



Changes to Associate Members Dues 2023

Over the past number of months, the Executive of the Ottawa Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association have been studying the amount charged for dues, collected from Associate Members. As per 2.04, Associate Member definition in the Association by-laws;

- a) A person may become an Associate Member who is of good character, has applied and had their application reviewed and had their eligibility requirements confirmed by a division committee, and who is:
 - i. a serving Regular Member of the RCMP;
 - ii. the spouse/partner of an Active Member when that spouse/partner does not separately qualify as an Active Member;
 - iii. the spouse/partner of a Life Member;
 - iv. a Public Service Employee, a Municipal Employee, Reserve or Auxiliary currently serving with the RCMP; or
 - v. the widow/widower/partner of a deceased serving or former member of the RCMP, or of a deceased member of the Association.

Recently, dues for Ottawa Division Associate Members have been \$38.00. Unlike full/Active Members, Associate Members are not required to pay a fee to the National Association; the full amount paid by an Associate Member remains within the division.

For 2023, of the \$75 paid by full/Active Members, \$50 will be remitted to the National Association, and the balance of \$25.00 will remain with Ottawa Division. To be equitable, it was suggested that the yearly fee for Associate Members be reduced to \$25, consistent with the Active Member fee distribution.

Therefore, at the November, 2022 Executive meeting a motion was tabled that Associate Members dues should be decreased to \$25.00. The motion was passed. The next step was to have the motion put to a vote at a Regular General Meeting. This was done on the evening of November 15, 2022.

Motion: That the RCMP Veterans' Association, Ottawa Division, Associate Member, membership dues be decreased from \$38.00 (the present amount), to \$25.00 per year, commencing January 1, 2023.

The motion was accepted and dues for Associate Members as of January 1, 2023 are to be \$25.00.

Should you have any questions, concerns or comments, in regards to the actions of the Ottawa Division, please send them to ottawa.info@rcmpva.org.

Associate Members may apply for membership through The National website, Member Management System (MMS), however the system does not accept the payment of Associate Members.

The easiest approach for an Associate Member to make application is to apply electronically through the website. Individuals need to go to https://membership.rcmpva.org/member-login/?redirect_to=/rcmpva-member-profile-update/#cid=1717&pid=701. Click on “Associate Member Application”. Once there, please follow the process as outlined. The application will then be forwarded to Ottawa Division for verification. Once accepted, the applicant will be advised of the process for the paying of dues as well as be invited to log in to the website.

As previously noted, Associate Member dues cannot be accepted on the National Member Management System (MMS) as they are to be paid locally. Therefore, an individual may send a cheque made payable to the RCMP Veterans Association, Ottawa Division in the amount of \$25.00 for the 2023 Associate Member dues. Please ensure to include a note indicating name, address, telephone number and email address so that the membership list can be updated.

The cheque will be given to the Treasurer and processed for the 2023 dues.
Address to send the cheque is;

RCMP Veterans’ Association, Ottawa Division
P.O. Box / C.P. 9045, STN. T
Ottawa, ON K1G 3T8

OR

Associate Members can pay their 2023 membership dues (\$25) directly from their bank account to the ODVA bank account in a simple e-transfer transaction. You will require the following three things:

1. Account email address to send payment to: ottawavetsdues@gmail.com
2. Enter the following security question: What is the RCMP ceremonial hat called?
3. Enter the answer (stetson) to the security question in the answer field.

*** Please ensure that you use the security question and answer provided above. ***

- Please allow several days for processing by ODVA.
- Please refrain from sending multi-year or advanced payments for membership beyond 2023.
- Please note that ODVA cannot accept credit card payments.



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