



R.C.M.P. VETERANS' ASSOCIATION  
OTTAWA DIVISION

## HISTORY

*1947 to Present*

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THE RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION  
OTTAWA DIVISION

1. The Present

The Ottawa Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association is made up of retired members living mainly in Eastern Ontario and Quebec. The Division holds regular meetings in the Senior NCO's Mess, L.H. Nicholson Building, Vanier Parkway, Ottawa, on the second Tuesday of January, February, March, April, June, October and November. The May function is the annual dinner and dance to which the Division invites the Commissioner and other dignitaries. The Division usually holds its annual general meeting on the same night as the regular meeting in March. The executive, which consists of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, meets every month except July and August. Members in the following positions also attend the Executive Committee Meetings:

Chairperson Services

Chairperson Financial Assistance

Chairperson Membership

Chairperson Stores

Chairperson Entertainment

Chairperson Division Bulletin

Chairperson Special Project(s)

Immediate Past President (Ex-officio)

The Division has bylaws and it has revised them periodically, with the last revision being in 1995. It has a Wives Association. The Division's newsletter, Vets' News, is published every two months from September/October to May/June. The Division does not have its own distinct lapel pin.

## The Past

June 2, 1947

Edward Carroll (#9154), chair of a working committee to organize a Division of the RNWMP Veterans' Association for the Ottawa area, wrote to #4870, James Oliver Fripps, the Association's President and asked for assistance in forming a Division, as 130 ex-members lived in the Ottawa area.

June 7, 1947

Fripps wrote to Frank Cook (#6009), Secretary Treasurer of the working committee and informed him that they needed ten or more members to form a new Division. If they met this criterion, he should forward a request to Julien Nash (#4762) Calgary, the new President of the Association or to Geoffrey Edward Blake (#4016) the new Secretary.

June 13, 1947

Blake sent Cook a copy of the Association's Constitution and informed him to submit written application and say the number of members interested in forming a Division in Ottawa.

June 17, 1947

Cook sent Blake an application for form a Division at Ottawa. It had the support of fifty ex-members who decided to form a division at a dinner meeting held on June 3.

June 19, 1947

Blake sent Cook a telegram which stated the President had approved a new Division for the Ottawa area, subject to ratification by the Association's Executive Committee. Ottawa would be known as "C" Division. Blake told Cook that the Division should hold a formation meeting and then supply the name of the officers to the Executive Committee. Blake then forwarded a letter confirming what he had said in the telegram and suggested several other things that the new Division should take into consideration.

June 19, 1947

Nash notified all divisions of the Association about the formation of "C" Division.

June 26, 1947

The following motion made by Comrade F.G. Baxter (#12997) and seconded by Comrade Jesse Silvey Jarman (#4563) of the Executive Committee was carried unanimously:

That an application standing in the name of Mr. E. Carroll, of the City of Ottawa, Ontario, requesting permission to proceed with the organization of a Division of this Association in the City of Ottawa be approved; that the distinguishing letter of the said Division shall be "C" and that all action by the Dominion President up to the present day, in respect of this said application, be, and herby, ratified.

June 27, 1947

Blake wrote to Cook and informed him of what had taken place on June 26; Nash countersigned the letter.

July 16, 1947

Thirty-seven ex-members attended the first meeting of the newly formed "C" Division. Edward Carroll was in the Chair and became the first president of the division. The other members of the Executive Committee were:

#9135 Andrew Whetstone Vice President

#6009 Frank Cook Secretary Treasurer

#5730 Denison Wilson Committee Member

#5476 Harry J. Soame Committee Member

#9121 Oscar Gagnon Committee Member

#9103 John R. Heeney Committee Member

They held the meeting in the Band Room of the Justice Building Annex. John Kidd (#9221) moved and Samuel Cookson (#3434) seconded a motion to thank "A" Division for its \$50 donation toward the start of "C" Division. The motion was carried. The members set dues at \$2 per month for the remainder of 1947. The minutes of the meeting concluded with the statement - "Due to a number of men having to report for duty with the Corps of Commissionaires and the weather being so hot, our meeting closed".

November 27, 1959

The Dominion Executive issued a charter at "C" Division was established on June 3, 1947. Nothing was found in the records to account for the discrepancy on the charter, for the date that the Division was established.

March 17, 1960

Honorable David Fulton, the Minister of Justice, presented President Stanley Gumm with "C" Division's official charter. This was done in conjunction with the presentation of diplomas to the 38th Graduation Class of the RCMP College, as well as Long Service and Good Conduct Medals. Veteran J.E. 'Teddy' Margetts (#7373), who was in the eighties, attended the ceremony.

Presidents Year Reg. No. Name Service in Mounted Police (day/month/year)

1947	9154	Edward Carroll	01-02-20 - 15-05-45
1949	9135	Andrew Whetstone	01-02-20 - 26-12-45
1952	R1097	William John Martin	Records destroyed by RCMP
1953	9071	Larence Reddy	01-02-20 - 31-05-41
1954	9135	Andrew Whetstone	01-02-20 - 26-12-45
1954	9702	Stanley Gumm	06-12-20 - 04-04-37
1963	13049	D.N. 'Don' Cassidy	29-10-38 - 16-05-61
1964	11717	H.C. 'Henry' Sandrock	01-04-32 - 21-06-57
1966	14455	Mitch Owens	07-04-42 - 07-11-63
1967	10810	Douglas J. Heath	21-05-30 - 15-12-51
1969	12888	John K. Phillips	01-09-37 - 26-12-63

1970	9476	John E.T. Smaridge	11-10-20 - 30-09-53
1972	13138	Ivan Rolstone	29-12-38 - 16-01-65
1974	13512	Philip Carter	05-07-40 - 03-10-65
1976	13340	Nigel F. Rodda	09-04-40 - 29-12-73
1977	15970	John Ewashko	02-11-49 - 13-06-75
1979	13512	Phil Carter	05-07-40 - 03-10-65
1980	13852	T.W. 'Bill' Raby	02-01-41 - 20-02-67
1981	18599	V.A. 'Vern' Coburn	22-03-54 - 03-07-78
1984	14209	C.E. 'Larry' Gaines	09-07-41 - 23-11-74
1986	18324	A.L. 'Allen' Peters	08-09-53 - 13-12-77
1988	18145	A.G. 'Andy' Anderson	30-03-53 - 20-08-78
1990	15794	D.A. 'Dave' Lehman	30-05-49 - 31-05-84
1992	12402	J.R. 'Ray' McFarland	30-06-34 - 22-07-61
1993	15067	B.H.M. 'Harry' Armstrong	03-09-47 - 02-09-76
1995	12402	J.R. 'Ray' McFarland	20-06-34 - 22-07-61
1996	17369	A.D.C. 'Dan' Carroll	01-08-51 - 22-06-89
1997	17701	J.H. 'Jim' Maloney	29-04-52 - 28-04-87
1998	24062	J.R. 'John' Thomas	30-06-65 - 30-04-68 & 21-07-68 - 16-07-84

#### Location of Meetings

Ottawa Division has held R.G.M.'s at many locations since 1947. The first meeting place was the RCMP Band Room at the Justice Building Annex. The Division met there until October, 1951, except for a meeting held at the Morrison-Lamothe Recreation Hall on April 12, 1950. Meetings then moved to The Bridge Club, Cavendish Cafe, Sparks Street and were there from October, 1951 to September, 1954 except for a meeting at Brading Breweries on October 15, 1952. The Division held meetings at the Army, Navy and Air Force Club Rooms, 199 Queen Street, from January to May, 1955, "A" Division, Spadina Barracks to May 1957, except for a return to the Army, Navy and Air Force Club Rooms for several months during 1956; the Composite Mess, and Wallis House from September, 1957 to September, 1964 except in December, 1963, where the meeting was held at the Provost Corps Mess, Laurier Avenue, No. 9 Transport Co. Sergeants' Mess, Bank and Catherine Streets in 1964; .R.A Member's Lounge from 1966 to January, 1977; the Auditorium, Canadian Police College from February, 1977 to November, 1978 and finally the Senior NCO's Mess at Headquarters. In 1991, two meetings were held in the Auditorium at the Canadian Police College.

## Membership

Year	Members (all categories)	Year	Members (all categories)
1947	60	1976	246
1951	98	1979	277
1952	118	1981	290
1963	186	1982	213
1964	225	1983	211
1965	200	1985	418
1966	226	1986	422
1968	237	1987	421
1969	223	1989	462
1970	226	1990	493
1971	208	1991	481
1973	212	1998	747

## Some Annual Highlights

1947

On September 24, the Division started singing "God Save the King" at the end of its meetings.

On November 28, the Division informed Sgt. George Stanley Howard (#11773), Editor of the RCMP Quarterly magazine that it was making him the Division's first Honorary member.

On December 3, the Division held its first smoker in the Governor General's Foot Guards Mess at the Drill Hall. The admission fee was twenty-five cents and each veteran had the privilege to bring one guest. The event produced a surplus of \$1.50.

1949

The Division held its first annual dinner at the Ottawa Hotel on June 2, with Commissioner and Mrs. S.T. Wood attending.

The Secretary-Treasurer was authorized to rent a typewriter for the period of February 10 to March 10, at a cost of \$4.00.

1950

At a regular general meeting (R.G.M.) on February 8, the members decided to hold off having a dance until the Lenten season was over.

Joseph O'Brien (#9126), the Secretary-Treasurer, read out the names of eighteen members who had not paid their 1949 dues at an R.G.M. following Section 12(c) of the Constitution. It was then moved by the Secretary-Treasurer and seconded by George Frederick Hart (#9069) that they be suspended from the Association. The motion was carried.

The Division held a supper and dance on April 27 at the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps Barracks. This was the Division's first mixed social.

The members of the Division were offered a reduced railway fare to attend the Calgary Stampede.

The first annual dinner/dance for members and their wives was held at the Alexandra Hotel in November. The price was \$2.00 per person.

1951

At a January meeting, fourteen members were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The Comptroller of Revenue for the Province of Ontario, at the request of the Division, exempted the Division from paying the Hospital Tax on the cost of meals at the annual dinner at the Chateau Laurier on May 1. The price of the dinner was set at \$3.00, which was a 50% increase over the previous year. The Entertainment Committee restricted the number of tickets for the dinner to sixty. The Division applied for and received exemption in subsequent years, while the tax was in effect.

1952

At an R.G.M. on November 26, the members agreed that the Division should vote against a motion that would be made at the Association's Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) that members purchase and wear berets.

Dues were \$2.00 per year.

1953

On March 15, the Division held a Concert and Movie at the Capital Theatre. Commissioner L.H. Nicholson opened the event. The Band played a selection of pieces and then they showed three movies. They were *File 1365*, also known as *The Connor's Case*; *Making Mounties* and *Canadian Crime Busters*. The initial request to hold the event, which was made to the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada at Toronto, was not approved until the Division clarified whether it was going to charge an admission fee. The Lord's Day Act of Canada forbid any charges, direct or indirect. Admission had to be free, but the Division could take up a collection of voluntary donations. After the Division clarified that it would not sell tickets, the Alliance gave its approval. A total of \$502.52 was collected of which \$202.50 went toward expenses and \$300.02 went for charitable purposes. The Division held a similar event the following year.



1954

Stanley Gumm (#9702) was elected President and held this for a record nine years. Gumm's entire service was spent at Ottawa as an instructor. He was promoted to Corporal on December 1, 1931. He died on February 19, 1968 at St. Catherines, Ontario.

At an R.G.M. Andrew Whetstone reminded members of a remark made by Commissioner Nicholson at the Concert and Movie the previous year. The Commissioner called the Division "The Spirit of the Force". It was moved by Whetstone and seconded by Robert W. Little (#5954) that the Division adopt this as its motto. The motion was carried.

1956

On January 20, the members approved buying twelve arms bands from the Dominion Secretariat.

The members agreed at a meeting on February 13, that the Division should have an Obituary Committee to arrange for representation at all funerals of members of the Division.

At the invitation of "M" Division, Montreal, members of the Division attended a joint meeting with "M" Division on April 27. Sleeping accommodations were available at "C" Division HQ for members who did not want to return to Ottawa after the meeting.

On August 25, President Stanley Gumm appointed a Special Committee of members of "C" Division under chair Andrew Whetstone. Its terms of reference were to examine all material received by the Division on a controversy between "A" Division (Vancouver) and the Dominion Headquarters and to provide its comments. The controversy dealt with "A" Division's nonpayment of per-capita dues for 1955 and the Division's failure to comply with a demand for payment. The dispute involved grants made by "A" Division's Scarlet and Gold magazine to all divisions. The report supported the action taken by the Dominion President in the controversy. It also pleased "for a greater understanding of good-fellowship and welfare of the Association rather than the comforts of dollars and cents. At the Division's R.G.M. on November 16, the President reported that the matter between "A" Division and the Dominion Headquarters had been resolved and "A" Division was in good standing.

1958

The Division made Commissioner L.H. Nicholson (retired) an Honorary Life Member.

1960

The Division established a Membership Committee of six members under Henry Sandrock.

1961

At an R.G.M. on October 27, the members discussed setting up a Ladies Auxiliary in Ottawa Division. Nothing further was done on the matter. (See 1966 and 1983)

1964

Life memberships were to be given to members of "C" Division who had reached eighty years of age. On November 10, 1970, the age was changed to seventy-five, because the goal was more attainable.

The Executive decided that members who were in arrears with their dues could pay them off in instalments with no interest or carrying charges.

A committee formed to revise the By-laws of Ottawa Division devoted a considerable amount of time discussing the annual dues. Recommendations ranged from \$2 to \$5.

1965

The President wrote the C.O. "A" Division and requested that regular members participate at the funerals of veterans - (1) at the funeral home on the day before the funeral and (2) on the day of the funeral. Deputy Commissioner Lindsay replied and said that he was unable to authorize any change to existing procedures. The procedures were that the Sergeant Major, either at Headquarters or "A" Division, would contact the next-of-kin and, if the family wishes and circumstances permitted, two members would attend the funeral.

The use of the word "Comrade", when referring to members of the Association, was to be left to the policy of each Division. In 1968, at an R.G.M., the members agreed that the word "Member" would be used as a form of address, when such was found necessary.

The Commissioner authorized the Division to use Long Island Summer Camp for socials.

The Governor General, the R.H. Georges Vanier, presented the Division with a copy of the Canadian Flag that the Government of Canada was retiring with the adoption of a new flag.

A veteran could purchase a blazer at Tip Top Tailors for \$37.50, the crest cost \$9.00.

At the March meeting, the members approved a policy to present Association lapel pins to new members.

1966

The Division held a discussion of the formation of a Woman's Auxiliary, but nothing was decided.

Ottawa Division was host to its first Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) on behalf of the Association. The Governor General, The Right Honourable Georges Vanier, attended an informal luncheon held during a recess of the business meeting.

1967

The Division held a Centennial Garden Party at Long Island.

The Division's name was changed from "C" Division to Ottawa Division in May.

At an R.G.M. the members discussed the formation of a Ladies Auxiliary, but took no action.

1968

The Division's budget was \$1,298 and its net worth was \$827.73 (cash on hand and in the bank - \$313.91, assets - \$901.91 and liabilities - \$74.18).

Twenty members of the Division helped at Miles for Millions checkpoints in April.

1969

On February 11, it was reported to the members at an R.G.M. that a desk owned by the Division had been turned in for a locked cabinet.

The Guest Speaker at the Annual Dinner on May 24 was the Rt. Hon. John G. Diefenbaker.

1970

On March 10, Walter Uhryniw (#15272), Chair of the Entertainment Committee, announced at R.G.M. for the remainder of the year, there would be a story telling period at each meeting. The person whom the members felt had told the best story that night was A.R.D. 'Asa' McNeely (#9631). They gave him a mug handcrafted by Danny Cook (#11429).

At the R.G.M. on June 13, President John Smaridge announced that they would hold a draw that evening and at all R.G.M.'s after that, and two prizes would be given out. Samuel 'Lofty' Stewart (#9572), a member of the Division visiting from Golden Lake, Ontario, drew the winning tickets. The winners were Ed Cosstick (#13437) and E. Janes (#12850). They each won three free car washes. The proceeds from the draw amounted to \$20.50. Future meetings saw prizes such as maple syrup; six months membership for two persons at Vic Tanney's Health Spa; a bottle in a brown bag; and baskets containing three bushels of apples.

1973

The members agreed at an R.G.M. to establish a building fund as a project for the RCMP Centennial, so that at sometime in the future, Ottawa Division could purchase its own building. The Division asked Dominion Headquarters for the \$200 grant that it was giving divisions to help their Centennial projects. They did not approve the request because a building fund did not fall under the intent of the original resolution passed by the Dominion Executive Headquarters. At an R.G.M. in February, 1974, Henry Sandroock donated \$100 to start the fund. At the same meeting Doug Heath, Chair of the Building Fund Committee, reported that his Committee needed guidelines for the fund's operation. J.A. 'Jules' Couillard (#12049), chair of the Constitution Committee, agreed to prepare draft guidelines. On November 12, 1974, the members at an R.G.M. approved the "Report of Committee on Guidelines to Centennial Building Fund Committee". The Division Bulletin, dated April 30, 1975, included wording that a member could add to his Last Will and Testament in the event he would like to leave the Fund some money. The Executive deactivated the Committee during 1981, because Ottawa Division was sponsoring the Association's Annual General Meeting. The Committee was reactivated in 1982, but has not operated for many years.

1974

At the April meeting it was moved and seconded that fines be levied against members not wearing their Association Lapel Pin at an R.G.M. During subsequent discussion the member agreed that the fine should range between twenty five and fifty cents and the proceeds put in the Building Fund. This order of dress would not go into effect until after they published it in the bulletin and all members had an opportunity to obtain a pin. The carried the motion and published the requirement to wear the pin.

1976

They authorized civilian members to join the Association on retirement.

They undertook the following projects and raised funds for the Centennial Building Project - (1) Ken Goodrich (#14847) made folding lawn chairs that the members sold for \$30 each; (2) the members sold Christie's Mixed Biscuits.

1978

On September 24, members of Ottawa Division participated in the first annual memorial service for police officers and prison guards killed in the line of duty. The Ottawa Police Department organized the Services until 1996, when the Canadian Police Association Service took over responsibility for the event. The Division has participated in the event since 1978.

The President announced they would give veterans, who were more than sixty-five years of age, a Life Membership at the RCMP Summer Camp at Long Island. Veterans interested would have to apply to the C.O. "HQ" Division, or to the Camp Superintendent.

1981

Ottawa Division held the Association's Annual General Meeting from May 22 to 24.

1982

At an R.G.M. on November 9, the members agreed to donated twelve to fifteen 15 pound turkeys to the Salvation Army.

1983

Ottawa Division gave the wives of members of Ottawa Division \$500 to start a Wives' Association. The new Association, known at Wonderful Intelligent Vital Enthusiastic Spouses (WIVES), held its first meeting on January 10, 1983 and twenty-one wives attended.

At an R.G.M. on April 12, Chuck Coates (15833) reported that he had a complete set of RCMP Quarterly magazines. The members agreed the set should be bound and kept in the Sergeant's Mess and that all future issues should be bound. The covers should be blue with gold lettering.

John Smaridge was an honorary pallbearer at the funeral of Life Member, Commissioner L.H. Nicholson (retired).

1984

The Division purchased a walnut bookcase, in which to store to bound volumes of the RCMP Quarterly, that were kept in the Sergeant's Mess at "HQ".

On March 30, R.M. 'Ray' Stunden (#15333), W.A. 'Bill' Arnold (#16652), G.D. 'Don' Humphrey (#17811) and R.A. 'Bob' Vaughan (#15320) donated a scale model of the R.C.M.P. Schooner "St. Roch" to the National Museum of Science and Technology. Ray Stunden had spent six years building the model but due to illness, he requested that Bill Arnold, the model maker at the Museum, put the finishing touches on the model before it was presented to the Museum. The above Veterans; Museum personnel; two members who had sailed on the "St. Roch"; the daughter and grandson of Superintendent Henry Larsen and the family of Ray Stunden attended the presentation.

1986

S/Sgt. Jim Lawson (#16788) who had received \$10,000 in an RCMP Suggestion Award Program, gave \$1,000 to Ottawa Division Veterans' Association to be used for the good of Veterans and their families. The Division was to invest the money and use the interest for this purpose. The principal was not to be used unless extremely necessary.

On October 14, Astronaut Bob Thirsk gave a talk and showed a movie on the interplanetary exploration program.

The Division purchased an RCMP Veterans' guidon for \$658.00.

1987

At the A.G.M. for 1986, President Al Peters presented Ray McFarland with a plaque for seven years service as Treasurer. Ray had decided to leave the position for personal reasons.

A contingent of Ottawa Division Veterans attended the dedication of Henry Larsen Elementary School.

1988

On April 27, the Executive authorized the Treasurer to invest the following Division Funds in Guaranteed Investment Certificates:

Building Fund - \$25,000 (25/33 of the investment's total value)

General Fund - \$ 7,000 (7/33 of the investment's total value)

Lawson Fund - \$ 1,000 (1/33 of the investment's total value)

1989

Ottawa Division members Pat Dunleavy (#18449) and Don Humphrey (#17811) went to Namibia, in connection with elections being held there, under contract with the United Nations (UNTAG).

1990

The Division Executive agreed at a meeting on April 25 that the sale of belts, pins, berets, etc., should be brought under the control of one member for purchases and sales.

On October 9, Mrs. James Wake donated a Pall to Ottawa Division in memory of her late husband, James Wake (#14084). The Pall was dark blue silk, with two red stripes and the Veterans' badge. Dr. Allan Churchill (#18402), RCMP and Ottawa Division Chaplain (Protestant), conducted the ceremony. He and Rev. Carl Wake, James' son, dedicated the Pall.

The Acting Officer in Charge, Compensation Branch, advised that the issue of Identification Cards had been extended to members who had retired on, or after, June 30, 1988.

1991

On August 22, Leslie J. Bennet, a member of Ottawa Division who lived in Australia, requested assistance to help clear him of allegations that he had been a Soviet spy. This fell under the Associations' objectives and the Division Executive approved the request. They felt that Bennett's physical and social welfare had suffered because of unproven allegations that he was an operative of a foreign intelligence agency and the publicity that resulted from those allegations.

Following research by Dave Lehman from February, 1992 to March, 1993, and the intervention of the CBC TV program "The 5th Estate" the Solicitor General, On March 31, 1993, made a statement in the House of Commons clearing Bennett of any wrongdoing.

Florence Gaines donated \$500 to the Division in memory of her husband, Larry Gaines. The money was to be used for worthy causes. In order to issue a receipt for tax purposes, the money was deposited in the Benefit Trust Fund (B.T.F). controlled by the Dominion Executive. In future, when Ottawa Division obtained a grant for an individual from the Fund, it could inform the recipient that a donation to B.T.F. in memory of Larry Gaines, helped in the approval of the grant.

The Division lent the Dominion Secretariat \$8,000 for six months. The money was to be used toward \$25,000 needed to reproduce and market copies of the cassette titled "The RCMP Band on Parade". The Secretariat repaid the loan by giving the Division 500 cassettes, at cost, to sell (\$3,500) and, at the end of six months, \$4,500 cash, plus interest.

1992

The Division held its first annual golf tournament at Pineview Golf Course. Eric Rostron (PS #4604) was Chair of the committee that organized the event. In later years, this became a charity tournament.

1993

The Executive Committee appoint Dan Carroll as Chair of a committee, of his choosing, to prepare for Ottawa Division hosting the Association's 1999 Annual General Meeting.

The "HQ" Division Senior NCO's Mess donated \$500 to Ottawa Division to provide comforts to members of the division who were ill or confined to their homes.

The Division purchased a carved wooden badge of the Association for \$100, to be hung in the Senior NCO's Mess.

Pat Dunleavy, under contract with the United Nations (UNTAC), went to Cambodia in connection with elections being held there.

Don Kilpatrick (#23950), under contract with the United Nations Civilian Police (UNCIVPOL), went to Croatia in December, 1993 and remained there until June, 1994.

1994

Eight members of the Division, under contract with the United Nations Observer Mission to South Africa (UNOMSA), went to South Africa as election observers. They were Henry Jensen (#17842), Ron Sparkes (#19149), Bob Keeble (#18189), Pat Dunleavy, Roy Hoban (#18574), Dave Lehman, Fred Pinnock (#17191) and Frank Korycan (#17947).

Don Kilpatrick went to Ecuador, from September to November, under contract in connection with a United Nations Drug Control Program.

1995

Don Kilpatrick, under contract with the United Nations Conference on the Former Yugoslavia (UNICFY), went to Serbia.

1996

Fred Winters (#22609), Don Kilpatrick, Ross Shorthill (#22049) and Paul Martin (#20012), under contract with the United Nations International Police Task Force, went to Sarajevo in June, 1996 and remained there until June, 1997.

Thirty-five to forty Veterans, including some wives, helped the security program at the Royal Bank's Figure Skating Championships under Superintendent C. Gallant, who was responsible for security.

The Division took over responsibility for the annual inspection of the graves of deceased member in the Ottawa area. The first inspection covered the graves of thirty-eight deceased members in twelve cemeteries in National Capital Region, and included a grave at Gracefield, Quebec.

During the summer, at the Canadian Police College and at many communities where the Musical Ride performed in Ontario and Quebec, several members of Ottawa Division and their wives operated a Kiosk that sold licensed RCMP imaged goods. The profit was shared by the Mounted Police Foundation and Ottawa Division.

The Division donated \$100 to the Crime Stoppers Program and \$200 to Long Island Summer Camp for the Camp's Adopt-A-Cabin program.

1997

S.H. 'Fred' Schultz (#19256) went to Haiti in January and February, to develop a business plan to provide assistance to the Haitian Police Force.

The Division donated:

- 1) A complete set of RCMP Quarterly magazines to Lethbridge University for research purposes.
- 2) Two hundred dollars to the Manitoba Flood Relief fund.
- 3) Two hundred dollars to Long Island Summer Camp for the camps's Adopt-A-Cabin program.

1998

S.H. 'Fred' Schultz went to Haiti from January to December as an advisor to the Haitian Police Force.

Don Kilpatrick, under contract in connection with a United Nations Drug Control Program, went to Bolivia in June and July.

Ken Goodrich was presented with the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award at the Associations' A.G.M. for his longstanding work for Ottawa Division and, previously, with the Boy Scouts of Canada. The Dominion Executive had earlier asked each division to submit the name of one candidate for the award.

Ten members of the Division were guests of the City of Ottawa at a ceremony where the City presented the RCMP, represented by Commissioner P. Murray, with the Freedom of the City.

#15427, Mel Gilbey

#18230, John Religa

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Thanks to Roy Berlinquette and James Patterson for taking time from their busy schedules to proof read the information relating to the RCMP Memorial Cemetery (Ottawa) contained in the present document as well as in the separate document entitled [\*History of the RCMP Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood \(Ottawa\)\*](#).

I thank Cal Small for his continued friendship over the years. I could not ask for a better sounding board and friend. It was his suggestion that my original mandate for the history of the Ottawa Division be extended from 2004 to 2005 because of the Beechwood project. Thank you for taking the time to proofread the entire booklet from 1999 to 2005.

And finally, I wish to thank all the members who gave so generously of their time in assisting me with this project.

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## INTRODUCTION

The Ottawa Division of the R.C.M.P. Veterans' Association is made up of retired members living in Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec. The Division holds its Regular General Meetings on the second Tuesday of each month except for July and August, at the RCMP General "HQ" Mess in the L.H. Nicholson Building, 1200 Vanier Parkway, Ottawa. The Division usually holds its Annual General Meeting in March, on the same night as the Regular General Meeting. The Division office is staffed by a member from the Executive every Wednesday from 9.00 a.m. to noon, within the confines of the RCMP Central Region Offices located in the Place d'Orleans Shopping Mall on the second floor. The Executive, which consists of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, meet on the first Thursday of the month, except for July and August, in the Board Room located in the RCMP Central Region Offices. Special Executive Meetings have been held in the Beechwood Cemetery's meeting room. The following members also attend the Executive Committee meetings:

Director	Assistant Treasurer
Director	Entertainment
Director	Financial Assistance
Director	Member Services
Director	Historian
Director	Editor - The Spirit
Director	Stores and Supplies
Director	Membership
Director	Special Projects
Immediate Past President (Ex-Officio)	
Member Emeritus (Ex-Officio)	

The annual dues for membership in the Ottawa Division are \$40. The Dominion "HQ" assesses the Division \$22 per active member and \$1 per life member. The Division has [bylaws](#). It has a Wives' Association. The Division's newsletter, "[The Spirit](#)", is published every two months from September/October to May/June. Coffee and donuts are provided at all Regular General Meetings. Valentine Day is celebrated with the Wives' Association after the Regular General Meeting in February. The ladies supply the sandwiches and the pickles and the Division provides a large valentine cake and the coffee. The Spring Social is held in May with a Dinner and Dance at which the Commissioner and other dignitaries are invited. The Fall Social is held in September and the Christmas Social is held in early December.

## Year 1999

The name of the "Vets' News" was changed to "The Spirit", starting with the March/April issue. The name change was based on Commissioner Nicholson's observation about the Veterans' organization being the "Spirit of the Force". Further information may be found in the Division's history of The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association 1924-1999 by Donald J. Klancher.

On March 3, President John Thomas presented "Recognition & Appreciation" awards to Frank Caulkins (Treasurer) and Al Haggerty (Secretary) for services provided to the Division.

A preview screening of the "North-West Mounted Police: The Great March" was shown at the Museum of Civilization on April 13. Thirteen members attended. A reception followed in the Marius Barbeau Salon. Deputy Prime Minister, The Honourable Herb Gray, spoke in complementary terms about the role played by members of the North-West Mounted Police in bringing law and order to the new frontier and in helping settle the Canadian West.

Harry Armstrong coordinated the Spring Social on May 18. It was held at the Senior N.C.O.'s Mess with 118 people in attendance. The profit of \$394.75 was turned over to the Division.

In June, a decision was taken to hold the Regular General Meeting every month of the year, except for July and August, whether or not a social event was being held during the same month.

Dan Carroll and Al Burchill were the co-chairs of the AGM 75 which was held in Ottawa on June 24-28, 1999. By all accounts, guests and members alike stated unequivocally that this truly was the best AGM ever. Considering that all AGMs are very good, this truly was quite an accomplishment. Dan and Al were congratulated for the tremendous job of managing a project of this magnitude. President John Thomas presented the "President Award" to Dan Carroll, Al Burchill, Dave Lehman and Ywona Kennedy for their excellent work on AGM 75. ([AGM 75](#), as submitted by Dan Carroll).

At the Regular General Meeting on September 4, Ian Cooper encouraged members to participate in the annual National Police Memorial Parade on Parliament Hill. The Federal Government felt that this was a sufficiently important event to decree that the National Police Memorial Parade be held annually on the last Sunday of September on Parliament Hill.

Harry Armstrong coordinated the Fall Social on September 25. It was held at the Senior N.C.O.'s Mess with 106 people in attendance. The profit of \$211.01 was turned over to the Division.

Bob Roy coordinated the annual golf tournament at the Hylands Golf Club in September. The profit of \$788.61 was turned over to the Division.

At a Regular General Meeting on November 9, Ian Cooper encouraged the members to attend the Remembrance Day Parade at the Cenotaph in Ottawa on November 11.

Harry Armstrong coordinated the Christmas Social on November 27. It was held at the Senior N.C.O.'s Mess with 133 people in attendance. The profit of \$543.57 was turned over to the Division.

In December, a donation of \$1,000 was made to the Special Olympics Winter Games, which were held in Ottawa in January 2000. These funds supported one complete curling team from Ontario.

President John Thomas, presented Jim Maloney, Dave Lehman and Ken Goodrich with certificates honouring them as members of the Executive Emeritus. This was a small demonstration of appreciation for the past services that they had rendered to the Division.

Mrs. Leona Kirk donated \$100 to the Division to help provide Christmas cheer to members in need.

In December, Dave Lehman, Executive Emeritus, with the assistance of committee members, organized and delivered Christmas Cheer Baskets to eleven institutionalized members and one spouse. The cost was \$550.

### Year 2000

On January 11, correspondence from the Dominion "HQ" announced that the RCMPVA had taken over the RCMP Quarterly.

Many of the serving Senior NCOs had to work on January 1<sup>st</sup>, due to a possible Y2K crisis. As such, the RCMP Senior NCO's Mess New Year Levee was held on February 27, from 14:00 to 17:00 hours. Fifteen of our members volunteered their services as "carvers" and an equal number of members attended the Levee.

In April, four members of our Division were struck off strength for non-payment of 1998, 1999 and 2000 dues.

Harry Armstrong coordinated the Spring Social on May 12. It was held at the Hellenic Banquet Centre with 160 people in attendance. Commissioner Philip Murray was the guest speaker. The profit of \$9.57 was turned over to the Division.

In May, several members volunteered as tour guides at the RCMP Musical Ride stables in Ottawa. John Religa is responsible for the coordination of shift schedules. These efforts were well received by the RCMP and the general public.

On May 25, the remains of an unknown Canadian soldier were repatriated from the Vimy Ridge Battlefield and flown to Ottawa. The remains were taken to the Parliament Buildings to "Lie in State" for public commemoration on May 26-27. Serving members of the Force performed coffin bearer duties and sentry duties during the lying in state. In the afternoon of May 28, the remains were taken from the Parliament Buildings to the National War Memorial in a solemn funeral procession. This escort was made up of eleven members of the Ottawa Division War Veterans as well as John Religa, President, along with a thousand veterans and members of the Canadian Forces and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The coffin bearing the remains was placed in a sarcophagus at the base of the National War Memorial monument in Ottawa. ([The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier](#))

On June 22, the Division moves its office from Keeble's China Registry into a furnished office in room 310 of the Leamont Building, where it had access to a conference room for the executive meetings as well. These facilities were made available through the goodwill of Assistant Commissioner Dawson Hovey, C.O. "A" Division. Bob and Sparkie Keeble had been providing our Division with office space and a meeting room in their store for approximately three years, rent free. Their kindness, generosity, sense of humour and good will were truly appreciated. As a token of appreciation, Bob and Sparkie were each presented with a RCMP crested wristwatch.

Four hundred dollars were donated for 10 meters of the Trans-Canada Trail. In recognition for the support, a bilingual 3" X 3" [plaque](#) has been placed in the kiosk near the mill on Victoria Island.

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, a Change of Command Parade and Ceremonies took place on the grounds of the Canadian Police College. The RCMP Community Pipe and Drum Band led twenty members as they paraded in a special troop with serving members for the First March Past, for retiring Commissioner J.P.R. Murray. The Band played at this ceremony, the Guidon waved in the breeze, the Tipstaff was exchanged and the documents for the handover were signed. The Force Chaplain, Father Jean-Marc Gagné, blessed the proceedings. The Second March Past welcomed the newly-appointed incoming Commissioner G. Zaccardelli. A reception followed at the Canadian Police College. (Additional information: [The Quarterly](#), Vol. 65, No.4, Fall edition and [History of the Commissioner's Tipstaff](#))

On September 19, the former Chief of the Ottawa City Police, Brian Ford, was made an Honorary Member of this Division.

Don Day coordinated successfully the annual golf tournament at the Hylands Golf Course. Day presented the



profit of \$1,800 to Dave Smith for the Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre.

On September 24, six members of the Division joined a troop of serving members and marched with other police forces from the Supreme Court Building to Parliament Hill, to attend the ceremony for the annual National Police Memorial Parade. The reception was held in the Hall of Honour.

In September, the Ottawa Division donated \$600. for the rental of one bus to take students from the Henry Larsen Elementary School in Orleans to Prescott and return. Four-hundred-and-sixty students, along with ninety parents met and greeted the members of the St. Roch II. A number of veterans from Kingston were in attendance. Captain Ken Burton and the crew members appreciated these efforts in recognizing this historical trip. Two of Henry Larsen's daughters, as well as his grandson, Lars, were in attendance. These students raised funds to aid in the restoration of the St. Roch, which is housed in the Maritime Museum in Vancouver. The Division made a \$500 donation to the St. Roch restoration project on September 7. It should be noted that retired Commissioner Nadon consented to the temporary renaming of "Nadon" to "St. Roch II". The purpose of this historic trip was to generate a three million dollar endowment fund needed to preserve the original St. Roch, which was disintegrating at the Vancouver Maritime Museum. The intent was to replicate the circumnavigation of the North America continent, by following the original route travelled by Sgt. Larsen, Captain of the St. Roch. (Additional information on this epic voyage: [The Quarterly](#), vol.65, No. 4, Fall 2000)

Harry Armstrong coordinated the Fall Social on September 30. It was held in the Senior N.C.O.'s Mess with 108 people in attendance. A loss of \$96.48 was incurred due to an increase in the price of the meal after the tickets had been sold. The loss was covered by the Division.

Earlier in the year, a new Pall had been order from Continental Tailor. The material was purchased from the Master Tailor. Continental Tailor were responsible for the sewing while the crests were digitized by Paquin Sales. In October, the new Pall was received from Continental Tailor at a price of \$840. ([History of the Palls of the Ottawa Division.](#))

On October 10, eighteen members from the Ottawa Division were transferred to the newly chartered Kingston Division. Their dues which had originally been paid to this Division were forwarded to the new Division.

Eight members of our Division participated in the Remembrance Day Ceremony, by marching with a troop of serving members from the Drill Hall to the Cenotaph in Ottawa on November 11.

Harry Armstrong coordinated the Christmas Social on November 25. It was held at the Senior N.C.O.'s Mess with 126 people in attendance. The profit of \$342.90 was turned over to the Division.

John Religa continued to schedule the shifts for volunteers who were tour guides at the RCMP Musical Ride stables in Ottawa.

Mrs. Leona Kirk donated \$100 to the Division to help provide Christmas cheer to members in need.

In December, Dave Lehman, Executive Emeritus, with the assistance of committee members, organized and delivered Christmas Cheer Baskets to eight members of the Ottawa Division and one non-member, who were in long-term care facilities. Two widows receiving benefits were each given \$50 for Christmas. The cost was \$313.14. Also, donations of \$100 each were sent to the Salvation Army, the Ottawa Mission and the Shepherds of Good Hope.

### Year 2001

The [new Pall](#) was dedicated and blessed by Dr. Allen Churchill, Chaplain, and Father Jean-Marc Gagné, Roman Catholic Chaplain, at a "Special Proceedings" on February 13, at a Regular General Meeting. President John Religa presented Father Jean-Marc Gagné with an Honorary Member Certificate. He has been an Acting Chaplain since 1996.

Harry Armstrong coordinated the Spring Social on May 12. It was held at the Hellenic Banquet Centre with 142 people in attendance. Deputy Commissioner G. Loepky was the guest speaker. All of the tickets were sold. The profit of \$9.57 was turned over to the Division.

In June, \$10,000 was transferred from the old Building Fund to our General Revenue. \$2,000 was donated in support of the "A" Division RCMP Community Pipes and Drum Band to assist them in their fundraising venture. The other \$8,000 was used to improve the Visitors Centre display window at the RCMP stables. An image of the Musical Ride Charge on 3M skin has been placed on the glass enclosure near the stables, with suitable recognition of our contribution.

On June 15, Al Chapman donated four framed badges of the Force to the Division. On November 13, these pictures were presented to Assistant Commissioner Dawson Hovey, C.O., "A" Division and are presently displayed there on permanent loan, courtesy of the Ottawa Division.

On July 25, as a result of the efforts by President John Religa and Assistant Commissioner Dawson Hovey, C.O., "A" Division, the Canadian Tourism Commission, in co-operation with the Canadian Museum of Civilization, a program was established to promote Canada's image as a tourist destination. As part of a ten-week pilot project, Canadian and foreign visitors would be welcomed at the Canadian Museum of Civilization by retired RCMP Officers, in review order. At the opening, Insp. Roger Brown, Bernard Gagnon, Dave Stewart and Dave Lehman were in attendance in review order. Also, our members volunteered to act as goodwill ambassadors during the summer, in review order, as requires in Citizenship Court ceremonies and the Canadian Tourism Commission. This program has been very successful at the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

The members at the Executive Committee meeting on September 6 discussed an e-mail received from Bill Becker. He had requested that the Division consider the creation of a cemetery within [Beechwood Cemetery](#). This was to be used exclusively for our members and their families. Ray McFarland, Executive Emeritus, was asked to contact the Beechwood Cemetery in order to obtain additional information, particularly in relation to the cost of plots.

Don Day coordinate the annual golf tournament at the Hylands Golf Course in September. He presented the profit of \$1,200 to Dave Smith for the Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre for young people.

In September, Brian Sparrow provided the opportunity for twenty-nine members and seventeen wives to volunteer their services to raise funds for charities, by working as security guards for the International Plowing Match in Navan, Ontario. These individuals, on behalf of the Division, donated all their earnings of \$18,350 to the following organizations:

The Camp Quality of Eastern Ontario	7000 \$
Navan's Lion Club	3920 \$
Cumberland Museum	3005 \$
Waller St.Mission	2085 \$
Espoir Rosalie (Gatineau Hope)	1170 \$
Ottawa Hospital (rehabilitation)	1170 \$

At the Regular General Meeting on September 11, Ray McFarland, executive emeritus, reported the results of his findings on the Beechwood Cemetery and circulated an information package which also included the costs of burial plots. After some discussion, he was authorized to form a committee to determine the level

of interest in the Ottawa Division as well as to determine whether or not the RCMP would be interested in collaborating on this project. Dave Lehman, executive Emeritus, and Al Barkhouse joined Ray McFarland on this committee for the Beechwood Cemetery.

A donation of \$1,000 was made to the International Crime Stoppers Conference to be held in Ottawa in August 12-24 2002. These funds became available as the Musical Ride Visitors Display Centre cost \$5,457, instead of the "8,000 that had been originally budgeted.

John Thomas announced that the annual National Police Memorial Parade on Parliament Hill would be held on September 30. He encouraged members to participate.

Harry Armstrong coordinated the Fall Social on September 27. It was held at 410 Wing, old Rockcliffe Air Base, with 73 people in attendance. The facilities were good, but the attendance was down. The loss of \$19.39 was covered by the Division.

It was decided at the Regular General Meeting on October 9 that, due to difficulties with cash flow, the annual dues for membership in the association would be raised from \$30 to \$40, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003. As well, the Dominion "HQ" assessment would increase from \$17 per active member to \$22.

In October, \$1,000 US was donated to the New York Police Department, for assisting families of members who were injured or killed during the rescue attempt on September 11.

Ian Cooper encouraged members to participate in the upcoming Remembrance Day Services at the Cenotaph in Ottawa on November 11.

In November, a Commissioner's Commendation Lapel pin was purchased for Ivan Rolstone who was institutionalized in Victoria, B.C. It was a token of our appreciation for his past service to the Ottawa Division. The lapel pin was presented to him, on behalf of the Ottawa Division, by his wife Margaret and Jim Forsyth, President of the Victoria Division.

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, James Patterson wrote a letter to the Ottawa Division with a proposal for an RCMP Veterans' Cemetery within the Beechwood Cemetery.

Harry Armstrong coordinated the Christmas Social on December 1<sup>st</sup>. It was held at the Headquarters General Mess, with 105 people in attendance. The profit of \$45.51 was turned over to the Division.

In December, several members helped "A" Division Aboriginal Policing Coordinator, Cst. Wayne Russett, serve at the Aboriginal War Veterans Dinner held at the Odawa Centre in Ottawa.

John Religa coordinated the schedule for volunteers who were tour guides at the RCMP Musical Ride stables in Ottawa all year.

Mrs. Leona Kirk donated \$100 to the Division to help provide Christmas cheer to members in need.

In December, with the assistance of committee members, Dave Lehman, Executive Emeritus, organized and delivered Christmas Cheer Baskets to members of the Division in long-term care facilities. Also, two widows receiving benefits were each given \$50 for Christmas. The total was \$221.36. In addition, donations of \$100 each were given to the Mission, the Salvation Army and the Shepherds of Good.

## Year 2002

In January, the members of the Beechwood Cemetery Committee met with Stephan Demers, MAP Coordinator for "A" division in an attempt to gauge their interest in this project. In February, a letter was sent to the RCMP Headquarters to see if a partnership in this matter was possible.

Veterans Security Services came into existence on April 15, as a result of the Ottawa Division divesting itself from an employment referral program that had begun to take on an accelerated life of its own. After the tragedy in the USA on September 11, 2001, there had been a marked increase in demand to supply veterans to fill positions as drivers, security officers, office workers researchers, etc. Legal counsel advised the Division that an employer/employee relationship was developing, was not something that the Association in its present format should undertake. It was concluded that there could be a possible intervention from Revenue Canada, Ontario Minister of Public Safety and Security, Ontario Minister of Finance and the Ontario Workplace Safety and Insurance Boards. Instead of terminating the activities completely, it was decided to turn the operation to one of the Division members who would be willing to operate in a similar manner, that is, to hire only members from the Ottawa Division RCMP Veterans's Association. Consequently, the Veteran Security Service was formed and is now owned and operated by Brian Sparrow.

Ray McFarland, Executive Emeritus, met with an RCMP representative on March 21, in order to determine the level of interest of the serving members and to advise the Committee if a partnership was a possibility.

Harry Armstrong coordinated the Spring Social on May 10. It was held at the Hellenic Banquet Centre with 134 people in attendance. Chief Supt. A. Couture was the guest speaker. A profit of \$17.03 was turned over to the division.

At the Regular General Meeting on June 11, Ray McFarland, Executive Emeritus, provided the members with an overview of the Beechwood cemetery project. The RCMP had not yet acknowledged the Ottawa Division's letter. As such, the membership authorized the Committee to survey members of the Ottawa Division to determine their level of interest in this project so that an informed decision could be made.

A number of members and their spouses volunteered to work at the Papal visit to be held in Toronto. Their earnings of \$27,540 were donated to local charities of their choice on behalf of the Ottawa Division.

At the Executive Committee Meeting on September 5, a positive return to the survey prompted Ray McFarland, Executive Emeritus, to make a motion that the Division sign an agreement with Beechwood Cemetery to establish an RCMPVA Cemetery. After some discussion, the motion was carried.

Don Day coordinated the annual golf tournament on September 6 at the Hylands Golf Club. On behalf of the Ottawa Division, he presented the profits of \$1,500 to Dave Smith for the Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre.

At the Regular General Meeting on September 10, Ray McFarland, Executive Emeritus, informed the membership that there was a definite interest in the Beechwood Cemetery project as 170 positive responses had been received in relation to the survey. These members were interested in the concept of the memorial cemetery, as well as being able to purchase plots, headstones, etc., at a discounted price. The RCMP still had not yet responded to the Division's February letter. As such, the next logical step was for the RCMP Veterans' Association, Ottawa Division, to sign an agreement with the Beechwood Cemetery for the creation of an RCMP Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. Then, a suitable location at Beechwood Cemetery, adjacent to the National Military Cemetery, would be identified and set aside for the RCMP Veterans' Association. The good news was that there would be no other cost to the Division should an agreement be signed. The purchase of the grave sites by members would cover the cost of assigning the land for use by our members and their families. A motion was carried that the Division sign an agreement with the Beechwood Cemetery to establish an RCMP Veterans' Association Cemetery.

The Director of Membership acquired a lap-top computer with back-up ability at a cost of \$2,218.35.

The \$500 investment in the Toronto AGM Share the Risk - Share the Profit venture earned the Ottawa Division a return of \$1,580.

On September 12, Ray McFarland, Executive Emeritus, purchases the first burial plot that was to become the RCMP Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

Harry Armstrong coordinated the Fall Social on September 28. It was held at the Headquarters General Mess with 95 people in attendance. The event broke even financially.

Eight members of the Division joined 135 serving members at the annual National Police Memorial Parade on Parliament Hill on September 29.

Bernard Gagnon, Dave Stewart and Bob Malo performed volunteer duty in review order throughout the summer months at the Museum of Civilization.

A lawyer from the Department of Justice reviewed and approved the tentative agreement between the Ottawa Division Veterans' Association and the Beechwood Cemetery without making any changes.

At the Regular General Meeting on October 8, Ray McFarland, Executive Emeritus, advised the membership that the agreement between the Ottawa Division and the Beechwood Cemetery had now been signed. This agreement between the Ottawa Division RCMP Veterans' Association and the Beechwood Cemetery had been drawn up effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002, in order to allow the immediate purchase of plots for members of their families who were terminally ill. The agreement was signed by President Al Haggerty on behalf of the Ottawa Division and General Manager Tim Graham, on behalf of the Beechwood Cemetery. Four hundred and fifty graves were reserved in section 114 of the Beechwood Cemetery for the RCMP Veterans' Association. Nineteen grave sites had already been sold with additional purchases pending. When the weather permits, the grounds will be brought up to standard by the following Spring and a suitable marker, e.g., RCMP Veterans' Association Memorial Cemetery will be erected. It was felt that the RCMP Veterans' Association Memorial Cemetery would complement the Regimental Cemetery at "Depot" in Regina.

On October 15, James Patterson contacted all members, by letter, who had shown an interest in this project.

On October 23, Jean-Claude Dore was the first member to be buried in the RCMP Veterans' Cemetery.

On November 6, several members representing the Division were well received at the Veterans' Appreciation Day at the Billings Bridge Mall in Ottawa. This event was organized by Veterans Affairs Canada.

At the Executive Committee Meeting on November 7, Al Barkhouse reported that the early demand for burial plots had exceeded expectations. Since the RCMP had still not responded to the February letter, president Al Haggerty wrote a letter to the Commissioner informing him of the current state of this project and requested a response in relationship to their interest and support.

On November 8, Dave Lehman and three other members helped the "A" Division Aboriginal Policing Coordinator, Cst. Wayne Russett, to serve at the Aboriginal Veterans Dinner at the Odawa Centre in Ottawa.

By November 12, fifty burial plots had been purchased by veterans.

Harry Armstrong coordinated the Christmas Social on December 7. It was held at the Headquarters General Mess with 90 people in attendance. The profit of \$13.64 was turned over to the Division.

On December 10, \$500 seed money was approved for PRI AGM 2003 Share the Risk- Share the Profit venture.

Gordon Clarke donated a printer to the Division to be used in the Division office in the Leamont Building.

John Religa continued to coordinate the shift schedules for the members who volunteered to be tour guides at the RCMP Musical Ride stables all year.

Bernie Gagnon and Dave Stewart performed volunteer duty, in review order, throughout the summer months on Parliament Hill and the Museum of Civilization.

During the year, Dave Lehman, Executive Emeritus, and his friends attended 13 funerals. They wore their blue or red crested blazers. They also visited thirty-one members who were in hospitals, long-term care facilities or those confined to a home.

Mrs. Leona Kirk donated \$100 to the Division to help provide Christmas cheer to members in need.

In December, Dave Lehman, Executive Emeritus, with the assistance of committee members, organized and delivered Christmas Cheer Baskets to eight members of the Ottawa Division who were institutionalized. The cost was \$153.

### Year 2003

On February 18, two of our members attended the "A" Division "Change of Command" ceremony at Salaberry Armoury in Gatineau, Quebec. The Program began with the Muster by "A" Division's RCMP Community Pipe and Drum Band. After the participants were welcomed, the outgoing Commanding Officer of "A" Division, Assistant Commissioner Dawson Hovey, inspected the troops and took the March Past. Following the arrival of Assistant Commissioner Ghyslaine Clément, incoming Commanding Officer, the RCMP Chaplains Rabbi Ely Brown and Jean-Marc Gagné gave their blessings. The Transfer of Command was signed and the Ceremonial "A" Division Ensign was transferred followed with a few comments by Commissioner Giuliano Zaccardelli, Assistant Commissioner Dawson Hovey and Assistant Commissioner Ghyslaine Clément. Garth Hampson sang "O Canada" with the Woodwind Quintet of the Central Band providing the background music. The final troop March Past was followed with a reception.

At a Regular General Meeting on March 11, a motion was passed to sponsor a hole at the Quebec Parkinson Society Annual Golf Tournament in the amount of \$250.

The French and English Certificates received for the Division's contribution to the Trans-Canada Trail have been framed and are now hanging on the Division's office wall.

Harry Armstrong coordinated the Spring Social on May 9. It was held at the Hellenic Banquet Centre with 127 people in attendance. Inspector Pierre Bélanger was the guest speaker. The profit of \$202.22 was turned over to the Division.

On May 13, at a Regular General Meeting, Assistant Commissioner Ghyslaine Clément, C.O. "A" Division, presented the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal to Dave Lehman, Executive Emeritus, Waston Ring, Al Burchill, Dan Caroll, Fred Pinnock, Blake McIntosh, Mitch Owens and Keith Waddell (posthumously). Keith Waddell's medal was accepted by his wife, Doreen. Fred Pinnock, who received the medal, was unavoidably absent. John Religa presented Assistant Commissioner Clément with a copy of his book "Behind the Scenes", on behalf of the Ottawa Division.

The Executive had an ongoing discussion over a considerable period of time, as to whether or not the Division should be making donations to charities on behalf of its membership. Aside from the fact that these donations were not in the budget, they finally concluded that the Ottawa Division had not been formed to collect and donate money to charitable organizations nor to organizations sponsoring events for charities. This is a member's personal responsibility.

On May 25, the Ottawa Division took part in the RCMP's 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The flag bearer, carrying the Guidon, led the parade from the Supreme Court Building to Christ Church Cathedral, followed by serving members and seventeen veterans. The RCMP Family Celebration took place inside the Cathedral.

At the June Regular General Meeting, President Al Haggerty presented the Past President's Lapel Pins to ten of our [past presidents](#).

Al Rivard coordinated a very successful annual golf tournament at the Hylands Golf Club on August 18. The profits of \$2,465.43 were designated for the RCMP Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. The RCMP General "HQ" Mess' annual golf tournament raised \$1,150 for the RCMP Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

At the Regular General Meeting on September 9, Ian Cooper reminded the members to support the annual National Police Memorial Parade to be held on Parliament Hill on September 28.

During the third week of September, a number of members and their wives volunteered to work at the International Plowing Match held in Carleton Place, Ontario. President Al Haggerty, on behalf of these individuals and the Division, donated all of their earnings of \$1,470 to CHEO.

Harry Armstrong coordinated the Fall Social on September 27. It was held at the RCMP Headquarters General Mess with 79 people in attendance. The profit of \$21.98 was turned over to the Division.

Bernie Gagnon, Dave Stewart and Bob Malo performed volunteer duty, in review order, throughout the summer months at the Museum of Civilization.

The matter of income tax receipts for donations received for the RCMP Veterans' Cemetery was discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting on October 2. It was suggested that another committee be formed to approach Revenue Canada in this regard, as well as to deal with other outstanding matters relating to this project.

The suggested name "RCMP Veterans' Memorial Cemetery" was discussed at the Regular General Meeting on October 14. As a consensus could not be achieved, it was decided that this matter would be discussed with officials from Beechwood, and that the Executive would then make further proposals for a name for the RCMP Veterans's portion of the Beechwood Cemetery to its membership at a later date.

Don Day coordinated the successful activities of Veterans' Appreciation Day on November 5, at the Billings Bridge Shopping Centre.

Greg LeGrand, on behalf of President Al Haggerty, laid the Division's wreath at the National War Memorial on November 11. It may be noted that he was wearing the Association's new wedge hat.

A special welcome was extended to the National President, Bill Patton and his wife, as well as to the Immediate Past National President, Clare Dent and his wife at the Regular General Meeting held on November 17. The National President presented a [memento to Ray McFarland](#), Executive Emeritus. In his speech to the membership, Bill Patton reminded members of the contributions that they had made within their communities, and also their ability to assist and console other veterans in times of need. He noted that our membership had declined by 220 members over the past year. He hoped to reverse that trend by promoting recruitment through the establishment of a membership promotion committee in each division.

Harry Armstrong coordinated the Christmas Social on December 6. It was held at the Headquarters General Mess with 103 people in attendance. The profit of \$249 was turned over to the Division.

John Religa coordinated the activities of several members of the Division who had volunteered as tour guides at the RCMP Musical Rode stables in Ottawa all year long.

Mrs. Leona Kirk donated \$100 to the Division to help provide Christmas cheer to members in need.

In December, Dave Lehman, Executive Emeritus, with the assistance of committee members, organized and delivered Christmas Cheer packages to eight of the Division's institutionalized members.



## YEAR 2004

The 2004 Executive was as follows:

President:	Al Haggerty	
Vice-President:	Dave Lehman	
Second Vice-President:	Mel Oicle	
Secretary:	Watson Ring	
Treasurer:	Cal Small	
Asst. Treasurer	Dave Owen	
Immediate Past President:	John Religa	
Director:	Don Day	Member Services
Director:	Greg LeGrand	Editor - The Spirit
Director:	Harry Armstrong	Entertainment
Director:	David Stewart	Stores and Supplies
Director:	Sig Sigurson	Historian/Protocol
Director:	Peter Austin	Membership
Director:	Roy Berlinquette	RCMP - NMC
Director	Al Rivard	Golf
Emeritus:	Ray McFarland	
Emeritus:	Jim Maloney	

At the Executive Meeting on January 8, it was announced that Roy Berlinquette had agreed to chair the new committee for the Beechwood project.

The following criteria for burial rights as drafted by President Al Haggerty were approved: "Serving members, past serving members, those being Regular Members, Civilian Members and Special Constables would have burial rights. The immediate family includes spouse, children and grandchildren."<sup>1</sup>

At a [special presentation](#) on January 13, President Al Haggerty presented Mitch Owens with a Canadian Volunteer Service Medal for his service to the Canadian Government during World War II. A plaque was also presented to Owens.

President Al Haggerty presented Dave Lehman, Executive Emeritus, with the "[President's Award](#)" for his dedication to the work of the Veterans' Association, first as a member, then as a member of the Executive and as a Director, but most of all, for his endless dedication to the families and members who were either ill or as in some cases, in the final stage of their life.

President Al Haggerty congratulated Dave Owen and Peter Austin for their supreme effort in updating the Division's data bank, as well as for the collection of the annual membership dues for this year, and for clearing up the backlog of membership increases in 2003.

The advance payment of annual membership dues and the difficulties encountered when trying to collect for an increase in fees was thoroughly discussed. A motion was passed that for members who have paid their dues in advance, increases in the annual membership dues will be forgiven. However, if they wish, they may choose to pay the difference.

At the Executive Committee meeting on February 5, Roy Berlinquette, Chairperson of the Beechwood

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<sup>1</sup>Note: For the purpose of this Division's History, items relating to the Beechwood project will be documented only as they relate to the dates of the events and their related players. For more detailed information on the Beechwood project, please refer to *The RCMP National Memorial Cemetery*, published under separate cover.

Cemetery Memorial Project, announced the creation of a committee consisting of George Hurry, Herman Beaulac, Bill Becker and Al Rivard. He also reported meeting with Commissioner Giuliano Zaccardelli and Deputy Commissioner Paul Gauvin, Chief Financial Officer.

President, Al Haggerty congratulated Dave Lehman, Executive Emeritus, for his letter to the Editor of the Ottawa Citizen on RCMP Professionalism in relation to the "Search of Julie McNeil=s residence in the Arar Case."

Adobe Acrobat V6 Pro was purchased by/for the editor of "The Spirit".

At the Executive Committee meeting on March 4, the issue was raised as to the need to amend the Division by-laws and to put in place formalized regulations in these by-laws for eligibility for burial in the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

Roy Berlinquette gave the members an overview of the Beechwood Cemetery Project at the Regular General Meeting on March 9. Al Burchill had researched the issues of liability in regard to injuries at our cemetery and also the necessary insurance coverage that would be required.

At the Executive Committee meeting on April 1, the members were provided with an overview of the Beechwood Cemetery Project. Borrowing money from the Division Veterans' Building Fund to pay for the monument was discussed as one option.

At a Regular General Meeting on April 13, Roy Berlinquette gave a presentation, highlighting the proposed styles of the monument for the RCMP Memorial Cemetery. Al Burchill and George Hurry were commended for their diligent work on this project. Greg LeGrand offered the printing services of his company free of charge.

At the Regular General Meeting on May 11, Dave Lehman, Executive emeritus, displayed the Division's three Palls. Based on his research, he provided an overview of their history and significance. A motion was passed to offer the first red Pall, that was to be retired, to the Beechwood Cemetery.

Roy Berlinquette provided the membership with a complete overview of the project. In addition, he drew their attention to the fact that the Beechwood Cemetery is listed as a charitable organization and that individual donations to Beechwood would be directed to this project and that an income tax receipt would be issued.

President Al Haggerty presented a Canadian Volunteer Service Medal to George Pickering, posthumously. George's medal was accepted by his wife, Patricia Pickering.

Harry Armstrong coordinated the Spring Social on May 14. It was held at the Hellenic Banquet Centre with 138 people in attendance. Assistant Commissioner Ghyslaine Clément was the guest speaker. The profit of \$448.95 was turned over to the Division.

On June 8, in response to a request from the Edmonton Division, it was decided that Mel Gilbey and Dan Carroll will wear their red blazers and will march in the inaugural parade for the AG' 2005. Depending on the total number of volunteers, other members may be allowed to march in the parade as well.

A Special Executive Meeting was held in the Beechwood Meeting Room at the Beechwood Cemetery on June 29. Attendees : Al Haggerty, Alex Geddes, Mel Oickle, Dave Owen, Roy Berlinquette, Dave Lehman, Ron Stewart, Cal Small, Peter Austin, Al Rivard, Al Barkhouse, Greg LeGrand and John Religa. Absent: Harry Armstrong and Sig Sigurdson.

Prior to the meeting, James Patterson met with the members of the Executive in the RCMP Memorial Cemetery and gave them a complete overview on the development of the cemetery and also explained what the future expansion would entail. Patterson briefed the Executive Members on the type of stone that he

recommended for the cemetery and the longevity of the appearance of the stone as well as the ease of cleaning. Each member was given a copy of the monument drawings showing the front and the back of the (two-sided) stone showing the dimensions.

Al Rivard made a motion that the RCMP Ottawa Division Veterans' Association provide a loan of up to \$60,000, from the Division's Building Fund, to the RCMP Memorial Governance Strategy Committee for the purchase of the Memorial Monument at Beechwood Cemetery. The Beechwood Cemetery would receive full payment on November 17, 2004. The loan is to be repaid to the Division over a period of ten years, based on 1.75% interest per annum. The interest rate is to be reviewed on an annual basis. There was ample discussion and all members had an input into the clarification of the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. President Al Haggerty informed the members that the Ladies Auxiliary are also interested in making donations to the Beechwood Project.

John Religa read a letter that he had forwarded to the Charities Directorate, Canada Revenue Agency, (CCRA) Ottawa, dated May 20, 2004. It was in reference to the Ottawa Veterans' Association establishing the RCMP Memorial Cemetery. He had asked the CCRA several questions related to the Beechwood Project as to whether or not it would be considered as a registered charity within the terms of the Benefit Trust Fund. The CCRA had not yet replied.

The Division received a letter of thanks, along with a cheque of \$1,000 from Erma Uhryniw, for the outstanding support from the Ottawa Division Veterans' Association at Walter Uhryniw's funeral. The money was donated to the Beechwood Project in memory of Walter.

Al Rivard coordinated yet another very successful annual golf tournament on August 26 at the Hylands Golf Club. 142 golfers out of a possible field of 144 participated. The sponsorship was very good. Many private donations, as well as those from numerous businesses, contributed to the success of this event. This tournament raised close to \$ 4,900 for the RCMP Memorial Cemetery.

From the Charlottetown Veterans' Association 2003 AGM, the Ottawa Division received \$156.35, based on the \$500 investment in Share the Risk - Share the Profit.

At the Executive Committee Meeting on September 2, Al Rivard provided the members with an overview of the Beechwood Project.

At the Regular General Meeting on September 14, John Religa explained the results of his efforts to obtain charitable status with CCRA for the Beechwood project.

At this same meeting, Al Rivard gave the membership a very detailed update on the status of the Beechwood Memorial Cemetery Project. The dedication service will be held on October 17, 2004.

President Al Haggerty encouraged all members to attend the annual National Police Memorial Parade on Parliament Hill that will be held on September 26. Bus transportation will be provided from the RCMP Headquarters.

Harry Armstrong coordinated the Fall Social on September 25. It was held in the RCMP Headquarters General Mess with 71 people in attendance. The profit of \$156.50 was turned over to the Division.

On September 26, eight members of the Division attended the National Police Memorial Parade on Parliament Hill. Bus transportation from RCMP Headquarters was provided.

Bernie Gagnon and Dave Stewart performed volunteer duty throughout the summer months at the Museum of Civilization in review order.

The Dedication Ceremony of the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood took place on October 17, 2004.

At the Executive Committee Meeting on November 4, Al Rivard reported on the fundraising options in relation to the RCMP Memorial Cemetery, outlining the research conducted. There were two options: One option was through the National RCMP Veterans' Association and the other option was directly through the Beechwood Foundation.

John Religa outlined the criteria that would have to be followed for the Association's Benefit Trust Fund to accept the Beechwood Cemetery as a National Program.

After some discussion, Al Rivard proposed a motion that the fundraising initiatives for the RCMP Memorial Cemetery be funnelled through the Beechwood Cemetery Foundation with the funds collected being deposited in the RCMP Veterans' General Trust Fund. The motion was carried unanimously.

On November 9, at a Regular General Meeting, it was decided that the Blue Pall was too large to use in its present state. With Mrs. Wake's consent, it was reduced in size by Cynthia Jackson, Studio Inspiration, for \$180. The Ottawa Division now has a Red and a Blue Pall, available for service. Both are presently retained by Don Day.

Al Rivard brought the membership up-to-date on donations to the RCMP Memorial Cemetery, on the role of the Beechwood Foundation and the Benefit Trust Fund. The Beechwood Committee had put together a business plan and submitted it to the Commissioner of the RCMP, requesting that they assume financial responsibility in paying for this Project. The Beechwood Committee received a round of applause in appreciation for their efforts which culminated in an outstanding dedication ceremony.

Roy Berlinquette provided an update on the Memorial Cemetery Project. He then thank Ray McFarland, Al Barkhouse and Dave Lehman (deceased) for their dedicated work done on the RCMP Memorial Cemetery prior to handing the project over to him. He outlined the agenda on this project which will be dealt with at a Special Executive Committee Meeting on November 25.

Ian Cooper reminded the membership of the need for a strong presence at the Remembrance Day Memorial Service on November 11, be at the National War Memorial, the Cenotaph at the RCMP Memorial Cemetery or attendance at a service in the community of choice.

On November 9, Don Day and two members took an active part in the successful activities of Veterans' Appreciation Day at the Billings Bridge Shopping Centre.

On November 11, five members of the Ottawa Division attended the Remembrance Day Memorial Services at the National War Memorial in Ottawa.

A [Special Executive Meeting](#) was held on November 25 at the Beechwood Cemetery Meeting Room. Matters related to fundraising for the RCMP Memorial Cemetery were reviewed for the benefit of all present. Criteria for interment at the Cemetery were discussed , as well as who would be responsible for its enforcement. "Regular Members, Civilian Members, Special Constables, non serving members, immediate family including spouse, children and grandchildren", were the criteria contained in the motion that was carried.

Roy Berlinquette made his report to the Executive outlining the progress to date on the Beechwood Cemetery Project and the need to address a number of other items as follows: a new mandate for the RCMP Memorial Cemetery Committee; naming of the Executive for this committee, made up of representatives from the Ottawa Veterans' Association, the RCMP and the Beechwood Cemetery Foundation; the Finance Committee Report and the final report by the Chair of the RCMP Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood.

On December 2, Roy Berlinquette gave the Executive an up-date on his meeting with C/Supt. Bernie Corrigan, at the RCMP "HQ" on November 29, 2004 regarding the Memorial Cemetery Project.

President Al Haggerty congratulated Roy Berlinquette and the members of his committee on the commendable work they had performed on behalf of the Association.

Mel Oickle identified a need for a carrying case for the Ottawa Division flag when in travel status. A motion was passed to purchase a carrying case, not to exceed \$100. Our flag has found a new home, to be stored in a place of honour, in "A" Division's Leamont Building. It can be retrieved when required for a parade or any other regimental event.

John Religa coordinated the schedule for members who volunteered as tour guides at the RCMP Musical Ride stables in Ottawa all year long.

Bernie Gagnon and Dave Stewart performed volunteer duty throughout the summer months on Parliament Hill and the Museum of Civilization.

Anatol Skok donated \$100 to the Division.

Harry Armstrong coordinated the Christmas Social on December 4. It was held in the Headquarters' General Mess with 105 people in attendance. The profit of \$36.64 was turned over to the Division.

During the year, Don Day and members of the Ottawa Division attended 23 funerals. They wore either their blue or red crested blazers. The Division Palls were requested and utilized for the majority of these funerals.

Mrs. Leona Kirk donated \$100 to the Division to help provide Christmas cheer to members in need.

Don Day, with the assistance of committee members, organized and delivered Christmas Cheer Baskets to the Ottawa Division's institutionalized members. The cost was \$300.

## OTTAWA DIVISION

### REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN - 2005

31 December 05

SUBMITTED BY Ian M. COOPER #19559

The 2005 Executive is as follows:-

President:	E.J. (Al) HAGGERTY	
First Vice:	Al RIVARD	
Second Vice:	L.M. (Mel) OICKLE	
Secretary:	A.M. (Alex) GEDDES	
Treasurer:	C.K. (Cal) SMALL	
Asst. Treasurer:	D.J. (Dave) OWEN	
Immediate Past:	J.E. (John) RELIGA	Ex-officio
Director:	D.A. (Don) DAY	Members' Services
Director:	G. (Greg) Le GRAND	The Spirit
Director:	B.H.M. (Harry) ARMSTRONG	Entertainment
Director:	D.R. (Dave) STEWART	Stores & Supplies
Director:	I.M. (Ian) COOPER	Historian
Director:	F.L. (Fred) LYLE	Financial Assistance
Director:	R.V. (Roy) BERLINQUETTE	Beechwood Project
Director:	P.F. (Peter) AUSTIN	Membership
Emeritus:	J.R. (Ray) McFARLAND	
Emeritus:	J.H. (Jim) MALONEY	

### MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION FOR 2005:

Active Members	639
Life Members	107
Honourary Members	2
Honourary Life Members	3
Associate Members	4
Widows	57
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TOTAL	812

The division holds regular monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August) in the General Mess at the L.H. Nicholson Building, 1200 Vanier Parkway, Ottawa, Ontario. The Executive meets the first Thursday of each month (except July and August) at the Ottawa Division Office located in Place D'Orleans, Orleans, Ontario.

### 2005 Matters of an Historical point of view

#### Ottawa Division RCMP Veterans

1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 05	Some 21 members of the Veterans' Association contributed to and participated in the Annual General Mess Levee.
10 Mar 05	8 members of the Veterans' Association flew to Edmonton and participated in the Parade and Memorial Service for the four members of the Force killed at Mayerthorpe, Alberta.

- 8 May 05      8 members of the Veterans' Association participated in a Memorial Parade at the National Cenotaph, Ottawa and parade to the new National War Museum to celebrate its opening.
- 31 May 05  
& 4 Oct 05      3 members of the Veterans' Association assisted at the Long Service Medals Presentations at the St. Elias Centre.
- 1<sup>st</sup> June 05  
- 9 Oct 05      3 members of the Veterans' Association provided information/guide services at the Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, Quebec for the fifth consecutive year.
- 25 June 05      8 members of the Veterans' Association paraded in connection with the 150<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary Tattoo in honour of the Ottawa Police Services.
- 29 June 05      Several members of the Veterans' Association were involved in various aspects of the Sunset Ceremony during the four days.
- 19/20 Aug 05      8 members of the Veterans' Association were involved as volunteer drivers concerning the "Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police" Conference.
- 1<sup>st</sup> -4 Sept 05      11 members of the Veterans' Association and their wives/spouses attended the AGM in Edmonton, Alberta
- 23-24 Sept 05      8 members of the Veterans' Association - at the request of "A" Division - volunteered as greeters (in blazers c/w medals) at the Ottawa International Airport welcoming those from out of town who were attending the Annual Police Memorial Parade on September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 25 Sept 05      40 members of the Veterans' Association marched in the Annual Police Memorial Parade.
- 17 Oct 05      14 members of the Veterans' Association participated in the first year Anniversary Services at the Beechwood Cemetery Site.
- 10 Nov 05      6 members of the Veterans' Association - at the request of "A" Division - participated in the "Annual Dinner for Aboriginal Veterans" in connection with Remembrance Day.
- 11 Nov 05      8 members of the Veterans' Association marched and participated in Remembrance Day Services at the National Cenotaph, Ottawa. Several other vets participated at neighboring cenotaphs in the Ottawa area. Highlight at the National Cenotaph was the laying of the wreath on behalf of the RCMP Veterans by the National President - Dale Lively - of St. Andrews, New Brunswick - capably assisted by Greg Le Grand. Other veterans were noted in the crowd.
- 11 Nov 05      14 members of the Veterans' Association took part in the parade and unveiling of a statue to Commr. McLEOD at Headquarters. Again, National President Dale Lively laid a wreath on behalf of the National RCMP Veterans' Association.

21 Life Memberships were awarded to deserving members of the Ottawa Division of the Veterans' Association during 2005.

Several members of the Ottawa Division Veterans' Association participated actively as Directors of the Veteran Publication - "The Quarterly".

Don Day, Ross Shorthill and other members of the Veterans' Association were active participants in connection with the Department of Veterans' Affairs 2 day Fair celebrations at Billings Bridge Plaza in November - a forum designed to focus school childrens' attention on the significance of Remembrance Day Activities.

Sig Sigurdson is concluding work on a 5 year History of Ottawa Division.

In addition, quarterly social dinner/dances were well attended throughout the year. Vets' Breakfasts - which were held monthly - were well attended.

The Annual Golf Tournament was highly successful and profits in the amount of \$7873.49 were contributed to the Beechwood Cemetery Project.

Many members attended funerals throughout the year for fallen comrades.

Members of the Veterans' Association continue to provide excellent tour guide duties at the Stables.

Through the efforts of Dave OWEN, membership of Ottawa Division has been enhanced greatly both by the inclusion of new members and the bringing into line of those members who were otherwise delinquent in payment of their dues.

Ian M. COOPER  
Historian  
Ottawa Division  
RCMP Veterans' Association



OTTAWA DIVISION

31 DECEMBER 06

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN - 2006

SUBMITTED BY Ian M. COOPER - #9559

The 2006 Executive is as follows:-

President:	Al RIVARD	
Vice-President:	Fred LYLE	
Second Vice President:	L.M. (Mel) OICKLE	
Secretary:	Alex GEDDES	
Treasurer:	B.G. (Bernie) GAGNON	
Asst. Treasurer:	M.J. (Mike) STANISTREET	
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Director:	Harry ARMSTRONG	Entertainment
Director:	Dave STEWART	Stores and Supplies
Director:	Ian M. COOPER	Historian
Director:	D.A. (Dan) CARROLL	Financial Assistance
Director:	Roy BERLINQUETTE	Beechwood Project
Director:	Maz MUFTI	Membership
Emeritus:	Ray McFARLAND	
Emeritus:	Jim MALONEY	
Emeritus:	John RELIGA	

MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION FOR 2006:

Active Members	644
Life Members	103
Honourary Members	2
Honourary Life Members	1
Associate Members	5
Widows	70
Total	825

The division held regular monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August) in the General Mess at the L.H. Nicholson Building, 1200 Vanier Parkway, Ottawa, Ontario. The Executive met the first Thursday of each month (except July and August) at the Ottawa Division Office in Place D'Orleans, Orleans, Ontario.

## 2006 Matters of an Historical Point of View

### Ottawa Division RCMP Veterans

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 06                | Some 16 members of the Veterans' Association contributed to and participated in the Annual General Mess Levee.  |
| 23 May 06                             | 22 members of the Veterans' Association participated in the First Annual HQ Memorial Service. Troops were inspected by Commissioner Zaccardelli and Prime Minister Stephen Harper.  |
| 30 May 06<br>06                       | 3 members of the Veterans' Association assisted in the long Service & 22 Nov Medals Presentations at the St. Elias Centre.  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> June 06<br>- 7 Oct 06 | 3 members of the Veterans' Association provided information/guide services at the Museum of Civilizations in Gatineau, Quebec for the sixth consecutive year.   |
| 2-4 June 06                           | 15 members of Ottawa Division and their spouses attended the Annual General Meeting Halifax, Nova Scotia.   |
| 28 June 06                            | 9 members of the Veterans' Association were involved in various aspects of the Sunset Ceremonies during a period of four days.  |
| 22-23 Sept 06                         | 8 members of the Veterans Association – at the request of "A" Division – volunteer as greeters (in blazers c/w medals) at the Ottawa International Airport welcoming those from out of town who were attending the Annual Police Memorial Parade on September 24 <sup>th</sup> .  |
| 24 Sept 06                            | 36 members of the Ottawa Veterans' Association marched in the Annual Police Memorial Parade. Veterans from Vancouver, Toronto and the Golden Horseshoe Divisions joined our ranks to participate.   |
| 14 Oct 06                             | 51 members of Ottawa Division enjoyed the Annual General Mess Regimental Dinner with Pat Quinn as the guest speaker.  |
| 17 Oct 06                             | Members of the Veterans' Association Executive participated in the Sod Turning Services for the new multiple purpose building at the Beechwood Cemetery Site.   |
| 9 Nov 06                              | 6 members of the Veterans' Association – at the request of "A" Division – participated in the Annual Dinner for Aboriginal Veterans in connection with Remembrance Day.   |
| 11 Nov 06                             | 12 Ottawa Division Veterans participated in the Remembrance Day Ceremonies at the National Cenotaph. Several other Vets participated at neighbouring cenotaphs in the Ottawa area. Highlight at the National Cenotaph was the laying of the wreath on behalf of the RCMP Veterans by the National President, Rick Morris, Toronto, Ontario. Other veterans were noted in the crowd. |

Several Life Memberships were awarded to deserving members of the Ottawa Division of the Veterans' Association during 2006.

Several members of the Ottawa Division Veterans' Association participated actively as Directors of the Veteran Publication – "The Quarterly".

Don Day, Ross Shorthill and other members of the Ottawa Veterans' Association were active participants in connection with the Department of Veterans' Affairs 2 day Fair Celebration at the Billings Bridge Plaza in November – a forum designed to focus school children's attention on the significance of Remembrance Day activities.

In addition, quarterly social dinner/dances were well attended throughout the year. Vets' Breakfasts, which were held monthly, were well attended.

The Annual Golf Tournament was highly successful and profits were contributed to the Beechwood Cemetery Project.

Many members of the Veterans' Association attended funerals throughout the year for fallen comrades.

Members of the Veterans' Association continue to provide excellent tour guide duties at the Stables.

IAN M. COOPER  
HISTORIAN  
OTTAWA DIVISION  
RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

## OTTAWA DIVISION

31 DECEMBER 07

SUBMITTED BY Ian M. COOPER #19559

The 2007 Executive was as follows:-

President:	Al RIVARD	
Vice-President:	Fred LYLE	Modernization Project.
Second Vice President:	Alex GEDDES	
Secretary:	Dorothy Ahlgren FRANKLIN	
Treasurer:	Maz MUFTI	
Asst. Treasurer:	Mike STANISTREET	
Immediate Past President:	Al HAGGERTY	
Director:	Don DAY	Member Services
Director:	Gord IRELAND	Editor – The Spirit
Director:	Harry ARMSTRONG	Entertainment
Director:	Dave STEWART	Stores and Supplies
Director:	Ian M. COOPER	Historian and Protocol
Director:	Alex GEDDES	Membership
Director:	Roy BERLINQUETTE	Beechwood Project
Director:	Dan CARROLL	Golf Chair
Emeritus:	Ray McFARLAND	
Emeritus:	Jim MALONEY	
Emeritus:	John RELIGA	

### MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION FOR 2007:

Active Members	540
Life Members	101
Honourary Members	2
Honourary Life Members	3
Associate Members	5
Widows	33
Total	684

The division held regular monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August) in the General Mess at the L.H. Nicholson Building, 1200 Vanier Parkway, Ottawa, Ontario. The Executive met the first Thursday and later the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at a boardroom located in Place D'Orleans, Orleans, Ontario.

## 2007 Matters of an Historical Point of View.....

### Ottawa Division RCMP Veterans.....

- 1 Jan 07        22 members of the Veterans' Association contributed to and participated in the Annual General Mess Levee.
- 9 Apr 07        16 members of the Veterans' Association took part in the Vimy Ridge Parade. Included in our troop were 6 members from "C" Division.
- 23 May 07       22 Members participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Annual Police Memorial Ceremony at Headquarters. D/Commr. Peter MARTIN inspected our troop and through him, a lovely troop photo was taken around the statute and a copy presented to each vet present as a memento.
- 8 May 07        3 Veterans participated and assisted in medal presentation ceremonies at the St. Elias Centre.
- 31 May 07       Members of the Veterans' Association were guests at the 70<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary Celebrations of Air Division which took place at the RCMP Hanger in Ottawa.
- 1 June 07 -     3 members of the Veterans' Association provided information/guide services at the Museum of Civilization in Gatineau, Quebec for the seventh consecutive year. This service continued to the 7 October 07.
- 1 June 07       17 members of Ottawa Division and their spouses attended the Annual General Meeting in Kelowna, British Columbia.
- 14 June 07       35 vets and their spouses enjoyed the Annual Vets' Ladies Steak Night at Long Island.
- 25 May 07       38 vets attended the Officers' Mess Dinner held on Parliament Hill. This was to be Commr. Busson's last official duty.
- 27 June 07       8 members of the Vets' Association participated in various ways at the Annual RCMP Sunset Ceremonies at the Stables. Duties concluded on July 1<sup>st</sup>. with large crowds in attendance.
- 22 Aug 07       28 Veterans attended the "Change of Command" ceremony for incoming Commission William ELLIOTT held at The Canadian Police College. Outgoing Commr. Bev BUSSON inspected the Vets' Troop and extended her thanks for the support given her by the Ottawa Division Vets. A signed acknowledgement (Card) was forwarded to each vet in attendance as a memento of the occasion.
- 14 Sept 07       The Annual Golf Tournament took place on Friday September 14<sup>th</sup>. At Hylands Golf Course with over 130 participants. Proceeds were contributed to the Beechwood Cemetery Project.
- 28-29 Sept 07   8 members of the Veterans Association were requested by "A" Division to again attend at the Ottawa International Airport to meet and greet those members of the police community from across the country who was attending the Annual Police Memorial Parade on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

- 30 Sept 07      33 members of the Ottawa Veterans' Association took part in the Annual Police Memorial Parade on Parliament Hill.
- 12 Oct 07      13 Ottawa Division Vets were VIP Guests at the RCMP Musical Ride Centre when HRH Prince Edward held an official visit to the facility. The troop was inspected by the Prince who spent time with each vet and showed a real interest in length of service, details of assignments and the morning concluded with a special performance of the Musical Ride.
- 12 Oct 07      64 members of Ottawa Division were among the 242 persons attending the Annual General Mess Regimental Dinner held at the Hall of Honour in the Parliament Buildings. Highlight of the evening was the presence of HRH Prince Edward as Guest Speaker. An excellent meal and an outstanding evening were enjoyed as the Prince mingled and met with those in attendance. Commissioner Elliott addressed the dinner as well.
- 15 Oct 07      38 Veterans marched in the funeral parade in Ottawa to honour Cst. Christopher Worden who was shot and killed October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at Hay River, N.W.T. Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa was filled to capacity by members of the police community across North America as well as members of the public.
- 30 Oct 07      3 Veterans of Ottawa Division participated and assisted in medal presentation ceremonies at the St . Elias Centre.
- 8 Nov 07      Don Day, Ross Shorthill and other members of the Ottawa Vets' Association participated in the Annual Department of Veterans' Affairs 2 day Fair Celebration at the Billings Bridge Plaza. Our presentation was well received.
- 8 Nov 07      8 Ottawa Division Vets – at the request of “A” Division – participated in the Annual Dinner for Aboriginal Veterans in connection with Remembrance Day.
- 11 Nov 07      18 Ottawa Division Veterans participated in the Remembrance Day Ceremonies at the National Cenotaph. Several other vets were noted in the large crowd and the wreath on behalf of RCMP Veterans (National) was laid by Executive Director Bill Gidley.
- 13 Nov 07      A troop of 42 Vets – including 12 Vets from Kingston Region – attended the funeral for Cst. Douglas Allen Scott who was killed November 5<sup>th</sup>. in Kimmirut, Nunavut . This moving ceremony took place in Brockville, Ontario.

Several members of the Ottawa Division Veterans' Association participated actively as Directors of the Veteran Publication – “The Quarterly”.

Quarterly social dinner/dances were well attended throughout the year. Vets' Breakfasts which were held in Ottawa (at three locations) Perth and Gatineau were well attended.

Many members of the Veterans' Association attended several funerals to act as honorary pallbearers and in other capacities.

IAN M. COOPER  
HISTORIAN  
LIFE MEMBER  
OTTAWA DIVISION  
RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

OTTAWA DIVISION  
ANNUAL REPORT

31 DECEMBER 08

SUBMITTED BY Ian M. COOPER #19559

The 2008 Executive was as follows:-

President:	Al RIVARD	
Vice-President:	Fred LYLE	Modernization Project
Second Vice President:	Alex GEDDES	
Secretary:	Dorothy Ahlgren FRANKLIN	
Treasurer:	Maz MUFTI	
Asst. Treasurer:	Mike STANISTREET	
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Director:	Ian M. COOPER	Historian - Protocol
Director:	Alex GEDDES	Membership
Director:	Roy BERLINQUETTE	RCMP - NMC
Committee Chair:	Dan CARROLL	Golf Chair
Committee Chair:	Joe HEALEY	Grave inspections
Committee Chair	Ron LEWIS	Scholarships
Emeritus:	Ray McFARLAND	
Emeritus:	Jim MALONEY	
Emeritus:	John RELIGA	

MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION FOR 2008:

Active Members	660
Life Members	102
Honourary Members	1
Honourary Life Members	3
Associate Members	5
Widows	70
Total	841

The division held regular monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August) in the General Mess at the L.H. Nicholson Building, 1200 Vanier Parkway, Ottawa, Ontario. The Executive met the first Thursday and later the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at a boardroom located in Place D'Orleans, Orleans, Ontario. We no longer man our office location in Orleans.

## 2008 Matters of an Historical Point of View

- 1 Jan 08            25 members of the Veterans`Association contributed to and participated in the Annual General Mess Levee.
- 27 Jan 08            10 members of the Veterans`Association sold tickets, ushered and supplied security for the First Annual Pipes & Drums Concert at Chalmers United Church in suport of the RCMP Pipe Band.  
Many members of the Vets` Assn. and their wives and family members attended in support of the project.
- 13 May 08            Dan Elmore & Ian Coopes of the Veterans` Association distributed advertising pamphlets in the eastern area of the city in support of the upcoming Sunset Ceremonies.
- 14 May 08            Three veterans participated and assisted in medal presentation ceremonies at the St. Elias Centre.
- 15 May 08            Two members of the Vets` Assn. assisted with the sale of souvenir items in connection with the Musical Ride Presentation at St. Albert.
- 16 May 08            Three members assisted with the sale of souvenir items in connection with the Musical Ride Presentation at Metcalfe. Subsequent appearances of the Musical Ride in the Eastern Ontario region saw other vets from Ottawa Division assist in a similar fashion.
- 23 May 08            26 veterans participated in the Annual Headquarters Police Memorial Service and 36 members of Ottawa Division attended the Annual Officers` Mess Dinner in the East Block on Parliament Hill.
- 24 May 08            2 members of Ottawa Division – Linda McEwen & Trevor Edwards provided Security and otherwise assisted at the Annual Odawa Festival of Aboriginal Culture (Pow Wow) at the Nepean Tent and Trailer Park in Ottawa.
- 25 May 08            Don Day, Al Haggerty and Ian Cooper provided the same duties and our involvement both days was very well received.
- 1 June 08            3 members of Ottawa Division commenced Public Relations duties at the Museum of Civilization at Gatineau, Quebec for the eighth consecutive year/ This service will continued to 8 October 08.
- 6-8 June 08            16 members of Ottawa Division and their spouses attended the Annual General Meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



- 13 June 08      36 Veterans and their spouses enjoyed the Ladies' Annual Steak Night at Long Island Camp.
- 15-29 June 08   14 members of the Ottawa Division Vets provided meet and greet duties in connection with the VIP Receptions at the Annual Sunset Ceremonies.
- 10 July 08      Al Rivard, Al Haggerty & Ian Cooper participated the Red Shield/Red Serge Project at the Salvation Army Seniors Home (Grace Manor) in concert with Headquarters Special Units and those from "A" Division as well as the Musical Ride.
- 26 July 08      Ian Cooper participated in the Recruiting Program by attending the Turkish Festival at Confederation Park in Ottawa, the Ottawa Division first involvement with the Force Recruitment Program. More involvement will follow.
- 12 Sept 08      The Annual Vets' Golf Tournament took place on Friday September 12<sup>th</sup> at Highlands Golf Course. Proceeds were contributed to the Beechwood Cemetery Project.
- 26-27 Sept 08      8 members of the Veterans' Association were requested by "A" Division to attend at the Ottawa International Airport to meet and greet those members of the police community from across the country who were attending the Annual Police Memorial Parade on September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 2 Sept 08      28 members of the Ottawa Veterans' Association took part in the Annual Police Memorial Parade on Parliament Hill. Other vets who did not march were observed in the large crowd of on lookers.
- 6 Nov 08      Don DAY and Bob RUSSELL participated in the Annual Department of Veterans' Affairs 2 day Fair Celebrations at Billings Bridge Plaza. Regretfully, it appears that financial assistance provided by DVA in the past in transporting children to this event was not made available this year resulting in fewer people in attendance. We will need to know if the situation is rectified before deciding if our participation is beneficial.
- 7 Nov 08      8 Ottawa Division Vets - at the request of "A" Division – participated in the Annual Dinner for Aboriginal Veterans in connection with Remembrance Day Ceremonies.
- 11 Nov 08      12 members of the Ottawa Veterans' Association participated in the Annual Remembrance Day Parade at the National Cenotaph. Executive Director Bill GIDLEY laid a wreath on behalf of RCMP Veterans (National).
- 29 Nov 08      Three members of the Ottawa Vets' Association assisted in the medal presentation ceremonies which took place at the St. Elias Centre.
- 29 Nov 08      Ian COOPER represented the Ottawa Division Vets' Association, at the request of the Headquarters' General Mess Executive, to participate in retirement ceremonies for 8 retirees.
- 26 Dec 08      9 members of the Ottawa Division Vets' Association were volunteers at the World Junior Hockey Championships and involved in security duties at both the Civic Centre and Scotia Bank Place Venus. Several other vets and serving members were also involved in various duties.

Several members of the Ottawa Division Veterans' Association continue to be involved in the ongoing development of the Beechwood Project.

Several members of the Ottawa Division Veterans' Association actively participated as Directors of "The Quarterly" magazine.

Quarterly social dinners/dances were well attended throughout the year as were the monthly Vets' breakfasts held at three locations in Ottawa as well as Gatineau and Perth.

Many Veteran members attended several funerals to act as honorary pallbearers and perform other duties as requested by the families.

(Ian M. COOPER)  
Historian  
Life Member  
Ottawa Division  
RCMP Veterans' Association

## History of the Pall \*

Over the passage of time, the functions of Member Services have grown by leaps and bounds. In the past and to the best of Dave Lehman's knowledge, it involved visiting members of the Veterans' Association recuperating at home or in hospital during periods of illness. Our members are aging and we now find them in a variety of different situations. We now visit members confined to long-term care facilities, in hospitals due to illness and in their homes with permanent disabilities. There seems to be more visitations and more funerals to attend. It is because of the latter that the Pall came into being for our Division. Dave Lehman thoroughly researched the origin of our Pall. He took the time to go through all of our records and personally contacted all of the elder statesmen in our Association in an attempt to gather as much information as possible on our first Pall. According to the Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary, the word 'pall' means "a cloth, often of velvet, for spreading over a coffin. For a short period of time in 2004 the Division owned three Palls.

### First Pall:

It is suggested that one of two past Presidents may have been responsible for the creation of this Pall, either D.N. "Don" Cassidy in 1963 or H.D. "Henry" Sandrock in 1964. The date it was made could not be determined, circa 1960-65. Paul Petzal, Master Tailor from the "HQ" Tailor Shop, made the Pall. Its dimensions were 52" wide x 75" long. It was made from red serge material with the yellow stripe material around the edges. The Pall carried the crests of the Royal North-West Mounted Police (R.N.W.M.Police ) Veterans' Association and the R.C.M.P. Veterans' Association. This Pall served our Division very well, for many long years. It had been called upon to serve in the line of duty, increasingly so with the passing of time. The Pall reflected normal wear and tear. One hole had been repaired some time ago and the color of the material was faded, along with the collection of several stains. It was tired and ready for retirement. On Sunday, October 17, 2004, prior to the official dedication ceremony of the RCMP Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa, President Al Haggerty presented this Pall to Greta Hale, President of the Beechwood Cemetery Foundation. It is indeed fitting that this Pall will be encased and placed in a position of honour in the foyer at the Beechwood Cemetery.

### Second Pall:

Mrs. Ann Wake donated this Pall to the Ottawa Division in memory of her husband, James Wake on October 9, 1990. James was a member of good standing in our Association. This Pall was hand-crafted by Betty McLeod, a good friend of Ann. Its dimensions were 98" (8'2") wide and 126" (10'6") long. It is dark blue in color. A red stripe runs the length of the Pall on either side of the RCMP Veterans' Association crest (appliqué) bilingual format. The edges are outlined with embroidered maple leaves. It has a dark blue lining. It came complete, with a dark blue carrying bag, with an inscription "In loving memory of James Henry Wake 1914-1989". It was blessed into service by Rev. Dr. Allan Churchill, Chaplain and Rev. Carl Wake, son of James and Ann. Dave Lehman had heard that this Pall had been used a number of times. If this was the case, he felt it must have been used before it was donated to the Ottawa Division. Personally, he was not aware of it having been used for a funeral since it came into the possession of the Division. On November 9, 2004, it was decided that this Pall was far too large in its present state. With Ann's consent, it was reduced in size by Cynthia Jackson, Studio Inspiration for \$180. It is now ready for service.

### Third Pall:

In October 2000, Bas Adams reported that Pall No.1 was showing signs of age, the colors were faded, the cloth had several stains and a hole in it had been repaired. His motion to purchase a new Pall was approved. The new Pall was made by Continental Tailor at a cost of \$840. The crest of the Veterans' Association was digitized by Daquin Sales. The material used was red

serge baratheau, along with a yellow super fine stripe around the edges. Its dimensions are 60" wide and 78" long. The new Pall was dedicated at a Regular General Meeting on February 13, 2001, by the Chaplains, Rev. Dr. Allan Churchill and Father Jean-Marc Gagne.

\* Taken from Dave Lehman's reports to the Executive Committee, dated October 20, 2003 and April 19, 2004.

### The Commissioners' Tipstaff \*

Originally referred to as a "tipped staff", the tipstaff was carried before and during the sixteenth century in England as a practical reinforcement to the authority of a variety of officials having some aspect of law enforcement as their duty.

The tipstaff serves in the same way as a badge of the King's authority for law enforcement.

The more ornate tipstaff, with the addition of the royal crown to the tip, found its way into the rank insignia of Scotland Yard, and later into the rank insignias of some Canadian police forces. It has thus been firmly established as a traditional British and Canadian symbol of law enforcement authority.

In exercising his official functions, the usher of the Supreme Court of Britain heads the Lord Chancellor's procession in full regalia from the House of Lords to the annual services of Her Majesty's Judges at Westminster Abbey, and he carries the Court's silver staff to the Lord Mayor's Banquet at Guildhall in London.

The Commissioner's tipstaff follows the first of these two traditions, as a symbol of the solemn responsibility and authority borne by the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for law enforcement in Canada. It was presented to the RCMP Commissioner of the day, W.L. Higgitt, on September 3, 1970, by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police. The Association was expressing its profound gratitude for kind favours and services performed for other Canadian police forces by the RCMP. At the same time, the presentation demonstrated the unity developed among police forces in Canada.

\* Unknown

## **TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER \***

More than 27,000 Canadian servicemen and women, who gave their lives in the wars of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, rest unknown in graves or beneath the seas around the world. Many nations have a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier@ in which the remains of one of their unknown fallen have been repatriated for public commemoration. Canada does not. In 1997, The Royal Canadian Legion proposed that Canada establish a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to commemorate in a special way the thousands of nameless soldiers, sailors and airmen who fell in battle and remain unknown to this day.

This proposal was welcomed by other veterans' organizations and by interested government departments. A Working Group was formed in April 1998 under the chairmanship of the Royal Canadian Legion to bring the project to fruition. The working group is chaired by Duane Daly, Dominion Secretary of the Royal Canadian Legion and it has representatives from Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada, National Council of Veterans Associations in Canada, Veterans Affairs Canada, Department of Canadian Heritage, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Commonwealth War Graves Capital Commission, Millennium Bureau of Canada, Ottawa 2000, St. John Ambulance and the Canadian Red Cross. Planning for the project is proceeding through regular meetings of the working group and through the work of sub-committees responsible for various aspects. The project has been endorsed by the Millennium Bureau of Canada.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier will be incorporated into the National War Memorial in Ottawa. The actual tomb will be a granite sarcophagus at the front of the Memorial.

The remains to be repatriated will come from the Vimy battlefield as, in many ways, that battle is representative of Canada as a maturing nation. While the repatriated remains will come from Vimy, they are meant to represent all the unknown fallen sailors, soldiers, airmen and merchant seamen of all the wars of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in which Canada has been involved. Selection of the particular remains from Vimy will be done independently by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The remains will be handed over to the Government of Canada at a modest ceremony in Vimy planned for May 25, 2000.

The remains will be flown to Ottawa by the Canadian Forces and taken to the Parliament Buildings to lie in state for public commemoration on May 26-27, 2000. In the afternoon of Sunday, May 28, 2000, the remains will be taken from the Parliament Buildings to the National War Memorial in a solemn funeral procession escorted by a thousand veterans and members of the Canadian Forces and Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Leaders of the nation will be included as chief mourners. Committal service will be conducted at the National War Memorial with the Commander-in-Chief (Governor-General) leading the ceremonial tribute. The coffin bearing the remains of the unknown soldier will be placed in a sarcophagus at the base of the Memorial as veterans and serving military say farewell to their comrade. The funeral procession and committal service will be one of the most significant ceremonial events in the nation=s capital since the end of the Second World War.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the National War Memorial will provide a focal point for the commemoration of all of the unknown fallen Canadians who made the ultimate sacrifice in the wars of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

\* Copy of an attachment received from the Royal Canadian Legion.

More information is available at the following Web sites:

Royal Canadian Legion :	<a href="http://www.legion.ca/">http://www.legion.ca/</a>
Veterans Affairs Canada :	<a href="http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/">http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/</a>

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**THE R.C.M.P. MEMORIAL CEMETERY (OTTAWA)**

**HISTORY**

2001-2005

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## **2001**

In July, William and Mabel Becker visited the Beechwood Cemetery, located at 280 Beechwood Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario. They truly liked what they saw and were particularly impressed with the National Military Cemetery within the Beechwood Cemetery. As a result, they discussed this matter with James Patterson, Senior Family Service Representative at the Beechwood Cemetery. At this point, they were informed that a separate site for an RCMP cemetery could also be set aside, across the National Military Cemetery.

It is interesting to note that the forming of the North-West Mounted Police (NWMP) in 1873 coincides with the birth of the Beechwood Cemetery as well. It is an integral part of the cultural mosaic of the City of Ottawa and the surrounding communities. Without a doubt, it is one of the most beautiful and historic cemeteries in Canada. Beechwood Cemetery, a non-denominational facility, has been designed as a National Historic site by Heritage Canada. Beechwood Cemetery is a public garden where visitors to the National Capital Region are able to pay their respects to those who dedicated their lives to peace and order on behalf of all Canadians. The founders of Beechwood Cemetery imagined a place of quiet beauty in a pleasantly wooded setting shared by elms, maples and evergreens. Over the course of its history, Beechwood's 160 acres of landscaped gardens, with its century-old trees and elegant monuments, continue to reflect the imagery of its roots. Beechwood Cemetery currently has a number of former members buried there, including an exclusive memorial marker to honour [Constable Marmaduke Graburn](#), whose remains were interred at Fort Walsh in Saskatchewan. Cst. Graburn was the first NWMP member to be killed on duty.

The Members at the Executive Committee Meeting on September 6, discussed an [e-mail from Bill Becker](#), requesting that the Ottawa Division consider the creation of an RCMP Veterans' Cemetery within Beechwood Cemetery. This new site of the cemetery was to be used exclusively for RCMP members and their families. Ray McFarland, Executive Emeritus, was then asked to contact the Beechwood Cemetery in order to obtain additional information, particularly in relation to the cost of the plots.

At the next Regular General Meeting on September 11, Ray McFarland reported the results of his findings and circulated an information package from the Beechwood Cemetery, which also included the costs of burial plots. After some discussion, he was authorized to form a committee to continue with the negotiations. And at the same time, he was requested to conduct a survey in order to determine the level of interest of the members within the Ottawa Division in this project. There was also the question as to whether or not the RCMP would be interested in collaborating on this project. Dave Lehman, Executive Emeritus and Al Barkhouse joined Ray McFarland on this committee for the Beechwood Cemetery Project.

On November 1, James Patterson, from the Beechwood Cemetery, wrote a letter to the Ottawa Division with a proposal for an RCMP Veterans' Cemetery. ([James Patterson's letter](#))

## 2002

In January, the members of the Beechwood Cemetery Committee met with Stephane Demers, Member Assistance Programme (MAP) Co-Ordinator for the RCMP "A" Division, to gauge their interest in this project. In February, Ray McFarland wrote a letter to the RCMP Headquarters to see if a partnership in this project was possible. Conducting a survey of the members in the Ottawa Division would be the final step to obtain the necessary information so that an informed decision could be made.

Ray McFarland met with a RCMP representative on March 21, who was to determine the level of interest of the serving members and then advise the Committee if a partnership was a possibility.

At the Regular General Meeting on June 11, Ray McFarland provided the members with an overview of this project. The RCMP had not yet acknowledged the Ottawa Division's February letter. As such, the membership authorized the committee to [survey](#) the Ottawa Division's membership to determine their level of interest in this project.

At the Executive Committee Meeting on September 5, a positive return to the survey from the Ottawa Division prompted Ray McFarland to make a motion that we sign an agreement with Beechwood, to establish an RCMP Veterans' Cemetery with appropriate identification. After some discussion, the motion was carried.

At the Regular General Meeting on September 10, Ray McFarland informed the membership that there was a definite interest in the Beechwood Cemetery Project, as 170 positive replies had been received, in response to the survey. These members were interested in the concept of a memorial cemetery, as well as being able to purchase plots, headstones, etc., at a discounted price. The RCMP still had not responded to the Ottawa Division's February letter. As such, the Ottawa Division's next logical step was to sign an agreement with the Beechwood Cemetery, for the creation of an RCMP Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. At that time, a suitable location within the Beechwood Cemetery, adjacent to the National Military Cemetery, would be identified and set aside for the RCMP Veterans' Association. The good news was that there would be no other cost to the Ottawa Division should an agreement be signed. The purchase of the grave sites by members would cover the cost of assigning the land for use by our members and their families. A motion was carried that the Division sign an agreement with the Beechwood Cemetery to establish an RCMP Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

On September 12, Ray McFarland purchased the first burial plot in what was to become the RCMP Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

A lawyer from the Department of Justice reviewed the proposed agreement between the RCMP Veterans' Association and the Beechwood Cemetery Company. The contents and the format of the agreement were approved without any changes.

At the Regular General Meeting on October 8, Ray McFarland briefed the membership on the Beechwood Cemetery Project, informing them that the [agreement](#) between the Ottawa Division and the Beechwood Cemetery had now been signed. This agreement between the RCMP Veterans's Association and the Beechwood Cemetery Company had been drawn up effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002, in order to allow the immediate purchase of plots for members who were terminally ill. It was signed on behalf of the Ottawa Division by President Al Haggerty and on behalf of the Beechwood Cemetery by Tim Graham.

The agreement set aside an area with 450 grave sites, in Section 114 of the Beechwood Cemetery, for the RCMP Veterans' Association. Nineteen grave sites had already been sold with additional purchases pending. When the weather permits, the grounds will be brought up to standard by next Spring and a suitable marker, e.g., RCMP Veterans' Association Memorial Cemetery will be erected. It was felt that the RCMP Veterans' Association Cemetery at Beechwood would be a complement of the Regimental Cemetery at "Depot" in

Regina.

On October, all members who had shown an interest in this project were contacted by James Patterson of the Beechwood Cemetery.

On October 23, Jean-Claude Doré was the first member to be buried in the RCMP Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

At the Executive Committee Meeting on November 7, Al Barkhouse reported that the early demand for burial plots had exceeded expectations. Since the RCMP had not acknowledged the Ottawa Division's February letter, President Al Haggerty wrote another letter, this time to the Commissioner. He informed him of the current stage of this project and requested a response in relation to their interest and support.

By November 12, fifty burial plots had already been purchased by veterans.

## **2003**

The matter of income tax receipts for donations received for the Division's Cemetery was discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting on October 2. It was suggested that another committee be formed to approach Revenue Canada in this regard, as well as to deal with other outstanding matters relating to this project.

The suggested name "RCMP Veterans' Memorial Cemetery" was discussed at the Regular General Meeting on October 14. As a consensus could not be achieved, it was decided that this matter would be discussed with officials from Beechwood, and that the Executive would then make further proposals for a name for the RCMP Veterans' portion of the Beechwood Cemetery at a later date.

## **2004**

At the Executive Committee Meeting on January 8, it was announced that Roy Berlinquette had agreed to chair the new committee for the Beechwood project. It was now necessary to establish the criteria for this committee. Burial rights, honourable discharges, the rights of serving members, retirees and immediate families were discussed. Criteria for burial rights, as drafted by President Al Haggerty, were approved. The criteria for burial in the Ottawa Division's cemetery covers serving members, past serving members those being Regular Members, Civilian Members, Special Constables and immediate family which include spouse, children and grandchildren.

The one-hundredth burial plot had been purchased in the RCMP Veterans' Memorial Cemetery on January 12.

At the Executive Committee Meeting on February 5, Roy Berlinquette, Chairperson of the Beechwood Cemetery Project, informed the members that George Hurry, Herman Beaulac, Bill Becker and Al Rivard were now members of his committee. He then provided the following information. He had met and discussed the Beechwood Project with Commissioner Giuliano Zaccardelli, who was interested in participating in this project in some way. He then met with Deputy Commissioner Paul Gauvin, Chief Financial Officer, and requested that a financial contribution from the Force for this project be considered. Gauvin will consider giving corporate support, but requested a proposal from the Ottawa Division when all costs were known. Also, the Commissioner had asked Berlinquette to be a member of the committee that is being struck to develop a new parade square and a memorial for the fallen officers to be built at Headquarters. This is a half a million dollar project which will coincide with the announcement of a new Headquarters building to replace a major part of the existing structure. Berlinquette had established an excellent working relationship with senior members of the Force to ensure that future work on this project moves along smoothly with input from both organizations.

The members of the Executive Committee met on March 4, and discussed the need to amend the Ottawa Division's By-Laws. There was a need to stipulate the eligibility for burial in the RCMP Veterans' Cemetery. They were also informed that the Beechwood Cemetery would be placing a full page ad in the next Quarterly.

A meeting of the Beechwood Cemetery Committee was held on March 4, in the Beechwood Cemetery's meeting room. Drawings on proposed styles for the monument were submitted and reviewed. George Hurry and Bill Becker's original designs for the monument were selected. These drawings were given to Michel Binet, a Montreal artist, who had been commissioned to draw a scale model of the RCMP granite monument to be erected on the site. The monument will reflect the high standards and symbols of the RCMP. The Beechwood Cemetery will provide the stone, two flag poles and will also pay the GST. The Ottawa Division will pay for the monument. Al Rivard was responsible for researching the cost of the monument and for developing various fundraising initiatives. The estimate for the cost of the monument ranged from \$48,000 to \$80,000.

At the Regular General Meeting on March 9, Roy Berlinquette gave the members an overview of the Beechwood Project. Al Burchill had researched the issues of liability in regard to injuries at the cemetery site, and also the necessary insurance coverage that would be required. A risk assessment will have to be completed.

At the Executive Committee Meeting on April 1, the members were provided with an overview of this project. Borrowing money from the Ottawa Division Veterans's Building Funds was discussed as one option to pay for the monument.

At the Regular General Meeting on April 13, Roy Berlinquette provided the membership with a very interesting overview of the project, the highlight being the diagrams of the monument for the RCMP Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. Al Burchill and George Hurry were commended for their diligent work on this project. Greg LeGrand offered his company's services for the printing, free of charge.

The members of the Leadership and Governance Strategy Group met at the Beechwood Meeting Room to discuss the RCMP Memorial Cemetery on May 5. The attendees were James Patterson, Beechwood Cemetery Representative, C/S/M Yvon Mercier, RCMP, Glenn MacPhail, RCMP Veteran, Al Rivard, Director and RCMP Veteran, Robert (Bob) Farrell, RCMP Veteran and Roy Berlinquette, Director and RCMP Veteran. George Hurry, Bill Becker and Jack Briscoe were absent.

James Patterson provided the members with an overview of the Ottawa Division RCMP Veterans' initiative to establish an RCMP Veterans' Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood. He spoke of the partnership that has flourished during the development of the project and the commitment of the Beechwood Cemetery to recognize the RCMP members and their families in this final resting place. Patterson described the advances that have been made in developing the site 114 to be exclusive to the RCMP. He described their proposed expansion of the present site which will accommodate the RCMP members and their families for decades to come, the ongoing landscaping projects on the site as well as the future beautifying proposals that are envisaged for the future. The Beechwood Cemetery will provide the six-foot deep footing and one-foot square base to support the large granite RCMP memorial cenotaph. The numerous trees that will be incorporated on the RCMP site will be funded by Beechwood. An estimated cost of more than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars is being invested in this project by the Beechwood Cemetery. It will ensure that the RCMP site is done with taste and that it will be attractive to visit. Patterson mentioned that Beechwood, being a non-profit enterprise, is designed as a charitable foundation. As such, it could accept and issue income tax receipts for benevolent donors for this project, if so desired.

Roy Berlinquette emphasized that this project is being led by the Ottawa Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association. It will require coordination among members of the Veterans' Association, the RCMP and the Beechwood Cemetery. It will also be necessary to develop a communications strategy that will include a number of communication tools, like a bilingual pamphlet, as state of the art video presentation and oral presentation materials to ensure that the project receives the broadest attention. There is a need to focus on a financial strategy that will include a number of fundraising campaigns that will ensure that the costs of the RCMP Memorial Cenotaph are covered. The projected cost is fifty-five thousand dollars. Bob Farrell has agreed to chair the Finance Committee and, combined with Al Rivard, will develop a number of funding possibilities. This will include and not to be limited to the Ottawa Veterans' Association, raising monies through special events, the canvassing of the RCMP as a major beneficiary for funding in part or in whole, seeking support from the RCMP Benefit Trust Fund in part or in whole and the Ottawa Division Veterans' Capital Building Fund. Beechwood has proposed a loan to allow for the commencement of the construction of the Cenotaph and the completion of the landscaping.

The Governance Structure is as follows:

- Oversight Committee: Roy Berlinquette, Chairperson  
George Hurry, Director; Bill Becker, Director; Yvon Mercier, Director  
and James Patterson
- Communications Committee: Jack Briscoe, Chairperson  
Glenn MacPhail, Director; Gary Walkling, Director and Gilles  
Parent, Director
- Finance Committee: Bob Farrell, Chairperson  
Al Rivard, Director
- RCMP Corporate Committee: Yvon Mercier, Chairperson

There are a number of individuals to be added, as required, to the committees in order to ensure there is value-added input to this project.

An open discussion on the potential for a successful project brought forth a very enthused response from each

participant. The next major milestone is October 1, 2004, when the Cenotaph will be completed and in place. There was a discussion about moving the Memorial Stone that commemorates Constable Graburn's death, the first NWMP killed on duty, to the RCMP Memorial Cemetery as an added historical asset.

The members visiting the RCMP Memorial Cemetery were pleasantly surprised that 115 grave sites had already been purchased and that a number of headstones were already in place. There is no doubt that the manicured area, combined with the planned landscaping of this historical cemetery leaves one in a state of reverence. The proximity to the National Defence Cenotaph and the visioning of the RCMP Cenotaph facing their site makes one feel proud. The reality of having a site dedicated to the men and women who served Canada and which also include their family members, shows a commitment and respect for the Force.

Appreciation was extended to James Patterson for his partnership and hospitality. The sharing of the Beechwood premises was most appreciated.

On May 12, the following members of the Governance Group gathered at the Beechwood Meeting Room. Attendees: Roy Berlinquette, Chair; James Patterson, Beechwood Cemetery; Robert Farrell, Chair, Finance Committee; C/S/M Yvon Mercier, Chair, Corporate Committee; Jack Briscoe, Chair, Public Relations/Communications Committee; Bill Becker, RCMP Veterans' Governance Committee; Al Rivard, Finance Committee; Karen Appleyard, RCMP Corporate Committee; Gilles Parent, Public Relations/Communications Committee; Glen MacPhail, Public Relations/Communications Committee. Absent: George Hurry.

James Patterson gave a brief overview of the project and the progress that has been made since its inception.

A common lexicon is to be developed to ensure continuity in the description of the different facets of this project.

The Finance Committee unveiled a number of fundraising related activities for the RCMP Memorial Cemetery Project.

- A letter to the RCMP Veterans' Association National President had been signed.
- The profits from the annual Veterans' golf tournament had already been designated for the RCMP Memorial Cemetery Project.
- The issue of charitable donations was to be studied.
- Other initiatives were to be developed.

Jack Briscoe was responsible for preparing the letters to the Commissioner and the Minister. A strategy for a pamphlet and a video was to be developed by mid-August 2004. Bill Becker was responsible for the development of the legal terms for those who are eligible to be buried in the Cemetery. The wording for the Cenotaph was to be completed by mid-August 2004 as well.

The Governance Strategy Group met on May 19, at the Beechwood Meeting Room. Among a number of other items on the agenda, the eligibility for burial in the cemetery was discussed. The following was approved:

- Eligibility: A member of the RCMP and members of his or her immediate family may be interred in the RCMP Veterans' Section 114 of the Beechwood Cemetery.
- Definitions: Member means a serving or a former Regular Member, a Civilian Member or a Special Constable of the RCMP.  
Immediate Family means spouse or common-law partner, child (natural, legally adopted or stepchild by marriage and his or her spouse).

Any exceptions to the above will be ruled on by the Governing Committee and their decision will be final.

On June 11, [Timothy Graham wrote a letter](#) to Roy Berlinquette, dealing with the question of donors making charitable donations to the Beechwood Cemetery Foundation. He also proposed payment options from one to five years for the granite memorial.

A Special Executive Committee Meeting was held at the Beechwood Cemetery Meeting Room on June 29. Attendees : Al Haggerty, Alex Geddes, Mel Oickle, Dave Owen, Roy Berlinquette, Dave Lehman, Ron Stewart, Cal Small, Peter Austin, Al Rivard, Al Barkhouse, Greg LeGrand and John Religa. Absent: Harry Armstrong and Sig Sigurdson.

Prior to the meeting, James Patterson met the members of the Executive in the RCMP Memorial Cemetery and gave them a complete overview on the development of the cemetery as it is now, and also explained what the future expansion would entail. Patterson stated that the graveyard will be set up to be very user friendly and will show well. The landscaping will complement the RCMP Memorial Cemetery. He encouraged each family to plant appropriate flowers on their plot. This will add beauty to the sites.

Patterson briefed the Executive members on the type of stone that he recommended for the cemetery and the longevity of the appearance of the stone as well as the ease of cleaning it. After the tour was completed, Patterson continued to provide further information on the various planning stages to date. Each member was given a copy of the monument drawings showing the front and the back of the (two-sided) stone showing the dimensions. He also explained the style of the etching that will be used to show off the stones and monument to their best. The lances will be fixed and the flags will be bronze for practicality, as well as for preventing vandalism and the necessity of flag replacement. Apparently, the Military have to replace their flags every 5 or 6 weeks.

The Beechwood Cemetery set aside a parcel of land that will provide over 1,500 grave sites. There will be a mix of single and double plots available for deceased members and their families. In addition, the Beechwood Cemetery is prepared to build to granite walls containing 96 niches for urns containing the ashes of deceased members and family members. A brass plate will cover the surface of each "niche" identifying the family and will have the RCMP regimental crest engraved on it. The granite space between each structure will allow for the inscriptions if desired. These granite walls will provide a backdrop to the RCMP monument.

The Constable Graburn Memorial Monument will be relocated and given a prominent site in the RCMP Memorial Cemetery. The Graburn Monument will be located approximately 150 metres from the RCMP Monument.

Roy Berlinquette discussed the Beechwood Project with the Commissioner while attending the AGM in Victoria earlier in June 2004. The Commissioner was quite interested in this project. He had already replied to Roy's initial letter from the RCMP Memorial Governance Strategy Committee. As such, the Ottawa Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association is working with the RCMP to create an RCMP Memorial Cemetery for RCMP Regular Members, Special Constables, Civilian Members, Veterans and their families. The RCMP Memorial Cemetery is intended to recognize the significant contributions made by members of the North-West Mounted Police (NWMP), the Royal North-West Mounted Police (RNWMP) and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and their families. It is also intended to demonstrate the RCMP's appreciation, respect and unwavering commitment to its members, veterans and families.

The RCMP is in the early stages of developing a memorial area and a wall initiative at HQ that will recognize the sacrifices to Canada by members and veterans of the Force. Since the grounds of the RCMP HQ are closed to the viewing public, the NCC decided not to provide financial support. Berlinquette met with C/Supt. Bernie Corrigan, DG of Public Affairs and Information for the RCMP. It was suggested to Corrigan that instead of competing on advertising and funding for both projects separately, that it would be beneficial for everyone to work together. Ultimately, it must be decided whether or not the RCMP will contribute funds to assist in the development of the 1500 plot cemetery. And also, will the RCMP allow the Veterans' Association to participate in fundraising for the memorial wall and cemetery as well.

Al Rivard mentioned that a Business Case was being developed for the cost of the monument which is



\$50,000 plus \$5,000 for other expenses. Beechwood has agreed to pay for the development and expansion of the cemetery.

The stone work on the monument will be completed by September and the dedication is slated to take place on Sunday, October 17, at Beechwood. One option is to pay the Beechwood Cemetery outright in September 2004, plus other costs. The other option is to pay the GST of \$4,000 now, and in one year to pay Beechwood Cemetery for the remaining balance.

Al Rivard made a motion that the Ottawa Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association provide a loan of up to \$60,000 from the Division's Building Fund, to the RCMP Memorial Governance Strategy Committee for the purchase of the Memorial Monument at the Beechwood Cemetery. Then Beechwood Cemetery would receive full payment on November 17, 2004. The loan is to be repaid to the Division over a period of 10 years based on 1.75% interest per annum. The interest rate is to be reviewed on an annual basis. There was ample discussion and all members had an input into the clarification of this motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Al Haggerty informed the members that the Ladies Auxiliary were also interested in making donations to the Beechwood project.

John Religa read a letter that he had forwarded to the Charities Directorate, Canada Revenue Agency (CCRA), Ottawa, dated May 20, 2004. It is in reference to the Ottawa Veterans' Association establishing the RCMP Memorial Cemetery. He asked CCRA several questions related to the Beechwood Project and as to whether or not it could be recognized as a registered charity within the terms of the Benefit Trust Fund. The CCRA had not replied.

On August 31, Roy Berlinquette and Tim Graham sent a joint letter to all the veterans in the Ottawa Division seeking their financial support for the RCMP Memorial Cemetery. (Please refer to Appendix 6 for a copy of the letter.)

At the Executive Committee Meeting on September 2, Al Rivard provided the members with an overview of the Project. The site at Beechwood was being graded and seeded for the October 17, 2004, dedication service. A committee was looking into the format of the ceremony to ensure appropriate media coverage. The granite will arrive in the near future with ample time for the completion of the engraving. Because of the additional cost at this time, the decision on the parade square was put on hold for the time being. The [Public Relations package](#) has been completed by Jack Briscoe and Glenn MacPhail. The [article on the Beechwood Project](#) for the Quarterly was a work in progress.

At the Regular General Meeting on September 14, John Religa explained the results of his efforts to obtain charitable status with CCRA for the Beechwood Project. The Association's Benefit Trust Fund can sponsor the Memorial Cemetery Project. An annual report would have to be submitted to the Charities Division of the Canada Revenue Agency. John raised this matter at a meeting with the Association's National Executive on September 10. The following recommendations were approved by the Executive:

1. That the NEC adopt the Ottawa Division's Memorial Monument Project as a National Program sponsored by the Association's Benefit Trust Fund.
2. That requests from other divisions for sponsorship of their charitable projects by the Association's Benefit Trust Fund be investigated and decided on by the NEC on a case by case basis.
3. That the NEC not accept projects for sponsorship unless donations are deposited in the Association's Benefit Trust Fund and cheques issued by the Fund into a bank account set up by the Division specifically for the project.
4. That the Division be required to provide the NEC with:
  - a) quarterly progress reports on projects sponsored by the Association's Benefit Trust Fund and,
  - b) a financial report at the end of each calendar year. The National Treasurer would use these reports in preparing the annual Registered Charity

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5. That the Treasurer report to the NEC in any Division fails to submit a quarterly progress report and annual financial report, with a view to the Association's Benefit Trust Fund no longer sponsoring the Division's charitable project.

At this same meeting, Al Rivard gave the membership a very detailed update on the status of the RCMP Memorial Cemetery. The dedication service will be held on October 17, 2004. All veterans are being invited. A major fan-out by telephone and mail will follow. Many invited guests are expected to attend. Minister Ann McClellan, Commissioner Zaccardelli, past ex-members of the RCMP and all ranks and families are encouraged to attend. A program is being arranged. The monument is being engraved and will be in place in the very near future. Two flag poles have been erected and the grounds are coming along very nicely. It will be called the RCMP Memorial Cemetery (Ottawa). Veterans are requested to wear their red or blue blazers with medals.

The Public Relations/Communications Committee met on September 16, at the Beechwood Meeting Room to discuss the RCMP Memorial Cemetery Official Dedication Ceremony. Present: James Patterson, Beechwood Cemetery; Jack Briscoe, RCMP Veterans' Association; Glen MacPhail, RCMP Veterans' Association; Gilles Parent, RCMP Veterans' Association; Graeme Ogilvie, RCMP Pipe and Drums; Jeni Sandeman, RCMP Communications; Marc Richer, RCMP; Gord Finck, RCMP; and Len Klimpke, RCMP Musical Ride. Absent: Greg Fedor, Official Dedication Ceremony Chairperson.

James Patterson provided an overview of the entire project. The following items were discussed: videographer, photographer, official recording of the dedication ceremony, RCMP Chaplains, invited guests, media activity, traffic control, official greeters, traffic control with the Ottawa Regional Police, rain or shine events, tent, order of dress and a planned practice for the dedication ceremony with key participants.

Upon request, Cst. Greg Fedor had agreed to be the overall event coordinator for the Dedication Ceremony on October 17. His sound system will be provided free of charge.

Graeme Ogilvie agreed that the RCMP Community Pipes and Drums Band will play the regimental march and a selection of slow tunes appropriate for the occasion. A piper will play a lament on the 16<sup>th</sup> blessing. It was also agreed that, following the service, the Band would play a selection of tunes for the enjoyment of the audience.

The Public Relations/Communications Committee met on September 23, at the Beechwood Meeting Room to discuss the RCMP Memorial Cemetery Official Dedication Ceremony. Attendees: James Patterson, Beechwood Cemetery; Greg Fedor, RCMP Chairperson; Jack Briscoe, RCMP Veteran; Gilles Parent, RCMP Veteran; Jeni Sandeman, RCMP Communications; Marc Richer, RCMP and Absent: Yvon Mercier, RCMP, Len Klimpke, Musical Ride; Glenn MacPhail, Communications Committee; Karen Appleyard, RCMP, and Gordon Finck, RCMP.

The discussion focussed around requirements for parking, ushers for visitors who arrive for the service, dry run for the horses from the Beechwood National Memorial Centre to the site, the requirement for a large generator for the sound system and media outlets, needs of the media, final head count for last minute preparations, chairs for the visitors, the podium, where the religious dedication would occur in the schedule of events, arrangements with the Identification Branch for videos and photos, the idea of limited edition prints by a Force artist, two members in Review Order needed for the ribbon cutting ceremony and flag raising, former Commissioners to be included in the VIP room and, finally, the seating plan and logistics.

Members of the Governance Strategy Group met at the Beechwood Meeting Room on September 29 to further the development of the RCMP Memorial Cemetery Dedication Ceremony. Attendees: Jack Briscoe, Bob Farrell, Al Rivard, Gilles Parent, Greg Fedor, James Patterson, George Hurry, Roxanne Ouellette, Vera Yzyk and Roger Boulton.

The discussions centered around the monument being sandblasted, photographs and video of the event,

limited VIP invitations, a crane to erect the 5,000 pound monument, letter to be forwarded to the veterans, the duration of the ceremony and a tent for the media.

James Patterson had received telephone calls from members across Canada waiting to purchase burial plots at the RCMP Memorial Cemetery. Caskets from other cemeteries have already been relocated to this site, and others are to follow.

Members of the Governance Strategy Group met at the Beechwood Meeting Room on September 30 to further the development of the RCMP Memorial Cemetery Dedication Ceremony.

Attendees: Jack Briscoe, Greg Fedor, Melanie Roush, Gilles Parent, Vera Yuzyk, James Patterson, Graham Ogilvie, Yvon Mercier, Marc Richer and Roger Boulton

The following issues were discussed: confirmation of the presence of two members of the RCMP in review order and on a motorcycle, minute by minute description of the ceremony for historical needs, recruiting of members who will participate in the parade, the electronic bugle from Vancouver, the list of VIPs, the participation of the RCMP "A" Division, the tent for the media, the elderly and those who have limited mobility, the link with the media, the need for two buses, the food and the information kits for distribution at the event.

Members of the Governance Strategy Group met at the Beechwood Meeting Room on October 6. Attendees: Roy Berlinquette, Jack Briscoe, Al Rivard, Greg Fedor, Gilles Parent, Vera Yuzyk, James Patterson, Yvon Mercier, Marc Richer, Roger Boulton, Monique Beauchamp, Glenn MacPhail and Nadie Martin.

The discussion centered around the possibility that the costs for the dedication ceremony may be shared between "A" Division and RCMP HQ; that Monique Beauchamp and Marc Richer would deal with the press; that there would be a riser and a tent for the media; that there would be seating for the VIPs, families, elderly and disabled, the guests; that there would be a reception at Beechwood after the ceremony; that the veterans and members march be integrated; that the two Musical Ride horses and riders would be available, the two RCMP motorcycles, that two O.C. Transpo buses were reserved; that the order of service and the itinerary were under review; that care be taken to ensure that no one walks on grave sites; traffic, the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the bugle, the flag raising ceremony, the microphone and stand, photo opportunities, the monument and the coordination of volunteers.

At the Executive Committee Meeting on October 7, John Religa raised the need to address the protocol for a system of donations through the Division to NHQ. Al Rivard stated that there were two options: One option was through the RCMP Veterans' Association, or the other option was through the Beechwood Cemetery, directly for the Beechwood Memorial Project. Rivard will look into the matter further and report back at the next meeting. Rivard provided an update on the Beechwood Project for the members of the Executive.

Members wishing to march in the parade will muster at RCMP HQ, and a bus will transport them to the site at 9:30 hrs, and back at HQ after the services around 14:00 hrs. Members who march in the parade will wear a red or a blue blazer with medals and/or red serge with Stetson, Stipe Sam-Brown, brown gloves and medals. Members of the Executive and their spouses, etc., may arrive at the Beechwood National Memorial Centre around 12:00 hrs, as part of the dignitaries. They are required to wear a red or blue blazer with medals. Officers, if not marching, will wear red serge, forage cap, brown gloves, Stipe Sam-Brown and medals. Two chaplains will present the homily. Security and traffic control will be provided by the Ottawa Regional Police Force and the RCMP. Police personnel will be at each entrance off Beechwood and St. Laurent Blvd., as well as the RCMP Musical Horses and Riders.

At the Regular General Meeting on October 12, Al Rivard gave an update regarding the Charities Directorate, CCRA-Beechwood Cemetery.

Dan Carroll was in charge of organizing the members from the Ottawa Division who were marching in the RCMP Memorial Cemetery Dedication Parade. He provided an overview of the itinerary for this event and requested that as many members as possible participate in the parade. Dave Owens emailed the itinerary to the membership of the Ottawa Division.

The members and veterans who would be marching in the parade would be picked up by bus at the RCMP HQ at 9:30 hrs and transported to the Beechwood Cemetery. At 12:25 hrs, the VIPs and Band members would be picked up at the Beechwood National Memorial Centre and transported to the memorial site by bus.

Prior to the Dedication Services at the RCMP Memorial Cemetery (Ottawa) on Sunday, October 17, President Al Haggerty presented the retired Red Pall to Greta Hale, President of the Beechwood Foundation. This Pall will be encased and displayed in the foyer at the Beechwood Cemetery. ([President Haggerty's Pall Presentation notes](#).)

The Dedication Service began at 1:00 p.m. with two members in review order, mounted on horses, leading the parade. They were followed by the RCMP Police Community Pipes and Drums' Band. Included in the parade were 60 regular members and veterans proudly marching in review order.

They fell into place, facing the RCMP Memorial granite Cenotaph. Due to the lightly falling rain, the tent provided a sanctuary for all the invited guests. Unfortunately, the mounted riders and the members of the Band, along with our regular members and veterans on parade, were not as fortunate. Inclement weather or not, they conducted themselves as true professionals. The sound system was a blessing for all the invited guests. ([Official Dedication Ceremony Program](#); [schedule of events](#); [VIP Guest List](#).)

Sgt. Marc Richer, Master of Ceremony, welcomed the dignitaries and invited guests. The Invocation was conducted by Honorary Chaplains André Bigras and Father Jean-Marc Gagné. The Prayer of Invocation and the Honour Roll of those interred at the RCMP Memorial Cemetery was read by Chaplain André Bigras. ([Prayer of Invocation](#); [Honour Roll](#))

The Last Post was followed by a minute of silence. The Lament, played by Insp. Rod Booth, was followed by the laying of wreaths, which was followed by the Rouse. The keynote speakers were Commissioner Zaccardelli, Greta Hale, Al Haggerty and Mauril Bélanger, M.P. Commissioner Zaccardelli and Chaplain André Bigras were responsible for the Act of Dedication and Benediction. The red ribbon, held by Bill Becker and Cst. Greg Fedor, was cut by Commissioner Zaccardelli, assisted by Grete Hall and President Al Haggerty. Bill Becker and Cst. Greg Fedor raised the Canadian Flag and the RCMP Ensign simultaneously on two flag poles. Then, "O Canada" was sung in French and in English by Cst. Craig Kennedy. The parade was dismissed. The VIPs and members were transported by bus from the Memorial Site to the Beechwood National Memorial Centre where a reception followed. Approximately 125 serving members, veterans and their spouses were in attendance. ( ["The Quarterly"](#), vol. 70, No.1, Winter 2005 issue; [Commissioner Zaccardelli's speaking notes](#); [Grete Hale's speaking notes](#); [President Haggerty's speaking notes](#); [Press Releases](#) ; [Message from the Commissioner](#).)

Members of the Governance Strategy Group met on November 3, at the Beechwood Meeting Room to review the Dedication Ceremony that had taken place on October 17, 2004.

Attendees: Roy Berlinquette, James Patterson, Jack Briscoe, Gilles Parent, Melanie Roush, Glen MacPhail, Karen Appleyard, Al Rivard, Bill Becker, Bob Farrell, Roger Boulton and Vera Yuzyk. Regrets: Yvon Mercier, Jeni Sandeman, George Hurry and Greg Fedor.

The Committee Chair acknowledged that overall the event had been a success made possible by the dedication of all who participated in the planning and execution of the service. There had been challenges in loading and unloading the buses. Traffic congestion had been a problem. The weather had been cool and wet. Fortunately, the tent, which had been large enough to accommodate the members of the media, the VIPs and all the guests, definitely saved the day. The P.A. system was excellent. Unfortunately the members on parade were unable to hear the broadcast.

Discussion revolved around whether or not this event should become an annual event, tied to the annual National Police Memorial Parade on Parliament Hill in September, or to Remembrance Day Ceremonies on November 11. As the Commanding Officer "A" Division had already made a decision to be at Beechwood on November 11, this matter will be discussed at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

James Patterson stated that there was a significant increase in interest in Beechwood following this event and raised concern to have a protocol on how services should be conducted. The concept of a single point of contact was generally discussed and it was recommended that Don Day become involved in the revisions to the protocol, given his role in the Veterans' Association.

There was a discussion on the question of eligibility with emphasis on Public Service employees and the need for this matter to be decided as one of the first orders of business for the governance board.

Gilles Parent agreed to coordinate the compiling of all sources of photographs to create one master (CD and photo quality). Having music added to the CD was discussed.

Roy Berlinquette identified a need for three forms (pamphlets) for use in marketing and communication:

First pamphlet: to be used as an advertising tool, much like those found in the lobby at Beechwood and those produced by the Canadian Forces

Second pamphlet: to be used for explaining the process for individuals who wish to make charitable donations to the RCMP Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood and,

Third pamphlet: to be used as means of communicating with the serving members and pensioners. Glen MacPhail stated that Member Employee Assistance Program Co-ordinators in the provinces could be utilized as a resource. A link on the Morneau Pension Website was also discussed.

Al Rivard spoke about the process for donations to the RCMP Memorial Cemetery Trust Fund and also that he had been working closely with the members of the Beechwood Cemetery to finalize those documents. This matter will be brought up at the next Executive Committee Meeting on November 5, for discussion.

Roy Berlinquette, Bernie Corrigan and Tim Graham will manage the development of the Tripartite Agreement. Signatories will be Grete Hale on behalf of the Beechwood Cemetery, Giuliano Zaccardelli, Commissioner of the RCMP and Al Haggerty, President of the Ottawa Division's Veterans' Association.

There was a need to get a governance structure established as there are a number of issues that need to be resolved for the effective management of the RCMP Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood, including the role of the Veterans' Association, issues around eligibility approvals, participation on the Board, mandate, terms of reference and legal representation. The Commanding Officer "A" Division will be a member of the Board. Some discussion of the merits of separating financial matters from the Governance Board took place. All agreed that this matter required further discussion and that a decision should be taken.

Bob Farrell reported that the business case and covering letter are nearing completion for dissemination to Deputy Commissioner Paul Gauvin. Included are the costs of the monument, parade square and contingency funding levels. The business case is to be given to the RCMP within the next two weeks.

Al Rivard outlined how the bills were being managed, i.e., flags, wreaths, expenses related to the event. He will table a financial statement in due course.

In closing, Al Berlinquette expressed his appreciation and thanked everyone for their hard work in helping to make this historical event a success.

At the Executive Committee Meeting on November 4, Al Rivard reported on the fundraising options in relation to the RCMP Memorial Cemetery, outlining the research conducted. There were two options: One option was through the National RCMP Veterans' Association and the other option was directly through the Beechwood Foundation.

John Religa outlined that the following criteria would have to be followed for the Association's Benefit Trust

Fund in order to accept the Memorial Cemetery as a National Program:

1. The donor will have to specify that his/her donation was for the Memorial Cemetery Project.
2. The Association's Benefit Trust Fund will issue a tax receipt to the donor.
3. A cheque will be forwarded to the Ottawa Division covering all donations received to the end of February, April, June, August, October and December each year.
4. The Ottawa Division will have to set up a separate bank account for the project and the cheque issued by the Association's Benefit Trust Fund will be made payable to this account.
5. The Ottawa Division will have to provide reports to the Association's Benefit Trust Fund on the status of the project at the end of March, June, September and December each year.
6. The Ottawa Division will have to provide the Association's Benefit Trust Fund with a financial report by January 31, each year, as to how the funds received during the previous year were disbursed, along with a copy of the latest bank statement.
7. If the Ottawa Division fails to submit any of the aforementioned reports, NEC may withdraw sponsorship of the project.

Tim Graham, General Manager from the Beechwood Cemetery, outlined a second option which was an offer from the Beechwood Foundation. The Foundation could provide the following services:

1. There would be a separate accounting for donations to the RCMP Memorial Cemetery.
2. There would be monthly financial statements of funds in the account.

3. The Beechwood personnel would process donations, i.e., record donations, issue income tax receipt and send "thank you" letters, etc. An administrative fee would be charged for this service for the individual's time, letterhead, postage, etc.
4. The Veterans' Association Logo could be added to the Foundation letterhead.
5. Vera Yuzyk would assist in developing fundraising appeals and campaigns.
6. The Beechwood Meeting Room would be available for meetings.

The following is Beechwood's definition of the trust fund: "The Fund will be used but not be limited to: landscaping such as a feature memorial ceremonial pad, walkways and other initiatives as may be agreed upon from time to time by the authorized representatives of the Beechwood Cemetery Foundation and the RCMP Memorial Cemetery Committee."

After some discussion, Al Rivard proposed a motion that the fundraising initiatives for the RCMP Memorial Cemetery be funnelled through the Beechwood Cemetery Foundation with the funds collected being deposited into the RCMP Veterans' General Trust Fund. The motion was carried unanimously.

Criteria for interment in the RCMP Memorial Cemetery (Ottawa) were once again discussed at great length. The minutes of the January 4, 2004 meeting dealing with this matter were reviewed. After some discussion, this item was deferred to the agenda of the Special Executive Meeting to be held at the Beechwood Cemetery on November 24, 2004.

Roy Berlinquette made his report to the Executive outlining the progress to date and the need to address the following items:

1. A new mandate for the RCMP Memorial Cemetery Committee is required.
2. Naming of the Executive on this Committee
3. Define the Ottawa Veterans' Association's position on the governance structure for the tripartite partnership between the Ottawa Veterans' Association, the RCMP and the Beechwood Foundation.
4. The Finance Committee Report
5. The final report by the Chair of the RCMP Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood Cemetery.

This project is to be tabled at the next meeting, including a historical album and communications records. As this matter was too large to discuss within the confines of a regular Executive Committee Meeting, it was decided that this topic be subject to a Special Executive Meeting to be held at the Beechwood Cemetery meeting room on November 25, 2004 at 9:30 a.m.

In response to a request, a RCMP Veterans' Association flag (3'x6') was given to the Beechwood Cemetery to place on a flag pole inside their facilities for services, and also to be put on display with the retired Red Pall, in the foyer of the Beechwood Cemetery.

Padre Gerry Peddle from Veterans Affairs requested the Ottawa Division's participation in the ceremony at the National Military Cemetery at Beechwood on November 11, 2004. Assistant Commissioner Ghyslaine Clément, Inspector Steve Petrushka and Constable Greg Fedor will represent "A" Division at this ceremony. Al Rivard, on behalf of President Al Haggerty, will place a wreath at the Cenotaph of the RCMP Memorial Cemetery (Ottawa) at Beechwood. Greg LeGrand, on behalf of President Al Haggerty, will place a wreath at the Cenotaph in Ottawa.

At the Regular General Meeting on November 9, Al Rivard brought the membership up-to-date on donations to the RCMP Memorial Cemetery (Ottawa), on the role of the Beechwood Foundation and the Benefit Trust Fund. The Beechwood Committee had put together a Business Plan and submitted it to the Commissioner of the RCMP, requesting that they assume the financial responsibility in paying for this Project. The Beechwood Cemetery Committee received a round of applause in appreciation for their efforts which culminated in an outstanding dedication ceremony and a project that was extremely well managed on behalf

of the Association.

Roy Berlinquette provided a Project update. He then thanked Ray McFarland, Al Barkhouse and Dave Lehman (deceased) for their dedicated work done on the RCMP Memorial Cemetery prior to handing this project over to him. He outlined the agenda on this project which will be dealt with at the Special Executive Committee Meeting on November 25.

A Special Executive Meeting was held on November 25, at the Beechwood Cemetery meeting room. Matters relating to fundraising as outlined in the minutes of the November 24, 2004 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Criteria for interment at the cemetery as contained in the minutes of January 4, 2004, were reviewed and discussed, as well as who would be responsible for its enforcement. "Regular Members, Civilian Members, Special Constables, non serving members, immediate family including spouse, children and grandchildren", were the criteria contained in the motion that was carried.

At an Executive Committee Meeting on December 2, Roy Berlinquette gave the members an update on his meeting with Chief Superintendent Bernie Corrigan, which had taken place on November 29, 2004, regarding the Beechwood Cemetery Project. The RCMP were pleased with the events as they unfolded and have accepted the offer that the Ottawa Division RCMP Veterans' Association will take the lead role in this project. Financial assistance was still not finalized. As an aside, although still relevant to this project, it should be noted that the Commissioner wanted a Memorial Wall constructed at HQ. However, Public Works would not fund projects where public access is restricted, the RCMP are looking favourably at the RCMP Memorial Cemetery as a public location for the RCMP Memorial Wall. A study is in progress.

The RCMP Veterans' Association logo and the Beechwood Cemetery logo are now being used on memorandums as headers for the Beechwood Cemetery Project correspondence.

The RCMP Memorial Cemetery (Ottawa) site, which has 5,000 plots, is located immediately across the National Military Cemetery of the Canadian Forces. It can accommodate cremation and traditional burial services for many years to come. ([Map of the Beechwood Cemetery](#))

As part of their relationship with the Beechwood Cemetery, the Canadian Forces are committed to building a memorial hall and place of multi-cultural worship next to the main Beechwood buildings. The former CDS, General Baril, had approached Commissioner Zaccardelli in this matter some time previously, as they would like to have the RCMP recognized in this memorial hall as well. James Patterson stated that this memorial hall and place of multi-cultural worship was a "first" of its kind in the world.

President Haggerty congratulated Roy Berlinquette and the members of his committee on the commendable work they had performed on behalf of the Association.

Additional references:

[List of Regimental Markers - National Capital Region](#)

[List and description of small rural NWMP and RCMP graves and cemeteries in Saskatchewan and Alberta.](#)

[Photos](#)





## Bill Becker's Email to the Ottawa Division

## James Patterson's Letter to the Ottawa Division

## RCMP Veteran's Association Cemetery Committee's Survey

Agreement between the Veterans' Association, Ottawa Division and Beechwood Cemetery

Letter from Timothy Graham to Roy Berlinquette

Letter from the Veterans' Association Cemetery Committee  
to the Veterans' Association Membership

## President Al Haggerty's Pall Presentation Notes



## RCMP Memorial Cemetery Dedication Ceremony Program

# DEDICATION CEREMONY THE RCMP MEMORIAL CEMETERY AT BEECHWOOD CEMETERY

Sunday, October 17, 2004

## Before the Dedication Ceremony

11:15 am	Troops arrive for practice with S/M François Defosses
11:30 am	RCMP served food in Veterans' section
11:45 am	Identification Unit arrives for briefing and set up
12:00 noon	Ottawa Police stationed at both entrances assisted by RCMP on motorcycles and on horses (2) 2 RCMP riders stationed at bottom of hill at entrance
12:30 pm	Official presentation of Pall to Grete Hall and Tim Graham
12:30 pm	Band plays some background music until horses reach site
12:40 pm	VIPs escorted to buses
12:50 pm	First pair of RCMP riders on horses stops at first pathway; second pair of RCMP riders stops at second pathway; buses unload at Graburn Monument; Band stops playing
12:51- 12:55 pm	VIP escorted to seats
11:00 pm	Troop and Band march from muster to RCMP Memorial Cemetery

## Dedication Ceremony

1:05-1:10 pm	Welcome by Sgt. Marc Richer
1:11-1:21 pm	Invocation by Chaplain André Bigras and Father Jean-Marc Gagné Chaplain reads names of individuals interred in RCMP Section Playing of Last Post Minute of Silence Playing of Lament Wreath Laying Rouse by Bugler
1:21-1:27 pm	Address by RCMP Commissioner Zaccardelli
1:28-1:32 pm	Address by Grete Hale, President of the Beechwood Cemetery Foundation
1:33-1:38 pm	Address by Insp. Al Haggerty (Rtd.), President of the RCMP Veterans' Association, Ottawa Division
1:39-1:44 pm	Address by Hon. Mauril Bélanger, M.P.
1:45-1:48 pm	Act of Dedication and Benediction
1:48-1:51 pm	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (Ribbon held by Bill Becker and Greg Fedor. Ribbon cut jointly by Commissioner Zaccardelli, President Al Haggerty and Grete Hale.)
1:52-1:54 pm	Raising of National Flag and RCMP Ensign by Jack Briscoe and Gilles Parent.
1:55-1:58 pm	Singing of "O Canada" by Craig Kennedy
1:59-2:01 pm	Sgt. Marc Richer thanks everyone for attending
2:02-2:05 pm	Parade dismissed
2:06 pm	VIPs, Executive and Volunteers return to reception centre for dessert and coffee.



## VIP GUEST LIST "A"

Hon. Mauril Bélanger, MP, Deputy Leader of the Government, House of Commons  
Commissioner Giuliano Zaccardelli and Mrs. Zaccardelli  
Gen. Hénault, Canadian Forces with aide Major Thomas Bradley  
Brig. Gen. Padre Gerry Peddle, Canadian Forces (Rtd.)  
Chief Vince Bevan, Ottawa Regional Police Services (or Deputy Chief Sue O'Sullivan)  
Commissioner Maurice Nadon (Rtd.)  
Commissioner Robert Simmons (Rtd.)  
Commissioner Philip Murray (Rtd.)  
D/Commr. Garry Loeppky and Jean Loeppky  
D/Commr. Guy Marcoux (Rtd.)  
D/Commr. Roy Berlinquette (Rtd.), President of the RCMP Memorial Cemetery  
Committee and Mrs. Berlinquette  
D/Commr. William Kelly (Rtd.)  
A/Commr. Ghyslaine Clément, C.O. "A" Division  
A/Commr. George Hurry (Rtd.), RCMP Memorial Cemetery Committee  
CSM Yvon Mercier, RCMP memorial Cemetery Committee  
C/Supt. Al Rivard (Rtd.) and Mrs. Rivard  
C/Supt. William Becker (Rtd), RCMP Memorial Cemetery Committee and Mrs. Becker  
C/Supt. Bernie Corrigan, OIC Media and Communications  
Insp. Al Haggerty (Rtd.), President of the Veterans' Association, Ottawa Division  
and Mrs. Haggerty  
S/Sgt. Gilles Parent (Rtd.), RCMP Memorial Cemetery Committee and Mrs. Parent  
S/Sgt. Glen MacPhail (Rtd.), RCMP Memorial Cemetery Committee and Mrs. MacPhail  
S/Sgt. Jack Bricoe, RCMP Memorial Cemetery Committee and Mrs. Briscoe  
Sgt. Marc Richer, RCMP Memorial Cemetery Committee  
Cpl. Len Klimpke, RCMP Musical Ride, RCMP Memorial Cemetery Committee  
Cst. Greg Fedor, RCMP Memorial Cemetery Committee and Mrs. Fedor  
Karen Appleyard, RCMP Memorial Cemetery Committee  
Father Jean-Marc Gagné  
Chaplain André Bigras  
Mrs. Barbara Lehman and children  
Vets Executive, Mr. Greg and Gloria LeGrand  
Vets Executive Mr. Harry and Connie Armstrong  
Vets Executive Mr. Dave Stewart  
Vets Executive Mr. Alex and Bev Geddes  
Vets Executive Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maloney  
Vets Executive Mr. Ray and Bernice McFarland  
Vets Executive Mr. Mel and Cis Oikle  
Vets Executive Mr. Sig and Aline Sigurdson  
Vets Executive Mr. Call and Pat Small  
RCMP Communications: Jeni Sandeman, Melanie Roush, Nadie Martin, Roxanne Ouellette, Monique Deschamps

### VIP GUEST LIST "B"

Note: The "B" Guest list include the persons who received an invitation to proceed directly to VIP seating at the site. Some members indicated a preference for participating in the parade, but that their spouse should be seated.

D/Commr. Herman Beaulac (Rtd.)  
C/Supt. Roger Brown and Mrs. Brown  
Dir. Gen. Robert Maynard and Mrs. Maynard  
A/Commr. Dwight McCallum and Mrs. McCallum  
Tonita Murray  
C/Supt. John Neily  
C/Supt. Denis Constant  
Dir. Gen. Brian Seaby  
D/Commr. Paul Drapeau (Rtd.)  
A/Commr. Rod Smith  
C/Supt. Dan Killam

C/Supt. Pat McDonell \* Parade  
Supt. Mike McDonnell \*Parade  
A/Commr. Vern White \*Parade  
C/Supt. Sandra Conlin \*Parade

## Prayer of Invocation

## Commissioner Zaccardelli's Speaking Notes

Ms. Grete Hale's Speaking Notes



## President Al Haggerty's Speaking Notes

## Ottawa Citizen's Article on Dedication Ceremony

## Message from the Commissioner

## Map of Beechwood Cemetery

## List of Regimental Markers - National Capital Region

## List of Rural NWMP and RCMP Graves in Alberta and in Saskatchewan