

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association
Central Vancouver Island Division
January 2023

MINUTES

Lunch/Meeting

Saturday, January 14th, 2023 at 11 a.m. for meet & greet and at noon for lunch/meeting. Nanaimo Golf Club, 2800 Highland Blvd, Nanaimo, B.C.

Attendance: 40

Call to Order 12:01 by President Gilles CHIASSON

Motion to Approve the Agenda: Motioned by Hap ARMSTRONG, seconded by George KILVINGTON, motion carried.

Singing of O Canada

Welcoming of Visiting Members/Guests

Guest: John TURNER

Remembrance & Grace Chaplin Charlie MASSEY, remembering:

Cpl. Gord CULL, Reg. #21704, Duncan, BC

Cst. PIERZCHALA, OPP

Cst. TITIEMORE, Nelson Police

The Association also acknowledges the passing of S/Sgt. Donald MARCHAND, Reg. #21464, Courtenay, BC

Adjournment for Lunch 12:08

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Recalling Meeting to Order 12:56

Quartermaster Bryan WALKER called out names of *Recipients of Service Bars*. Presentations made by President Gilles CHIASSON.

40 YEAR SERVICE BAR

Jock COLLIAR

30 YEAR SERVICE BAR

Jack ROY

Doug JOHNSTON

Lloyd DAY

Delroy COLLIN

Mo ALLEN

Terry COURTE

Richard HALL

Dugald MACMILLAN

Bernie MASON

Allan MOORE

Bob MUIR

Bert WHARTON

Paul HENDRICKS

Jim BOLLEFER

25 YEAR SERVICE BAR

Hap ARMSTRONG - presented

Sal SALMINEN

Jim STRIKER

Robert SCHEELAR

Sandy MACCULLOCH

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20 YEAR SERVICE BAR

Barney BERNARD
Herbert SCHMIDT
Richard WALTON
Richard STEELE – present, with
bar

John BECKETT
Silvere BROCHEZ
Fred SIMPSON
Lorne SLEMKO
John IWANSON

15 YEAR SERVICE BAR

Pat EDWARDS
David KIRKBY
Stan BASS
Arnie KRENZ
Bruce MORRISON

Jean HANSSENS
Glen YEOMANS
Frank ALLISON
Irwin AXNESS - presented

10 YEAR SERVICE BAR

Lou RACZ
Don SMITH
Peter ATTRELL
Howard GOODRIDGE
Tom GRAY
Jeffrey LOTT
Clay THOMPSON
Martin THOMPSON

Stephan WHITE
Gilles CHIASSEON – received as
well as the Presidential Bar
Geoff WIGGINGS
Richard McCARTHY
Robert WHEADON
Bryan WALKER - presented

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5 YEAR SERVICE BAR

Ralph CARLSON - presented
Roger PICK
Claude LALANDE
Garry BASS
Deborah REITENBACH
Rod BOOTH
Glenn DeMAERE
Tracy HARDY - presented
Jack HENZIE
Andie DENTOOM

John GOULD
Garry DRUMMOND
Neil DONALDSON
Gordon HAYDEN
David MELLIN
Sean LYNCH
Glen BARRY
David WENGER
Phillip HUMPHRIES

Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting motion by Gary FORBES, seconded by Ken AZZOPARDI, carried.

Old Business

The 150th Anniversary of the RCMP:

Ken AZZOPARDI advises that the Regina Vets are doing school visits with regular members as a 150th initiative. Ken will determine what the process is to accomplish this and will further advise.

Nomination for the position of 3rd Vice-President: Motion to table this matter at the next meeting by Bryan WALKER, seconded by Dave FREE, motion carried.

New Business

Discussion & resolution on the number of luncheon/meetings as well as the day of the week to hold meetings. Motion made by Sheryl ARMSTRONG to drop the January meeting seconded by Ken AZZOPARDI, carried. There was general agreement on holding meetings on Saturdays.

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- Not necessarily work related.
- The tax credit for 2022 tax year is \$8,870.
- Can be applied retroactively for 10 years.
- Use form T2201.
- More information from CRA : 1-800-959-8281

Nomination for the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation Outstanding Volunteer Service (deadline January 31, 2023)

Nomination for the position of Director for Parksville/Qualicum - Voting for Stephan WHITE Steve who declined the nomination due to new commitments. Ken AZZOPARDI shall continue as Director.

Plaque for Reg.#26112 Corporal Robert Gordon TEATHER, Cross of Valour (CV), RCMP LSM

Irwin AXNESS, past president, reported that the Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa would accept a plaque honouring Cpl TEATHER. The cost of the plaque would be \$1,100. Beechwood will supply labour for installation and posts.

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Cpl. TEATHER is the only member of the RCMP to receive the Cross of Valour, Canada's highest award for bravery. A new Coast Guard patrol ship has been named after him.

The award was for his actions in the rescue of two people from the hull of a capsized fishing boat on the morning of September 26th 1981.

Cpl. TEATHER passed away on November 14 2004.
Irwin has not received a response regarding the plaque from the Depot cemetery.

It is noted that CVI members are more likely to visit the Depot cemetery than the Beechwood in Ottawa.

A motion to wait and find out what our cost share would be was made by Ken AZZOPARDI and seconded by Sheryl ARMSTRONG. The motion was carried.

Secretary's Report - Jaak KOOSEL – nil report

Treasurer's Report - Rick STEELE -

Treasurer's December 2022 report was submitted (see attached). The 2023 budget was proposed (see attached). Motion to accept 2023 budget by Don BUCHANAN, seconded by Dave FREE, carried.

Membership Officer's Report - Ken HANDY

Via email: The Central Vancouver Island Division welcomes Glenn ATKINS, our first new member for 2023.

Quartermaster's Report - Bryan WALKER – nil report

Directors' Reports

Duncan – George KILVINGTON for Brent BLANCHARD – nil report.

Nanaimo – David ALDERSON – Josh PURNEY recently injured and hospitalized. Best wishes from the CVI membership.

Parksville/Qualicum – Ken AZZOPARDI – will carry on until the next meeting in Parksville.

Port Alberni – Steve VATAMANIUK – wishes everyone a happy new year. Noted that Port Alberni is looking forward to hosting the CVI on June 10, 2023.

Courtenay/Comox – Mary KOSTASHUK – nil report.

Campbell River – Barney BERNARD (absent)- Doug LORENZEN reports that everyone has gone to Mexico. Doug and Edna LORENZEN are celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary.

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Correspondence and Anything for the Good of the Association

Birthday Wishes this Month

George KILVINGTON
Jennifer LYONS
Bernie MASON
Glenn Steven McKENNA
Mike CLEGG
Tracy HARDY

Maurice ALLEN
Jim STRIKER
Terry COURTE
Dawn FLANNERY
Cameron MUIR
Claude LALANDE

Noted that birthday notifications are posted in both the agenda and meeting minutes. Suggested that they do not need to be announced at the meeting.

Thanks to the Organizer Dave ALDERSON and Door Prize Givers

Next Meeting:

Our next lunch/meeting will be held in Parksville/Qualicum Beach on Saturday, February 11th, 2023 Arrowsmith Golf Course.

Adjournment:

Motion by Keith TRAIL, seconded by Sheryl ARMSTRONG, carried 13:43.

Door Prizes

Gilles Chiasson, President

January Humour

What New Year's Resolution should a basketball player never make?...
To travel more.

What do you call something that tastes like pasta, looks like pasta but
isn't pasta?... An impasta!

I celebrate 4/20 on January 5th... Because I know how to reduce
fractions unlike the rest of you morons.

What's a good winter tip?... Never catch snowflakes with your tongue
until all the birds have gone south for the winter.

When it gets to January, I'm going to overthrow the Government!... It'll
be my new year's Revolution.

Christmas gifts will be delivered on January 8 this year instead of
December 25 Santa has been asked to quarantine for 14 days.

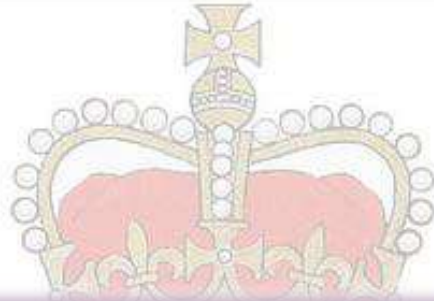
Who helped Cinderella with her New Year's Resolutions?... Her Janu-
fairy Godmother. (

What comes at the start of January?... "J."

What do you call a cow that doesn't give milk?... A MILK DUD

What did the triple jumper say to the track & field team on January
1st?... Hoppy New Year

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**“I can’t believe it’s
been a year since
I didn’t become
a better person.”**

—ANONYMOUS

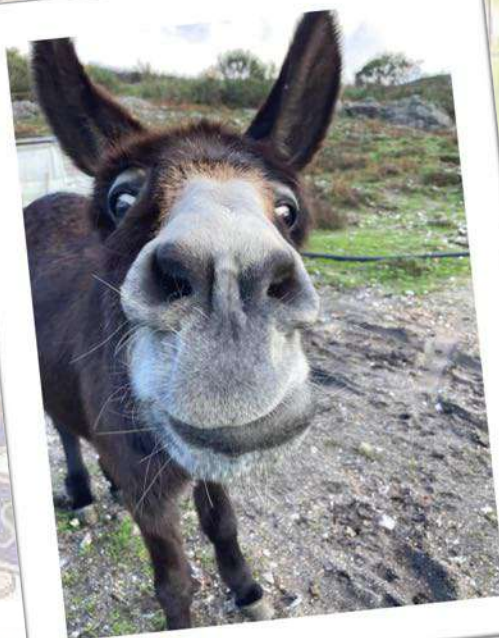


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Honest, it wasn't me!



I don't feel well . . .

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Photo's



Nanaimo Golf Club

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Larry Johannes & Dave Alderson at the greeting table.

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President Gilles Chiasson

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Chaplain Charlie Massey

Chaplain Charlie MASSEY was a Major with the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) for a number of years in the early 1980's. The Lord Strathcona's is a regular regiment of the Canadian Army and is Canada's only tank regiment.

"Once a Strath always a Strath."

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Quartermaster Bryan Walker & President Chiasson

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Hap Armstrong presented 25-year service bar

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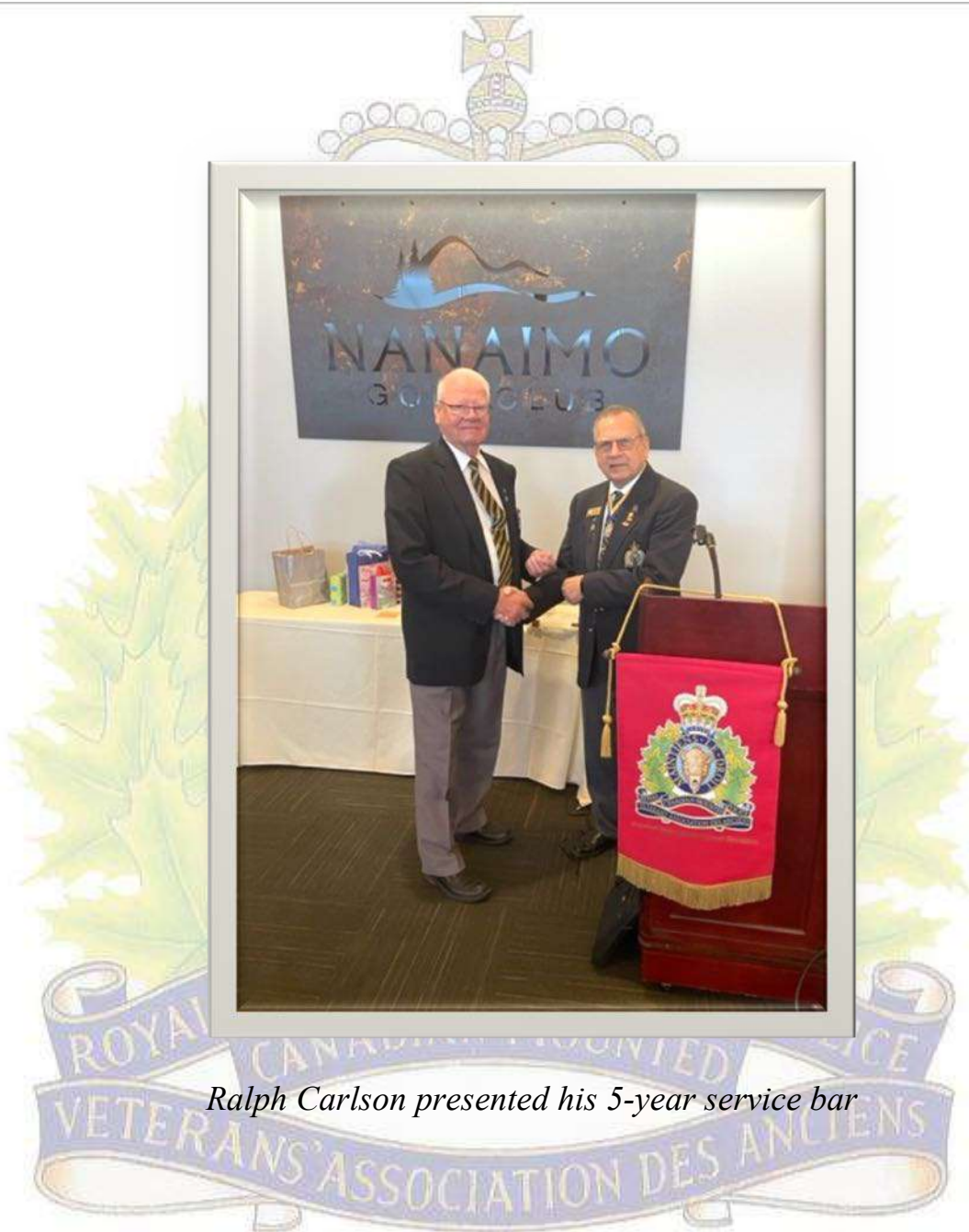
Irwin Axness presented his 15-year service bar

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Bryan Walker & Gilles Chaisson receiving 10-year service bars

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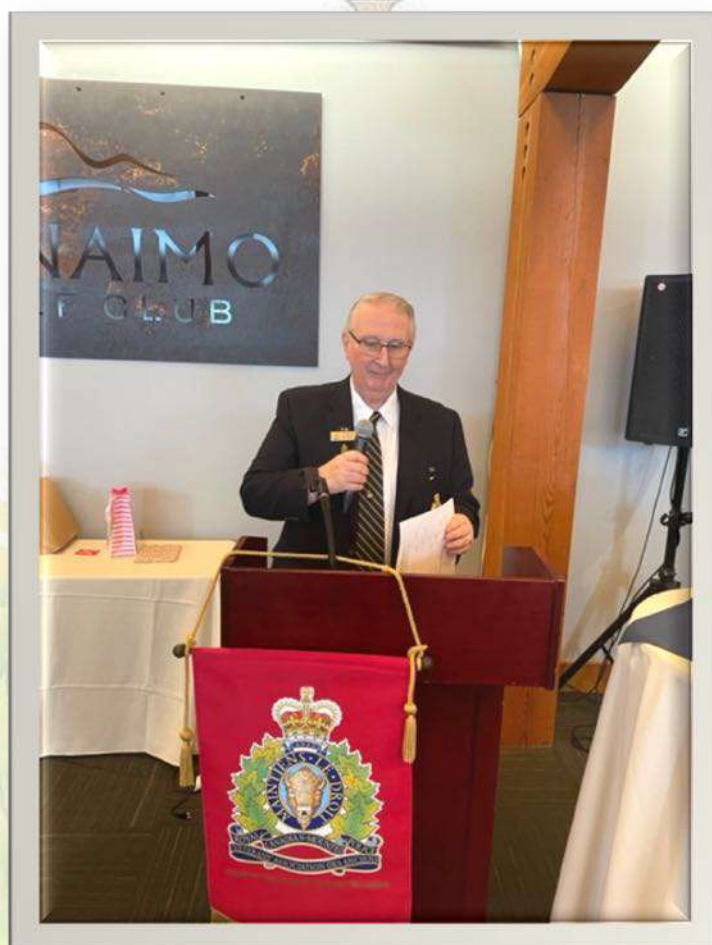
Ralph Carlson presented his 5-year service bar

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Tracy Hardy receiving her 5-year service bar

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Treasurer Rick Steele



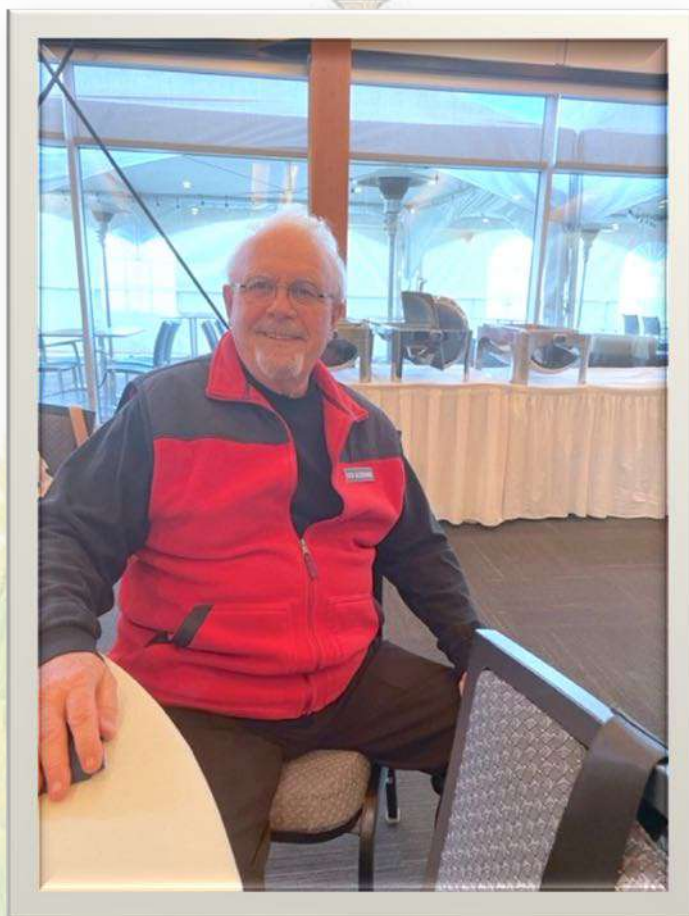
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Doug & Edna Lorenzen just celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary



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1st Vice-President/Parksville-Qualicum Beach Director Ken Azzopardi



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Port Alberni Director Steve Vatamaniuk



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Secretary Jack Koosel

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Nanaimo area Director David Alderson



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Coffee Clubs on Vancouver Island and Powell River

Campbell River: The Spit at 1000 hours on Wednesdays. (Bring you own chair & coffee)

Courtenay/Comox: Best Western Westerly Hotel, 1590 Cliffe Avenue every Wednesday @ 0930 hours.

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

Nanaimo: Woodgrove Mall Food Court Wednesdays @ 1000 hours.

Parksville/Qualicum: Thursdays at 0930 hours in the Parksville Curling Club Lounge.

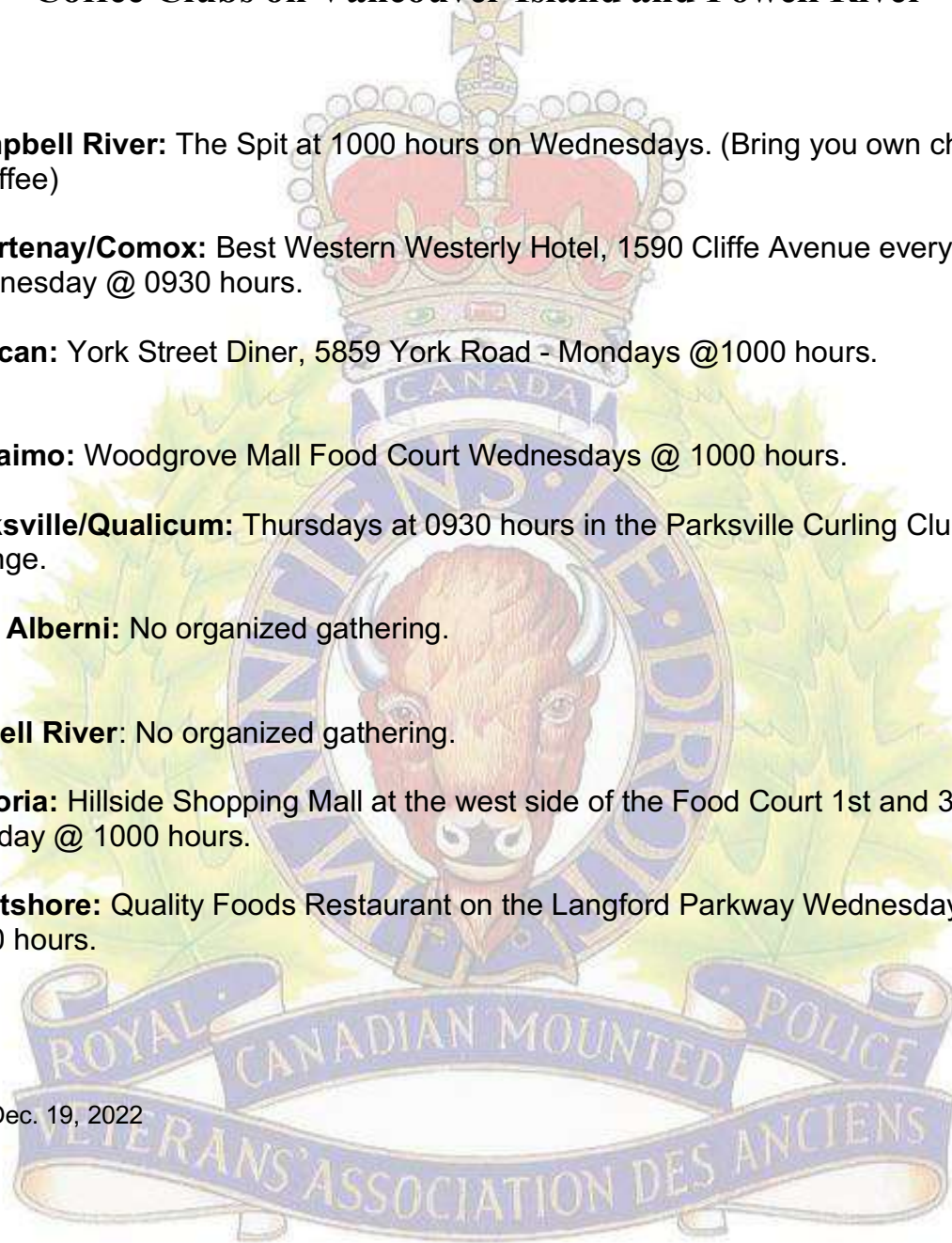
Port Alberni: No organized gathering.

Powell River: No organized gathering.

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 Wednesdays @ 0830 hours.

rev. Dec. 19, 2022



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CVI DIVISION EXECUTIVE 2023

President	Gilles Chiasson	gilles.psych@gmail.com /778-441-3797
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3 rd Vice President	Vacant	
Secretary	Jaak Koosel	koosel@gmail.com /250-245-2487
Treasurer	Rick Steele	rick26911@shaw.ca /250-585-0846

DIRECTORS

Campbell River	Barney Bernard	berneyb@shaw.ca /250-923-7502
Comox/Courtenay	Mary Kostashuk	Marykpi007@gmail.com /250-871-2592
Duncan	Brent Blanchard	ybblanchard@shaw.ca /250-710-2984
Nanaimo	Dave Alderson	dpalderson46@gmail.com /250-729-3615
Parksville/Qualicum	Open	
Port Alberni	Steve Vatamaniuk	sjvat@shaw.ca /250-723-0232



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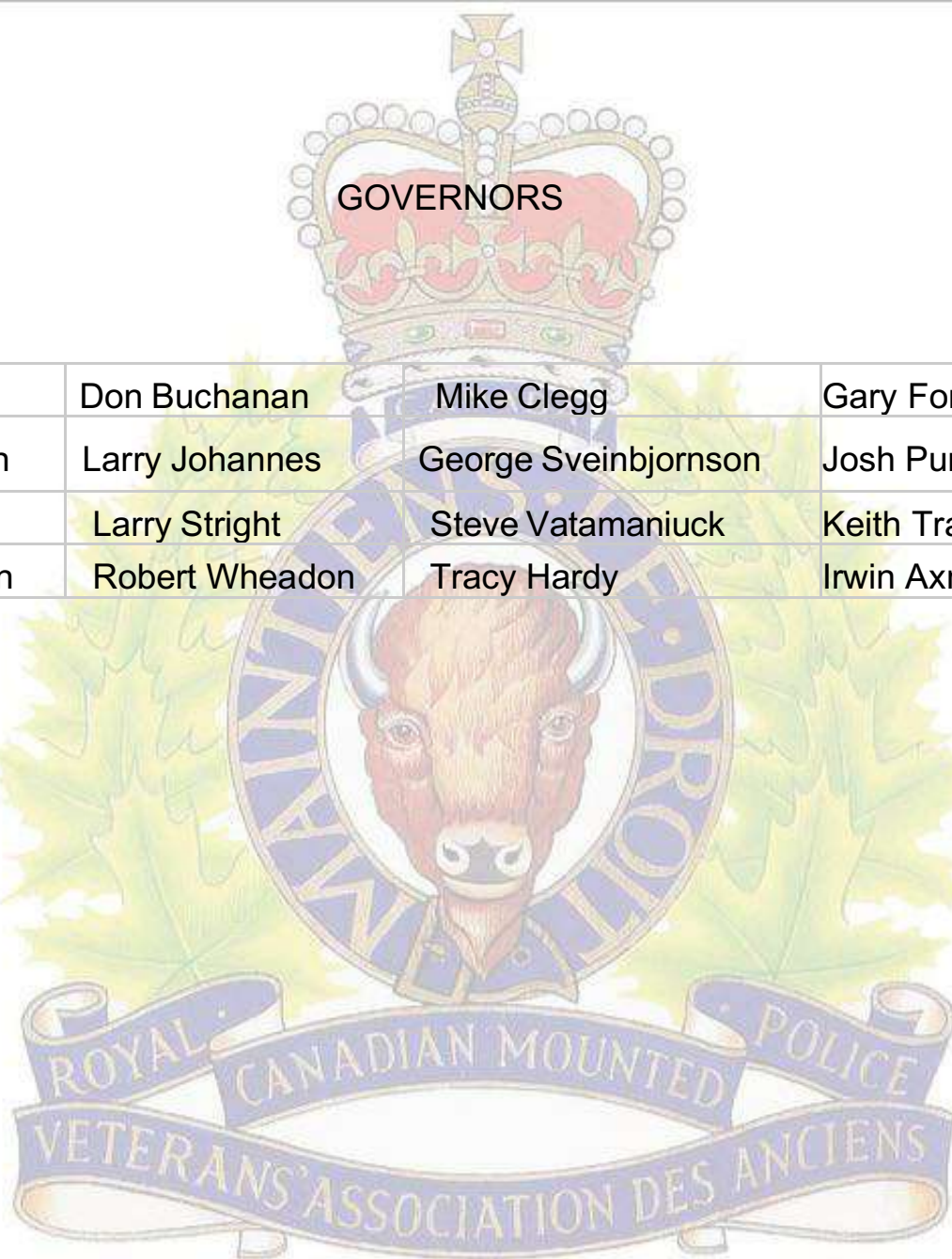
COMMITTEES/APPOINTMENTS

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

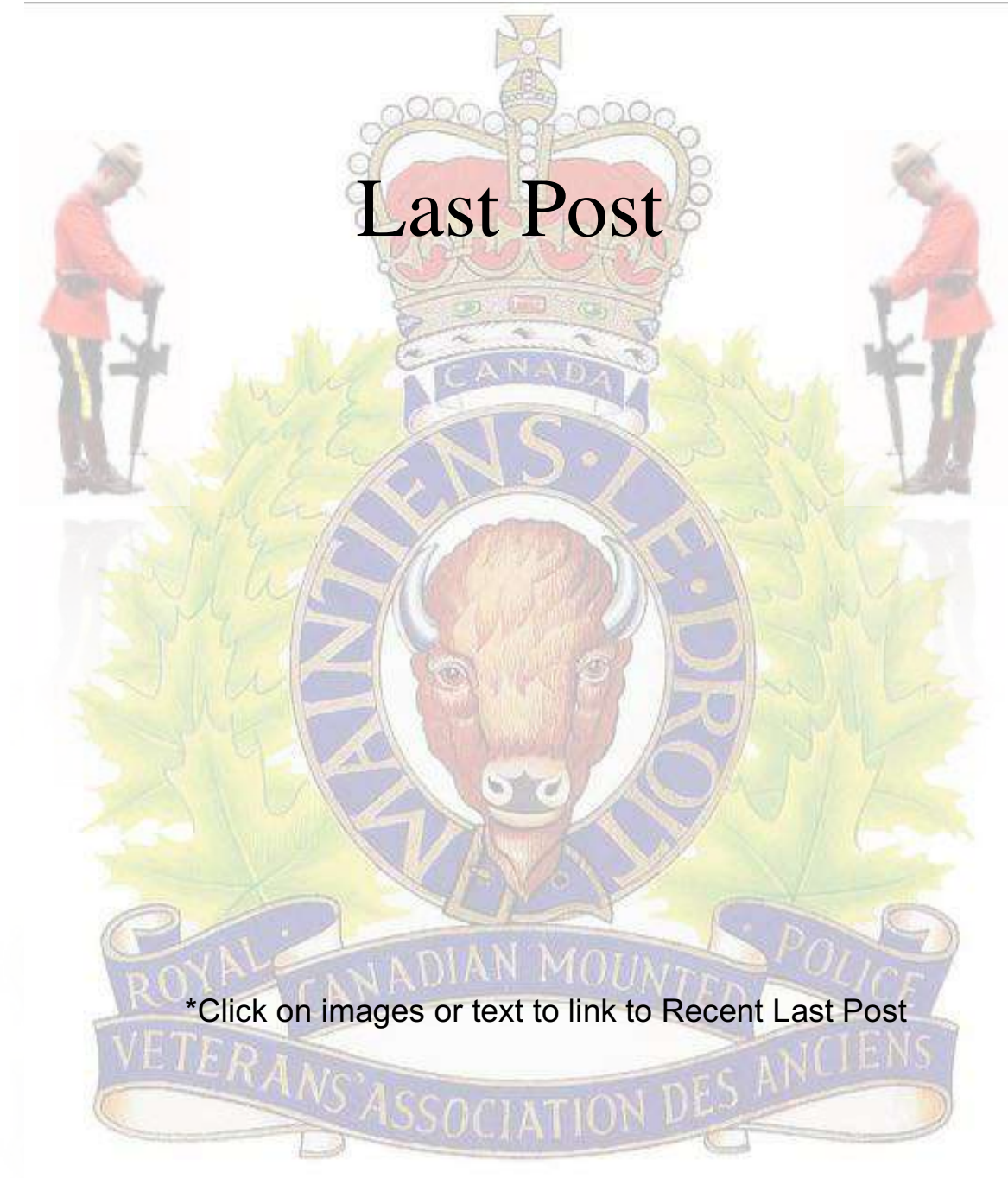
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GOVERNORS

Tony Antoniuk	Don Buchanan	Mike Clegg	Gary Forbes
Martin Thompson	Larry Johannes	George Sveinbjornson	Josh Purney
Stan Wilcox	Larry Stright	Steve Vatamaniuck	Keith Trail
George Kilvington	Robert Wheadon	Tracy Hardy	Irwin Axness



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Cash Receipt and Disbursements

Financial Report for period December 1 to 31, 2022

Opening Balance		\$7,848.36
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Membership Dues	\$ 870.00
Income from December Luncheon	\$4,040.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$4,910.00	\$12,758.36
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Expenses

December Luncheon	\$4,129.65
Remittance to National	\$ 750.00
Expenses	\$ 58.00

Total Expenses	\$4,937.65
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General Account Balance	\$7,820.71
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Short Term Investment account 0989-9796-852	\$17,034.68
Short Term Investment account 0989-9796-975	\$10,000.00

TOTAL	\$34,855.39
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Approved Budget for 2023

INCOME

220 members at \$15.00	\$3,300.00	
Life Member Donations	\$ 130.00	
Income from Luncheons	\$1,000.00	
Other potential income	Unknown	
TOTAL INCOME		\$4,430.00

EXPENSES

AGM Expenses	\$1,000.00	
Honorariums	\$ 700.00	
Nov 11 Wreaths	\$ 400.00	
Comfort for Members	\$ 600.00	
Office Expenses	\$ 230.00	
Donation(s)	4 500.00	
CVI RCMP 150 initiative	\$1,000.00	
Total Expenses		\$4,430.00