moment-là, Ron Sparks, le directeur administratif de l'Association avait écrit : « Nous étions inquiets de perdre un témoin essentiel de l'histoire de la GRC et du coup, la réputation et le respect que nous ont valus les années de service exceptionnel de notre organisation pour les citoyens du Canada. Nous estimions qu'en conservant cette publication si importante au plan historique, nous (suite à la page 22)



Following a tradition of many years standing RCMP Veterans' Association, Ottawa Division members were invited to attend as special guests at the recent O Div Medals Parade . Representing the division Veterans were Don Day, Fred Lyle, Lia Eichele and Don Harrison. Graham Muir attended as a member of the RCMP Pipe Band.

Photo: Martine Chénier, RCMP Photographer/photographe GRC

la Trimestrielle (.suite de la page 18)

pouvions permettre à la GRC de continuer à communiquer avec ses membres actuels et anciens ainsi qu'avec le public en général. Ainsi, nous pouvions maintenir la réputation acquise par le magazine au cours des ans. »

Aujourd'hui, the Quarterly / la Trimestrielle continue à mettre l'accent sur le travail de la GRC dans les communautés canadiennes et à relater les actes valeureux des membres actuels et retraités. The Quarterly / la Trimestrielle est le plus ancien magazine régulièrement publié au Canada se consacrant aux actualités dans le monde policier.

« Je suis abonné au magazine depuis juin 1966, date du début de ma carrière à la GRC. Aujourd'hui, en tant que président de l'Association des anciens de la GRC, je suis heureux que nous ayons agi de manière à permettre le maintien de cette publication »,

déclare Dave LeBlanc, l'actuel président de l'Association des anciens de la GRC.

“Notre vie de travail et notre histoire y ont été décrites comme aucun autre journal n'aurait pu se permettre de le faire. À titre individuel et comme membre de cette organisation, j'estime qu'il est de notre devoir collectif d'assurer la survie de cette publication. Pour moi, il n'y a pas meilleur moyen de garder le contact avec nos camarades et de renforcer la fierté de ce que nous avons été, de ce que nous sommes et sommes appelés à devenir. “

Pour plus d'informations, veuillez communiquer avec la Trimestrielle au 1-877-215-3469 ou à Quarterly@rcmp-grc.gc.ca



Third Annual Training and Development Branch Reunion – Ottawa

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 me with the names and email addresses so I can email invitations in the first part of May 2016.

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Fred Davis, Treasurer
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Wayne Burke, Hall rental & Food Co-ordinator
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Erratum

A layout error in the Fall edition of The Spirit resulted in a photo representing the presentation of the First Poppy at Rideau Hall being 'flipped' horizontally. The editor apologizes for the error and the photo is correctly reprinted below with the appropriate identification.



His Excellency, the Right Honourable David Johnston received the First Poppy from Royal Canadian Legion's Dominion President, Comrade Tom Eagles and Grand President, Comrade Larry Murray for the ceremonial opening of the 2015 Poppy Campaign. The presentation was made Oct. 22 at Rideau Hall.

Those attending included:

Tom Eagles, Dominion President of The Royal Canadian Legion; from the RCMP Veterans'

Association: Mark Gaillard, Executive Officer; Marc Dureau, Ottawa Division; Al Rivard, Association Vice President; Bill Stewart, Ottawa Division; Bob Kraus, Kingston Division; Céline Gingras, Québec Division and The Governor General, His Excellency David Johnston.

Photo: Sgt. Ronald Dechesne/Rideau Hall

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<p>You can pay at the RGMs 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>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>

**Don't forget to renew! N'oubliez pas de renouveler!****Barry Thomas**

Renewing your membership is easy. You can now e-transfer to pay your membership dues you can pay at the RGMs 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.**

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.

If your address, phone or email information has changed, please let us know so that you continue to receive all information bulletins and event news from the Division.

Recruiting is "job one" for the future of our Association. And every Veteran needs to make it so.

Should you know of anyone wishing to join the RCMP Veterans' Association or have a question on membership or e-transfers, contact me at barry48@bell.net or phone 613. 752-1980. I will be happy to assist. Thank you.

C'est facile de renouveler votre adhésion. Vous pouvez maintenant procéder avec un virement électronique (voir page 20), 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 à C.P. 42020, 1200, boul. St-Laurent, Ottawa, ON K1K 4L8.**

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Vous devez nous faire part de tout changement à votre adresse courriel, adresse postale ou numéro de téléphone afin de recevoir tous les bulletins d'information et d'activités.

Le recrutement est « l'affaire de tous ». L'avenir de notre Association en dépend. Et tous les Anciens doivent y voir!

Pour toutes questions, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec moi. Si vous connaissez quelqu'un qui aimerait se joindre à l'Association ou qui désire des informations, svp communiquer avec moi à barry48@bell.net ou au 613. 752-1980. Il me fera plaisir d'aider. Merci.

On line - En ligne

Photos taken at various events are on line on the Members Only page. Our website - and especially the Members Only page - is constantly updated. Also check out our calendar of events.

Vous pouvez visionner les photos des événements sur notre site web à l'onglet "Members only". Le site web - et particulièrement la page "Members Only" est mis à jour régulièrement. Consultez aussi notre calendrier d'événements.

THE SPIRIT

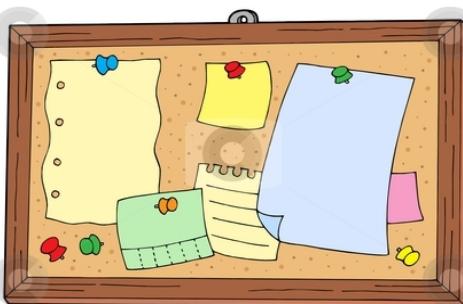


If you require a ride to one of our breakfast, lunch or coffee club meetings, please contact me by email (eastenders@sympatico.ca) or 613-824-4359. If I cannot pick you up myself, I will make arrangements for one of our members to pick you up and return you to your home. If you belong to one of our other 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!

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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 who we do not know are ill or shut-in.

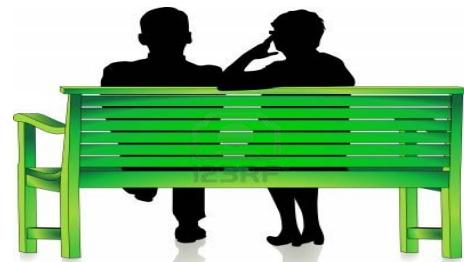
Contact: Ronald Mostrey
Member Services / Services aux membres
ottawarcmpvetservices@gmail.com
819-414-0515

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.



The Spirit is on line in full colour at www.rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca under announcement/news. If you prefer to read it online, let us know and your name will be removed from the mailing list.

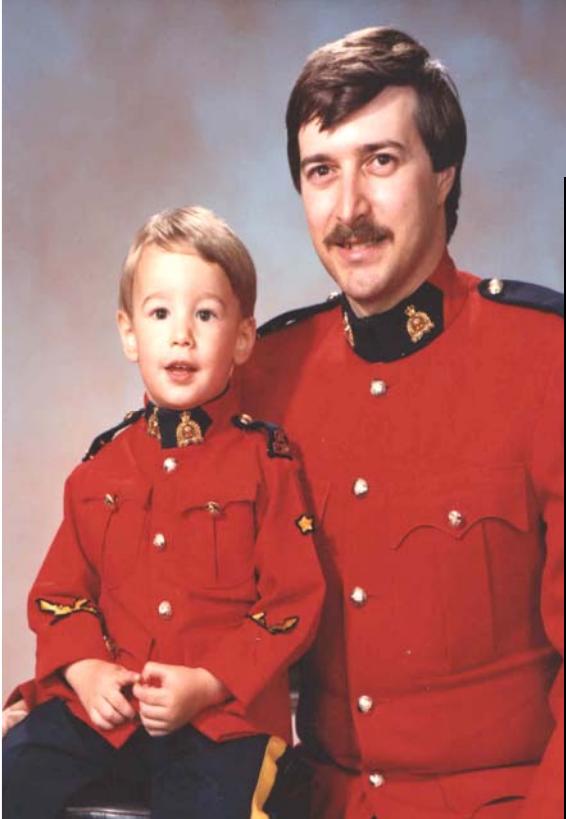
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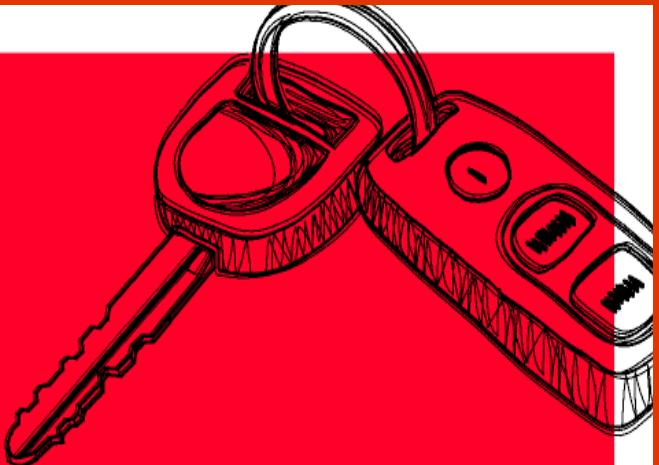
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