

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association
Central Vancouver Island Division
December 2021 Newsletter

Central Vancouver Island Annual Christmas Luncheon
Saturday, December 11th, 2021

Location: Nanaimo Golf Club
2500 Highland Blvd., Nanaimo
Facilitator: President elect Irwin AXNESS

Doors open at 1000 hours with coffee/tea available. Buffet turkey luncheon at noon.
AGM Agenda:

1205 Hours: Call to Order Annual General Meeting. All members of the executive were present during this meeting with the exception of Ken ALLEN and Mary Kostashuk. A total of 80 attended this luncheon.

Singing of O'Canada was led very well by Barney BERNARD

Election of Officers for 2022

The following members have agreed to let their names stand for the following positions:

President elect - Irwin AXNESS
1st Vice-President – Gilles CHIASSON
2nd Vice-President – Ken AZZOPARDI
3rd Vice-President – Ken ALLEN
Secretary – Jaak KOOSEL
Treasurer – Rick STEELE
Duncan Area Director – Brent BLANCHARD
Nanaimo Area Director – Dave ALDERSON
Parksville/Qualicum Director – Ken AZZOPARDI
Port Alberni Director – Steve VATAMANIUK
Courtenay/ Comox Director – Mary KOSTASHUK
Campbell River Director – Barney BERNARD

If there is a nomination from the floor from members for a position(s) a vote will proceed for that/those positions.
Robert FENSKE made a motion to accept the executive as indicated. Seconded by Hap ARMSTRONG. Vote as unanimous to accept the motion.
The AGM was adjourned.

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The General Meeting was opened.

Motion to Approve the meeting agenda was made by Don BUCHANAN, Seconded by Gary FORBES. Vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

Welcome to Our Most Recent CVI Members:

Darrell ROBERTSON and Wendy HAYES of Nanoose
Theresa and Josef FURTMANN of Courtenay
David and Rose CAMPBELL of Port Alberni
None of these new members were present.

Welcome Guests.

Peter GRAHAM's son Britt from Campbell River joined him. Josh and May PURNEY's son Stuart from Courtenay attended as well as Stella BARRIE's friend John TURNER



Chaplain Charlie MASSEY held a moment of silence for the members who have passed since our last luncheon/meeting and said Grace

1230 Hours: Adjournment for Lunch
1330 hours Meeting Recalled to Order

Executive and Director's Reports

News/Correspondence for the good of the Association: Irwin received a letter from the Bruce Denniston Bone Marrow Society indicating their appreciation of our recent donation and support from our Association. Irwin also provided an update of our members Keith TRAIL and Richard BOYCE who are transporting stem cell from the B.C. Cancer Clinic at the Vancouver General Hospital to Victoria and return.

Secretary: Jaak KOOSEL had no correspondence to report

Treasurer: Rick STEELE advised as of the end of November we had a total of \$33,622.28 and he provided a proposed budget for 2022, based on 5 luncheon/meetings. Three donations will be held until later in the year to determine our revenue/expenses. Rick provided the following means to pay 2022 dues of \$60 in the agenda for this meeting:

- 1) Go to the website membership.admin@rcmpva.org. Go into your profile where you can include your credit card for the payment.
- 2) You can also e-transfer to chantel.renaud@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
- 3) You can mail your cheque to
RCMP Veterans' Association
P.O. Box 8900, Canadian Police College
1 Sandridge Road, Ottawa, Ontario
K1G 3J2

Make the cheque payable to "RCMP Veterans' Association"

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Directors Reports:

Duncan: Brent BLANCHARD. Nothing to report

Nanaimo: David ALDERSON. Nothing to report

Port Alberni: Steve VATAMANIUK laid a wreath on Remembrance Day and is also visiting George BROUGHTON.

Parksville/Qualicum: Ken AZZOPARDI reported visiting two members.

Courtenay/Comox: Mary KOSTASHUK was absent

Campbell River: Barney BERNARD reported visiting two members.

Birthday Wishes for December: The December birthdays were included in the October, 2021 update. We have no member birthdays today.

CVI member, Michael EASTHAM, very generously donated a framed Friberg Print which has been displayed here for members to see. Our quartermaster, Bryan WALKER will conduct an on-line auction for this print in the new year.

Michael EASTHAM has also donated a blue blazer to CVI. The blazer has RCMP buttons, but no crest. If anyone would like it, the blazer is also here.

Nanaimo residents have very kindly offered to donate two scooters to our Veterans' Association. These Nanaimo area residents, have no direct connection with the RCMP or our Association but have to donate the scooters prior to May, 1st, 2022. If someone is in need of them before that date the donation could possibly be made earlier. If a member of CVI requires a scooter, please contact Nanaimo Area Director David ALDERSON at dpalderson46@gmail.com or 250-729-3615.



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Photos of attendees:



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Hap & Sheryl Armstrong

Tracy Hardy & Irwin Axness



Larry Johannes, Dave Alderson & Danica Harrington

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Service Bars:

The following service bars were presented by Irwin Axness:



45 Years - Peter Graham

40 Years - Josh Purney



40 Year Acknowledgement - Keith Trail

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Service Bars continued . . .



*Mike Clegg (30 years), Ken Azzopardi (30), Russell Labelle (30), Don Buchanan (30),
Derek Crawford (15), David Alderson (30), Brent Blanchard (30), Tony Antoniuk (30)*

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The newly elected executive was photographed.



Rick Steele, Jack Koosel, Gilles Chiasson, Tracy Hardy, Irwin Axness & Ken Azzopardi



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The newly elected Directors were photographed. Mary KOSTASHUK, the Comox/Courtenay Director was absent.



Dave Alderson, Steve Vatamaniuk, Barney Bernard, Brent Blanchard & Ken Azzopardi

David ALDERSON, the Nanaimo Area Director was thanked for arranging this long-awaited luncheon/meeting.

Our gift raffle was done and everyone who brought a gift were thanked.
Irwin AXNESS adjourned the meeting.

Next luncheon/meeting HAS BEEN scheduled at the Nanaimo Golf Club, on Saturday, the 8th January, 2022

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What has been happening within CVI!

On the 2nd October Larry STRIGHT, led our North Island Honour Guard team at the Celebration of Life for S/Sgt. (Rtd) William Edward STEPHENS, who passed away in Campbell River on the 15th September, 2021. William was a Past President of CVI.



The Honor Guard clockwise from bottom left are: Jim BOLLEFER, Bob BELTER, Richard WALTON, Terry HLUSKA, Reverend Sarah FANNING, Larry STRIGHT, Bernie BERNARD, Cst. Julia MAHONEY Stephan WHITE.

Cst. MAHONEY ("M" Division Historical Case Unit – Whitehorse), and William STEPHENS grew up in the same Ontario town and she came down for William's funeral.

Remembrance Ceremonies

Steve VATAMANIUK, our Port Alberni Director laid a wreath at the Greenwood Cemetery, Field of Honor, in Port Alberni.

Irwin AXNESS, laid a wreath at the Lantzville Cenotaph and was accompanied by Gary FORBES, Keith TRAIL, Ralph CARLSON and David ALDERSON. Randy PHILLIPS played the trumpet for the Lantzville Ceremony and David HERMAN played the trumpet at the downtown Nanaimo Cenotaph Ceremony.



From left to right: Keith Trail, Gary Forbes, Irwin Axness, David Alderson, Ralph Carlson

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Irwin Axness at the Lantzville Cenotaph



Larry STRIGHT, laid a wreath at the Campbell River Remembrance Ceremony.

Coffee Clubs on Vancouver Island and Powell River

Campbell River: Tim HORTON's 1325 Island Highway (beside Wendy's)
Wednesday @ 1000 hours

Courtenay/Comox: Best Western Westerly Hotel – 1590 Cliffe Avenue
Wednesday @ 0930 hours

Duncan: York Street Diner, 5859 York Road
Wednesday @ 1000 hours

Nanaimo: Woodgrove Mall Food Court
Wednesday @ 1000 hours

Parksville/Qualicum: A room inside the Curling Rink at the Parksville Community Park, Parksville, Thursday @ 0930 hours. Presently suspended until the second Thursday in January

Port Alberni: No organized gathering

Powell River: No organized gathering at this time

Victoria: Hillside Shopping Mall at the west side of the Food Court
1st and 3rd Monday @ 1000 hours

Westshore – Quality Foods Restaurant on the Langford Parkway
Wednesday @ 0830 hours

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RCMP Graves Project

In the past few months the following CVI members have walked all cemeteries in our area, looking for gravestones with a reference to NWMP/RNWMP/RCMP Service. This project is maintained Nationally by Joseph HEALY. Our CVI Gravesite coordinator, Len JERRITT coordinated this project. Following is a list of people who participated in this project.

Campbell River and northern Island: Terry and Roberta HLUSKA, Larry and Pat STRIGHT, Barney BERNARD

Port Hardy: Chuck LOK

Comox/Courtenay: Mary KOSTASHUK, Len JERRITT, Wayne RUSHTON, Dave WENGER, Chuck McLEOD

Port Alberni: Steve and Judy VATAMANIUK and their daughter

Parksville/Qualicum Beach: Ken AZZOPARDI, Gordon HAYDEN, Gary DRUMMOND

Nanaimo: Irwin AXNESS, Ralph CARLSON, Jeff LOTT, Ken SNYDER.

Gabriola Island: Roy EPPLER

Duncan and the southern part of our Division: Brent BLANCHARD, Tom EARL, Jaak KOOSEL, Chris BOMFORD, Derek CRAWFORD, Richard and Lee McCARTHY, Bryan WALKER. Frank ALLISON.

Powell River: Marvin and Kathleen BRETTELL, Terry COURTE.

Ucluelet: Done by Sgt. Kevin SMITH, NCO i/c Ucluelet.

Gold River and Tahsis: Done by Sgt. Kimberley RUTHERFORD, NCO I/c Nootka Sound Detachment.

A very large thank-you to all who participated in this very worthwhile search for our deceased members.

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Birthdays for the month of January:

1st George KILVINGTON
2nd Jennifer LYONS
3rd Bernie MASON
4th Glenn McKENNA
5th Mike CLEGG
9th Tracy HARDY
11th Maurice (Mo) ALLEN
12th Jim STRIKER
22nd Terry COURTE
23rd Dawn FLANNERY
29th Cameron MUIR
30th Claude LALANDE

Birthdays for the month of February:

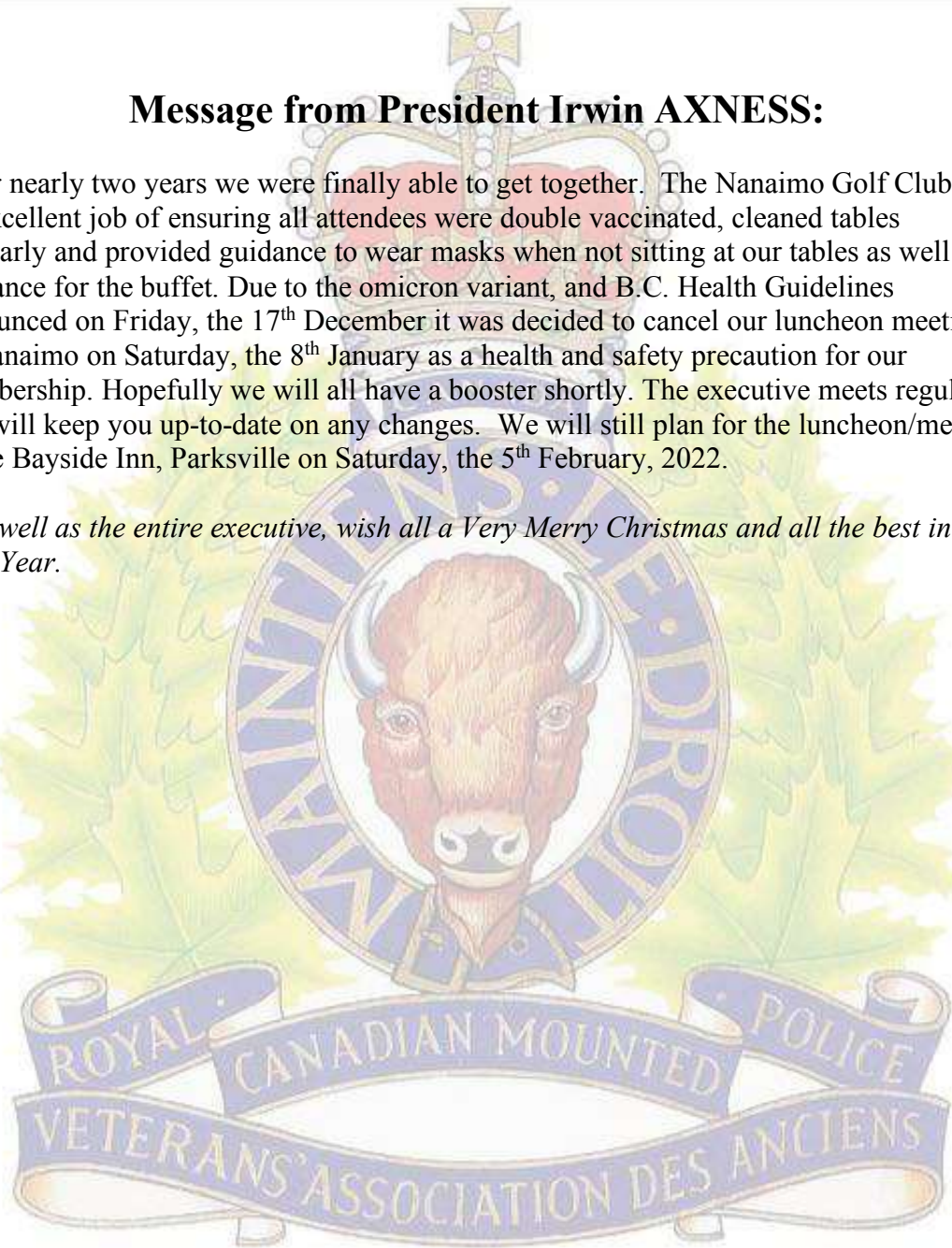
2nd Garry BASS
3rd Trent BALON, John IWANSON, Paul CHENEY
6th Marion RIVERS
7th Al MOORE
8th Clay THOMPSON
10th James Neil DONALDSON
13th Jim CARD
14th Gary FORBES
15th Sandy MacCULLOCH
16th Charlie MASSEY
17th Martin DEY
18th Michael SCHARF
19th Rhonda LEIGH
20th Rod BOOTH
21st David BROWN
22nd Robert BELTER
25th John SMYTHE
27th Ross BEISEL
28th Glenn YEOMANS

A Very Happy Birthday to all.

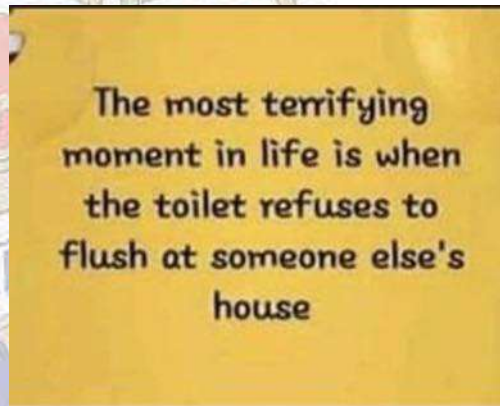
Message from President Irwin AXNESS:

After nearly two years we were finally able to get together. The Nanaimo Golf Club did an excellent job of ensuring all attendees were double vaccinated, cleaned tables regularly and provided guidance to wear masks when not sitting at our tables as well as guidance for the buffet. Due to the omicron variant, and B.C. Health Guidelines announced on Friday, the 17th December it was decided to cancel our luncheon meeting in Nanaimo on Saturday, the 8th January as a health and safety precaution for our membership. Hopefully we will all have a booster shortly. The executive meets regularly and will keep you up-to-date on any changes. We will still plan for the luncheon/meeting at the Bayside Inn, Parksville on Saturday, the 5th February, 2022.

I, as well as the entire executive, wish all a Very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.



Humour

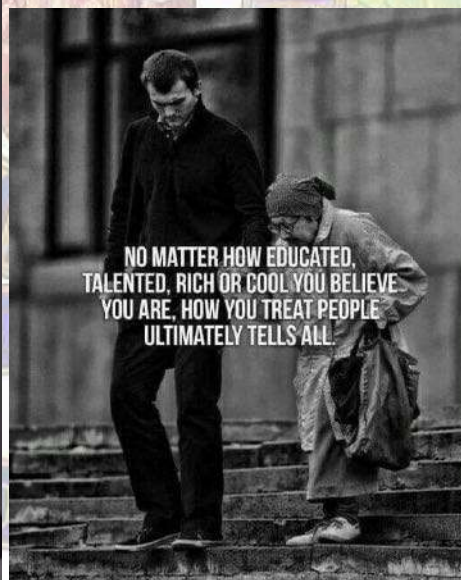
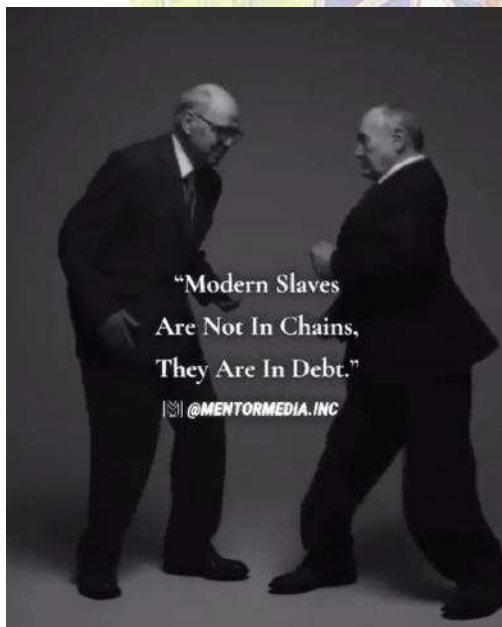


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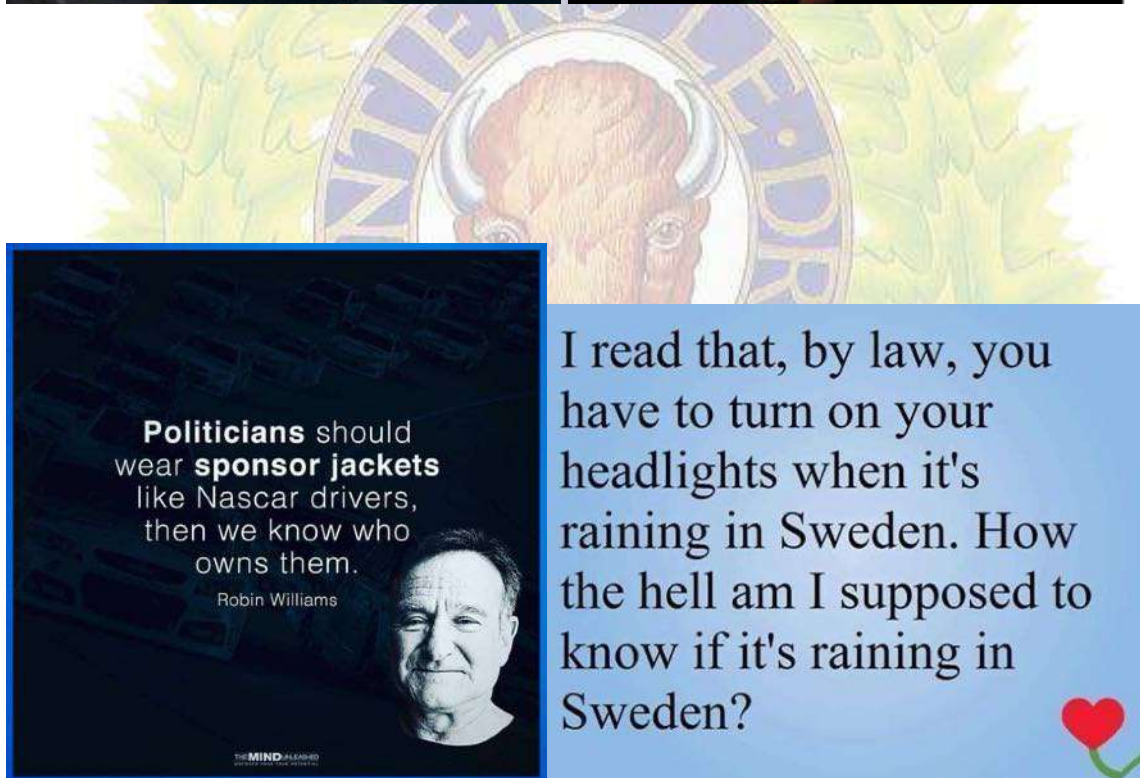
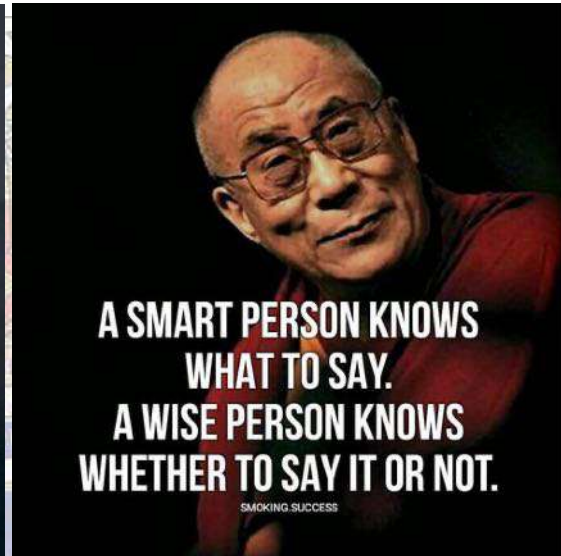
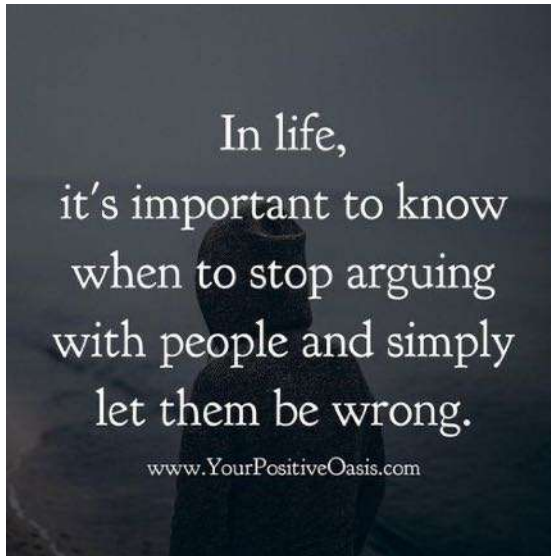
**I'm gonna quit my
job and travel the
world until I run
out of money!**

**I estimate I'll be
home again
around 10 PM
this evening...**

**Hired a handy man and
gave him a list. When I got
home, only #1, 3, & 5 were
done. Turns out, he only
does odd jobs!**



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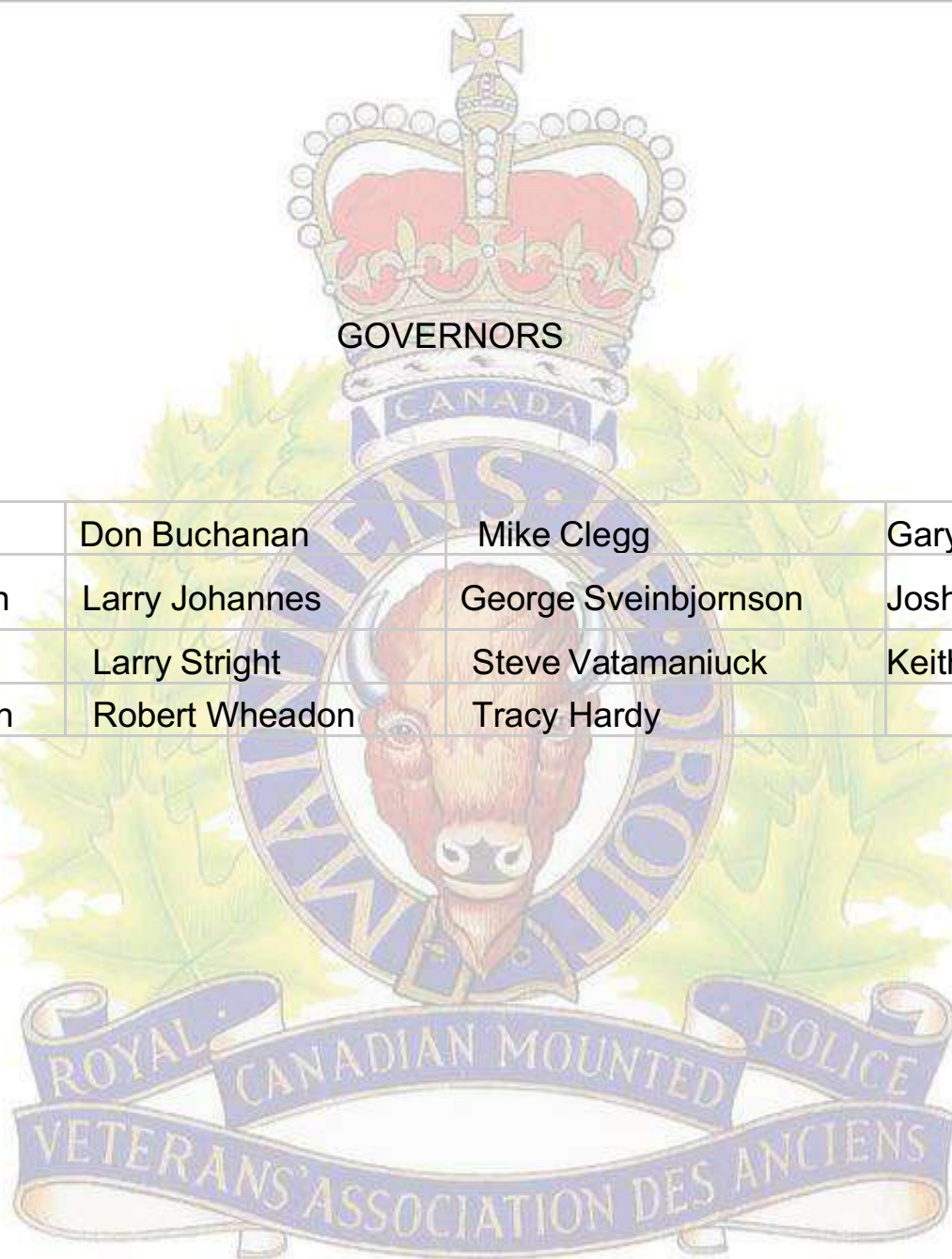
COMMITTEES/APPOINTMENTS

Benefits	Gilles Chiasson / Sheryl Armstrong
Chaplain	Charlie Massey
Database Administrator	Keith Trail
Membership	Ken Handy
Newsletter/Webmaster	Steve McKenna
Quartermaster	Bryan Walker
Grave Location & Maintenance	Len Jerrit
Fan Out	Terry Hluska
Honour Guard Coordinators	Gilles Chiasson / Sheryl Armstrong
North Team Honour Guard Commander	Larry Stright
South Team Honour Guard Commander	Gary Forbes
CVI National Advocacy Co-Ordinator	Gilles Chiasson

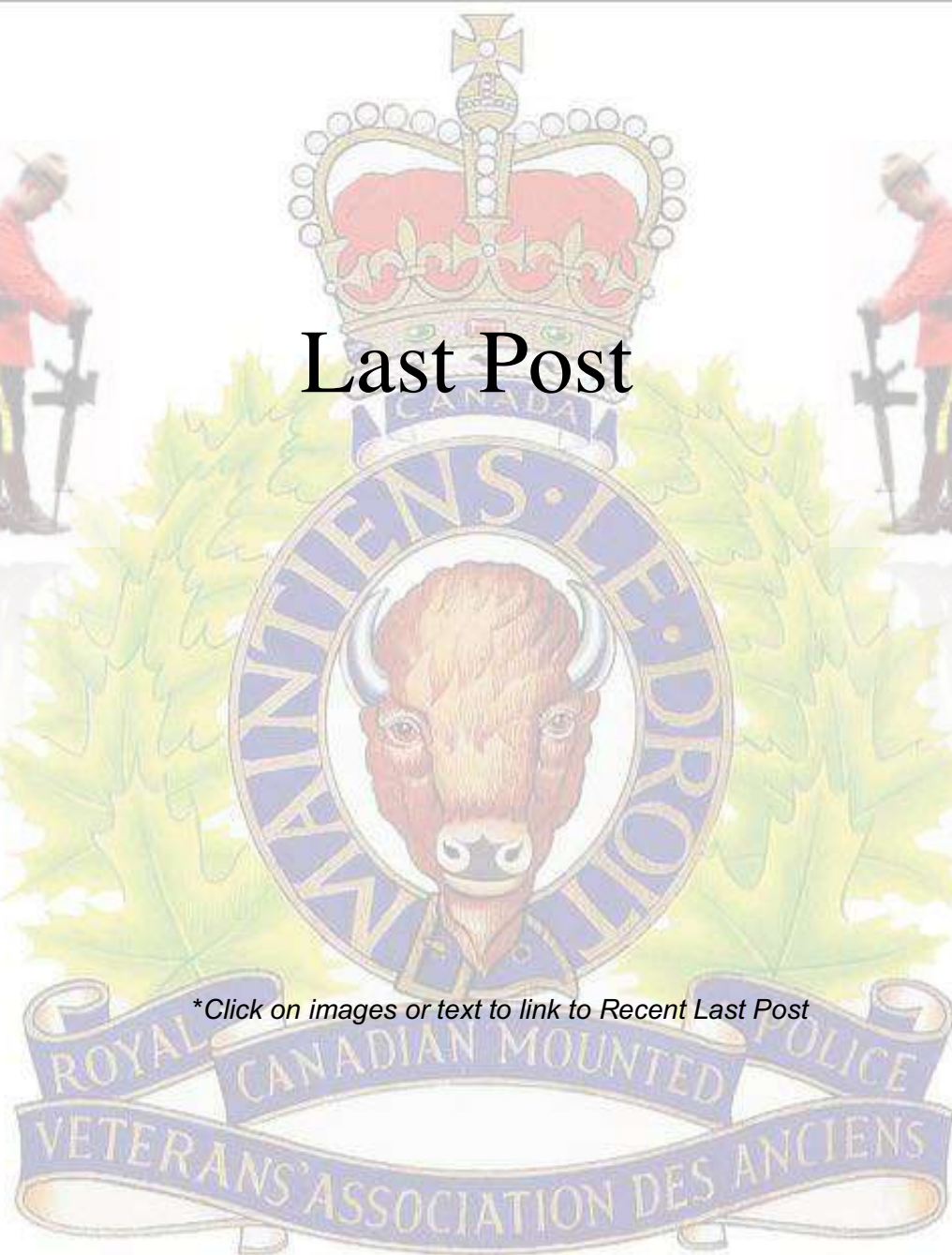
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Tony Antoniuk	Don Buchanan	Mike Clegg	Gary Forbes
Martin Thompson	Larry Johannes	George Sveinbjornson	Josh Purney
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