January 5, 2023

Dear Ottawa Division Members,

As your President, I want to reach out to you personally to encourage your active participation in the Association's Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Convention planned for May 2023. This event will be particularly significant as Ottawa Division will be honouring and recognizing the serving members and employees of the Force who continue to provide exceptional policing services to Canada by the hosting of a 150th Anniversary Regimental Ball on Saturday, May 27th, 2023.

The event, beginning with registration on Thursday, May 25th, will take place at the Delta Hotel (Ottawa City Centre) located at 101 Lyon Street North. Many activities are planned over the course of three days: including keynote speakers on the theme of *Making the Most of Retirement*, kiosk displays from several companion organizations, a spousal program designed to visit some of the highlights of the Nation's Capital, the Annual General Meeting of members, the 150th Anniversary Regimental Ball and finally, and a commemorative ceremony at the RCMP National Memorial Cemetery at Beechwood on Sunday.

Our AGM Committee is co-chaired by ODVA Past President Michel Séguin and former Association Executive Director Jack Briscoe. They are joined by several division members who are responsible for leading the work of various sub-committees. As you can appreciate, the planning, coordination and successful execution of an Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Convention is a significant commitment and I am sincerely grateful for their contribution.

Formal communications, including registration and other key information, will be forthcoming very soon so I encourage each and every one to save the date and commit to helping us to make this event the most memorable AGM and Convention experience for Ottawa Division and the Association at large.

Sincerely,

W.A. (Wayne) JACQUARD, President RCMP Veterans Association, Ottawa Division