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Ottawa Division Past President Graham Muir leads the procession at the Annual Dining-In. See photos at [www.rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca](http://www.rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca).

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT

Michel Séguin

We in the Association are starting the year with a great loss. Ian Cooper, Member Emeritus passed away in the early hours of Jan. 28. Ian's contributions to the Combined Mess, the Officers' Mess and the Veterans' Association were enormous. To many of our members, this will be a great personal loss, as Ian was a dear friend. To Hélaine and the Cooper family, we offer our sincere condolences and our gratitude for having shared Ian with us for so many years.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome a number of new Directors to the Executive: Réjean Ouellette, Greg Fedor, Frances Van den Enden, Don Harrison and Dave Jeggo. Thank you all for accepting to be part of the Executive Committee and we look forward to working with you. I would also like to express my deep appreciation to the Executive Members who are leaving: Ron Mostrey, Joan Panich, Barry Thomas and Suzanne Sarault. We look forward to recognizing your hard work and your contributions more formally in the future. Thank you to the 29 brave members who attended the January RGM in a raging snowstorm. Thank you to Dr. Anna Gray Henschel, our guest speaker, and her husband, Peter Henschel, for braving the elements to attend and provide an interesting presentation on the great work they do with their charitable organization, The

Twelve Days of Thanksgiving. This year, we have a number of projects we want to undertake. We will be giving you more detail as we look at our challenges in attracting and retaining members. We will be looking at different activities over the course of the this year, the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canada.



Notre Association commence l'année avec une grande perte. Ian Cooper, membre émérite, est décédé aux petites heures le 28 janvier. Les contributions d'Ian au Mess combiné, au Mess des Officiers et à l'Association des vétérans sont considérables. Pour plusieurs de nos membres, ce sera une énorme perte personnelle, puisque Ian était un ami cher. À Hélaine et à la famille Cooper, nous adressons nos sincères condoléances et notre gratitude pour avoir partagé Ian avec nous depuis tant d'années.

Je profite de l'occasion pour souhaiter la bienvenue à plusieurs nouveaux Directeurs au sein de l'exécutif: Réjean Ouellette, Greg Fedor, Frances Van den Enden, Don Harrison et Dave Jeggo. Merci à tous d'avoir accepté de faire partie du Comité exécutif. Nous sommes impatients de travailler avec vous. Je voudrais également exprimer ma profonde gratitude aux membres de l'Exécutif qui partent: Ron Mostrey, Joan Panich, Barry Thomas et Suzanne Sarault. Nous

avons bien hâte de souligner votre travail acharné et vos contributions de façon plus formelle à l'avenir. Merci aux 29 vaillants membres qui ont participé au RGM de janvier en pleine tempête de neige. Merci à la Dre Anna Grey Henschel, notre conférencière invitée et à son mari, Peter Henschel, pour avoir bravé les éléments afin de nous faire une intéressante présentation sur l'important travail qu'ils accomplissent au sein de leur organisation, The Twelve Days of Thanksgiving.

Nous avons, cette année, un certain nombre de projets que nous voulons amorcer. Nous vous donnerons plus de détails au moment d'examiner nos défis de recrutement et de rétention de membres. Nous explorerons différentes activités dans le contexte du 150e anniversaire du Canada.



When Ian Cooper was named the 2014 Ottawa Division Veteran of the Year in 2014 it was one of the many times he had been recognized for his service to his community, the RCMP, and to the ODVA. For more than 40 years Ian made a significant difference through initiatives that have improved the lives of others.

Ian died on Jan. 28, 2017. His legacy will remain for years to come.

Ian was the first to receive the Ottawa Division Veteran of the Year Award in 2014. At that time Joan Panich, then the Director of Awards and Recognition, said Ian's commitment to the Ottawa Division was a way of life for him and that he was committed to the organization, to each Veteran in this room, and to everyone Division.

Ian joined the Ottawa Division in 1994 and received his 20-year Service Bar on the same day he received the Veteran of the Year Award. In May 1997 he became a life member and in 2012 was appointed a Member Emeritus.

In 2005 Ian was the member of the Executive Committee responsible for history and in 2006/2007 he added responsibilities for Protocol to his portfolio. In 2008, and from 2010 to 2012, he again took on the Protocol duties. In 2009 he also became the Ottawa District representative on the HQ General Mess Executive Committee.

In May 2016, on behalf of His Excellency, David Johnston, the Governor General of Canada, Deputy Commissioner Kevin Brosseau presented the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers to Ian at a special ceremony at RCMP Headquarters in Ottawa. He was one of the first Canadians to receive it.

Among the contributions cited for Ian when he received the Medal was the creation of a Minor Hockey Program for youth in Prince Rupert, BC which, after five years, became competitive in British Columbia and Alberta.



Ian Cooper and his family, and Deputy Commissioner Kevin Brosseau on July 13 at RCMP Headquarters. More information and pictures at <http://www.rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca>.

For 20 years, Ian organized Ottawa Division Veteran volunteers to participate in the Annual Remembrance Day and the Odawa Dinner (First Nations Feast) which honoured aboriginal military veterans from across Canada.

His service to the Division Executive Committee was recognized, as was his support of the annual RCMP Sunset Ceremonies, and his co-ordination of transportation teams for out-of-town police officers and veterans who attended the National Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service on Parliament Hill each September.

Ian was born in Campbellton, NB and was a proud member of the RCMP serving from 1956-1994 in detachments across BC (18 years), and at RCMP HQ in Ottawa until retirement as a Staff Sergeant.

Ian is survived by his wife of 53 years, Hélaine, daughter Kim (Paul Keogh), son David (Joanna), and grandchildren (Kaitlyn, Dillon, and Anika).

*Compiled from information provided by: Joan Panich*



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## LAST POST - DERNIÈRE SONNERIE

REG. NO. RÉG.	NAME - NOM	DATE	PLACE / ENDROIT
19559	COOPER, Ian M.	Jan. 28	Ottawa, ON
29902	BELL, Gregory John	Jan. 21	Cornwall, ON
	SIMPSON, AL	Jan. 20	Winnipeg, MB
18461	STURROCK, Bruce David	Jan. 18	Camrose, AB
15865	BROWNLEE, Robert E.	Jan. 17	Spruce Grove, AB
21408	CONROD, Allen Manson	Jan. 13	St. John's, NL
	SUCHAN, Collin (serving Civilian Member at time of death)	Jan. 15	Ottawa, ON
	SLACK, William Edward (RCMP Subject Matter Expert on Air India Investigation)	Jan. 10	Kemptville, ON
28245	BALLENDINE, James Loui (Jim)	Jan. 9	Calgary, AB
21058	MacAULAY, Robert "Bob" Francis	Jan. 7	Ottawa, ON
14939	DAVISSON, James Gordon (Jim)	Jan. 5	East Selkirk, MB
19855	HAMM, Arthur Henry	Dec. 31	Nanaimo, BC
	ROY, Jeanne (spouse of Robert (Bob) Roy)	Dec. 27	Ottawa, ON
21042	LEWIS, E.A. "Gene"	Dec. 15	Oshawa, ON
15283	FISHER, Ian David	Dec. 14	Victoria, BC
	ROBERTS, Reverend Canon John (RCMP Chaplain - "O" Division)	Dec. 12	Mississauga, ON
15836	GUTTERIDGE, David F.	Dec. 11	Ottawa, ON
C/89	FOSTER, Helen Martha	Dec. 10	Ottawa, ON
14899	SLYKHUIS, Glen H.	Dec. 9	North Vancouver, BC
15467	KOKOTT, C.P. "Neil"	Dec. 9	Edmonton, AB



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REG. NO. RÉG.	NAME - NOM	DATE	PLACE / ENDROIT
14375	BARKER, William Kenneth	Dec. 7	Regina, SK
15081	MCLEAN, Paul Carl	Dec. 7	Ottawa ON
19211	COOPER, James W.	Dec. 2	Fort Saskatchewan, SK
18653	JENKIN, Terence (Terry) Clement	Nov. 26	Ottawa, ON
19857	LAMB, Glen Murray	Nov 26	Lethbridge AB
C/670	NORMAND, Georges	Nov. 26	Almonte, ON
16578	BONNER, Harold (Harry) Ernest	Nov. 23	Victoria, BC
22237	RICHARDS, T.H. "Tom"	Nov. 23	Victoria, BC
33649	VANDERPLOEG, Peter Ralph	Nov. 21	Surrey, BC
42570	WRIGHT, Donald William	Nov. 20	Winnipeg, MB
S/C	CHARRON, Maurice	Nov. 18	Gatineau PQ
16953	WINTERS, Lyndall Howard	Nov. 11	Ottawa, ON
15048	McALLISTER, Norman Rae	Nov. 7	
19441	LYTLE, Gary Brian	Nov. 6	Vancouver, BC
25281	COX. L.C.	Oct. 29	
35214	NAYLOR, V.L.	Oct. 27	Penticton, BC

### 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 the latest information, photos and a 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 avec les dernières informations, les photos et le calendrier des événements.



**Thoughtfulness and Good Cheer—**  
It is a Christmas tradition for the Ottawa Division. Every year members identify those who, because of illness or being shut in, could use a little extra holiday cheer. After recipients are identified, the basket contents are assembled, packed by volunteers (elves?) Karen Bélanger, Toni Roblee, Jackie Macdonald and Bobbie Timkoe and distributed with the best wishes of the Association. This year 48 baskets were delivered just a few weeks before Christmas.

*Photos: (Left, top and bottom) by Pierre Bélanger, (Below) Suzanne Sarault*





## Au revoir !

All good things must come to an end ... after four years I decided that with my goals accomplished, the time had come for me to step down as Director of Communications and to pass the torch.

There are so many things of which I am proud.

I am very proud I had the opportunity to serve on the Division Executive Committee (DEC). It was a privilege to have a voice at the table.

We have come a long way in the last four years.

Where once, all communications were done by a Director and a Webmaster, we now have a solid four-person team. We have also recruited volunteers for translation, and I am delighted that we are now more inclusive as we communicate in both English and French. New tools have also enhanced our products. Solid, efficient and timely communications are fundamental to any organization and the Ottawa Division is well served in this regard.

I sincerely thank the members of the communications team, Wendy Nicol, Ralph Mahar/Alison Straker and Gary Walkling and all volunteers who help the team

for their support, their collaboration and their great work.

It was an exciting and challenging time with a number of major events for the Division.

But the best part were the people; I reconnected with former colleagues; I made new friends; and I worked with many dedicated and committed volunteers. I met new colleagues at RCMP National Division and Headquarters, and experienced the invaluable support of our partners and advertisers.



I discovered community organizations such as the Ottawa-Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities, who prepare the mail-outs for The Spirit. They always made me smile with their warm welcome.

Yes, volunteering takes time and effort, but it is more than worthwhile when someone tells you what it means for them to get our news and to hear from us, especially for those who cannot actively participate any longer. To put a smile on someone's face, or to bring back fond memories, is what it is all about.

I may not be on the Executive Committee anymore but I will continue to support the Division. I am already assisting with some upcoming projects and I am sure others will come along that will keep me working with you. I am looking forward to it!

It is with great pride that I served as your Director of Communications and as a member of the Division Executive Committee. It was a memorable experience and I thank you all for your trust and your support.

Toute bonne chose a une fin ... après quatre ans et mes objectifs étant atteints, j'ai décidé que le moment était venu de quitter mes fonctions en tant que Directrice des communications et de passer le flambeau.

Il y a tellement de choses dont je suis fière. Je suis très fière d'avoir eu l'occasion de siéger au Comité exécutif de la division. C'était un privilège d'être une voix à la table.

Nous avons fait beaucoup de progrès au cours des quatre dernières années. Déjà, toutes les communications étaient faites par un directeur et un webmestre - maintenant, nous avons une solide équipe de quatre. Nous avons également recruté des bénévoles pour la traduction et je suis ravie que nous soyons plus inclusifs en communiquant en français et en anglais. De nouveaux outils ont aussi rehaussé nos produits. Une communication solide, efficace et opportune est fondamentale pour toute organisation et la division d'Ottawa est bien servie à cet égard.

Je remercie sincèrement les membres de l'équipe de communications : Wendy Nicol, Ralph Mahar/Alison Straker et Gary Walkling ainsi que tous les bénévoles qui aident l'équipe pour leur soutien, leur collaboration et leur excellent travail.



Ce fut une période passionnante et stimulante avec un certain nombre d'événements importants pour la division.

Mais ce qui fait la différence ce sont les gens; j'ai repris contact avec d'anciens collègues; je me suis fait de nouveaux amis, et j'ai travaillé avec plusieurs bénévoles dévoués et engagés. J'ai rencontré de nouveaux collègues à la Division nationale et au Quartier général de la GRC et j'ai constaté le soutien précieux de nos partenaires et annonceurs. J'ai aussi découvert des organismes communautaires comme l'Association Ottawa-Carleton pour les personnes ayant une déficience intellectuelle, qui prépare l'envoi postal pour le Spirit. Ils m'ont toujours fait sourire avec leur accueil si chaleureux. Oui, le bénévolat exige du temps et des efforts, mais il est plus que satisfaisant quand quelqu'un vous dit ce que cela signifie de recevoir de nos nouvelles et de rester en contact avec nous, surtout pour ceux et

celles qui ne peuvent plus participer activement. Mettre un sourire sur le visage de quelqu'un ou leur rappeler de bons souvenirs, c'est précieux et cela n'a pas de prix.

Je ne siège plus au Comité exécutif, mais je continuerai d'appuyer la division. D'ailleurs, je contribue déjà à certaines activités et d'autres s'ajouteront sûrement et me permettront de continuer à travailler avec vous. J'en suis ravie! Je suis très fière d'avoir été votre Directrice de communications et membre du Comité exécutif de la division. Ce fut une expérience mémorable et je vous remercie tous et toutes de votre confiance et de votre appui.

*Suzanne Sarault*



## May Golf Tournament will raise funds for Olympic Speed Skater

Olympic caliber Speed Skating may be an individual sport, but passion for going fast will only get you so far and Vincent De Haître, son of Ottawa Division member Denis De Haître, knows success requires a team that includes coaches, athletes, support staff, friends and family.

Vincent , who was recently named Ottawa's Male Athlete of the Year for 2016, is preparing to skate in the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, Korea and, to help fund his quest, a fundraising golf tournament will be held at the Camelot Golf and Country Club on May 29.

Vincent is not new to competition, both on the ice and on the cycling track. He has been on the 2014 Olympic Team for Long Track Speed Skating, on the 2014 Commonwealth Track Cycling Team and from 2013-2016 Vincent was a member of the Canadian National Speed Skating Team.

"Speed Skating, " Vincent says, "like many sports, is a full- time job and the work doesn't end when I get off the ice or when I make it home from a long bike ride. Most of my time spent at home is used to recover and prepare for the next training session, all while keeping

track of eating habits, sleep patterns, and keeping up social activities with a small circle of close friends. Vincent's web site is [www.vincentdehaitre.com](http://www.vincentdehaitre.com). To learn more about signing up for the golf tournament visit [www.rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca](http://www.rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca)

*Information and photo provided by: Denis and Lucille De Haître*



In its seventh year, Toys for the North, runs like a well-oiled machine, with volunteers dedicated to every step of the journey from the Toronto area into the hands of children in far northern regions of Canada.

The entire process requires fine-tuned collaboration between the key partners: Canadian Toy Association, Thomson Terminals, Royal Canadian Air Force, RCMP Newfoundland/Labrador, RCMP Ontario and the RCMP Veterans' Association (Toronto, Kingston and Ottawa Divisions) along with several private air service companies.

"Many of the communities where children receive toys are only accessible by air, making the transportation component of this endeavour the most challenging," said

RCMP Toys for the North Co-ordinator Insp. Chris McBryan. "We are so grateful to have the help of Thomson Terminals, the Canadian Air Force and others to help bring the toys to those isolated communities."

Toys were donated by corporate sponsors through the Canadian Toys Association, and by the public through drop boxes at RCMP Toronto area detachments. They were collected, sorted and packaged by RCMP volunteers and loaded onto a transport trailer truck to go to the Canadian Air Force Base in Trenton.

From there, when operationally feasible, they were flown to Goose Bay, NL and Thunder Bay, ON where more RCMP volunteers received, sorted, wrapped, and sent the toys to various remote communities in the Canadian North.

The RCMP, in partnership with Elders, councils and community leaders, identifies those communities most in need and distributes the toys to the various local agencies.

This year toys were delivered to the Ontario communities of Bearskin Lake, Sachigo Lake, North Caribou Lake, Poplar Hill, North Spirit Lake, Cat Lake and Fort Severn. In northern Newfoundland and Labrador toys were delivered to Nain, Hopedale,



Some happy recipients in Newfoundland and Labrador

Postville, Makkovik, Rigolet, and Black Tickle. RCMP Veterans volunteered at several Toys for the North events including the Canadian Toys Associations' reception in Ottawa, at Thomson Terminals in Toronto to sort and package toys, at Trenton Air Force Base for airlift and at RCMP Thunder Bay, ON and Goose Bay, NL detachments to prepare the toys for distribution.

"The RCMP Veterans are keen to contribute to efforts benefitting our communities. We look forward to ongoing collaboration with serving RCMP members and their partners on this and similar worthwhile projects" said RCMP veteran and Ottawa Division Second Vice- President Michel Pelletier.

Over the years, Toys for the North have made the holidays a little brighter by distributing more than \$420,000 worth of toys to children in Northern parts of Labrador, Manitoba, Nunavut, and Ontario.

"Big thanks to all of our partners and volunteers - Toys for the North would not be possible without the generosity, compassion and efforts of everyone involved – thank you!" Insp. McBryan said.

*Information and photos provided by/par :*

*Jean Turner, O" Division*

Maintenant à sa 7<sup>e</sup> année, l'initiative Jouets pour le Nord est bien rodée; elle compte sur des bénévoles à chaque étape du périple des jouets, depuis la région du Grand Toronto jusqu'entre les mains d'enfants habitant dans les communautés les plus reculées du Canada.

Tout ce processus nécessite une étroite collaboration entre les partenaires clés : L'Association canadienne du Jouet, Thomson Terminals, l'Aviation royale canadienne, la GRC à Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador, la GRC en Ontario et l'Association des anciens de la GRC (divisions de Toronto, Kingston et Ottawa), ainsi que quelques compagnies aériennes privées. «Bon nombre des communautés où nous apportons des jouets ne sont accessibles que par les airs, ce qui rend le volet transport le plus compliqué de cette initiative», a déclaré l'inspecteur Chris McBryan, coordonnateur de la GRC de l'initiative Jouets pour le Nord de 2016. «Nous sommes reconnaissants d'avoir l'aide de Thomson Terminals, de l'Aviation canadienne et d'autres intervenants pour apporter les jouets à ces communautés isolées.»

Les jouets sont des dons de sociétés commanditaires obtenus par l'intermédiaire de l'Association canadienne du Jouet et aussi du public grâce à des boîtes de dépôt placées dans les détachements de la GRC de la région de Toronto. Des bénévoles de la GRC ont recueilli les jouets, les ont triés et emballés, puis les jouets ont été placés dans un camion semi-remorque pour prendre la route de la base aérienne de Trenton.

De là, lorsque ce fut opérationnellement possible, ils ont pris la direction de Goose Bay, Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador, et de Thunder Bay en Ontario, où d'autres bénévoles de la GRC ont reçu les jouets, les ont triés et emballés, puis les ont envoyés vers diverses communautés éloignées dans le Nord.

En collaboration avec les aînés, les conseils et les dirigeants communautaires, la GRC détermine quelles communautés sont le plus démunies et remet les jouets aux divers organismes locaux pour aider à les distribuer.

Cette année, les jouets ont été livrés à Bearskin Lake, Sachigo Lake, North Caribou Lake, Poplar Hill, North Spirit Lake, Cat Lake et Fort Severn - des

communautés de l'Ontario. Des jouets ont également été distribués à Nain, Hopedale, Postville, Makkovik, Rigolet et Black Tickle – des communautés du Nord de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador.

Des anciens de la GRC ont donné de leur temps lors de plusieurs événements de Jouets pour le Nord, dont à la réception de L'Association canadienne du Jouet à Ottawa, à Thomson

Terminals à Toronto pour trier et emballer les jouets, à la base aérienne de Trenton pour le transport aérien ainsi qu'aux détachements de la GRC de Thunder Bay (Ontario), et de Goose Bay (Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador), afin de préparer les jouets pour leur distribution.

«Les anciens de la GRC sont heureux de contribuer aux efforts pour aider nos collectivités. Il nous fera plaisir de continuer à collaborer avec les membres actifs de la GRC et leurs partenaires dans le cadre de cette initiative et d'autres programmes semblables» a déclaré Michel Pelletier, un ancien de la GRC et second vice-président de l'Association des anciens de la GRC de la division d'Ottawa.

Au fil des années, l'initiative Jouets pour le Nord nous a permis de rendre les Fêtes un peu plus réjouissantes pour des enfants vivant dans des régions du Nord du Labrador, du Manitoba, du Nunavut et de l'Ontario en leur distribuant des jouets d'une valeur totalisant plus de 420 000 \$.

«Un gros merci à tous nos partenaires et nos bénévoles – l'initiative Jouets pour le Nord ne serait pas possible sans la générosité, la compassion et les efforts de toutes les personnes impliquées – merci! » a souligné l'inspecteur McBryan.



Sometimes you just need some help from a friend.



**Remembrance Day in Perth**—On Nov. 11, 2016, Perth and District RCMP Veterans took part in the morning parade, with Ken Sinclair placing a wreath at the Perth War Memorial on behalf of RCMP Veterans. After the ceremony participants, and a number with their wives, joined up at the Perth Royal Canadian Legion for some hot food, beverages and comradeship.

*Photo by/par: Bill Irwin*



**Perth Christmas Breakfast**—The ladies had a special table to themselves at the annual Perth and District RCMP Veterans Annual Christmas Breakfast.

*Photo by/Par: Bill Irwin*



### Perth and District Veterans annual Christmas breakfast

It was beautiful December morning when the Perth and District Veterans met for their usual last breakfast before Christmas, before many of the regulars head South.

Sporting traditional Christmas toques and seasonal spirit, 33 were in attendance.

Ches Banks won the Christmas turkey, Dave Holland won the free breakfast, Jack Manson won some honey donated by Ches Banks, and Mel Dillon won the 50/50 draw.

To celebrate the season, the regular waitress, Jennie, (who is soon to be a Grandmother) was given a Christmas gift of \$100 on behalf of the Veterans for her good service, friendliness and good nature over the last year.

The group aims to make 2017 a bumper year for those attending, including a growing number of the wives.

*Information from: Ed Rockburne  
Photos by: Bill Irwin*







There was an excellent turnout for the WIVES annual Christmas luncheon—36 ladies along with, for the first time, 12 husbands also attended. The men sat at a separate table, of course.

Following tradition Mr. and Mrs. Claus joined the group and helped with draws, awarding of gifts and other prizes.

*Information provided by : Joan Rud  
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### VETERANS HOUSE A MULTIFAITH HOUSING INITIATIVE

On April 30 at 2 pm, the RCMP Pipes, Drums and Dancers of National Division will hold its annual fundraiser, 'A Capital Celtic Concert', at Dominion-Chalmers Church, 355 Cooper St. at O'Connor. Partial proceeds this year will be directed to Veterans House.

Veterans House will target the needs of a rising number of homeless Veterans who are 'living rough' on the streets in Ottawa. There are estimated to be 2,400 homeless veterans across Canada and of those 320 are thought to be struggling to find their way in the National Capital Region.

Veterans House will include support services designed to meet the particular needs of homeless or precariously housed Veterans in the Ottawa area, which may include RCMP Veterans. The supportive 'housing first model' will help these individuals gain stable housing, and recover from health, mental health and addiction-related issues. It is designed to improve their overall quality of life, as well as the lives of their families.

The Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI) will own the Veterans House building and manage the property. Situated on the site of former CFB Rockcliffe Airbase, the building will comprise three floors of living space, one floor of communal space and a basement for administrative purposes.

MHI has raised roughly \$750,000 to date. Its application to the federal government to purchase the land for Veterans House (valued at \$2.75M) has been approved. MHI expect that construction will commence in 2017.  
[www.multifaithhousing.ca/veterans-house.html](http://www.multifaithhousing.ca/veterans-house.html)

Information  
from:  
Graham Muir



*Photo courtesy: Canadian Consulate*

### Hong Kong Diary

Standing atop the long flight of steps at Sai Wan War Cemetery, the RCMP Pipes & Drums (National Division) contingent stood to attention. More than 600 people gathered below awaiting the solemn ceremony to begin, and for dignitaries and veterans to be led to the cenotaph.

The four-man contingent consisted of Iain Tait, Charles Armstrong, Casey Cerson and Darryl Lim.

The principal mission was to honour the sacrifices of Canadian soldiers who fought and died in the defense of Hong Kong in December 1941.

The five-day itinerary was packed. The Sai Wan ceremony was the main event, but the contingent performed at five other venues including a Pass- Out Parade for a group of police constables and inspectors, performing with the Hong Kong Police Pipe Band and Silver Band at a local stadium, a 'show-and-tell' to students at the Canadian International School of Hong Kong, and attending a reception to honour the Veterans, hosted by the Vancouver-based Chinese-Canadian Military Museum Society.

A highlight was performing alongside the St. John's Cathedral Brass Band in a fundraising concert that raised CAD \$2,857 for the Royal Canadian Legion in Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Volunteers' Regimental Association. This was a sold-out success and more than 90 per cent of the attendees were Hong Kong locals who came to watch the RCMP Pipes & Drums!

*Information provided by: Darryl Lim*



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The fall Toronto Weekend Getaway was all encompassing: Hockey, Awards, Rewards and Recognition.

The highlight of the weekend was the official participation in the Hockey Hall of Fame (HHOF) Induction Ceremonies. The RCMP has participated in uniform at the induction ceremonies since the HHOF moved to its current location in 1993.

Fall inductees were Rogatien Vachon, Eric Lindros, Sergei Makarov and the late Pat Quinn, a long-time supporter of the RCMP and RCMP Veterans.

As part of the ceremonies Ottawa Division Second Vice-President, Michel Pelletier, carried the induction documents and led the induction march, with a piper from the Toronto Police services Pipe and Drum Band. He was followed into the ceremony by Pat Quinn's daughter Kalli, and the other inductees.

Most Canadians will remember Pat as a player, coach, General Manager, and, notably, Team Canada's coach when the team won Canada's first Hockey Gold Medal in 50 years at the Winter Olympics in 2002.

RCMP Veterans will remember Pat as a guest speaker

at Regimental/Dining-in Dinners, conferences and through donations to the Mounted Police Foundation. The RCMP Commissioner designated Pat an "Honourary Member" of RCMP Messes.

Pat was an initial supporter of the "RCMP Veterans Annual Golf Tournament" and donated, through the Toronto Maple Leafs, a "Toronto Weekend Getaway" that included accommodations, dinner and tickets to the Leafs/Senators game. The Leafs have continued the tradition by providing the package as one of the major prizes at the annual golf tournament, now the RCMP Veterans/Denniston Bone Marrow Classic, and Via Rail provides the transportation. The 2016 Leafs' weekend was won by Marc Pigeon.

Another major prize given out at the golf tournament is a special invitation to the Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Weekend, including tickets to an HHOF All-Star hockey game and to the Induction Ceremonies.

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This year's winner was Ottawa Division Member Alex Geddes, and his wife Bev. The Geddes' travelled to Toronto, and back, on Via Rail with HHOF Ottawa 67s Coach and G.M. Brian Kilrea and his wife. The Kilrea's daughter was formerly a Member of the RCMP so they were able to share many hockey and RCMP stories.

The official program for the weekend also included Michel's participation in the on-ice Honour Guard for the HHOF Legends hockey game. Many Veterans will recall member Will Stefurek, who was stationed in Drug Enforcement at HQ Ottawa. His son, S/Sgt. Glen Stefurek, now in "O" Division, accompanied

Michel at Centre Ice and at the Induction Ceremony. Kalli Quinn was presented with a HHOF blazer at the game.

While in Toronto Michel took the opportunity to recognize long-time supporters of the golf tournament by presenting Certificates of Appreciation to representatives of the Toronto Maple Leafs and of the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Plan to participate in this year's golf tournament at Hylands Golf Club on Sept. 11.

*Information and Photos Provided by : Second Vice-President Michel Pelletier*

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President Michel Seguin and (former) Membership Director Barry Thomas welcomed two new members to the ODVA at the December meeting. They are: Louis Chamberland (Reg. # 36793) and Frances Van Den Enden who recently retired from the RCMP Headquarters Survey Centre.

### Annual Black Hat Mess Dinner, Royal Canadian Armoured Corps

Ottawa Division Past- President Graham Muir had the pleasure of attending the annual 'Black Hat Mess Dinner' of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps at Ottawa's Army Officers' Mess with his good friend, C/Supt. (Retired) Gord Finck, on Dec. 1, 2016.

The 'black hat' refers to the distinctive black beret worn by all regiments of the Canadian Armoured Corps. The history of the Corps, of course, predates armoured vehicles and invokes memories of an era when men went to war on horseback.

Graham was very pleased to make the acquaintance of young officers of Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) who understood that their regimental lore tracked back to the North West Mounted Police; to (then) Colonel Sam Steele; and to their deployment as part of Canadian Expeditionary Force(s) to 'the Boer War' in South Africa, 1900-02.

As retired members, and RCMP Veterans, Graham and Gord were honoured to be a part of the evening and to be welcomed by members of Canada's serving armed forces as one of 'the extended regimental family'.



Graham Muir and Gord Finck with their host for the evening, LCol Bernie Ciarroni, Past President of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps Association and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of the Royal Canadian Hussars, Montreal. The saddles and tack connecting the past to present were a particularly classy touch!

*Information and photo provided by:*

*Graham Muir*



## Membership dues for 2017

Membership fees for 2017 were due on December 31st, 2016. The fees are \$60 for Members and \$38 for Associate Members.

As approved at DEC and discussed at the RGM in December, members who pay their dues from January 1st on, are charged a \$10 administration fee. As of March 15, the Ottawa division communication products such as the Spirit and our regular electronic information bulletins will be suspended for those who have not paid their 2017 dues.

Your timely payment is essential to help us plan and budget for a year of activities. We also hope to alleviate the work of DEC members who have to deal with dues in arrears throughout the year. Thank you.

## Frais de cotisation pour 2017

Les frais de cotisation devaient être payés au 31 Décembre. Les taux sont les mêmes que l'an passé soit 60 \$ pour les membres et 38 \$ pour les membres associés.

Tel qu'approuvé par DEC et discuté à la RGM en décembre, des frais d'administration de 10 \$ sont appliqués pour ceux et celles qui paient leur cotisation à compter du 1er janvier. Au 15 mars 2017, les produits de communications de la division d'Ottawa tels que le Spirit et les bulletin d'information réguliers seront suspendus pour ceux et celle qui n'auront pas payé leur frais de cotisation pour 2017.

Votre paiement en temps opportun est essentiel pour la planification et la budgétisation des activités pour l'année. Aussi, nous espérons alléger le travail des membres du Comité exécutif qui doivent gérer les retards de paiement tout au cours de l'année. Merci.

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You can pay at an RGM on every second Tuesday of the month or you can mail your cheque made out to  
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If you have questions on this or any other issue, please email us at [vetsottdiv@rogers.com](mailto:vetsottdiv@rogers.com) or call Don Harrison, Director of Membership at 613-235-5716.

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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  
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Si avez des questions à ce sujet ou toute autre initiative, veuillez nous écrire à [vetsottdiv@rogers.com](mailto:vetsottdiv@rogers.com) ou téléphonez Don Harrison, Directeur de l'Adhésion au 613-235-5716.

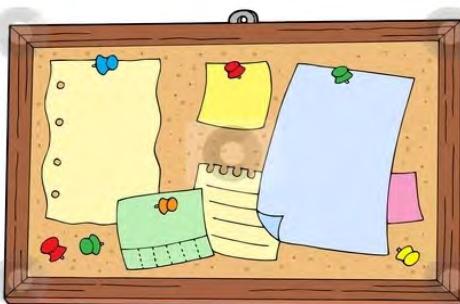


If you require a ride to one of our breakfast, lunch or coffee club meetings, please contact me by email ([eastenders@sympatico.ca](mailto:eastenders@sympatico.ca)) or 613-824-4359. If I cannot pick you up myself, I will make arrangements for one of our members to pick you up and return you to your home.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

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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](http://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](mailto: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, Réjean Ouellette at [ottawarcmpvetservices@gmail.com](mailto:ottawarcmpvetservices@gmail.com) or 613-745-5058

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](http://rcmp-grcvetsottawa.ca) et nos **bulletins électroniques réguliers** que vous recevez dans vos courriels.

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

**Malade, hospitalisé ou confiné**

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

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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.



**Contact: Réjean Ouellette**  
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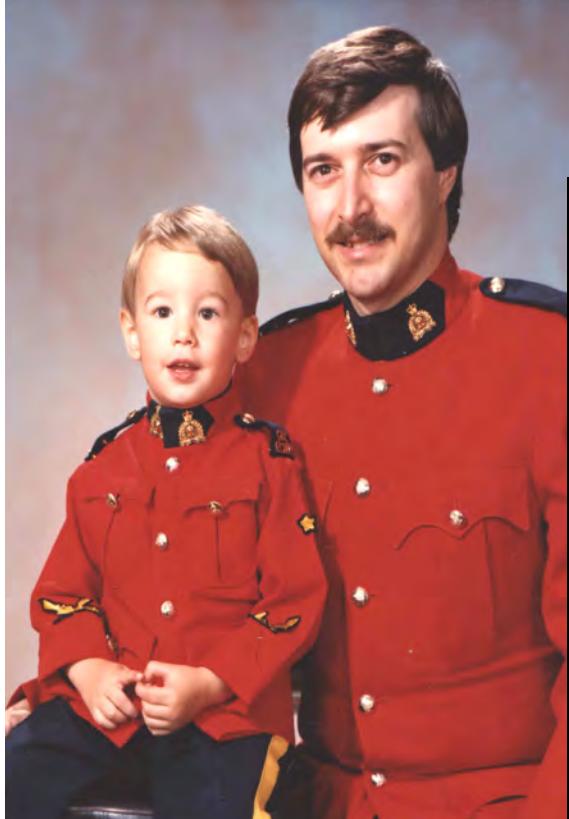


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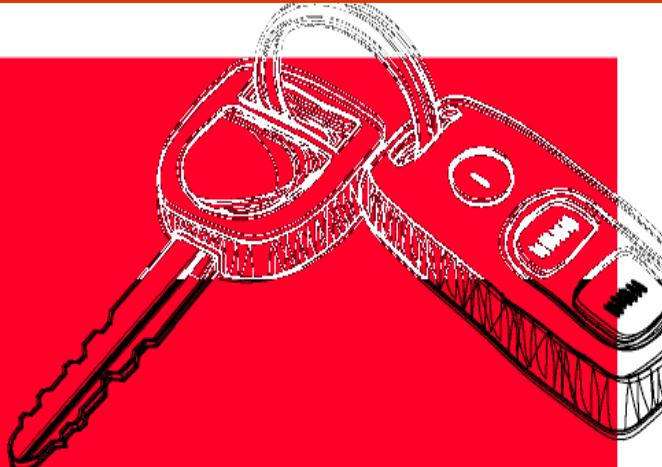
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