November 2022

Luncheon/Meeting 5th November, 2022Arrowsmith Golf Club 2250 Fowler Road, Qualicum Beach

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Irwin AXNESS at 12:00 hours. Singing of O'Canada

In view of Remembrance Day, Larry STRIGHT played the Last Post, we observed a moment of Silence, then Reveille was played.

Motion to approve this meeting agenda made by Gary FORBES seconded George KILVINGTON carried unanimously.

Welcome Guests:

Total of 44 members and guests attended.

Remembrance and Grace: Provided by Charlie MASSEY

We remember Constables Devin NORTHRUP and Morgan RUSSELL of the Simcoe Police Service who were killed on October 11th, 2022 while on duty in Innisfil, Ontario.

We remember Cst. Shaelyn (Tzu-Hsin) YANG, Reg. # 66231 of Burnaby Detachment who was killed in the line of duty on October 18th, 2022.

Richard (Rick) Romeo Joseph LEBEUF, Sgt. (Rtd) Reg. 38561 of Courtenay passed away on the 5th Oct 2022. Rick was not a member of the Veterans' Association, however Gilles CHIASSON is attempting to contact his wife, Barb, to provide required assistance.

CVI member S/Sgt. (Rtd.) Reg. # 21265, Jack J. HEST, of Qualicum Beach passed away on the 31st October.

Adjournment for Lunch: 12:09

13:06 hours, recall meeting to order and thank catering staff

Approval of the Minutes of the 1st October, 2022 meeting. Motion by Josh PURNEY Seconded Larry JOHANNES Carried unanimously

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PROPOSED CVI 2023/2024 EXECUTIVE

Tracy HARDY (Nomination Committee Chair) and 1st Vice-President Gilles CHIASSON presented the following members who have indicated their agreement to assume the following positions within our Division:

PRESIDENT:

First Vice President: Second Vice President: Third Vice President:

Treasurer: Secretary: Past President:

DIRECTORS:

Campbell River: Courtenay/Comox: Port Alberni: Parksville/Qualicum Beach: Nanaimo: Duncan: Gilles CHIASSON Ken AZZOPARDI Ken ALLEN Terry HLUSKA nominated Dave FREE for this position Rick STEELE Jaak KOOSEL Irwin AXNESS

Barney BERNARD Mary KOSTASHUK Steve VATAMANIUK require someone to volunteer David ALDERSON Brent BLANCHARD

There were no nominations from the floor for any positions.

The following members have agreed to continue with the following	
Committee/Appointments:	
Benefits:	Gilles CHIASSON and Sheryl ARMSTRONG
Chaplin:	Charlie MASSEY
Database Administrator:	Keith TRAIL
Membership:	Ken HANDY
Newsletter/Webmaster:	Steve McKENNA
Quartermaster:	Bryan WALKER
Grave Location and Maintenance:	Len JERRITT
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Honour Guard Coordinators:	Gilles CHIASSON and Sheryl ARMSTRONG
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CVI National Advocacy Coordinator:	Gilles CHIASSON

Motion: To accept as read the proposed CVI executive.

Motion to approve made by Barney BERNARD seconded George KILVINGTON Carried unanimously.

Tracy gave an update for the Friends of Ukraine fund raising: Total funds raised to date \$127,000.

As a result of a letter sent to National President Sandy GLENN his broadcast message raised \$21,000 from RCMP veterans nationally. The funds will be used for warm clothing for Ukrainian Police officer's children.

Open Issues: (Old Business) Committees and Appointment Reports:

Secretary's Report: Jaak KOOSEL – Nil report

Treasurer's Report: Rick STEELE – 20% of the CVI membership has renewed so far. The treasurer is transitioning to a new email address: CVItreasurer@shaw.ca

Membership Report: Irwin AXNESS for Ken HANDY

New members: Reg. # 23962. Earl and Beverly JOHNSON of Nanaimo. Anne CHIASSON, wife of CVI Active member Gilles CHIASSON has been accepted as an Associate Member. Reg. # 44124. Max and Reg. # 40438 Lisa FOSSUM of Black Creek.

These members are wished a warm welcome to CVI.

Quartermaster Report: Bryan WALKER – Nametags are getting out, currently there are two pending. Cost of the nametag is \$24. The service bar process is being refined. A spreadsheet is being prepared for this purpose, standby for further broadcast on this. All items of veteran's kit can be ordered directly by members. Contacts for ordering will be provided by the Quartermaster via email: oldsgt2005@gmail.com



Items for the Good of the Association:

Darrel ROBERTSON and Wendy HAYES of Nanoose recently joined CVI and this is the first meeting they have been able to attend.

Honour House: Overview by CVI member David FREE

Location: 509 St. George Street, New Westminster, B.C. V3L 1L1 Phone (778) 397-4399

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Coffee Meeting with Corps Sergeant Major Alan McCAMBRIDGE – Commissioner's Office

Corps Sergeant Major McCAMBRIDGE called me around noon on the 13th October after visiting Oceanside Detachment and on his way to an evening visit at Duncan Detachment. He requested to meet with retired members in Nanaimo that afternoon. We were able to get 11 members together on short notice. He indicated the largest problem the RCMP have is recruiting. He suggested we encourage people to consider a career in the RCMP. Being bi-lingual or having a degree is not necessary to join, however it would certainly assist. Also discussed was the lack of personnel throughout the Force and current workload. The pistol will be replaced; however, it is not known what the replacement will be. Changes and standardization of uniform is also under review. He enquired what our Division has planned for the 150th Anniversary of the RCMP.

2022 RCMP Veterans Inspections of Graves within our Division: Emails have been sent to Directors requesting this be completed prior to November, 11th. **Remembrance Day - November 11th:** It is hoped we get a good turnout at Remembrance Ceremonies throughout our Division. Each area Director can choose a venue and purchase a wreath up to a value of \$75.00. Following are the Ceremonies which we are participating in:

Nanaimo: Irwin AXNESS will lay a wreath at the Lantzville Legion Cenotaph. Nanaimo downtown Cenotaph: Bruce ROBERTS will play the trumpet "Last Post"

Gabriola: Randy PHILLIPS will play the trumpet "Last Post" at the Gabriola Cenotaph.

Duncan: Brent BLANCHARD will be joining the Pipe Band at the Chemainus Legion. Rod BOOTH will be joining the Pipe Band at the Lake Cowichan Legion. Derek CRAWFORD will be joining the Pipe Band at the Duncan Legion. George KILVINGTON will be laying a wreath at the Duncan Cenotaph.

Parksville/Qualicum: Don BUCHANAN will be laying a wreath at the Bowser Legion.

Port Alberni: Steve VATAMANIUK will be laying a wreath at the Glenwood Centre, Port Alberni.

Courtenay/Comox: Mary KOSTASHUK will be laying a wreath at the Courtenay Legion Cenotaph on Cliff Avenue, Courtenay.

Campbell River: Larry STRIGHT will be laying a wreath at the Campbell River Cenotaph.

Powell River: No involvement in a formal Ceremony.

Veterans' Affairs Disability Pensions: A Regina Division member advised that when he retired in 2003 he received a pension for his back. At that time his hearing loss was not bad enough to receive compensation. About a year ago he learned regulations had changed so he wrote letter to Veterans' Affairs asking his file be reviewed. That was done and he ended up with an increased pension for hearing loss. Members need to know in event their circumstances are similar they may also benefit from a review of their files.

Winter Tires: On the 1st October, winter tires are mandatory for all vehicles on sections of some highways on Vancouver Island, including the Malahat and highways 4, 14 and 28. In B.C., appropriate winter tires are defined as those with either the M + S (mud and snow) or mountain/snowflake symbol, in good condition with a minimum tread depth of 3.5 millimeters.

150th Anniversary of the RCMP: CVI is still requesting any of our membership who are considering downsizing or donating a framed RCMP related print contact one of the executives for this presentation which will be made in 2023. The actual anniversary date is the 23rd May, 2023.

Bruce Denniston Courier Appreciation Luncheon Thursday, the 20th October, 2022: CVI members Jeff LOTT, Keith TRAIL, Rick BOYCE and Irwin AXNESS were invited to a courier Appreciation luncheon at the Summit Room, Seasons in the Park, Oueen Elizabeth Park, Vancouver. In addition to the 4 from Vancouver Island, the following Vancouver area couriers attended: Dr. John SHEPHARD, Verna SHEPHARD, Dr. Mike BARNET, Dr. Donna HOGGE, Ron HOBBS, Clayton BROWN and Walter SUTHERLAND. Unable to attend were couriers Brian BROWN, Karen FROST, Donna MORSE and Guy POLLOCK. The Director of the Vancouver General Hospital Cancer/Leukemia Unit, Dr. Kevin SONG also attended and gave us the news, they will continue to use Commercial Couriers to transport stem cell/bone marrow Nationally/Internationally due to liability concerns. Dr. SONG was accompanied by Dr. Steve NANTON, Head of Hematology at VGH. This appreciation luncheon was hosted by the Bruce DENNISTON Bone Marrow Society National President Garry ANDERSON and Executive Director Danita SENF. The Bruce DENNISTON Society is hoping to include us in future similar duties, however there is nothing available at this time.

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Directors Reports

Duncan: George KILVINGTON on behalf of Brent BLANCHARD - Land clearing for the new Cowichan Regional Hospital is underway. CVI has donated to this cause.

Nanaimo: Dave ALDERSON – The cost for the December Christmas luncheon will be \$45 per plate. Details further on in these minutes. Two members with health issues.

Parksville/Qualicum: Ken AZZOPARDI – this year CVI shall be attending at the Bowser Legion for Remembrance Day.

Port Alberni: Steve VATAMANIUK – nil report

Courtenay/Comox: Mary KOSTASKUK – Arrangements being made at the Legion for Remembrance Day. There are 20 graves to check for the annual graves detail.

Campbell River: Barney BERNARD – Reported on the celebration of life for Bob BELTER and read a message from Linda BELTER:

Barney

I will not be going to this luncheon, but I am sending this email to you, Barney, that I would like you to read to the attendees. I had wanted to send a proper thank you card but did not get your address. Thus the email. Please acknowledge receipt, Barney.

"I would like to thank the CVI Vets for the generous meat & cheese tray that I received from the Vets, delivered in person by Barney & Darlene Bernard. It was enjoyed by my family & friends.

I would also like to say that Bob & I always enjoyed attending these luncheons immensely, starting soon after Bob retired in 1993. We re-connected with old friends & met & made many new friends. It was because of the warmth & camaraderie I have felt with this group for many years now that I was able to attend, with Sharron & Jim Bollefer, the October 1st luncheon in Campbell River, just over two weeks after Bob had passed away. I was greeted with many hugs & condolences, which I received with much appreciation.

Thank you to those who were able to attend Bob's Celebration of Life in person & contributed to the overall success of Bob's Celebration. Thank you for the many Sympathy Cards & emails with beautiful messages of condolences & offers of whatever help they could give.

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Today, November 5th, would have been our 62nd wedding anniversary!"

With Sincere Affection & Appreciation, Lynda Belter

Birthdays for the month of November

- 1st Dugald MacMILLAN
- 4th Michael EASTHAM
- 5th George SVEINBJORNSON, Thomas EARL and Heather ALEXANDER-LARSEN
- 7th Ken AZZOPARDI
- 8th Richard WALTON
- 10th Anne CHIASSON
- 11th Gwen REIMER
- 13th Allan CRONAN and Sheryl ARMSTRONG
- 16th Alex BOYKO
- 19th Chris BOMFORD
- 20th Derek CRAWFORD
- 22nd Albert GRANT
- 26th Deborah REITENBACH
- 27th Paul HENDRICKS
- 28th Mark VanSCHIE

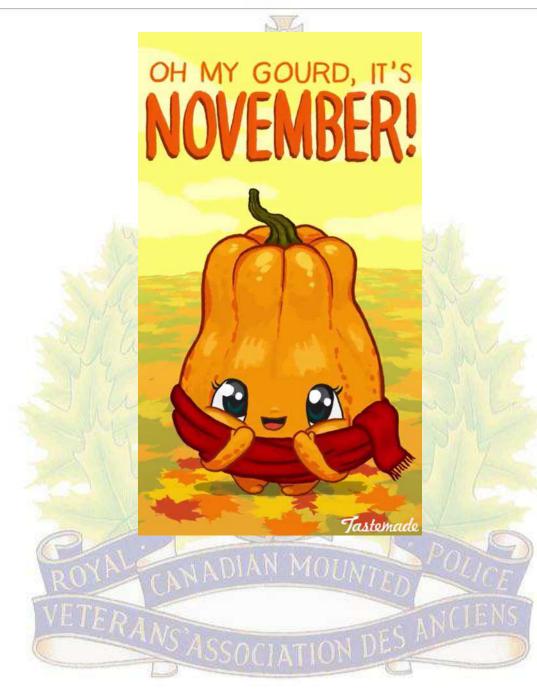
A Very Happy Birthday wish is extended to everyone celebrating a birthday in November

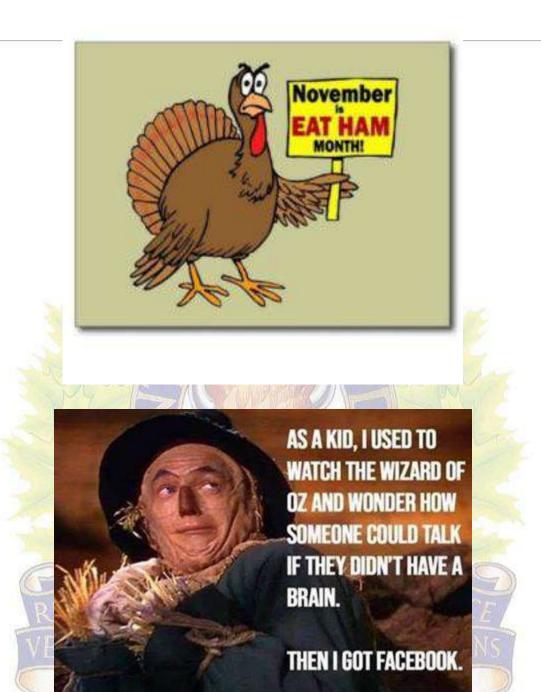
Thanks to Ken AZZOPARDI for arranging this luncheon/meeting venue and to all those who brought door prizes.

Our December Christmas luncheon meeting will be held in Nanaimo at the Nanaimo Golf Club, 2800 Highland Boulevard on Saturday, the 10th December, 2022.

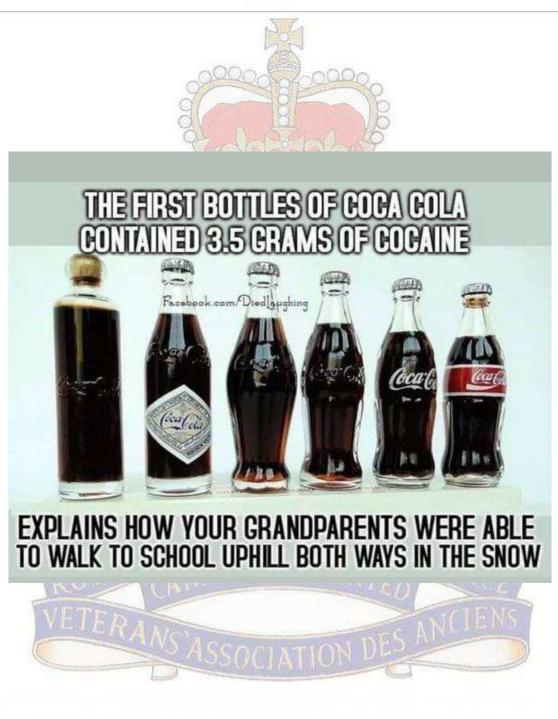


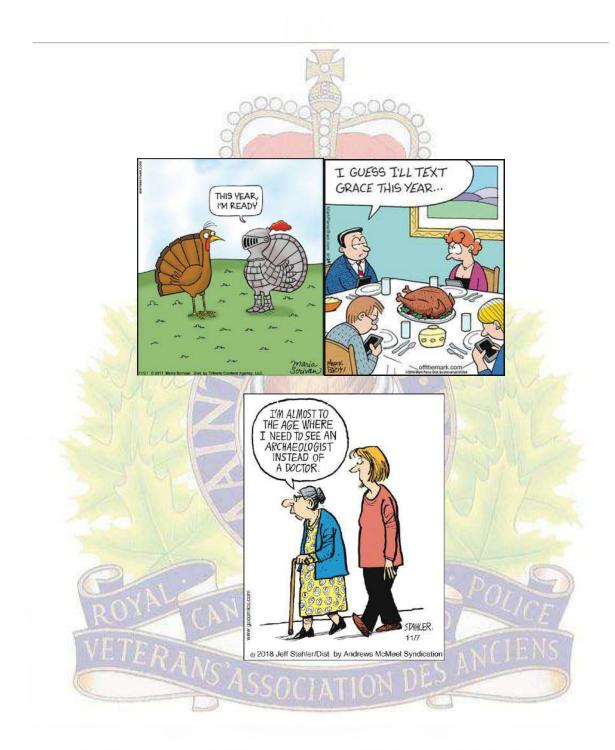
November Humour



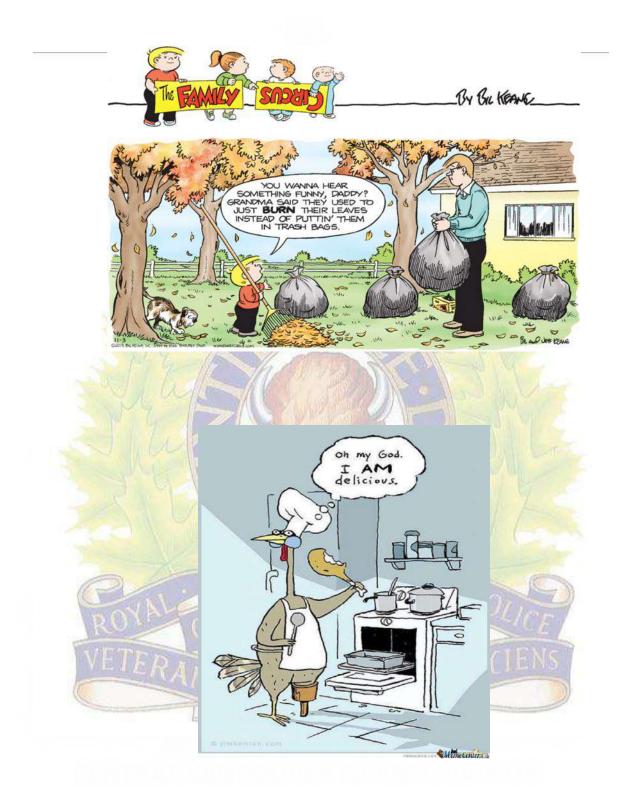


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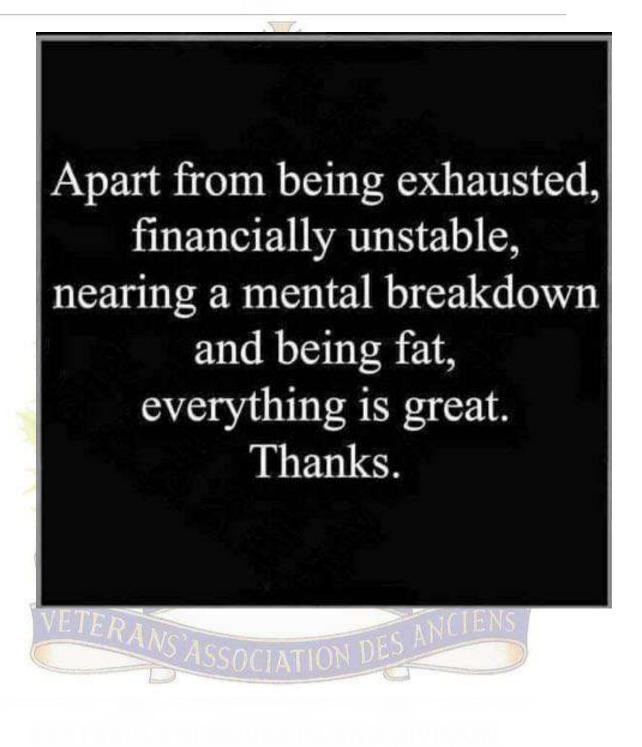


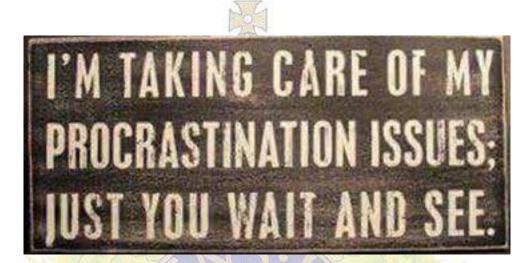
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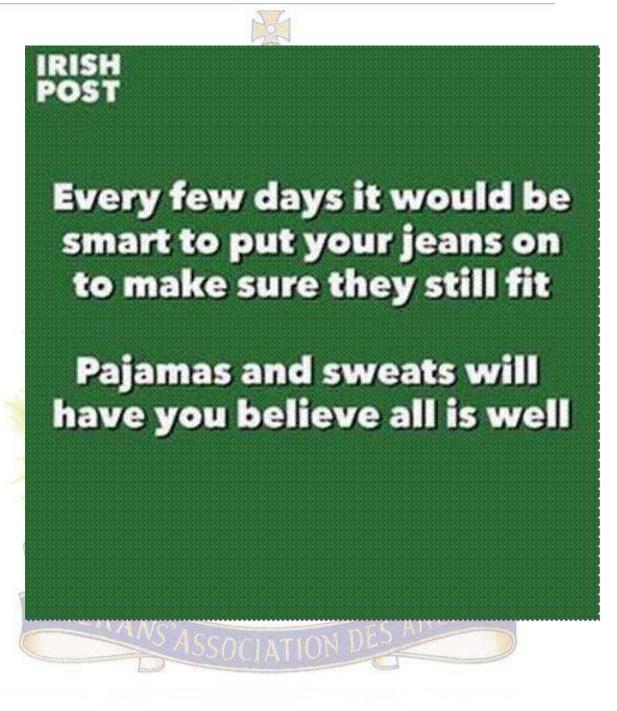
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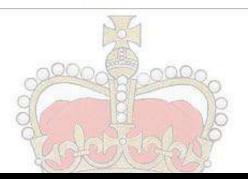








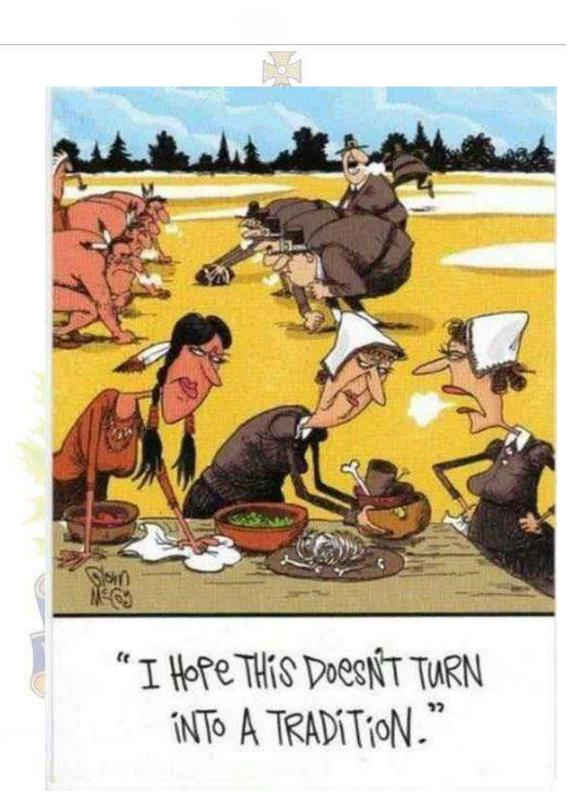
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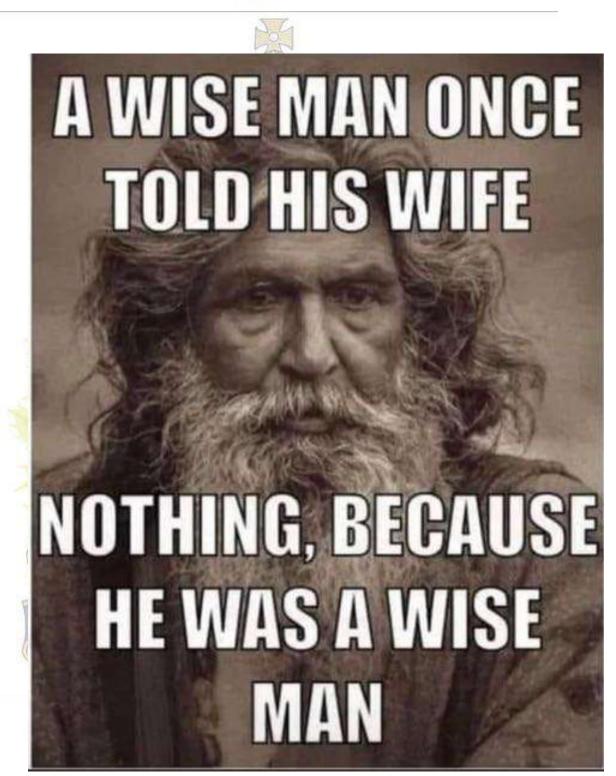


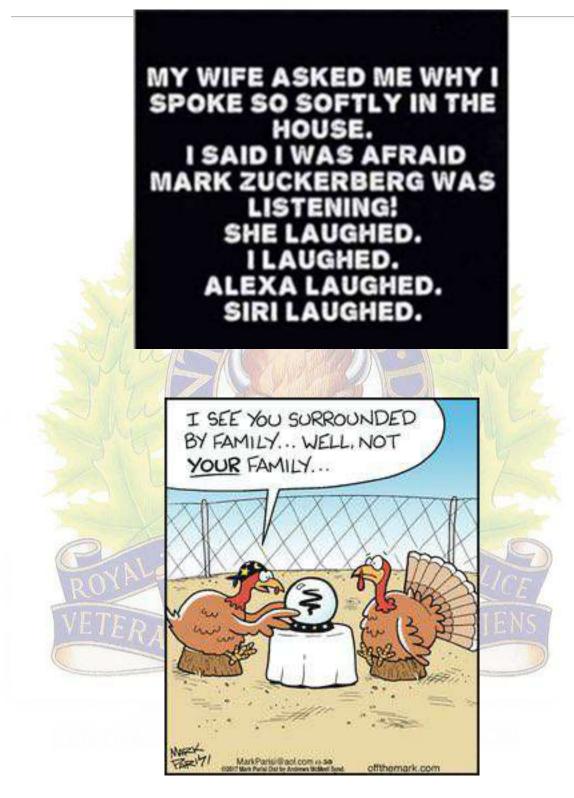
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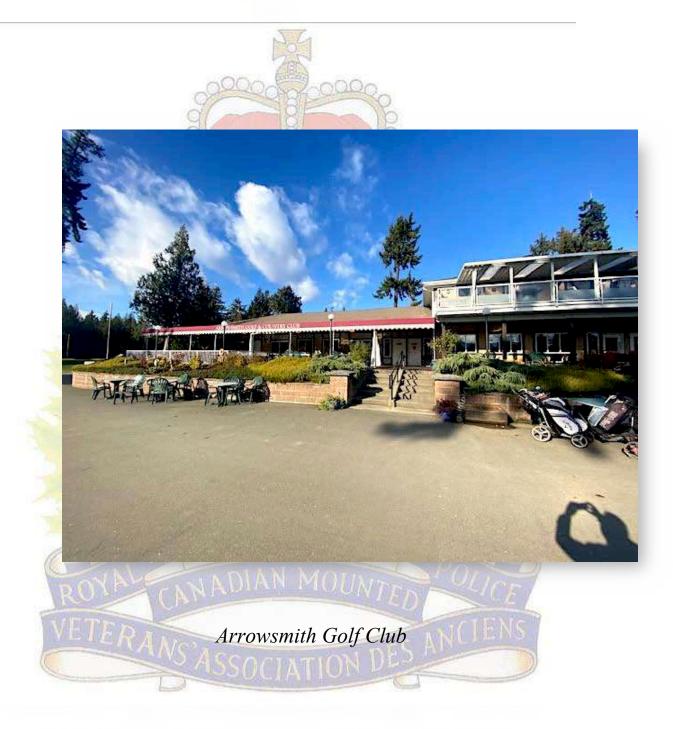






I'M AT THAT AGE WHERE MY MIND STILL THINKS I'M 29, MY HUMOR SUGGESTS I'M 12 WHILE MY BODY MOSTLY KEEPS ASKING IF I'M SURE I'M NOT DEAD YET.





CELEBRATION OF LIFE for #20283 S/Sgt. (Rtd.) Robert BELTER a life member of CVI. Celebration held on October 29/2022 at Maritime Heritage Centre, Campbell River with the Honour Guard participating with Last Post & Reveille





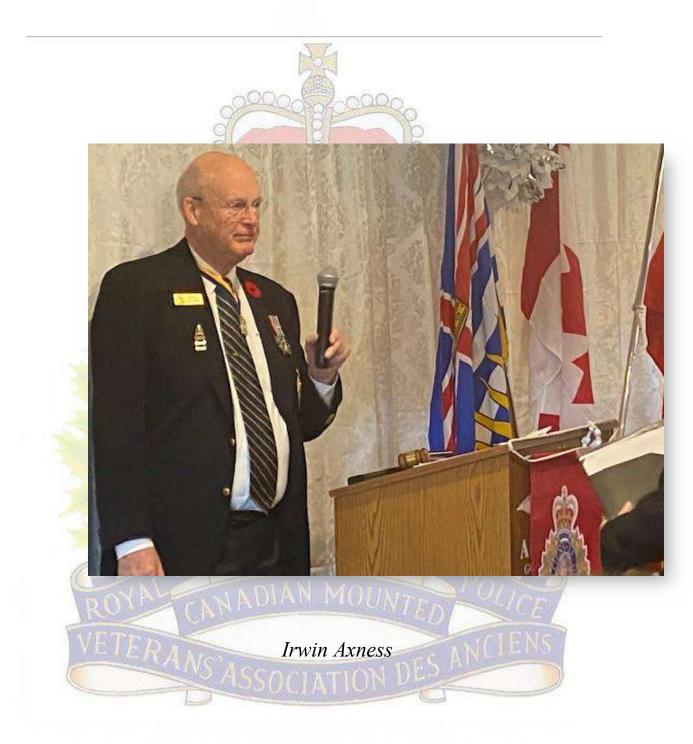


Honour Guard Larry Stright, Norm Breault, Barney Bernard, Dick Walton, Dave Free, Irwin Axness, Terry Hluska & Gary Forbes

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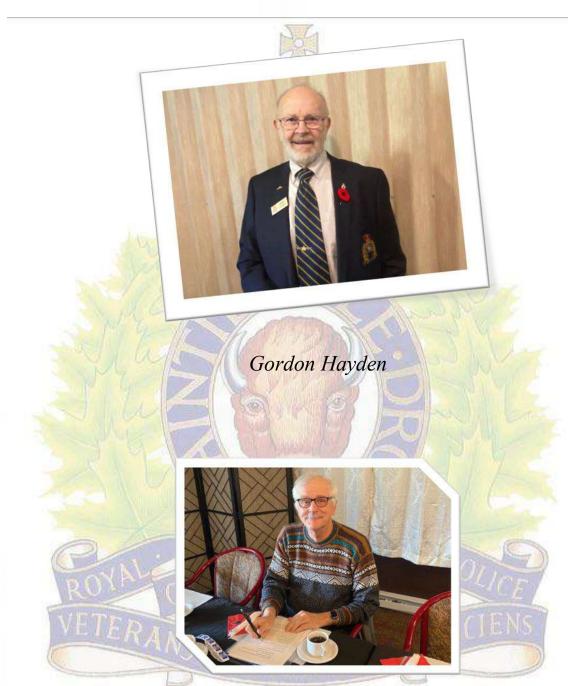
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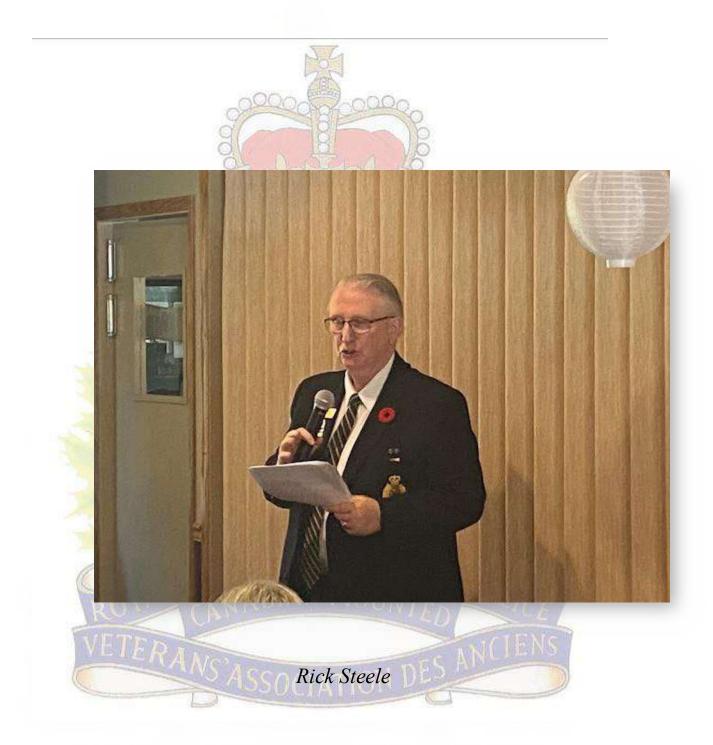


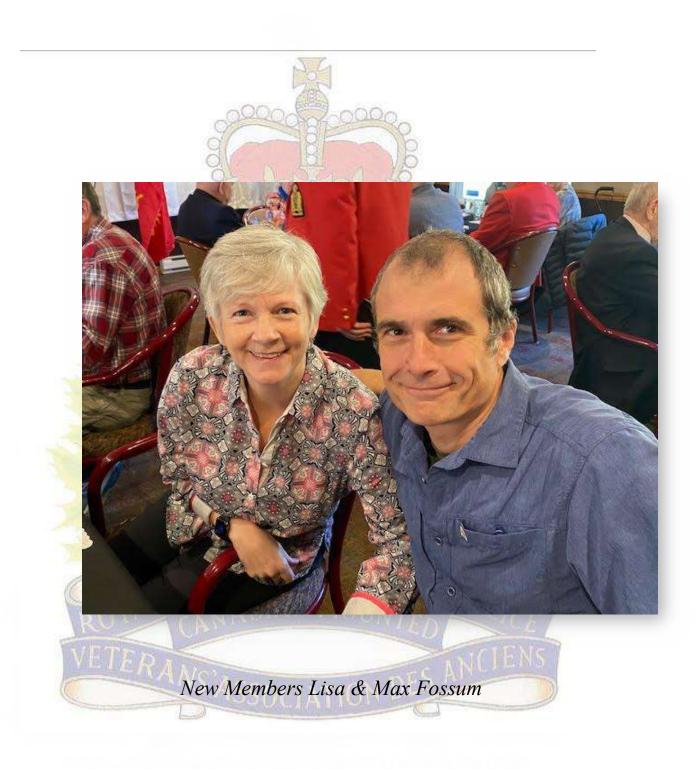


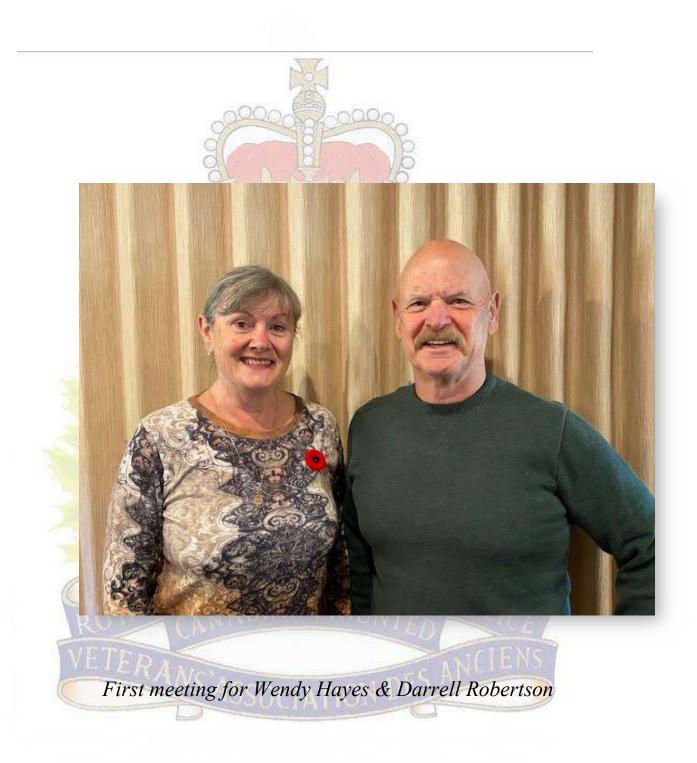




Jaak Koosel







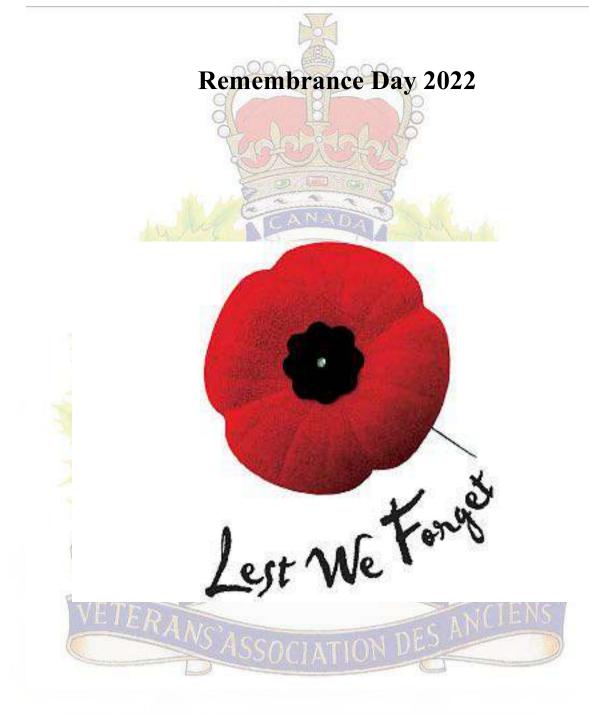




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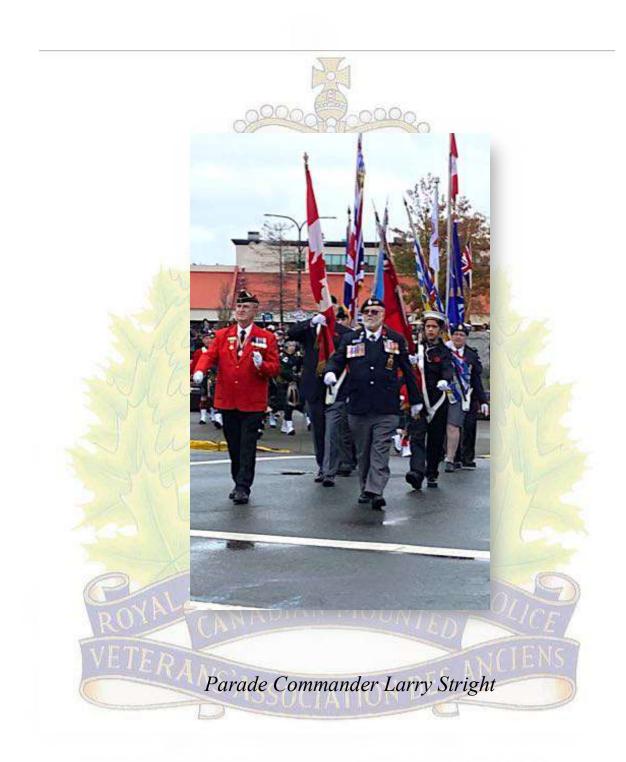






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Terry Hluska



Larry Stright, Graham Neville, Barney Bernard & Insp. Jeff Preston, OIC Campbell River



Retired RCMP Edmonton Veteran, Graham Neville (#37897) now residing in Campbell River recently prepared a Remembrance Day video tribute with the assistance of the Campbell River Legion Pipe Band entitled "**Remembrance Day 2022 The King and the Men at their Sides**"; It was a way for him to pay tribute to both his grandfathers and father who were war veterans.

This video is on you tube and can be found at link: Great job Graham !

https://youtu.be/PK9z7vnLF3Q

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Gary Forbes, Keith Trail & Irwin Axness marching to the Lantzville Cenotaph



RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION CENTRAL VANCOUVER ISLAND DIVISION

Cash Receipt and Disbursements

Financial Report for period October 1 to 31, 2022

Opening Balance			\$7,955.07
Membership Dues Income from October Luncheon Donations	\$1,92 \$1,57 \$ 13	2.50	
TOTAL INCOME		\$3,627.50	\$11,582.57
Expenses			
October Luncheon Remittance to National Donations Naniamo & District Hospital Foundation Cowichan & District Hospital Foundation Chemainus Health Care Foundation Total Expenses	\$1.350.00 \$1,490.00 \$500.00 \$250.00 \$250.00	\$3,840.00	
General Account Balance			\$7,742.57
Short Term Investment account 0989-9796-852 Short Term Investment account 0989-9796-975			\$17,034.68 \$10,000.00
TOTAL			\$34,777.25

Coffee Clubs on Vancouver Island and Powell River

Campbell River: The Spit at 10:00 AM on Wednesdays. (Bring your own chair & Coffee)

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

Duncan: York Street Diner, 5859 York Road -Mondays@ 1000 hours

Nanaimo: Woodgrove Mall Food Court - Wednesday@ 1000 hours Parksville/Qualicum: The 0930 Coffee Klatch now meets on Tuesday and is now indoors at the Parksville Curling Club for October and November. Commencing in December it will be held on Thursday at 0930 in the Parksville Curling Club Lounge.

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 @ I 000 hours

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



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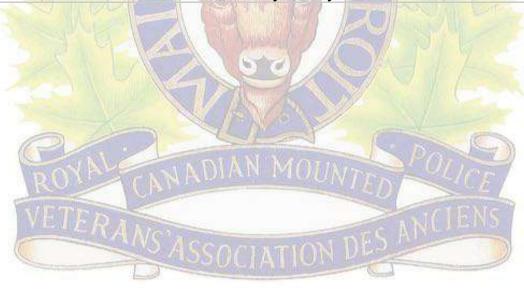
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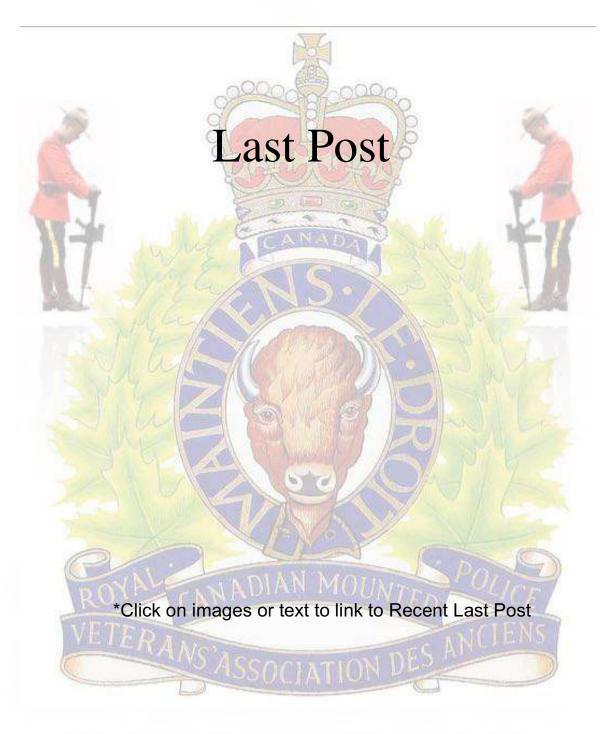
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