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It's Winter in Winnipeg and the pictures clearly show it. Bundle up and keep warm. And always make sure your vaccines are up to date

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The Last Post

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35101	EUBANK, William Marshall	21/11/23	Nanaimo BC
20860	MUZIKA, George W.,	21/11/26	Saskatoon SK
C/2941	DIMITROVAS, Anna	21/11/30	Pointe Claire QC
24159	McDONALD, John Robert	21/12/06	Antigonish NS
26407	DAUDELIN, Luc	21/12/08	Laprairie QC
15740	WATT, Alexander Douglas	21/12/08	Edmonton AB
18522	JENKINS, Frederick Joslin	21/12/08	Canmore AB
40975	CAPRA, Giorgio (George)	21/12/10	Mississauga ON
34420	GILMORE, S. A. (Stu)	21/12/10	Brighton ON
30725	KINLOCH, Brian Davi	21/12/11	Lloydminster SK
26520	CAMERON, Albert John	21/12/12	Okotoks AB
31736	LAUGHLIN, Joseph Michael	21/12/13	Selkirk MB
21620	McLEAN, Gordon Campbell	21/12/13	Surrey BC
30721	OTTERMAN, David Gerald	21/12/13	Vancouver BC
23123	MacDONALD, James L.	21/12/15	Harbour Grace NL
20416	FINCH, Harvey William	21/12/15	Maple Ridge BC
30635	STEVELY, Danny Blair	21/12/15	Prince Albert SK
30880	McKENNA, E. Bryan	21/12/16	Blairmore AB
A/Cst.	BROWN, William C.	21/12/16	Corner Brook NL
34736	DEMPSEY, Judith Gwendolyn	21/12/18	Merritt BC
33192	STUBEL, Larry Irvin	21/12/18	Prince Albert SK
15856	RANKIN, Hugh Ellwin	21/12/19	Charlottetown PE
M/93	KING, James Wallace	21/12/19	Kentville NS
31957	McDONNELL, Ian Guy	21/12/21	Edmonton AB
36226	WICKETT, Terry E.	21/12/21	Nanton AB
18911	COADY, Edward Joseph	21/12/21	St. John's NL
43746	RYAN, John David	21/12/21	Chilliwack BC
28194	RAYMOND, Bruce Wayne	21/12/22	Clareville NL
37869	GIROUX, Jacques Laurent	21/12/24	Moncton NB
29163	MacPHAIL, Glenn James	21/12/24	Ottawa ON

Rest In Peace.

Info Courtesy RCMP Vets' Net

The Binyon Pledge

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,

Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them!

Laurence Binyon



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Chaplain's Message

January 2022

With the Christmas season behind us, we now look forward with anticipation to the new year. We hope and pray that 2022, will see positive changes to our world, while also giving us some healthy life choices and renewed freedom. As our individual communities attempt to move forward, collectively we hope for new occasions to encourage and look out for each other. Not only does the RCMP vets association afford us this caring opportunity, our outreach into the community also gives us moments to selflessly impact humans. Past reflections, past musings, and past hardships, catapult us into the future and our ability to care for the less fortunate.

Recently, I have had the opportunity to reflect on my past career in law enforcement. During this introspective process, I will honestly state that there are not any regrets. There is not any need to "cry over spilled milk" for any decision made during my career nor is there a need to "second-guess" my career choice. As it turns out, none of us are allowed any re-dos in this life. We are only granted breaks which allow us to re-set our lives.

Like many of us in the Vets association, police work was a perfect fit for us. We learned discipline in Depot, we learned what it was like to attend a sudden death, while holding our emotions in check, and we certainly learned what it was like to engage in hand-to-hand combat with bad guys. When we signed up for the job, none of us realized that toughness and compassion could be so intertwined. As rookies, we never realized the range of emotions which would be required of us, for survival, as we journeyed through our careers.

Within policing, it was the interconnected intangibles, the indefinable moments, which we discovered, that educated us for the future; this present-future. Whether it was the compassion we gained at our first next-of-kin notification, or our concern for a colleague who was suffering, policing taught us to be humans.

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It was our former, developed internal humanity which today causes us to keep putting one foot in front of the other, pressing forward as it were, into various unknown possibilities to serve.

When we reflect on our previous careers, we now understand that it was the existence of the unknown, which gave us the thrill of the chase. It was the unknown which caused us to pursue the evil in society while allowing us to serve the downtrodden. It was our call to duty which gave us the experience to be cops in a world which called for us to stand on guard for the greater good of society. Yet, for the here and now, we realize that undiscovered possibilities still exist in our lives. Although we are now older, and marginally slower, we must still consider our involvement with the unknown within the context of society.

As we consider 2022, let's reflect on our past, knowing that it has framed our future. As we consider the God-given abilities and compassion afforded each one of us, let's consider our call to embrace the unknown, while believing that God has placed us on earth for such a time as this. The world is a place of hurt and sometimes sorrow; maybe we are the ones called to dissipate the darkness, while allowing our humanity to ooze out of us. Let's allow 2022 to continue to frame us into people who serve one another.

Rev. Dr. Byron Hardy



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Manitoba RCMP Veterans Association Entertainment Committee Report, December 2021

Message to all Veterans

Our Advocate Dave Leblanc advised that some Veterans (that are entitled to medications due to disability) on VAC Pensions qualify for a Covid \$200 supply of masks, gloves, and hand sanitizers. I went to our local Pharmacy with my Veterans Affairs 7-digit K # requesting the Covid entitlement package and they contacted Veterans Affairs and called me back the following day advising that for my condition I did qualify, and they are in the process of making a package of supplies for me to pick up at the store. Note they asked me what I wanted in the package, and I advised masks, hand sanitizers followed by gloves. Everyone can choose their needs. Some Pharmacies have you pay and submit your receipt to VAC and others submit direct for payment.

PANDEMIC CALL OUT TO MEMBERS

We have been in contact with many vets during the Pandemic and plan to call as many as we can during the next few weeks. We can only call members for whom we have up to date phone numbers for. (It is the members responsibility to update contact information online or contact your Membership Director Stu Stuart stustuart@mymts.net or 204-226-7366)

2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES

The following email was sent to me on Jan 1st as the National Veterans Association took my 2022 dues on my credit card which I gave permission for a year ago when signing up with National. This saves me from trying to remember to pay my dues and saves Doug our Treasurer from having to remind me. "Dear Russell, thank you for your ongoing commitment to RCMP Veterans Association and the value that you continue to bring to our membership. As you know our membership is made up of thousands of volunteers who give their time, skills and abilities to be responsive to the physical, psychological, social and economic needs of our membership. Your ongoing investment in our membership supports the extended family of former employees in so many ways. This is just a reminder that your membership renewal is due to be automatically charged for \$55.00 on **01/01/2022** to the following credit card: MasterCard # xxxxx111 Should you have any questions or need to update this information, please **contact**. membership.admin@rcmpva.org Sincerely, RCMP Veterans Association."

CHRISTMAS CAKE PROGRAM

Members have now delivered the cakes and recipients advise they look forward to the cake as well as the visit. Thanks go out to Rolly Merritt who co-ordinates the program.

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SOME MEMBERS NEEDING A CALL, VISIT or PRAYER

Diane AITKEN is now in the Carberry Personal Care Home due to Dementia, as Dale & family felt she would be a safety risk if remaining at home. Call 204-834-2390. Also, anyone can send a card to her at Box 925 Carberry, Manitoba R0K 0H0 or email daitken@mts.net

Neville Hirsh is now home, recovering from a stroke. Call 204-897-8260

Norma Hickling - Mailing Address: 983 Charleswood Rd., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3R 3W9 - Email: gl2014@mymts.net - Phone: West Park Manor business office for updates. 204-889-3330. To plan to visit. Also call daughter Lori before planning to visit. - Contact: Daughter Lori Hickling Cell 204-805-3440

Alex Graham is progressing from a stroke and would welcome calls on his cell 204-573-3331

Dennis Hawkins continues to have health issues and welcomes calls at 204-886-7702.

Wally Sheen – Sanford, Mb – welcomes calls at 204-736-4603. As well, you can still send him emails at radmoresheen@hotmail.com

Jock Forbes – Wpg, Mb –could use a friendly call – 204-889-0307.

Helmut Neufeld could use a call or email from old friends. 204-365-6195 or havenese50@gmail.com and leave a message of encouragement.

Maureen “Moe” Miller, wife of Bernie, advises he is in Personal Care Home in Brandon. Maureen could use a friendly call from old friends, and if you want information on Bernie call 204-728-1596.

Note if we missed anyone, please advise so, we can include them in next report.

DECEASED

1) On **December 13, 2021**, retired **Sgt Gordon Campbell McLean, Reg. #21620**, DOB 1941 Jul 07, passed away with his family present.

RCMP POSTINGS as received from the force. 1960-10-29 - Recruit Training, 1961-09-29 - Winnipeg Sub-Division Highway Patrol, 1961-10-29 - Grand Rapids Detachment, 1963-10-22 - Historical Unknown, 1965-02-22 - Swimming, Depot, Promoted to Corporal 1967-05-01, 1969-06-27 - Historical Unknown, 1972-06-30 - Lac du Bonnet Detachment, 1972-10-23 - Historical Unknown, 1973-08-01 - Virden Municipal, Detachment, 1975-07-21 - Thompson Rural Detachment, Promoted to Sergeant 1975-10-01, 1976-09-01 - Training Branch, D-Division, 1981-04-02 Discharged to pension.

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2) 2021 Dec 24, retired **Sgt Robert (Bob) Wayne CONNELL Reg. # 27830**, DOB 1947 Jan 1, passed away peacefully at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island after a short courageous battle with a rare neurological disease.

Bob:

born in Middleton, Nova Scotia on January 1, 1947, son of the late Ralph and Helen (Oakes) Connell of Annapolis County.

Loving Husband of Twila (Garby) Connell and father of Rob (Nora) Connell and daughter Angela (Jason) Roberts. Grampy to Jordyn Connell, Matthew Roberts, Jack Roberts and Zachary Connell. Survived by brothers George (Sandy) Connell, Donnie (Margaret) Connell and sister Pam Connell. Also survived by many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Bob and Twila had been living in Cambridge, Nova Scotia prior to Bob's illness.

R.C.M.P. Postings as supplied by the Force

1966-08-15 - Halifax Sub-Division Maintenance, 1966-08-31 - Police Vessel ADVANCE, 1967-03-19 - Halifax Sub-Division Maintenance, 1967-03-23 - Police Vessel ADVANCE, 1968-03-21 - Halifax Sub-Division Maintenance, 1968-04-01 - Police Vessel KENORA, 1968-11-11 - Kenora Detachment, 1969-01-02 - Winnipeg Detachment Transition training, 1969-03-13 - Kenora Detachment, 1969-05-03 - Police Vessel KENORA, 1969-11-10 - Kenora Detachment, 1970-07-16 - Virden Detachment, 1974-08-19 - Virden Highway Patrol - Promoted to Corporal 1975-10-01, 1978-08-30 - D-Div MBCA (Selkirk), 1982-07-05 - Lynn Lake Detachment, 1985-07-18 - Happy Valley Goose Bay Detachment, 1987-07-21 - Happy Valley Goose Bay GIS, 1988-07-05 - Rocky Harbour Detachment, Promoted to Sergeant, 1993-01-14 - Botwood Detachment, 1996-07-14 - Channel-Port-A-Basques 1998-01-01 - Channel-Port-A-Basques StGrg Dist, 1999-07-04 - H-Division Internal Investigations, 2003-12-25 - Discharged to Pension.

3) 2021 Dec 31, retired **Inspector 0.1328 Earl D BASSE, Reg. # 24387**, passed away with family at his side at a Hospital in Denver, Colorado after suffering a Heart attack .

R.C.M.P. Postings as supplied by the Force: 1965-11-26 - Recruit Training, 1966-06-18 - Winnipeg Detachment, 1967-03-01 - Winnipeg International Airport, 1967-06-29 - Historical Unknown, 1974-07-01 - CISM D-Division - Promoted to Corporal 1974-10-01, 1979-05-01 - Planning D-Division, 1981-05-04 - Commercial Crime Winnipeg - Promoted to Sergeant 1983-06-27, Promoted to Inspector 1986-04-21, 1986-08-05 - Staffing & Personnel F-Division 1990-01-27 - Discharged to Pension

Many of the members from Manitoba have fond memories as well some great stories to share about their times with Earl so feel free to convey the stories to Allister.

Earl's son Allistair has been contacted and welcomes phone calls at 1-425-367-3575, by email at allistairbasse@gmail.com or by regular mail at 3177 South Pagosa Street, Aurora, Colorado, HOO13.

The Manitoba RCMP Veterans Association is offering our deepest sympathy to families of our fallen Veterans with wishes of great memories and events shared.

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HELPPLEASE***

WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY ANY MANITOBA RCMP VETERANS WHO HAVE PARKINSON'S DISEASE. If you are one or know of one, please advise Russ Waugh in confidence. email rlwaugh@mts.net or call 204-470-9256

****CLOSING THOUGHTS****

Covid 19, Do not let your guard down yet with another variant arriving and the numbers on the rise here in Manitoba. Please follow restrictions and stay safe.

Thank you to the members of the Welfare & Benefits Committee and others who assist with giving our membership support as we hear of needs. Remember, we can only assist our membership if someone advises us of required assistance.

R.L.(Russ) Waugh
Manitoba RCMP Veterans Association
Welfare & Benefits Director
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**IN CANADA, MEXICO, INDIA, RUSSIA AND ISRAEL,
BANK NOTES HAVE BRAILLE-LIKE MARKINGS ON
THEM FOR THE BLIND.**



**CANADA HAS MORE LAKES THAN THE REST
OF THE WORLD'S LAKES COMBINED.**



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PARAPROSDOKIANS

Winston Churchill loved paraprostdokians, figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
6. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
7. They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out, I just wanted pay checks.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put "DOCTOR."
11. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
12. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street...with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
13. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
14. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
15. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
16. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
17. There's a fine line between cuddling and...holding someone down so they can't get away.
18. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
19. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
20. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
21. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
22. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
23. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
24. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but now it's getting harder and harder for me to find one.



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Minutes Executive Meeting December 21, 2021

Order: Call to Order by Russ Hanna @ 11:00 AM.

Attendees: Russ Hanna, Bob Wass, Doug Agnew, Murray McNeill, Stu Stuart, Alan Whitson, Rod Noseworthy, Gary Carr, Russ Waugh
Absent: Mike McDonald, Randy Prokopanko
Guest: George Wright

Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion to accept the Minutes of the November 16th, 2021, Executive Meeting made by Murray McNeill. Seconded by Gary Carr. Motion was carried.

Correspondence Received:

Xmas cards and request for donations being received and processed.

Unfinished Business

Open discussion on access and distribution of Manitoba Division Phone list. Acknowledgment to George Wright who pointed out that this matter had been resolved approximately 5 years ago and all Executive members agreed that the present policy remain in effect allowing our membership to formally request access through Membership Director Stu Stuart.

Accounts

Doug Agnew presented financial statements for the period ending November 30, 2021. Doug made a motion, "To accept to accept the financial statements presented for the period ending November 30, 2021." Seconded by Murray McNeill and carried. Copies of the statements will be filed with these minutes.

Doug further advised that due to the closure of the local Credit union Branch he was exploring the transferring of our Accounts to Noventis Credit Union. Motion by Doug and seconded by Russ Waugh. Motion was carried

Committee Reports

Trust Fund:

Gary Carr reported that his committee is presently processing receipts for Income Tax purposes.

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Credentials and Membership

Stu Stuart is continuing to work with National concerning names of individuals missing from the National database. Three new applicants have applied for membership, however no info was forwarded via Form 1733 and this issue has been addressed and applicants are being processed. Ongoing discussion with the National Office regarding seven (7) members listed in the Treasurers Report that are not in the National Database and information for several members that did not properly migrate to the New database. There are also several members who have not established an account in the National Database, and Stu continues to assist a few members with the data entry.

Welfare and Benefits:

Russ Waugh continues to assist our membership, and would like to stress the importance of any members presently experiencing Parkinson's disease or symptoms to contact him personally (rlwaugh@mts.net or phone 204-470-9256). Russ is processing this information with National as to postings, types of jobs, (i.e. radar operator; extensive firearms duty; lab chemical exposure etc.) to identify specific trends this disease may follow. Info will also be included in KIT.

Entertainment:

Randy provided the following report thanking everyone for a successful General Meeting and a very good Christmas Gathering. A special thank you to Committee members (especially Cheryl Waugh and Ingrid Stark) for putting the Silent Auction packages together and helping with the setup and activities at the Gathering.

We have already paid for the food services (did that in cash after the Gathering...thanks, Doug) and expenses have been paid out to Ingrid, Cheryl and Russ Waugh for the purchase of Auction items. We put together 6 Silent Auction prizes, but got a deal on purchasing 10 tote bags and a few other things thrown in, so we'll have 4 tote bags on hand for future events....the full cost has been paid out by Doug.

Speaking of meetings, I have confirmed with Anne at ANAVETS that we have the Thompson Room for General Meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, along with the small boardroom for the 3rd Tuesday of each month, both starting at 11:00 AM.

Awards and Recognition: Mike McDonald absent. No report.

Communications:

Murray McNeill advised that he is experiencing some difficulty with a few members not receiving email distributed messages. Unsure if problem is solely MTS or Google Groups issue and he continues to work on a solution to ensure everyone receives the information

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KIT:

Alan Whitson requested that submissions for KIT be received in a timely manner for proof reading and editing. Alan is also examining the purchasing of a new Publisher Program which will allow full PDF Conversion for preparation of KIT.

New Business: nil

Good of the Association: nil

Meeting Adjourned: Adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Next General Meeting: January 4th, 2022 ANAVETS @ 11:00 AM.

Next Executive Meeting: January 18th, 2022 ANAVETS @11:00 AM.

**WHY DO EGGS COME
IN FLIMSY STYROFOAM
CARTONS AND
BATTERIES COME IN A
PACKAGE ONLY A
CHAINSAW CAN OPEN?**