

Franks Facts & Funnies – 2022-01-07

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- F) The Lighter Side!

This week's lists include a new Commanding Officer for "J" Division along with a number of other moves which are not very long as can be expected during this time of the year.

The Veterans News segment starts out with a Federal Bill Introduced to **Eliminate Marriage After 60 "Gold Digger" Clause** which has taken a good number of years to achieve. Having said that this issue is reaching the Parliament which is great to see thanks to the work of the RCMP Veterans Association. Time will tell if it will get passed by Parliament. That is followed by a very supportive Speech Given by Peter Stoffer who is a great supporter of the Force. The RCMP Veterans Association is promoting The Quarterly which continues to provide a very credible magazine. Alberta appears to want to get rid of the Force, something that I think has been supported by some people in Alberta but there is an organised effort to support the work of the Force. They are seeking our support for the Force on this issue. If all of this is too serious for you I have one Lighter Side story for your reading pleasure.

A) Transfer List -2021 - 12-22

The following transfers/promotions are approved:

O.2953, C/Supt., D. L. Hill
From: "B" Div., OIC Criminal Operations, St. John's
To: "J" Div., Commanding Officer, Fredericton (A/Commr.)

Chris Lanoue
From: Director, SAP Support and Maintenance Division, Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), Ottawa (EX-01)
To: HQ, Director General, Transformation and Corporate Management Systems Renewal, Corporate Management & Comptrollership, Ottawa (EX-02)

Marilyn Smith - From: HQ, Director, Internal Services Financial Management, Corporate Management & Comptrollership, Ottawa (EX-01)
To: HQ, Special Advisor to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Corporate Management & Comptrollership, Ottawa (EX-01)

O. 3270, Insp. T.D. Arseneault
From: "E" Div., Federal Policing OIC, Major Projects Group 5, Surrey
To: "D" Div., Investigative Services Officer, Major Crimes, Winnipeg.

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B) Transfer List -2021-12-29

The following transfers/promotions are approved

O. 3109, Insp. I. Bois
From: "C" Div., OIC Quebec Detachment (East District), Québec
To: "C" Div. Assistant Criminal Operations Officer, Border Integrity, Westmount (Supt.)
O. 3153, Insp. E. J. H. Stébenne
From: "C" Div., OIC Integrated National Security Enforcement Team, Montreal
To: "C" Div. Assistant CROPs Financial Integrity, Westmount (Supt.)
O. 3375 Insp. E. S. Ampoma
From: HQ, OIC National Response Team, National Security, Ottawa
To: "K" Div. Admin Officer, ALERT, Edmonton

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C) Transfer List – 2022 -01-06

The following transfers/promotions are approved:

- O.2942, Supt. L.A. Rollings
From: HQ, Director National Performance Program, Learning & Development, Ottawa
To: HQ, Learning Strategy and Innovation, Chief Learning Officer, Human Resources, Ottawa
- O.3280, Insp. J. B. Dolan
From: "O" Div., Integrated Response and Organized Crime, Federal Policing, Toronto
To: "O" Div., OIC Criminal Intelligence Operations, Newmarket

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D) Passing the Torch

#40975 Sgt. (Rtd.) Giorgio "George" **Capra** - September 2, 1943 - December 10, 2021. Giorgio (George) Capra, 78, passed away peacefully on December 10th, 2021 after a short stay in hospital with his wife Maria (Mary) of 48 years by his side. He is terribly missed by his children their spouses and all his precious grandchildren of whom he was so proud. He is also missed by his loving siblings, nephews and niece. Visitation for Giorgio will take place on Thursday December 16th, 2021 from 4pm-

7pm for registered guests only. To register for visitation, please use the following link: Visiting Registration As per the families request, guests coming for visiting must be fully vaccinated and must show proof of vaccination upon entering the funeral home. A funeral mass for Giorgio will take place on Friday December 17th 2021 at 10am at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 2473 Thorn Lodge Road, Mississauga. To register for mass, please use the following link: Funeral Mass Registration. Those who are unable to attend the funeral mass may join us via livestream using the following link:
Livestream Link: Funeral Mass Registration ; Years of Service: 1968 – 2003 - Postings: "O" Division

#30725 Cpl. (Rtd.) Brian David **Kinloch** - May 7, 1952 - December 11, 2021. Brian David Kinloch passed away at Lloydminster Hospital, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, December 11, 2021 at the age of 69 years. Brian was born in Edmonton, Alberta but grew up mostly in Wetaskiwin, AB. Upon graduation from high school, he attended one year at the University of Alberta to study engineering before joining the RCMP. Brian graduated from RCMP training in 1973 and married his wife Wendy in November of 1974. Brian was first stationed as a constable in Kamsack, SK. His career led him to Lloydminster, SK; Loon Lake, SK; Foam Lake, SK; and Smithers, BC before transferring back to Lloydminster in 1988. While in Smithers, Brian achieved the rank of Corporal in the late 1980's upon entry into the Forensic Identification Services (FIS). After 34 years of service, he retired in Lloydminster in 2007. He was well liked and a highly respected co-worker. After retiring from the RCMP, Brian worked at Silverwood Toyota earning two customer service awards. Even though Brian left the RCMP, his training and the expectations from the force was ever present, as was evident when he showed up for his first day at Silverwood Toyota in the oil lube bay with pressed pants and polished boots. He took pride in the service he provided and became a highly trusted employee requested by customers on a regular basis. During his spare time Brian volunteered with Sea Cadets while stationed in Smithers, BC and with the Air Cadets while stationed in Lloydminster, AB. He also enjoyed travelling, camping, and golfing. Wendy and Brian were avid snowbirds and spent time in the Caribbean, Mexico, and the Southwest United States. They liked to park their motorhome in Indio, CA, during the winter months and during the summer months it was parked at Silver Lake Regional Park campground in SK. Brian is survived by: his lovely wife of 47 years, Wendy; he is fondly remembered by his children, Stacey (Craig) Robertson of Lloydminster, AB and Greg (Careena) Kinloch of Edmonton, AB; and his granddaughters, Emily and Megan Robertson. There will be no service at this time, as per Brian's wishes. A memorial get together is being considered next summer, contingent on the Covid-19 situation. Brian's ashes will be interred at the NWMP Cemetery in Battleford, SK sometime in the summer of 2022. **Donations in memory of Brian may be made out to the President of the Saskatoon RCMP Vets Association. Donations will be handled by McCaw Funeral Service Ltd. of Lloydminster, AB.** Years of Service: 1973 – 2007 - Postings: "E" and "F" Divisions - RCMP Veterans' Association Member - Saskatoon Division.

#15740 S/Sgt. Major Alexander Douglas **Watt** - July 23, 1928 - December 8, 2021. On December 8, 2021, Alexander Douglas "Doug" Watt, 93, of St. Albert peacefully left this world. His family remains to carry on his legacy of love. His son, Craig (Nancy) share this love with his granddaughters Justina (Peter) Verboom and Robyn (Ryan) Lutz; greatgrandchildren Tobias and Johanna enriched Doug's life. Doug leaves behind brothers, Al and Gord; friend Roberta Davis and many other friends to remember his generosity, kind spirit and remarkable life. He was predeceased by parents, Flora and Stewart Watt; sister, Marg Carkner; wife, Marjorie (nee Barnaby) and companion, Hazel Keufler. Born in Guelph, Ontario on July 23, 1928, Doug's early work with Ontario Forestry reinforced his lifelong love of nature. Doug joined the RCMP in 1949. Postings in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland were followed by positions in Toronto, Ottawa and Edmonton where he retired after 35 years of service to Canada. The majority of his RCMP service was in Staffing and Personnel where he was a mentor and advocate for many. He was a Cub and Scout leader and enjoyed umpiring baseball. After

retiring, he pursued his love of flying by obtaining his gliding and powered flight pilot licenses. Doug spent many hours in his wood shop making furniture, turning bowls and building bird feeders. As per Doug's wishes, there will be no service, however, his ashes will be interred at the RCMP Training Academy Cemetery in Regina at a later date. **Donations may be made in Doug's name to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Canada.** Years of Service: 1949 – 1984 - Postings: "H", "O", HQ and "K" Divisions RCMP Veterans' Association Member - Edmonton Division

#20416 Sgt.(Rtd.) Harvey William **Finch** - May 18, 1938 - December 15, 2021. Born in Brantford, Ont. on May 18, 1938. Passed away in Maple Ridge, BC, on December 15, 2021. He is predeceased by his parents, Jack and Doris Finch, and sister Marion Ross. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife Carole; sons Dale and Don; grandchildren Tiffany-Ann and Davis; and 5 great grandchildren, all of Maple Ridge, BC – as well as many nieces and nephews in Ontario. Interment will be on Wednesday, December 22 at 1:00pm at Maple Ridge Cemetery – 21404 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge. A Celebration of Life will be held at Golden Ears United Church – 22165 Dewdney Trunk Road, and is tentatively set for Wednesday, December 29 at 11:00am. Here is the stream to watch the Celebration of Life: <https://youtu.be/RqBb7DaO7u> Our family wishes to say Thank You to: the late Dr. Eve Rotem, Dr. Larry Burr, Dr. Benny Bar Shlomo, and our GP Dr. Imran Ansari who have, through their talents and dedication, have allowed us to have much loved husband, grandfather and great grandfather with us for many years. **To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Harvey Finch, please visit Tribute Store** - Years of Service: 1958 – 1982 - Postings: "E" Division RCMP Veterans' Association Member - Vancouver Division.

#23123 S/gt. James L. **McDonald** 1943 – 2021. Passed away peacefully at his residence on December 15, 2021 with his loving wife by his side, at the age of 78 years. Predeceased by his parents: Duncan and Jeanette. Jim was a retired staff sergeant with the Royal Canadian Mount of Police. Upon his retirement from police services he worked at the Hibernia Bull Arm Site, in the security department where he retired fully. Jim enjoyed travelling and spent many winters in Florida, with his loving wife. Left with fond and beautiful , loving memories are his wife of 42 years, Audrey, brothers: David, Merimache, New Brunswick, Murray (Brenda), Bracebridge, Ontario, brothers in law: Basil, Rick, Frank (Bertha), Terry , Cambridge, Ontario, special buddies: Kevin, Owen, Gerald , John and Pat Gillis of Antigonish , Nova Scotia. Also, Jim is survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Cremation has taken place. Internment to take place on Monday, December 20th in St. Paul's Anglican Cemetery, Hr. Grace. Donations may be made to the Dr. H Bliss Murphy Cancer. To send a message of condolence, please visit www.hickeysfuneralhome.com Years of Service: 1963 – 1991 - Postings: "B" Division.

#20416 Sgt.(Rtd). Harvey William **Finch** May - 18, 1938 - December 15, 2021. Born in Brantford, Ont. on May 18, 1938. Passed away in Maple Ridge, BC, on December 15, 2021. He is predeceased by his parents, Jack and Doris Finch, and sister Marion Ross. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife Carole; sons Dale and Don; grandchildren Tiffany-Ann and Davis; and 5 great grandchildren, all of Maple Ridge, BC – as well as many nieces and nephews in Ontario. Interment will be on Wednesday, December 22 at 1:00pm at Maple Ridge Cemetery – 21404 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge. A Celebration of Life will be held at Golden Ears United Church – 22165 Dewdney Trunk Road, and is tentatively set for Wednesday, December 29 at 11:00 am. Here is the stream to watch the Celebration of Life: <https://youtu.be/RqBb7DaO7u4> Our family wishes to say Thank You to: the late Dr. Eve Rotem, Dr. Larry Burr, Dr. Benny Bar Shlomo, and our GP Dr. Imran Ansari who have, through their talents and dedication, have allowed us to have much loved husband, grandfather and great grandfather with us for many years. To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Harvey Finch, please visit Tribute Store. Years of Service: 1958 – 1982 - Postings: "E" Division

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#30880 Cpl, (Rtd.) E. Brian **McKenna** - February 16, 1954 ~ December 16, 2021. It is with immense heartache that we announce the passing of Brian McKenna of Crowsnest Pass, Alberta. Brian was called home into the arms of our Lord on December 16, 2021 and was blessed with 67 years of a full and meaningful life. Earl Brian McKenna was born on February 16, 1954 in Lethbridge, Alberta to proud parents, Betty and Earl McKenna. He was raised with a respect for family, faith, community and the rights and freedoms of this great nation. He was meticulous, determined, intelligent and hard-working. Brian was always more of an action guy than a reaction guy. His gentle spirit and charismatic charms won the heart of a lovely young lady, Darlene Farkash, and they pledged their love in holy matrimony on August 4, 1979. They moved to the Crowsnest Pass in 1985 and made it their home to raise a family. Brian accepted the call to be a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and provided safety and guidance to several communities for 32 years. He was privileged to be a member of the United Nations for two tours in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1993 and again in 1998. He was a Volunteer Supply Officer for the 2309 Army Cadet Corp. and member of the Legion Branch No. 19 in Bellevue, Alberta. Brian's list of awards and accolades are incredible but he was not a man who focused on his accomplishments but on the people around him. His passion was in helping others and sharing moments of joy and laughter with family and friends. He loved to discover a new pub or gathering place to enjoy live music and "appies" with those he loved. He also enjoyed camping in all seasons, hunting, fishing, traveling to warmer climates, action movies, military history and vehicles, airplanes and airshows, garage parties around the holidays but most of all, precious time spent with his family. Our community is suffering a great loss with Brian's passing but he will forever be fondly remembered and always admired. He is survived by his beloved wife, Darlene of Bellevue, AB; his cherished daughter, Jillian (Shaun) of Edmonton, AB; his precious granddaughter, Octavia; his brothers, Kevin (Faye) of Crowsnest Pass, AB and Darrell (Mindy) of Laclede ID, USA; and his extended family and numerous friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Earl & Betty McKenna. A private family gathering with fond memories and prayers was held at Fantin's Funeral Chapel. The Memorial Service honouring Brian's life will be announced in the new year when pandemic restrictions are more relaxed. Condolences may be registered at www.fantinsfuneralchapel.ca. Donations in memory of the late Earl Brian McKenna may be directed to the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 19 in Bellevue. Fantin's Funeral Chapel entrusted with arrangements. (403) 562-8555. To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Brian McKenna, please visit our floral store. Years of Service: 1973 – 2005 - Postings: "K" Division.

Aux Member William C. **Brown** - Sept 29, 1945 - Dec 16, 2021. With heavy hearts the family of William C. Brown, age 76, regretfully announce his passing on Dec 16, 2021 at Western Long Term Care. Born Sept 29, 1945 to the late Stanley and Pearl Brown of Curling. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Regina (Rockett) of 54 years and his two sons Duane (Kim & Tristian) and Sean (Marina). Bill is also survived by his two loving grandchildren Kathleen and Christopher, sister Maxine, sister-in-law Judy Brown, brother-in-law Kevin Pardy and several nieces and nephews. Bill was predeceased by his parents Stan and Pearl Brown, brother Byron Brown, parents in law Harold and Gertrude Rockett, In laws Hector (Estelle) Caines, Gerry (Sheila) Gregory, Jim Young and Barbara Pardy. In his early years, Bill was a weight lifting champion, he enjoyed many years scuba diving and was a member of the RCMP Auxiliary. He loved the water, boating and fishing. After selling his boat Sea Du in 1988 he started a cabin on Sheffield Lake which he loved and enjoyed for almost 40 years. It became his favorite place to be. In keeping with Bill's wishes, cremation has taken place with visitation at Fillatre's Funeral Home, 218 Curling Street on Sunday, December 19th from 2-4 pm. There will be no formal funeral service to follow. In compliance with Covid-19 government regulations vaccine passports, ID and masks are required for entry. Inspired by his love of our family dog,

Shadow, monetary or food donations in Bill's memory can be made to the local SPCA. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the nurses and staff of Nature's Haven, WLTC for their care, compassion, kindness and friendship. Postings: "B" Division.

Matricule 2640 /O.1404 inspecteur (retraité) J.A. Luc **Daudelin** - 27 FÉVRIER 1949 – 8 DÉCEMBRE 2021 - Le 8 décembre, à l'âge de 72 ans est décédé Luc Daudelin, époux de Denise Dupuis. Outre son épouse, il laisse dans le deuil ses filles Marie-Eve (Steve) et Sandra, ses petits-enfants William et Kasandra, ses frères et soeurs Gilles, Ginette et Sylvie, ses beaux-frères et belles-sœurs, ses neveux et nièces ainsi que de nombreux parents et amis. La famille vous accueillera le samedi 22 janvier 2022 de 13h à 15h30 au salon: Henri-Guérin 425, chemin St-Jean La Prairie, Québec J5R 2K8 Tel: (450) 463-1900. Années de service: 1968 – 1995 - Affectations: Division C.

#26520 Sgt. (Rtd.) Albert John **Cameron** - December 12, March 10, 1947 . At the age of 74, Bert passed away peacefully at the Foothills Country Hospice in Okotoks, surrounded by his adoring family, following a hard battle with pancreatic cancer. Bert was born in Calgary, along with his twin brother Bob, to Margaret and Edward Cameron. For a lifetime, Bert and Bob's "twin telepathy" was undeniable and their bond was like no other. Growing up in Burnaby, Bert was a gifted athlete, excelling at wrestling, football and baseball. It was at a South Burnaby High School Sock Hop that Donna and Bert met. While they were dating, Bert went to RCMP Depot for training in April 1968, following in his brother Bob's footsteps. Upon graduation from Depot, Bert was awarded the All Around Recruit and Top Athlete awards for his troop. Bert and Donna married in 1970 and during Bert's 35-year RCMP career, they were stationed at many locations across Canada, mostly residing within Alberta. While working as a Sergeant in the RCMP, he achieved a degree with honours in Business Management from SAIT. Bert volunteered, and was selected, for two war-time tours of duty with the United Nations, as part of the RCMP contingent, in former Yugoslavia (1993/1994) and Kosovo (1999). Upon his return he was decorated with an Order of St. John Certificate and a Canadian Peacekeeping Services Medal. Bert and Donna had a wonderful 51-year marriage that took them on many adventures. Post retirement, they enjoyed traveling around the world, often accompanied by close friends. Bert was passionate about, and involved in, many sports throughout his lifetime, including baseball, golf, biking, and curling. It was on a bike, the fairway, the ball diamond, or at the rink, where Bert made many of his most cherished friendships. One of his proudest sporting achievements was biking across Canada in 2006/2007. He also completed many other inspiring biking tours within Canada, and across Europe and the United States, where he was thrilled to be joined by Dawne and James on several of them.

Bert was a man of the highest integrity, perseverance, empathy, patience and genuine kindness. He took great pride in doing a job correctly, the first time, even when that meant measuring three times before making the cut. He told the best stories, had the greatest laugh, and loved his family and friends immensely. Bert is survived by his loving wife, Donna, his daughter Dawne (Bevan Hoynick), his son James (Sandra) and four of his most favourite people - grandchildren, Nolan and Mason Cameron, and Cole and Ellinor Hoynick. He is also survived by his brother Bob (Nina) and his sister Sandi (Larry Langhorn). A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, December 30, 2021, at 2:00 PM at the Foothills Centennial Centre (204 Community Way #4, Okotoks, AB). Please be advised that proof of vaccination will be required in order to attend the service. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Foothills Country Hospice Society (<https://www.countryhospice.org/support-us>) or The Veterans Food Bank of Calgary (www.theveteransfoodbankofcalgary.ca/donate) . Arrangements are in care of Snodgrass Funeral Homes, Okotoks, Alberta. 403-938-3111. Please feel free to email condolences to www.snodgrassfuneralhomes.com Years of Service: 1968 – 2003 - Postings: "K" Division & Peacekeeping Missions (Former Republic of Yugoslavia & Kosovo) RCMP Veterans' Association Member - Calgary Division. *Remembered with respect and gratitude for his service.*

#36226 Sgt. (Rtd) Terry E. **Wickett** - November 25, 1957 - December 21, 2021. Councillor Terry Wickett - Terry Wickett - **Statement from Mayor Handley on behalf of Council:** It is with incredible sadness and disbelief that we announce the passing of Councillor Terry Wickett on Dec 21. On behalf of Town Council we extend our deepest condolences to his wife Donna, their sons Brad and Tyler (and their families), as well as Terry's mom, whom he would visit often in Saskatchewan and he spoke so fondly of. Terry will be profoundly missed and has impacted so many of our lives here in Nanton and surrounding area. Terry lived a life of service, as an avid volunteer, Nanton Town Councillor and a long standing member of the RCMP. Those of us who were fortunate enough to know Terry, knew he was larger than life. Always finding a way to bring humour to every conversation. A constant prankster, with a sly smile and an evil laugh when he knew he was busted. He was a tireless advocate for our community and contributed greatly to our town. Always passionate about kids sports and public safety. In recent years lobbying for full RCMP coverage in our region and adamantly opposed to the proposed Alberta police force. His loss is monumental and will be felt by so many. So much of what Nanton is today is because he chose to serve it. Flags will be lowered to half-mast in honour of Councillor Wickett and a book of condolences that residents are invited to sign will be at the Town Office. Years of Service: 1980 – 2017 - Postings: "K" Division - RCMP Veterans' Association Member Lethbridge Division.

#34736 Cst. (Rtd,) Judith Gwendolyn **Dempsey** - September 12, 1953 - December 18, 2021. Judith Gwendolyn DEMPSEY, age 68, of Merritt, British Columbia passed away on Saturday, December 18, 2021. Survived by her husband, John. No services are scheduled at this time. A fuller obituary will be published as and when received. Years of Service: 1976 – 2004 - Postings: "E" Division - *Remembered with respect and gratitude for her service.*

S/2669 S(Cst.) Joseph Patrick **Zorn** - March 7, 1954 ~ November 23, 2021. Joseph Patrick Zorn (Pat) died peacefully at his home on November 23, 2021. Pat was born in Yorkton, Sask. on March 7, 1954. He was raised in MacNutt, Sask. under the watchful eye of his mother, Gatha and father, Val. After an unforgettable upbringing, he married Carla and joined the RCMP as an aircraft maintenance engineer. His RCMP career took the couple to many regions in Canada including British Columbia, Northwest Territories and then back to Saskatchewan. His final career stop was in Ottawa where he developed many interests including his love for woodworking. Upon retirement, he chose to move to the resort community of Prairie Lake Lodge, which was near to MacNutt. There he designed and built a beautiful home where he enjoyed golfing, fishing and woodworking. His home gave him peace and tranquility, as he was submerged in nature by merely sitting on his deck. Pat's brother and sister, sister-in-law, all his nieces and nephews, cousins and friends will lovingly remember him. Pat's family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and expressions of sympathy during this difficult time. Everyone is invited to join the family following the service for lunch and a time to share fond memories. Memorial Service - 1:00 pm - Wednesday, December 22, 2021 - Speers Funeral Chapel 2136 College Ave Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Years of Service: 1978 - 2015 Postings: "E", "G", "F" and HQ Divisions.

#35101 St/Sgt. Rtd. William Marshall **Eubank** - January 21, 1953 - November 23, 2021. Passed on November 23, 2021 while a resident of Nanaimo, B.C. Survivors include his brother, John Eubank, also of Nanaimo. In 2016, S/Sgt. William Marshall Eubank was awarded the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award. The citation read, "For more than 35 years, RCMP Staff Sergeant William Eubank has volunteered wherever there's a need in the communities in which he has been posted. From implementing various sports and education programs for First Nations youth in Saskatchewan and Nunavut, to applying the emergency medical experience he gained on overseas peacekeeping

missions to everyday situations, he has demonstrated his commitment to the importance of community development." In June 1996, S/Sgt. Eubank was Mentioned in Dispatches to Queen Elizabeth II for valourous performance of duties while serving as a peacekeeper in the former Yugoslavia. The citation read, "Corporal Eubank, then a RCMP. Constable, served with the UN Protection Force Civilian Police as Commander at the Plaski Station in the former Yugoslavia. On August 30, 1993, under heavy artillery shelling, he calmed several station monitors who were on the verge of hysteria and ensured the protection of all the monitors by evacuating them to safety. Corporal Eubank distinguished himself by his professionalism in the face of great danger". A memorial service was held for Bill Eubank on December 4, 2021 at Mt. Benson Branch 256, Royal Canadian Legion to celebrate his life. Bill had an illustrious 30 year career with the RCMP both on Canadian soil but abroad as well, in Croatia, Bosnia, and Afghanistan. The service was held in the Memory Hall from 2:00 - 5:00 pm.
Troop 12 (1978-79) - Years of Service: 1978 – 2015 - Postings: "F", "K", "G" and "E" Divisions & Peacekeeping Missions (Croatia, Bosnia and Afghanistan) *Remembered with respect and gratitude for his service.*

C/2941 CM (Rtd.) Anna Dimitrovas - August 21, 1957 - November 30, 2021. Passed on November 30, 2021 while a resident of Pointe Claire, Quebec. Survivors include her brother Michael of Pickering, Ontario. No obituary nor details respecting a service are available at this time. Years of Service: 1981 – 2012. *Remembered with respect and gratitude for her service.*

#18911 St/Sgt.(Rtd.) Edward Joseph Coady - August 16, 1936 - December 21, 2021. RCMP Veteran Dave Tipple advised of the passing of Edward J. Coady in St. John's, NL on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at the age of 85. Edward Coady served with the RCMP from 1955 until his retirement in 1979. He then joined the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary and retired as Chief in 1995. There is no obituary nor information on a service at this time but any related details be published as and when available. Years of Service: 1955 – 1979 - Postings: "B" and HQ Divisions. Other Police Service: Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (1979 - 1995) - Retired as Chief. RCMP Veterans' Association Member - Newfoundland and Labrador Division. *Remembered with respect and gratitude for his service.*

#28194 St/Sgt. (Rtd.) Bruce W. Raymond - February 4, 1951 - December 22, 2021. Passed on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 in Port Blandford, NL, at the age of 70. Bruce Raymond served with the RCMP from 1970 until his retirement in 2004 as NCO i/c Clarenville Detachment, NL There is no obituary nor information on a service at this time but any related details be published as and when available. With thanks to RCMP Veterans Dave Tipple and Joe Healy for notice of the passing. Years of Service: 1970 – 2004 - Postings: "B" Division - RCMP Veterans' Association Member Newfoundland and Labrador Division. *Remembered with respect and gratitude for his service.*

#31957 Cst. Ian Guy McDonnell - February 28, 1950 - December 20, 2021. Sadly on the evening of December 20, 2021, retired Constable Ian McDonell passed away. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Alice, sons Cory and Chad and daughter-in-law Jen. He was predeceased by his son Mark who has been waiting for him with a big hug and bigger glass of scotch. The family wishes to thank all his friends for their well wishes. **In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to YES (Youth Empowerment and Support Services) or the Fort Saskatchewan Food Bank.** Memorial service to take place on December 30, 2021 at 1p.m., at St. George's Anglican Church 10029-99 Ave Fort Saskatchewan, AB T8L1R6. All individuals attending indoor funeral services will be required to provide COVID-19 proof of vaccination, or proof of a privately-paid negative rapid test result taken within 72 hours of service, or documentation of medical exemption. Seating is limited, please RSVP to chadmcdonell@hotmail.com The service for Ian Guy McDonell will be livestreamed. Please follow the

following link. <https://www.mattfosseyent.ca/ian-mcdonell/> Published on December 24, 2021. To plant a tree in memory of Years of Service: 1974 – 1986 - Postings: "K" Division. Other Police Service: Edmonton Police Service - RCMP Veterans' Association Member - Edmonton Division.

#15856 St/Sgt. (Rtd.) Hugh Ellwin Rankin - August 31, 1930 - December 19, 2021. Hugh, known as "Rankie", was born on August 31, 1930, in Arcadia, Nova Scotia, to Robert and Shirley Rankin. His youth was spent watching World War II unfold, attending the one room elementary school in Arcadia and then moving on to Yarmouth High School. Shortly after graduation from high school he decided to apply for entry to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. At about age 19, and upon acceptance to the "forces", he began his 4 to 5 day train trip to the RCMP training depot in Regina, in the far outreaches of Western Canada. Remember, it was the mid 1940s ! After successfully graduating from training and a short stint with the RCMP Musical Ride, he was posted to Newfoundland (B division). While there are many stories on how he met his bride, it is rumored that one sprightly, dark haired lady of Corner Brook, Nfld., spotted Hugh shortly after his arrival to Newfoundland and vowed that Hugh would be her future husband. One cannot comment on the veracity of these rumors but on September 25, 1957, he married that same dark haired lady, Joan Bernice Andrews. They raised three sons, Boyd, Robert and Samuel, and a daughter, Susan. Hugh had a 25 year career with the RCMP - the bulk of it carried out with his family in tow - throughout Newfoundland in Port Aux Basques, Corner Brook (several times), Lewisporte and Grand Falls. His last RCMP posting was in Charlottetown, P.E.I., in 1972. After retiring from the RCMP, he spent an additional 10 years working for the Department of Agriculture in Charlottetown. Despite his career travels and moves, or perhaps because of them, Hugh and Joan made a plethora of friendships and acquaintances that lasted throughout their lives. He was a loyal, patient friend and he could never resist having a good gab session whether at the office, whilst playing "Auction" with his wife and partner, Joan, (using Newfoundland rules of course) or simply down on the local wharf checking out the daily fish catch. He was a man of curiosity and was rarely seen without a book in hand – particularly if it was related to the sea or was historical nonfiction. Hugh was a devoted family man and many happy days were spent camping, snowmobiling, turning homemade ice-cream, making pull candy, building backyard skating rinks and reading. Over the years, NASCAR (or anything automobile related), fishing, playing cards, reading, maps, global radio stations, etc. were all fascinations at one time or another. In retirement, Hugh grew to love gardening. Roses were his passion and he spent many happy hours tending them. Dandelions were definitely NOT his passion and he was frequently seen with a decades-old penknife and gumboots trying to uproot every dandelion that approached his lawn (or any lawn!). Winter hours were spent snow-blowing his driveway and that of his neighbours. With Joan and friends in tow, Hugh was a weekly, if not daily, fixture in some of Charlottetown's restaurants. Hugh was preceded in death by his wife Joan and his parents, Robert and Shirley. He is survived by his sister, Eleanor Cleveland of Halifax, his four children; Boyd Andrews (Nancy) of Red Deer, Alberta, Susan Roberta of Summerside, Robert Hugh (Laurie Anne) of Dartmouth, and Samuel John (Robin) of Summerside, as well as granddaughters Grace and Madeline of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Resting at Belvedere Funeral Home. Due to the risks surrounding the current pandemic, Hugh will be laid to rest on Thursday, December 30, 2021, in a private family ceremony at Belvedere Funeral Home. You may join us for the service by going to <https://youtu.be/sAZwV1I80Us>. **In lieu of flowers, donations would be graciously accepted online by the Alzheimer Society of Canada at www.Alzheimer.ca.** "Dad, we know you are back in Mom's loving arms. We miss you and love you." Years of Service: 1949 – 1977. Postings: "B" & "L" Divisions and the Musical Ride - RCMP Veterans' Association Life Member - Prince Edward Island Division.

#30635 Cpl. (Rtd.) Danny Blair Stevely - May 26, 1953 - December 15, 2021. It's with great sadness we announce the passing of Dan Stevely in Prince Albert, SK, on December 15, 2021, at the age of

68, after a brief yet courageous battle with cancer. Dan is lovingly remembered by his wife, Vivian; children, Matthew (Krystal); and granddaughter, Nora of Edmonton, AB; and Heather (Justin) of Calmar, AB. He will also be dearly missed by his sisters, Sandra Garrard, Audrey Vaile, and Maureen Johnson (Ken); nephews, Trent, Derick, and Robbie; nieces, Diane, Sherry, Caitlin and Mallory; as well as many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, great-nephews, great nieces and other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, George and Betty; brother, Terry; sister-in-law, Karen; and granddaughter, Adalynn. Dan was born on May 26, 1953 in Fort Macleod, AB, and was raised in Cranbrook, BC. He was a member of the RCMP from 1974 – 1998, serving in Quebec, Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and the NWT. Chief Fire Arms Officer of the NWT from 1998 to 2001. Security Coordinator for Rio Tinto at the Diavik Diamond Mine, NWT from 2001 to 2006, and Chief of Security for Shore Gold Inc. and Security Consultant for Rio Tinto Star/Orian South Diamond Project, SK. Dan was heavily involved as an officer and brother Mason at the Mason Kinistino Lodge #1 and Mason Tisdale Lodge #76. He will be remembered by many for his soft-spoken nature, generosity, and willingness to always lend a hand to others. The family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff at Victoria Hospital, for their care and compassion, especially Franklyn, Karman, Faye, Rochelle and the many doctors that cared for him. Funeral arrangement will be entrusted to the care of River Park Funeral Home, (306) 764-2727, Paula Hanson, Funeral Director. Years of Service: 1973 – 1998 Postings: "C", "K", "E", "F" & "G" Divisions RCMP Veterans' Association Member - Prince Albert Division.

#34420 Sgt. (Rtd.) Stewart (Stu) A. **Gilmore** - I know that many of you will be saddened to hear of the passing of Reg#34420 Sergeant S.A. Gilmore on December 10th. after a brief illness with osteosarcoma. Stu was a former member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and when he immigrated to Canada joined the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force as it was called followed by a period of service with the Ontario Provincial Police. Stu engaged in the RCMP in 1977 and served in "B" Division and "O" Division until his retirement. He and his wife Hazel retired to Brighton, Ontario. Following Stu's wishes there will be no service. RIP old friend. Memorial Citation by RCMP Veteran Dan Caruk. Years of Service: 1977 – 2003 - Postings: "B" & "O" Divisions, Other Police Service: Royal Ulster Constabulary (Northern Ireland) Metropolitan Toronto Police Service. Ontario Provincial Police
Remembered with respect and gratitude for his service.

#37869 Cpl. (Rtd.) Jacques Laurent **Giroux** –Jacques Laurent Giroux, 67, of Moncton, passed away on Friday December 24, 2021 at his residence. Born in Charlo, he was the son of the late Léandre and Florilda (Doucet) Giroux. Jacques was a former member of the RCMP and commissioner at Atlantic Lotto. He is survived by his wife for 44 years, Denise (Cormier) Giroux; one sister, Suzanne Mealey (Mike) of Goose Bay, NL; one brother, Jean-Louis Giroux of Charlo; as well as his nieces and nephews. Due to the pandemic, a funeral service will be celebrated at a later date at Frenette Funeral and Cremation Centre, Moncton (858-1900). In memory of Jacques, a contribution to the CHU Dumont Foundation (oncology) would be appreciated. Words of comfort and donations may be made at www.frenettefuneralhome.com *Remembered with respect and gratitude for his service.*
Years of Service: 1982 – 2009 - Postings: "C", "T" & "J" Divisions and United Nations Peacekeeping Mission (former Yugoslavia). *Remembered with respect and gratitude for his service.*

#M93 Marine Cst. James Wallace **King** - June 17, 1934 - December 19, 2021. It is with profound sadness that we announce that James Wallace "Wally" King passed away peacefully in the Valley Regional Hospital in Kentville on Sunday, December 19, 2021, with his family at his side. Wally was born in Florence, NS on June 17, 1934, to Margaret (Wallace) and Edward King. Left to mourn him are: his son Allan (Erica Weatherbie); his daughter-in-law Pam King; grandchildren Nicholas (Ashley), Curtis (Megan), Hannah (Alex), Emily and William; as well as in-laws Violet Thomson, Roy and

Bernice Thomson, Jesse and Mel Covey, Wendy Thomson and Harriet King; and many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Wally was predeceased by his wife Adelaide (Thomson) King; his son Steven "Glen" King; his sister Edith MacLeod; and brother John King. Always a Cape Bretoner, he was proud to have been a hardworking miner of Cape Breton coal. Wally was honored to have served in the RCMP and to have served as the Supervisor of Conveyance for the North side-Victoria District School Board. Wally was respected for his keen sense of fairness, intelligence, sharp wit, and his ability to tell the same story over and over and make it interesting every time. At the age of 85, he courageously chose to relocate to the Annapolis Valley to spend precious time with his immediate family - loved ones. He was a unique man – the world would benefit from more like him. He will be missed more than words can say. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a funeral service will be held at a later date at Fillmore & Whitman Funeral Home, Sydney Mines. Following this his cremated remains will be laid to rest in Brookside Cemetery. Memories and condolences may be forwarded to the family by visiting www.filmoreandwhitman.com. If desired, donations in Wally's memory may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Years of Service: 1957 – 1965 - Postings: Marine Division - RCMP Veterans' Association Member - Nova Scotia Division.

#21620 Sgt. (Rtd.) Gordon Campbell **McLean** - Sadly Gordon passed away December 13, 2021 after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's and Heart Failure. He is survived by his wife Lorraine; daughter Lisa Knotts (Harvey); son Colin McLean (Cindy); stepdaughter Tracy Pauliuk (Aaron); stepdaughter-in-law Shayla Chenier and Sister Beverly Zablotny as well as nieces, nephew and cousins. He was the beloved Papa to his grandchildren Georgia & Marcus McLean; Charley & Quinn Pauliuk and Hunter & Kieran Chenier. Tiki, his side kick labradoodle will always miss him. Gordon was predeceased by his parents Gordon & Phyllis (Campbell) McLean; Heather McLean (2015) and his stepson Christopher Chenier. Gordon was born in Ocean Falls, B.C. and was an active member of the town's swim club which produced many top swimmers in the 50's and 60's. An industrious youngster, he worked as a pin boy in the bowling alley, an usher at the movies and numerous positions in the paper mill including as a "boom" man sorting the log booms. He always remained friends with the many peers he grew up with. His 21 year RCMP career included serving communities in D Division Manitoba (Grand Rapids, Portage La Prairie, Beausejour, Virden, Thompson & Winnipeg). His service also included 4 yrs as a swimming instructor in Regina. He joined the RCMP at the age of 18 years and was a member of F Troop. In retirement they renewed their friendships with lunches at various Boston Pizzas thanks to one of the members. His service also included 4 yrs as a swimming instructor in Regina. Gordon and family then moved to White Rock, B.C. where he continued to lead and implement safety and security teams at Eaton's, Moli Energy, UBC and retired a second time as Director of Security at BCIT. Over the 20 plus years living at Gateway Gardens Gord. and Lorraine met many neighbours who became good friends. He certainly will miss his Tim Horton and clubhouse coffee meetings with them. A very sincere thank you to the staff on the 7th floor of Evergreen Baptist Care Home for their compassionate and caring nature to Gordon and his family. We will always be grateful. Gordon will always be remembered for his kindness, humor, and unconditional love of his family and friends. A memorial lunch will be held at a later date. **In lieu of flowers please donate to a charity of your choice in Gord's name.** Years of Service: 1960 – 1981. - Postings: "D"& Depot Divisions.

Remembered with respect and gratitude for his service.

#31736 Sgt. (Rtd.) Joseph Michael **Laughlin** - January 15, 1955 - December 13, 2021. Joseph (Joe / Hoss) Michael Laughlin, passed away peacefully on Dec. 13, 2021, with "my Angie" (wife) by his side, at the Selkirk Regional Health Center. Joe was born in Sydney, Nova Scotia, to his parents Anne Patricia (nee Delorenzo) and Thomas William (Buck) Laughlin, on Jan.15, 1955. Joe leaves behind to cherish memories, his wife Angie, son's Tim (Samantha), Sam (Tatum), and Garrett (Sarah); brother's Jim (Donald), Tom, Alan (Cheryl), Brian (Kelley); Joe's ex-wife and dear friend Wanda Leon; mother-

in-law Marilyn Lane; brother-in-law Jeff (Deann) Lane; niece's and nephew Devon (Andrew), Thomas, Caitlyn (Stuart) their children Russell & Hazel, Sydney (Matthew) their daughter Leni, Greg (Michelle), Mike. Joe's reason for his beaming smile was because of his grandchildren Kianna, Kade, Hannah-lynne and Leon; numerous cousins and friends, whom he loved spending time with also. Predeceased by his mom, Anne Delorenzo in 2004 and his dad in 2007, grandparents (Delorenzo & Laughlin) Joe and Wanda's stillborn son Timothy, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Joe would often reminisce about childhood memories like time spent at Johnstown camp, the Gosse family, Mike Snow (especially hunting) his uncle Benny trick water skiing and boxing, his mom's spaghetti and meatballs every Sunday after church and his mom's Christmas baking. In 1974 he joined the RCMP, prior to enlisting, he worked at the steel mill in Sydney. Joe always said he loved his career choice. Joe started in Toronto and Waterloo Ontario and ended his career in Tuktoyaktuk, NWT in April 2005. All postings in between he was serving the people in Manitoba communities. Teulon, Grand Beach/ Grand Marais, Pinawa, Shoal Lake, God's Lake Narrows, Cross Lake, Wabowden, Churchill, Ashern, Lundar. Joe often reflected on the community's people's as, "give the shirt off their backs" kind of people.

Joe had another love in his life...that of Cape Breton Island. Joe loved absolutely everything about it, right from the salt air to the saltwater. The people, "capers" was his joy. Joe made friends wherever he went. We built our home in 2005. Joe joined the Northside East Bay volunteer fire department where he was Deputy Fire Chief. Helping alongside his great friend James Fortune (fire chief). That friendship grew into a brotherhood. We moved to MB July 2020 to be closer to our families and for Joe to enjoy making more memories with family. Joe wouldn't want the people he leaves behind to cry for him but to share a funny story, a funny saying or a moment that makes you smile. As per Joe's wishes cremation has taken place with a celebration of life at a later date. **In lieu of flowers you may make a donation to the Selkirk Regional Health Center. To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Joseph (Joe) Michael Laughlin, please visit our floral store.** Years of Service: 1974 – 2005 - Postings: "O", "D" and "G" Divisions.

#30721 Cst. David Gerald **Otterman** - January 15, 1955 - December 13, 2021. Gerald grew up in Vancouver and joined the RCMP in 1973. His RCMP career was highlighted with the Star of Courage in 1985. He continued his career as a broker and finance executive. Gerald had two sons, Mark and David, who were with him as he passed. He was a constant at their sporting events and volunteered countless hours for youth sports. Gerald is survived by Mark and David, his brother Allan and wife Linda. He was a man of grand stature and personality. Though Ger "bit the big onion", he will be missed and the world will be less interesting without him. Donations can be made to the VGH and UBC Hospital foundation, who provided exceptional care during the last chapter of his life.

Published on December 26, 2021 To send flowers to the family of Gerald Otterman, please visit Tribute Store. How does it work? Years of Service: 1973 – 1985 - Postings: "E" Division

#24163 S/Sgt.(Rtd.) Glenn James **MacPhail** - January 22, 1946 - December 24, 2021. With heavy hearts the family of Glenn James MacPhail announces his peaceful passing at the Smiths Falls Hospital on December 24, 2021 at the age of 75. Glenn was born in New Waterford, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia on January 22, 1946. Predeceased by his parents Rena and Hinson Calabrese, his brother Joey and his grandson Scottie. Glenn was the loving husband and best friend to his wife Karen. He (Daddio) will be sadly missed by his two children, his daughter Jodi Empey, her husband Jeremy and his son Scott MacPhail, his wife Erika. Grandad enjoyed travelling to sports, school events and graduations for his grandchildren Hayden and Allison MacPhail, Lyndsay and Sam Empey. Also survived by his sister Jocelyn (Mark) of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, his brother Brent MacPhail of Sarasota, Florida, brother Brian Calabrese (Debbie), sister Beth Calabrese, both in Cape Breton. He will be missed by many relatives and friends here and around the world. Glenn's life was full. He loved playing golf at The Lombard Golf Course, played hockey with The Old Horsemen, and thoroughly

enjoyed meeting his friends at Tim Hortons. He was respected in his community and in the RCMP teaching and mentoring. He served in several postings across Canada and peacekeeping until he retired in 2000. He continued peacekeeping missions around the world but his greatest personal accomplishment besides his children, was receiving his Masters Degree in adult education at St. Francis Xavier University at the age of 68. Glenn loved to talk and tell amazing stories, laugh and joke with his friends and family. The family is most appreciative of the great care and respect given to Glenn and his family at the Smiths Falls Hospital. The kindness shown by his nurses will never be forgotten. Family and Friends are invited to a Memorial Service in the Sacred Space of Beechwood Funeral, Cemetery and Cremation Services, 280 Beechwood Avenue, Ottawa, on Tuesday, January 4th at 1:00 p.m.. For those who cannot attend in person, registration for a livestreaming of the service can be found at <https://foveo.stream/beechwood/Glenn-James-MacPhail-1641319200-50402.Years> of Service: 1965 - 2000 - "F" Troop 65/66 - Postings: "O", "N" (Musical Ride), "K", Depot, "HQ", Canadian Police College & Peacekeeping Mission (Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo) - RCMP Veterans' Association Member - Kingston Division.

#26520 Sgt. (Rtd.) Albert John **Cameron** - March 10, 1947 - December 12, 2021. At the age of 74, Bert passed away peacefully at the Foothills Country Hospice in Okotoks, surrounded by his adoring family, following a hard battle with pancreatic cancer. Bert was born in Calgary, along with his twin brother Bob, to Margaret and Edward Cameron. For a lifetime, Bert and Bob's "twin telepathy" was undeniable and their bond was like no other. Growing up in Burnaby, Bert was a gifted athlete, excelling at wrestling, football and baseball. It was at a South Burnaby High School Sock Hop that Donna and Bert met. While they were dating, Bert went to RCMP Depot for training in April 1968, following in his brother Bob's footsteps. Upon graduation from Depot, Bert was awarded the All Around Recruit and Top Athlete awards for his troop. Bert and Donna married in 1970 and during Bert's 35-year RCMP career, they were stationed at many locations across Canada, mostly residing within Alberta. While working as a Sergeant in the RCMP, he achieved a degree with honours in Business Management from SAIT. Bert volunteered, and was selected, for two war-time tours of duty with the United Nations, as part of the RCMP contingent, in former Yugoslavia (1993/1994) and Kosovo (1999). Upon his return he was decorated with an Order of St. John Certificate and a Canadian Peacekeeping Services Medal. Bert and Donna had a wonderful 51-year marriage that took them on many adventures. Post retirement, they enjoyed traveling around the world, often accompanied by close friends. Bert was passionate about, and involved in, many sports throughout his lifetime, including baseball, golf, biking, and curling. It was on a bike, the fairway, the ball diamond, or at the rink, where Bert made many of his most cherished friendships. One of his proudest sporting achievements was biking across Canada in 2006/2007. He also completed many other inspiring biking tours within Canada, and across Europe and the United States, where he was thrilled to be joined by Dawne and James on several of them. Bert was a man of the highest integrity, perseverance, empathy, patience and genuine kindness. He took great pride in doing a job correctly, the first time, even when that meant measuring three times before making the cut. He told the best stories, had the greatest laugh, and loved his family and friends immensely. Bert is survived by his loving wife, Donna, his daughter Dawne (Bevan Hoynick), his son James (Sandra) and four of his most favourite people - grandchildren, Nolan and Mason Cameron, and Cole and Ellinor Hoynick. He is also survived by his brother Bob (Nina) and his sister Sandi (Larry Langhorn). A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, December 30, 2021, at 2:00 PM at the Foothills Centennial Centre (204 Community Way #4, Okotoks, AB). Please be advised that proof of vaccination will be required in order to attend the service. In lieu of flowers, **please consider making a donation to the Foothills Country Hospice Society** (<https://www.countryhospice.org/support-us>) or The Veterans Food Bank of Calgary (www.theveteransfoodbankofcalgary.ca/donate) Arrangements are in care of Snodgrass Funeral Homes, Okotoks, Alberta. 403-938-3111. Please feel free to email condolences to

www.snodgrassfuneralhomes.com Years of Service: 1968 – 2003 - Postings: "K" Division & Peacekeeping Missions (Former Republic of Yugoslavia & Kosovo) RCMP Veterans' Association Member - Calgary Division. *Remembered with respect and gratitude for his service.*

#21620 Sgt. Rtd.) Gordon Campbell **McLean** - 1941 – 2021. Sadly Gordon passed away December 13, 2021 after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's and Heart Failure. He is survived by his wife Lorraine; daughter Lisa Knotts (Harvey); son Colin McLean (Cindy); stepdaughter Tracy Pauliuk (Aaron); stepdaughter-in-law Shayla Chenier and Sister Beverly Zablotny as well as nieces, nephew and cousins. He was the beloved Papa to his grandchildren Georgia & Marcus McLean; Charley & Quinn Pauliuk and Hunter & Kieran Chenier. Tiki, his side kick labradoodle will always miss him. Gordon was predeceased by his parents Gordon & Phyllis (Campbell) McLean; Heather McLean (2015) and his stepson Christopher Chenier. Gordon was born in Ocean Falls, B.C. and was an active member of the town's swim club which produced many top swimmers in the 50's and 60's. An industrious youngster, he worked as a pin boy in the bowling alley, an usher at the movies and numerous positions in the paper mill including as a "boom" man sorting the log booms. He always remained friends with the many peers he grew up with. His 21 year RCMP career included serving communities in D Division Manitoba (Grand Rapids, Portage La Prairie, Beausejour, Virden, Thompson & Winnipeg). His service also included 4 yrs as a swimming instructor in Regina. He joined the RCMP at the age of 18 years and was a member of F Troop. In retirement they renewed their friendships with lunches at various Boston Pizzas thanks to one of the members. His service also included 4 yrs as a swimming instructor in Regina. Gordon and family then moved to White Rock, B.C. where he continued to lead and implement safety and security teams at Eaton's, Moli Energy, UBC and retired a second time as Director of Security at BCIT. Over the 20 plus years living at Gateway Gardens Gord. and Lorraine met many neighbours who became good friends. He certainly will miss his Tim Horton and clubhouse coffee meetings with them. A very sincere thank you to the staff on the 7th floor of Evergreen Baptist Care Home for their compassionate and caring nature to Gordon and his family. We will always be grateful. Gordon will always be remembered for his kindness, humor, and unconditional love of his family and friends. A memorial lunch will be held at a later date. **In lieu of flowers please donate to a charity of your choice in Gord's name.** Years of Service: 1960 – 1981. Postings: "D" & Depot Divisions - *Remembered with respect and gratitude for his service.*

#18522 Sgt. (Rtd.) Frederick Joslin **Jenkins** - December 4, 1931 - December 8, 2021. Passed on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at the age of 90 while a resident of Canmore, Alberta. Survived by his sons Garth and Todd. Predeceased by his wife, Gail (2006). Fred and Gail met in Whitehorse, YT, where Fred was posted with the RCMP and Gail was working as a military doctor's assistant. From Whitehorse, they moved to Prince George and subsequently to Victoria where Gail worked as a real estate agent for several years. Following Fred's retirement from RCMP in 1980, they relocated to Atlin, BC, where Fred was appointed as a government agent while Gail became a coroner and a school district secretary. Fred and Gail were residing in Victoria at the time of her passing in 2006. No obituary or information respecting a Celebration of Life is available at this time but will be posted as and when known. Years of Service: 1954 – 1980 - Postings: "M" and "E" Divisions - *Remembered with respect and gratitude for his service.*

#43746 Cpl. (Rtd.) John David **Ryan** - August 27, 1961 - November 21, 2021. Passed on Sunday, November 21, 2021 at the age of 60 while a resident of Chilliwack, BC. No obituary or information respecting a Celebration of Life is available at this time but will be posted as and when known. Years of Service: 1991 – 2016 - Postings: ""E" Division. *Remembered with respect and gratitude for his service.*

S/1544 Spl Cst. (Rtd.) Russell **Douglas** - October 21, 1953 ~ August 27, 2021. An obituary is not available at this time for Russell Douglas. We welcome you to provide your thoughts and memories on our Tribute Wall. To plant a tree in memory of Russell Douglas, visit the Tribute Store. Years of Service: 1975 – 1998 - Postings: "O" Division

S/1305 Spl. Cst. Rtd.) Robert W. **Smith** - December 29, 1945 ~ December 5, 2021. Passed on Sunday, December 5, 2021 at the age of 75, while a resident of Scarborough, Ontario. Survived by his wife, Rose. Bob ("Smitty") joined the RCMP on September 23, 1974. He served in the GTA until his retirement from Public Safety in circa 2013. Bob worked in operational support; a key member of a dedicated team of professionals. He was an exceptional team leader and an outstanding training officer. He patiently taught new recruits the investigative skills he had honed over his accomplished career, and helped maintain the high efficiency of the unit through regular training days.

His mentorship was valued as was his counsel. He treated everyone the same; with respect and courtesy. He lead by example, advocated effectively for his team and his colleagues and was deeply respected for his character, his good humour and his skill. Bob dedicated his life to the security of Canadians and his quiet contributions were significant and effective. He will be missed. A private family service was held on December 8, 2021 at Ogden Funeral Home, 4164 Sheppard Avenue, East, Scarborough, Ontario. Years of Service: 1974 - 2013 (circa) - Postings: "O" Division.

Remembered with respect and gratitude for his service.

#C/4413 CM Diane Ingrid Alicia **Stewart** - 1940 – 2021. Diane passed away on Tuesday, December 28, 2021. She was predeceased by her husband of 55 years, Garry; grandson Joshua; parents Harry and Helen Dixon; and brother Barry. Diane is survived by her children, Shawn (Patricia) Stewart of Ottawa, ON, Erin (Dan) Reid of Thunder Bay, ON, Jill Stewart (Mitchell Haskins) of St. Andrews, N.B., and Brad (Sandra) Stewart of Moose Jaw, SK; grandchildren, Mark, Ryan, Ashley, Kerri, Jen (Matt) Mitchell, Sarah (Adam) Blando, Adam, Aaron, Sarah (Johannes) Odendaal and Jesse (Jaymin); great-grandchildren, Tucker, Miller, Adley, Noah, Marius, Iliana, Willow, Eliwynn and Saveta; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. A family celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Interment in the RCMP Columbarium. She was a proud civilian member of the RCMP community. She enjoyed her work with the RCMP and the Regina City Police. Diane's family meant the world to her. She loved spending time with animals especially dogs. Diane will be missed and forever loved. Postings: "F" Division - Other Police Service: Regina Police Service.

The Clock of Life is wound but once - And no man has the power- To tell just when the hands will stop -At late or early hour - To lose one's wealth is sad indeed- To lose one's health is more - To lose one's soul is such a loss - As no man can restore - The present only is our own - Live, love, toil with a will - Place no faith in tomorrow - For the clock may then be still. ~Robert H. Smith~

#24387/O.1328 Insp. (Rtd.) Earl Dennis **Basse** - June 29, 1946 - December 31, 2021. Earl Basse is the President of Basse & Associates Inc. (BAI), a professional forensic investigation and corporate security firm focusing on protecting its clients' business environment by integrating ethics and integrity into security and operational programs. Earl has been awarded a Fellowship by the Society of Management Accountants of Canada (FCMA), and has also received accreditations as a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), Certified Protection Professional (CPP) and a Risk Assessment Methodology for Critical Infrastructure professional. He brings with him a wealth of experience in law enforcement, forensic investigations, corporate security and business management. Earl's utilization of his international network of professionals in the forensic and security industry is a value-added advantage for BAI's clients. Earl Basse has in excess of 40 years of experience and training in investigative techniques and the management of investigations while a member of the RCMP, as the Manager of

Investigations at the Vancouver Stock Exchange, as a senior forensic investigative consultant with KPMG's Forensic Division and as a professional licensed Private Investigator and Corporate Security Consultant for Basse & Associates Inc. He is part of the EthicScan team approved to provide complaint investigation services to clients like the City of Toronto and the RCMP CPC. Throughout his RCMP career between 1965 and 1990, Earl served in small communities and isolated posts in Northern Manitoba providing native and community policing services to the communities. In addition, Earl served 14 years in plain clothes investigative duties conducting investigations into major crimes including rape and murder, organized crime investigations as well as complex financial investigations into corporate fraud and theft. Years of Service: 1965 – 1990 - Postings: "D", "O" and "F" Divisions - RCMP Veterans' Association Member Lethbridge Division - **Condolences can be directed to: Mr. Allistair Basse - 3177 South Pagosa Street Aurora, Colorado, H0013** allistairbasse@gmail.com 1-425-367-3575.

#33192 Cst. (Rtd.) Larry Irvin **Stubel** -August 9, 1949 - December 18, 2021. Surrounded by love, and with strength unmeasurable...we part for now I was born in Estevan on a blessed August day. The first legacy of love born to Victoria (nee Jesse) and Edward Stubel. I emerged into the world with strength, determination, kindness, loyalty, plus a will to carry forward that which my parents perfected for me...a love of family, of course not to forget a handsome disposition. Ok, let's not forget gifted singer....yes Elvis...lucky for you...I had other plans. After completing high school my sights were set on three major courses; professional hockey, divine leadership or career in the forces honouring many Veteran family members. I fulfilled a dedicated 35 years of service with the RCMP. Although dedication to the forces was a life long journey, I enjoyed most especially staying in the ranks and out of the office as much as I possibly could, my personality and guidance was essential to working with the public...my career challenged but never took precedence for the love of my family. The service would see us in many communities making many new adventures and enhancing our extended life long gift of friends we call family. We are forever greatful for those people who enhanced our lives not only in Estevan, but, North Battleford, Carlyle, Leader, Prince Albert, our Candle Lake families where we love to spend relaxing summers, and many surrounding communities. I enjoyed life to its fullest, our children and grandchildren coming to see Papa and Nana, fishing, hunting, camping, the outdoors in all its capacities, my horses and the anytime visits with so many. The Captain with his side kick Dr.P.....In pursuit of my career and along life's events, the most precious heart strengthening memories of my world were gifted to me, forever changing my world, giving me the pleasures of being a soulmate to husband, proud father to grandfather. Beyond this a brother, uncle, nephew, and that cousin. On a delightful day in November, a pink bundle of joy was placed in my arms...and seated deep within my heart...my daughter Gayle. A strong personality, talents and strength to endure a future beyond what many could survive. Honey, you beat the odds and will always as did I come out stronger. She brought to us our loving son in law, Darin, and three grandchildren: Breckin (a future football star), Kellen (hockey great) and Kya (basketball champ in training). It was not long after, amidst a spring May day, our son Ryan, a handsome, hardworking, not to mention my forever names sake lineage, was also placed into my awaiting...loving arms...and heart. It is not surprising he is not only a wonderful son but dedicated, loving father, and delightful daddy sous chef. He blessed us with a very caring daughter in law, Nan, and two precious granddaughters, Camille (dancer and designer extrodinaire) and Tessa (debating scholar in training). It was in my choosing to expand my family, and I became gratefully gifted with yet two more daughters. Tasha...our daughter who brings a great driven compassion, persuasive laughter, and dedicated nature. Living close by she came to my assistance that would not be afforded to my other family do to distance of time and travel. Many times, she arranged her life around my needs and helped my wife with a long, strong battle of my very existence. She never faltered with bringing me meals and treats, caringly sitting with me, my regular pedicures, and tending to my unending needs especially when my wife needed a moment or help.

Along with a crafty son in law Tom, she blessed us with two grandchildren, Stevie (my heroic advocate & partner in crime), and Casey (assistant/ future strategist). Completing my closest and dearest inner circle of my world is our daughter Erica. She is extremely skilled, has a true passionate and giving nature, with abilities that never cease to amaze us, always coming with an organized abundance of munchies/new flavour treats. My camping cohort that challenged me at making the best fishing hooks, building, fixing anything that needed a special touch and of course with the precise dimentions. Erica gives to us a strong support in hubby, our son in law Trevor, along with our grandsons, Edwin (athletic/entrepreneur), Tyson (noble athlete) and Hudson (my facetime buddy, youngest superhero). My wife and soulmate, Lorna....the strength of my structure, my rock, and who never stopped loving me always. The person who organized and cared for me in every breath of my days...and whose heart will be there caring long after I take my next journey. Until we meet again...as in my video and as I told you, I waited for you...I love you and once again will wait for you! Don't be sad, be strong....some people wait their entire lives to meet their inspiration mine came as my living guardian angel...I will always be in your heart. My favorite fur buddy Bailey, you knew me so well, your keen sences when I needed those around to know I was in need...your never ending loyalty & companionship...make sure you get your well deserved treats! Snuggle with mom, I know she will miss my daily hugs and kisses. My family...know my heart is full of love and proud memories of who you are and how unique you all are going into this world. It is my eternal wish that those who shared in my life long adventures remember my gifts...my wife, my children and my grandchildren....my family. Don't live saying "I should" take that time to be together....continue making memories together, I'll be there in your hearts. What makes us strong is the love of family. Along with this keep in touch with all those extended family/friends from my lifes journeys....I put them there for a reason. Time is precious...take the time. Predeceased by my parents, Edward & Victoria, In-laws Doug Brady & Beverley (Krawchuk) Brady. I shall be met by aunts, uncles, cousins, many family and friends who have awaited the day I go in eternal peace. I leave for you to cherish in my memory, my wife Lorna, my children Gayle(Darin), Ryan(Nan), Tasha(Tom) and Erica(Trevor); treasured grandchildren; Stevie, Edwin, Breckin, Casey, Kellen, Tyson, Camille, Kya, Tessa, and Hudson. My siblings and their families, brother Doug (lee), sister Heather(Bill), sister Valerie(Tim), brother/sister in laws, Lyle, Lynn-Don(Noreen), Lonnie(Gaylene), Chrissy(Peter), Kelly (Judy), Matthew, Janice, S/Mil Gail...numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, in laws, extended family/friends...you shall never be forgotten, you are all very important to us. Remember that which I was to you and the times you shared with us. Those so wishing can make memorial donations in my memory to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #60, 1317 4th Street, Estevan, SK., S4A 0X1. Celebration of My Life arrangements (prepare for early August in PA) will be made available once finalized. The interment will be done at a later date in Estevan. We gratefully wish to thank: Dr. B. Hafeez, Dr. R. Ilie-Haynes, Dr. A. Zhai, Dr. S. Wardell, Dr. E. Van Der Merwe, Dr. C. Dumaine, RUH Cardiac Device Clinic staff, Home Care Palliative Team Darcie with the RN's/CCA's, Dr. J. Samson, Paul Joy, Sr. Renee, Father Maurice, Gord Hein, Marianne and staff at Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, and all those who gave their time and talents to allow me the respect and dignity in my days I needed of you and for those I love. The numerous family and friends who endlessly gave their gifts, food, acts of kindness, visits, calls, messages, snow clearing...we bless you all. Friends and family wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Prince Albert, SK- Marianne Turcotte- Funeral Director 306-763-3322. - Years of Service: 1976 - 2010 Postings: "F" Division

#37201/O.998 Inspector (Retd) John William King **Coleman** - January 28, 1959 - January 4, 2022. It is with heavy hearts and great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of John William King Coleman, age 62, of Amherst, on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at home. Born in Baddeck, Nova Scotia,

he was the son of David and the late Millicent (King) Coleman. Family meant everything to John; the love and pride he had for his loved ones was a remarkable reflection of the man he was. John graduated from Acadia University in 1981 and following in his father's footsteps, joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, working in a variety of capacities, retiring in 2014 as an Inspector after 33 years of service. Following his retirement with the RCMP, John worked for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, overseeing New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. John married the love of his life, Janice, in 1982. Over their forty years marriage, filled with love, they extended their family to include three children and two grandchildren, with a third on the way. John's grandchildren were the light of his life and nothing was more special to him than the memories they made and shared together. John had a passion for hockey, baseball, and soccer, surely having shared stories with many about the glory days of playing sports with the boys. John loved to travel and spend time on the golf course with family and friends. Being at the beach was one of John's favourite past times and his family will always feel connected to him by the ocean. John lived his life filled with love and pride; his family will always keep him in their hearts by doing the same. John will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his wife Janice (Porter); children Laura Ashley (Phillip) Farrow, Alexa (Simon) Gaudet and Joshua (Leslie) Coleman; grandchildren Adelynn and John Peter; father David, siblings Dale (Brian) Jones, David (Ann), Dawn (Al MacIssac), Scott (Nancy), Porter family and many nieces and nephews. Besides his mother; John was predeceased by his parents in law Pearl and Leon Porter; brother in law Billy and sister in law Barbara. Visitations will be held on Sunday, January 9, 2022 from 1 – 3 pm and 5 – 7 pm held in Campbell's Funeral Home, 98 Church Street. *Afternoon and evening visitations has been filled to maximum compacity due to COVID restrictions* Due to COVID-19 regulations, proof of double vaccination and government ID is required for the visitations. A celebration of John's life will be held in the spring, in hope of honouring his memory with all who loved him. Donations may be made in John's memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Alzheimer's Society. Condolences and sharing of memories may be shared with the family via: www.campbellsamherst.ca or by visiting Campbell's Facebook page. Years of Service: 1981 - 2014 Postings: "B"and "J" Divisions - RCMP Veterans' Association Member - Nova Scotia Division

D) Veterans News

RCMPVA - 17 - 12- 21

1) Federal Bill Introduced to Eliminate Marriage After 60 "GoldDigger" Clause

Dear Members, - Chers membres,

The Association has been advised by Christine Ackermann, Legislative Assistant to M.P. Rachel Blaney (NDP) representing North Island – Powell River B.C. of the following.

MP Blaney's image appears below.



"MP Blaney Rachel introduced her private Member's bill, C-221, to eliminate the 'golddigger clause' earlier this morning (ed note: December 16, 2021)., Randall Garrison, NDP MP with CFB Esquimalt in his riding, seconded the bill: <https://youtu.be/d9j45kLABas> You will find a copy of the bill attached.

Thought you would like to know that the assistant to Conservative MP Caputo told me that his boss was not allowed to second Rachel's bill because their policy team was not able to confirm the Conservative position on the marriage after 60 clause.

Please feel free to share the news about Rachel's bill. I will be in touch again in the new year as Rachel would like to work with you, and other organizations, to exert pressure on the government to adopt the bill and eliminate the clause."

Several weeks ago, President Glenn addressed a letter from the Association to all members of Parliament asking that consideration be given to eliminating the after 60 clause. This would appear to have had some positive results.

We will continue to keep you apprised of any further developments and we do share in Ms. Ackermann's suggestion that any possibilities of keeping pressure on members of the Federal Government to eliminate the clause should be explored.

The actual bill is attached and as noted in Ms. Ackermann's remarks, the presentation of the Bill to Parliament has been captured on Youtube at the noted address.

James Forrest
Director of Communications

Projet de loi fédéral visant à l'abolition de la disposition relative aux mariages intéressés

La version française suit

L'Association a été informée par Christine Ackermann, adjointe législative de la députée Rachel Blaney (NPD) représentant North Island – Powell River B.C. de ce qui suit.

L'image de la députée Blaney apparaît ci-dessous.

"La députée Blaney Rachel a présenté son projet de loi d'initiative parlementaire, C-221, visant à éliminer la 'clause du chercheur d'or' plus tôt ce matin (Note de la rédaction : 16 décembre 2021). Randall Garrison, député néo-démocrate ayant la BFC Esquimalt dans sa circonscription, a appuyé le projet de loi : <https://youtu.be/d9j45kLABas>. Vous trouverez une copie du projet de loi ci-joint.

J'ai pensé que vous aimeriez savoir que l'assistant du député conservateur Caputo m'a dit que son patron n'a pas été autorisé à appuyer le projet de loi de Rachel parce que leur équipe politique n'était pas en mesure de confirmer la position des conservateurs sur la clause du mariage après 60 ans.

N'hésitez pas à partager les nouvelles concernant le projet de loi de Rachel. Je reprendrai contact avec vous au cours de la nouvelle année, car Rachel aimeraient travailler avec vous, ainsi qu'avec d'autres organisations, pour faire pression sur le gouvernement afin qu'il adopte le projet de loi et élimine la clause."

Il y a quelques semaines, le président Glenn a adressé une lettre de l'Association à tous les membres du Parlement pour demander que l'on envisage d'éliminer la clause après 60 ans. Il semblerait que cela ait eu quelques résultats positifs.

Nous continuerons à vous tenir au courant de tout développement ultérieur et nous partageons la suggestion de Mme Ackermann que toute possibilité de maintenir la pression sur les membres du gouvernement fédéral pour éliminer la clause devrait être explorée.

La loi actuelle est jointe en annexe.

Le projet de loi proprement dit est joint et, comme indiqué dans les remarques de Mme Ackermann, la présentation du projet de loi au Parlement a été capturée sur Youtube à l'adresse indiquée.

James Forrest
Directeur des communications

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2) Speech Given by Peter STOFFER at the NSRCMPVA AGM - November 13, 2021

This is the speech given by Peter Stoffer at our November Annual General Meeting and is being shared with the membership, as not everyone was able to take part in this event.

This message originated with Nova Scotia Division and is being sent to all Association members for their information. We apologize for the duplication of those Divisions who may have already read it.

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I wish to start off by saying NEVER APOLOGIZE FOR YOUR CAREER. It drives me absolutely crazy to hear what the media and some in the general public have to say about the men and women who wear the Red Serge. To equate various negative incidents which have been perpetrated by a number of RCMP officers to all serving retired and passed on members is simply unconscionable. If you had the chance to read the hatchet job done on the RCMP by the latest edition of Walrus magazine you would understand what I am referring to. They made it sound like All the social ills of Canada are the fault of the RCMP. I remind the editors at Walrus, WHERE were they when Heidi Stephenson laid down her life for her fellow Nova Scotians. WHERE were they during the Swiss Air Crash. WHERE were they when the van carrying the Bathurst basketball team crashed and killed many young people. WHERE were they when our officers were killed in Moncton and Mayerthorpe. WHERE are they when the thousands and thousands of dangerous incidents that occur every day for all our police officers. I'll tell you where they are, at home or in their office protected and safe by the security that all of you and your brothers and sisters have and are currently still providing. What these ill informed people and many on those on social media fail to understand is that the RCMP receive their instruction from that of the Federal Government. I repeat there is no question that there are some bad apples in every organization and they need to be treated in accordance to the



law. But please do not paint them all with the same brush.

When I hear the ignorant calls for Defunding the police, my answer to these people is defund what, their pensions, training, their wages, administration, the number of officers etc. They simply do not have an answer. In my view, the funding should be increased for all police forces so that they in turn can continue to provide the protection in our society that we all desire. When it comes to the social media, my advice is do not take the bait. You simply cannot win the war on ignorance. Just keep doing the great job you have and are still doing and the great majority of those silent Canadians will thank you. Let's not forget in many cases the wives of our former RCMP officers in small communities across the country that provided invaluable service without being paid or thanked by our government.

On the issue of RCMP veterans and their families, when I was a member of parliament, my office had introduced several private member bills to address some of the shortfall to your benefits. They were VIP programs, eliminating the CPP and CPP disability claw back and the marriage after 60 act. Unfortunately I was not successful as both Liberal and Conservative governments denied these attempts. In fact, in a face off I had with then Commissioner Bill Elliot at Rideau Hall, he accused me of trying to get more for his members than they deserved. This is the attitude you get when you put a politically appointed civil servant in charge of the RCMP. I hope that no government will ever do this again. I told him that HE is the one who should be leading the charge on the benefits and not just be a spokesman for the government. Needless to say we didn't become friends.

In conclusion, I would like to announce that the VETERANS LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND that I have the honour of being the chairperson has a new program where we give free consultation and advice to all military, RCMP members and their families. All you have to do is go on our website to get further info. So please never say you're sorry for being MY HERO. I wish to thank all of your families for sharing you with all of Canada and remember, never regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to so many.

Thank you.

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3) Promoting the Quarterly

RCMPVA – 2021 – 12-24

Good afternoon Frank,
I trust all is well in your neck of the woods and you're all set for Christmas.

In your next newsletter could you promote the Quarterly for us.

As the attached posters show, they can e-mail or call to subscribe or give a subscription to a friend or



family member.

Or they can order on line.

Go to RCMPVA.org ; click on The Quarterly; click on Purchase (Green Rectangle); at subscription click to show # 1; then click on proceed (Yellow rectangle); then enter purchaser details. They can pay online via credit card.

They next mail out is January 10th so If they act quick enough they should be on that mailing list.

Thanks Frank, all the best in the new year!

Al Rivard

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4) Join us! KeepAlbertaRCMP Community Engagement Tour Launches Jan 6

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The Government of Alberta has committed to making a decision about the future of the RCMP in Alberta this spring and we need your help ensuring they hear from Albertans and that everyone has access to clear, fact-based information about what this transition means to the safety of their communities and the potential costs. Their initial report shows potential costs of over \$550 million, with only half as many fully trained police.

Register for your chance to be heard!

Beginning in early January, the National Police Federation will be hosting **KeepAlbertaRCMP** community engagement meetings in small and mid-sized municipalities throughout Alberta, following all current pandemic guidelines.

The initial KeepAlbertaRCMP Community Engagement Tour schedule is **available here**.
https://www.keepalbertarcmp.ca/communityengagementtour?utm_campaign=karcmp_email_january_4_2_022&utm_medium=email&utm_source=surreyssayonpolicing

More dates and locations will be added in the coming weeks and updates will be provided once new locations and dates have been confirmed.

We encourage you to join us at a meeting close to you, share this information with everyone you know in Alberta and follow our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/KeepAlbertaRCMP> for updates. Simply register via the Eventbrite link on the website for the event you would like to attend. Your voices are important and much needed in this process.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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F) The Lighter Side!

A cabbie picks up a Nun. She gets into the cab, and notices that the VERY handsome cab driver won't stop staring at her. She asks him why he is staring.

He replies: "I have a question to ask, but I don't want to offend you."

She answers, "My son, you cannot offend me. When you're as old as I am and have been a nun as long as I have, you get a chance to see and hear just about everything. I'm sure that there's nothing you could say or ask that I would find offensive."

"Well, I've always had a fantasy to have a nun kiss me."

She responds, "Well, let's see what we can do about that.....

- 1) You have to be single and
- 2) You must be Catholic."

The cab driver is very excited and says, "Yes, I'm single and Catholic!"

"OK" the nun says. "Pull into the next alley."

The nun fulfills his fantasy with a kiss that would make a hooker blush. But when they get back on the road, the cab driver starts crying.

"My dear child," said the nun, "why are you crying?"

"Forgive me, but I've sinned. I lied and I must confess, I'm married and I'm Jewish."

The nun says, "That's OK. My name is Kevin and I'm going to a Halloween party!"

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