

# JANUARY

*Newsletter*

**EDMONTON  
DIVISION  
RCMP VETERANS**



## President's Message

On behalf of the Division Executive, it is our hope this letter finds you having had an excellent Christmas with family and friends and now looking forward to all the best in 2025.

Our Christmas Dinner and Silent Auction was the biggest event attendance wise we have ever had with 157 people. The support you have provided to our Division's Christmas Hamper event was heartwarming.

The funds raised in the silent auction bids and donations resulted in us being able to provide for another family dealing with a young child in terminal stages of cancer ensuring they receive some vital support during this very difficult time. Truly outstanding work by Jerry Plastow and his team. My thanks to Jerry, Elaine, Jim, Stella, Jerry Forst, Brent Sawatzky (St Paul) Leilani and the Save On Foods Crew at St. Albert.

**Dues:** Some of our Veterans, for a variety of reasons, have allowed their annual dues to lapse. If you happen to know anyone like this, please consider engaging them to consider rejoining the Association. Should they decide to rejoin, they just have to reapply to join and there is no requirement to pay back dues unless they wish to have continuous service, so they maintain their timelines for our pin and years of service bars.

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To the right: Jerry Plastow being presented the King Charles III Coronation Medal by D/Comm'r Rob Hill & S/M Leilani Collins



RtoL: D/Comm'r Rob Hill, Bruce Allen, Jerry Plastow, Linda Plomp, S/M Leilani Collins & Kees Kikkert

***Editor's note:** Linda had absolutely no idea she was about to be presented this medal prior to her being called to the podium. There is no doubt, however, no one is more deserving the honour than our Treasurer and Volunteer extraordinaire than Associate Member Linda Plomp!*

During our Christmas Dinner and Silent Auction evening, we were proud to recognize the service to our Division and the Association by awarding the King Charles III Coronation Medal (KCM) to Jerry Plastow and Linda Plomp. (Note the pictures above) You may also recall, both Joe Collinson and Rob Bacchus received Commendation Certificates at the AGM last June by D/Comm'r Rob Hill and S/M Leilani Collins for all the work they have done for our Division and the Association.



We have now learned they will be recognized by the Federal Minister of Veterans Affairs for their outstanding contribution. We will keep you posted when this will happen.

Until our January Dinner Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>, wishing you all the Best and Good Fortune in the New Year to you and your families.

Cheers

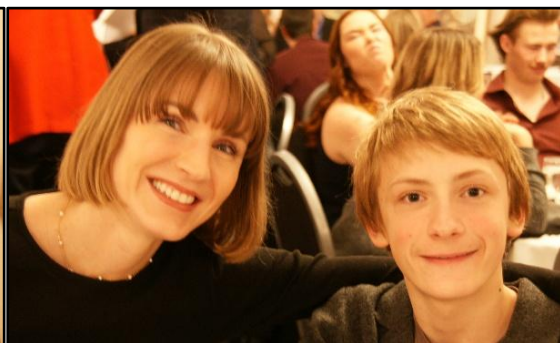
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As you can see by the pictures above, there were lots of items for sale at the Silent Auction and we are so grateful to all those who donated them. Totalling the sale of auction items and donations, we came in just under \$4,000.00.



Shane Ramteemal and Dave Mitchell



Dana Schnepf with son Miller



Now a few more pictures from this evening.



Prior to most people arriving



Janet Wiszowaty & Rob Hill



Ross Hogg, Gordon & Bev Grieg



Richard & Sue Pasker with Marj & Cyril Gowler

### When an Insult Had Class

*"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend.... if you have one." - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill*

*"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second.... if there is one." - Winston Churchill, in response.*





Jason Nesbit, Julian Fedoriuk & Don Watson



Rita Belke and her sister Marie Tymafichuk



Kevin Gunderman, Colleen Gunderman, Jason Nesbitt, Kristen Nesbitt, Julian Fedoriuk, Don Watson, Tristan Welz, Kristi-Lynne Welz



Shirley & Wayne Carol and Rick Schroeder





Toni & Trent Boughen, Gary & Toni Peck plus Edie & Reg Boughen

Laziness kills ambition

Anger kills wisdom

Fear kills dreams

Ego kills growth

Jealousy kills peace

Doubt kills confidence

Now read that right to left.



Bailey Vogstad, Braedyn Vogstad and Kylie Bolle



Kees Kikkert, Manon Wilkins and Jennifer Jackson



I was again honoured to present the ladies above a Challenge Coin representing the anniversary of the 50th year females joined the Force. You can also see above; the food was exceptional!



Kees Kikkert presented Jim Dunn his 5-year pin & bar, Mel Malowany his 10-year bar, Steve Woolnough, Pin plus 5 & 10-year bars and Gary Oshewski his 20-year bar

#### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2024.

Friday Dec. 20, 2024, Jim and Stella Medley, Brent Sawatzky (St. Paul Vet), Jerry Forst, S/M Leilani Collins, Elaine Schnepf, and Jerry Plastow commenced shopping for the Christmas hampers at 8:00 A.M. at Save On Foods, St. Albert, Village Landing store. The Manager provided a discount on the grocery purchase, which allowed us to expand on the hamper contents.

Three families were selected by the RCMP members in the selected detachment areas and a 4<sup>th</sup> family in a very needy situation in Edmonton was included in this year's hamper program. The Edmonton family was brought to our attention by Veteran Jerry Forst.



Jim and Stella Medley, Brent Sawatzky, Jerry Forst, S/M Leilani Collins, Elaine Schnepf, and Jerry Plastow

The following detachments were selected and participated in making donations to the families as well as assisting in the delivery of the hampers.

In Two Hills the family was a mother with three children. The hamper was delivered by Jim and Stella Medley, Elaine Schnepf, Leilani Collins, Jerry Plastow, and Cst. Keeping of Two Hills Detachment.

In Smoky Lake the hamper was provided to a mother with 4 children and delivered by Brent Sawatzky along with a member of the Smoky Lake Detachment.



The St. Paul family was also provided to a mother with 2 children and delivered by Veteran Brent Sawatzky with a member of the St. Paul Detachment.

Veteran Jerry Forst delivered the hamper to the Edmonton mother with one child.

Each of these mothers and their children was overwhelmed and very much appreciated receiving their hamper.

Submitted by: Jerry Plastow & Elaine Schnepf

## THE LAST POST

<u>Reg #</u>	<u>Name :</u>	<u>Date of Death:</u>	<u>Passed &amp;/or from</u>
19924	Woods, Donald Irvine	2024-12-05	Kelowna, BC
23354	Jones, Kenneth Edward	2024-12-03	Pangman, SK
S/2388	Roberts, Harold Presley "Bob"	2024-11-05	Ottawa, ON
29479	Fitzpatrick, Frederick Joseph	2024-12-08	Charlottetown, PE
17980	Anderson, Carl Oscar	2024-12-03	Tsawwassen, BC
17643	Luchak, Douglas Peter	2024-11-29	Not Mentioned
C/3241	White, Frank	2024-12-07	Ottawa, ON
21253	Michalski, Frank	2024-11-30	Abbotsford, BC
18695	Mills, Robert Graydon	2024-12-12	Kelowna, BC
27846	Burdick, Norman Douglas	2024-11-20	Temiskaming, ON
18587	Pelletier Rodrigue	2024-11-18	Le Gendre, QC
24608	Yates, David "Dave"	2024-12-17	Not Mentioned
41141	Turcot, Gilles Wilfred	2024-11-12	Kentville, ON
29042	MacKay, Gus	2024-12-21	Kingston, ON
20173	Nazar, Gary James	2024-12-21	Calgary, AB
23823	Rowland, John Peter	2024-11-26	Penticton, BC
40938	Csikos, Bevely "Bev"	2024-12-20	Kelowna, BC
43739	Alafriz 111, Aruro (Archie) Reyes	2024-12-30	Vancouver, BC
19472/0.810	Aitken, James	2024-12-30	Arnprior, ON
C/9653	Chapdelaine, Steve Jean Robert	2024-12-26	Ottawa, ON
S/0802	Muswagon, Henry Larence	2024-12-27	Winnipeg, MB
26181	Brinson, Douglas Leslie	2024-12-26	Spruce Grove, AB
17894	Glover, William Allott "Bill"	2024-12-30	Ottawa, ON
24492	Tremblay, Peter Gregory	2024-12-18	Brooks, AB
A/Cst.	Weiss, Larry Clifford	2024-12-29	Medicine Hat, AB
29667/0.1837	Handy, Kenneth Robert	2024-12-31	Parksville, BC



## *May they rest In Peace*

Should anyone wish more information on anyone on the list you can go to the National website at [https://www.rcmpvets.ca/last\\_post.php](https://www.rcmpvets.ca/last_post.php) and/or the RCMP Graves site <https://www.rcmpgraves.com/index.html>