

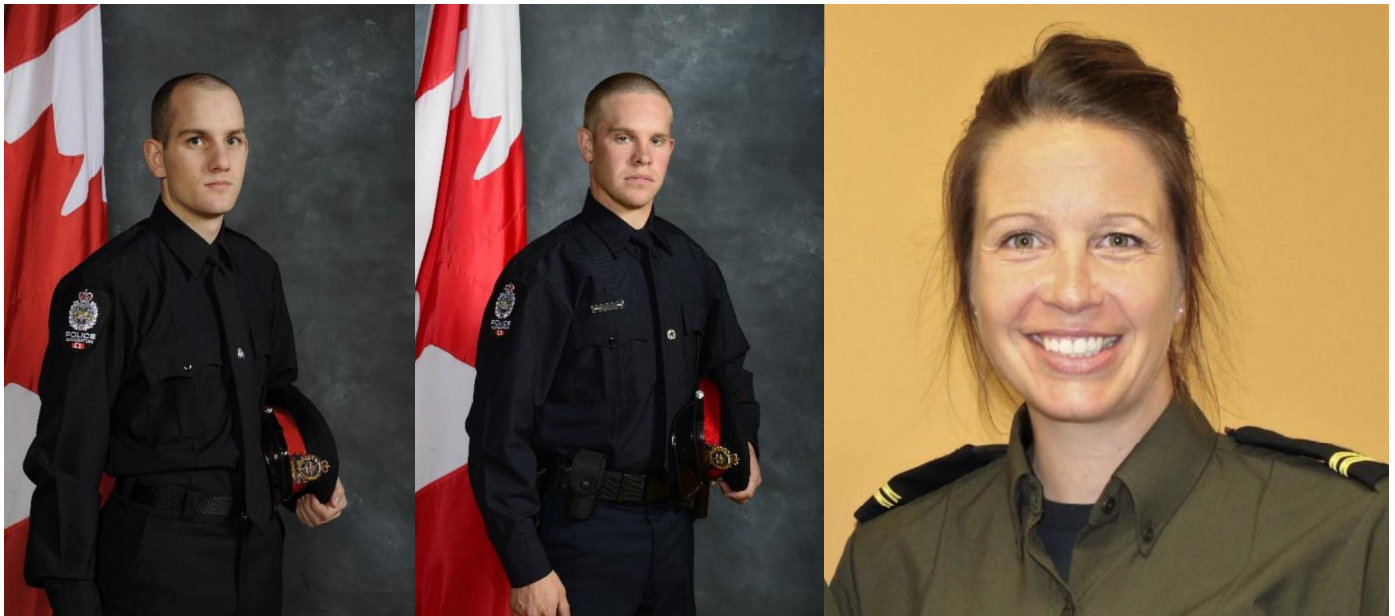


RCMP Veterans' Association, Edmonton Division – April 2023 NEWSLETTER



Hello Everyone,

The month of March 2023 was surely one of the most tragic and heartbreaking months for our brothers and sisters at the Edmonton Police Service with the senseless murders of Constables Travis Jordan and Brett Ryan. To compound their sorrow they are also mourning the untimely passing of two other serving members. Then, following the Regimental Funeral Services on March 27th for Constables Travis and Ryan we hear of a Quebec provincial police officer fatally stabbed while performing her duties in Louiseville, west of Trois-Rivieres, Que. The Surete du Quebec (SQ) confirmed the identity of the



Constable
Travis Jordan
Aug 21, 1987 – Mar 16, 2023

Constable
Brett Ryan
Jun 03, 1992 – Mar 16, 2023

Sergeant
Maureen Breau
1980 - 2023

officer as Sgt. Maureen Breau, who had been on the force for over 20 years.

March was certainly a sad time for, not only for the police services who these members worked for, but for the entire Police Community across Canada! I have included a few photographs of the funeral for the EPS members further on in this Newsletter.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!

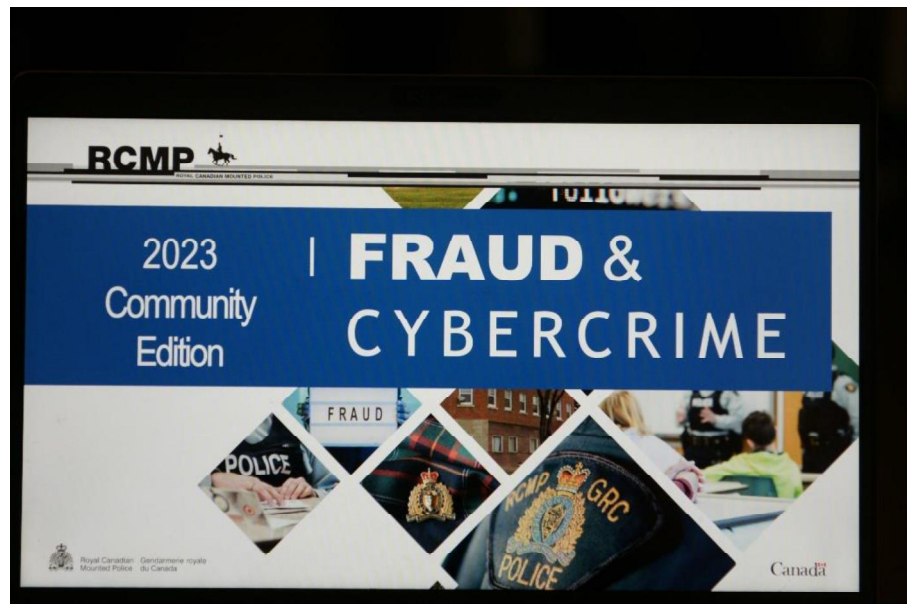
At our Dinner / General Meeting we had Cpl. Sean Milne from the Edmonton Federal Serious & Organized Crime, Provincial Financial Crime Team give us an excellent and informative presentation on Fraud and Cybercrime. The following is how he summarized the presentation:

Fraud Presentation Summary

- **Slow down!** Scammers rely on tricking people into acting before they think.
- **No secrets!** Scammers want you to keep it secret or say you must keep it secret, i.e. a "gag order."
- Unsolicited e-mails and text messages should be treated with caution.
- **Watch out** for being asked to click a link or download a file.
- **Plus, Watch Out** for phone calls. If suspicious, hang up and call back using a verifiable number. A legitimate caller will understand.
- Do not send money, move money, or handle packages for anyone you haven't personally met and checked out.
- Watch out for unsolicited investment opportunities. See www.checkfirst.ca
- It is always illegal to be required to send money before you get money. Paying taxes/fees/insurance etc. before getting a loan or prize is a scam.
- Being asked to deal with gift cards, bitcoin, or cheques from strangers are sure signs of a scam.
- **When in doubt, check it out.** Ask around. A Google search with "scam" attached goes a long way. Share what you know and watch out for the people around you.

Sean indicated he would be happy to answer any questions anyone may have. His contact information is as follows:

Sean Milne, Cpl. RCMP
Desk 780-412-5654
Royal Canadian Mounted Police K Division



Kees and Jerry presenting Cpl. Sean Milne with a token of our appreciation for his presentation.

I don't understand why people have to "get ready" for bed. I'm ALWAYS ready for bed.

Our meetings always have a theme displayed on the tables we sit at, and as per the picture below, our volunteer elves outdid themselves this March! We also had two “first time” attendees as captioned below.



John Ferguson



Seppo Votkin

Here are a few of the pictures of that evening where ninety-eight people attended, pictures provided by Les Wiszowaty. Thank-you Les!



Barb and Barry Lindsay



Sue and Dave Mitchell



Former President Neal Stanley



Wendy and former President Bruce Allen



Don Watson & Myra Fedoriuk



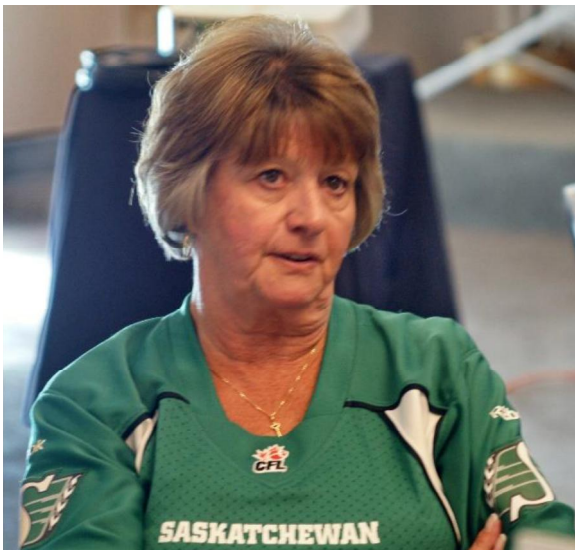
Manny Langman lifting a pint



Don Martin and Robert Bacchus



An obvious serious conversation between Joe & Gordon



"So Who Is This Lovely Lady"
Is it because of the jersey she is wearing?



Past President Jerry Plastow in conversation with Ken Fuhrmann and Jane being much more photogenic



Guests above waiting to be called so they can again enjoy the honey garlic pork strips, chicken stew / cornbread dumplings, jasmine rice, chef's choice pasta, mixed vegetables, Caesar salad, penne/dill salad, pineapple coleslaw salad, pickled vegetable salad, garden fresh

vegetable tray, dinner buns, assorted squares, fresh fruit, coffee, tea provided by the staff at Woodvale Facility.

And to the right we have just a few enjoying that meal. Below we have Carol Stanley, Joe & Aggie Collinson, Randy and

Melba Montgomery, Bruce & Wendy Allen plus Don Martin, just to name a few filling their plates.



I bought my wife a mood ring so I could monitor her mood swings!

When she's in a good mood it turns green but when she's in a bad mood it leaves a big red mark on my forehead!

Although it was the 28th March, we celebrated Joe Collinson's 90th Birthday.



Joe Collinson
Born 3rd April 1933



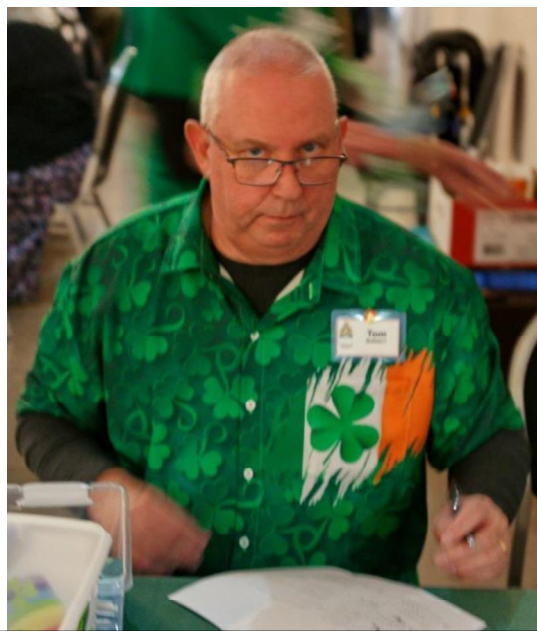
When celebrating a birthday, cake is usually provided. In this case, our Elves provided three cakes, enough for everyone including the staff at Woodvale. Above, Joe and Aggie await the lighting of the candles, and of courses, Aggie had to help blow them out. Below, two of our Elves, Elaine Schnepf and Marg Elliott help cut the cakes.



To the left, I encourage everyone to *"Please read All directions before assembling your cat"*

To the right, Judith Rector with Garry Olshewski.





Above is our lovely and indispensable Treasurer, et al, Linda Plomp flanked by our Membership guru Tom Burkett. Tom is having one of those, "Why are you bothering me." Moments!



Ruth Forest and Norma Dunlop

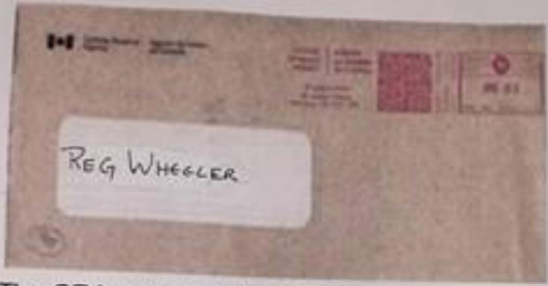
Above we have Stella Medley and to the right, (two very serious looking) Mike Aftergood and Lorne Lecker





Rudy Kolodychuk enjoying himself above and the fellow who sent the note on the right to the CRA makes a particularly good point!

Revenue Canada
The Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) actually commented on this one.



The CRA sent back the Tax Return to a Canadian taxpayer because of his answer to one of the questions. In response to the question, "Do you have anyone dependent on you?" the man wrote, "2.1 million illegal immigrants, 1.1 million crack heads, 4.4 million unemployable scroungers, 80,000 criminals in over 85 prisons, plus 450 idiots in Parliament, thousands of 'politicians' and an entire group that call themselves 'Senators.'"

The CRA stated that the response he gave was unacceptable. The man's response back to CRA was, "Who did I leave out?"

The fitness trainer asked me, "What kind of a squat are you accustomed to doing?" I said, "Diddly."

A police officer came to my house and asked me where I was between 5 & 6. He seemed irritated when I answered: "Kindergarten"



Gerry & Emile Keane



Seppo Votkin & Shane Ramteemal



New Member March 2023

Christa Shirliff, Reg # 67744, Cold Lake, Alberta
I would like to welcome Christa and hope you find the time to join us at our General / Dinner Meetings.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter weekend, and my goodness, did the weather ever cooperate! Please note the invitation to Blue Sunday Mass below. **It is well worth attending!** Below are some photos of the EPS members funeral on the 27th of March. Stay safe and stay well.

Kees Kikkert, President

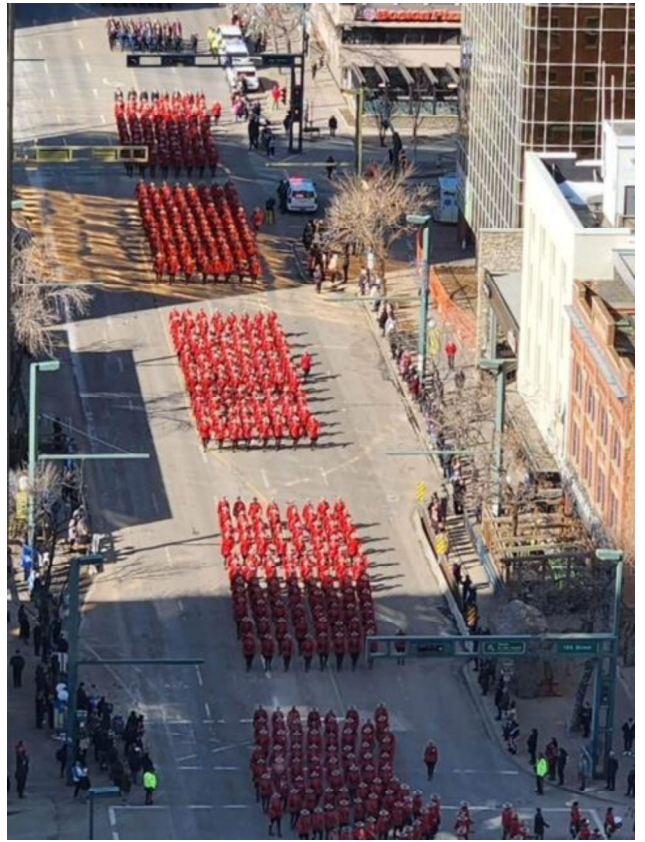
Blue Sunday Mass, 11 AM, May 7, 2023

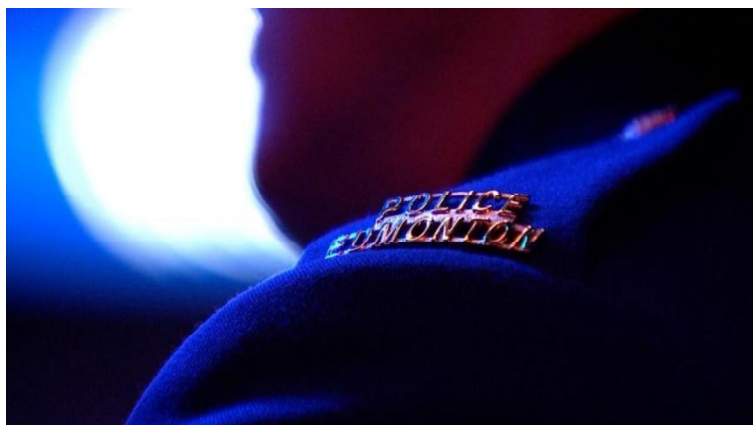
On May 7th, there will be another Blue Sunday Mass at St. Albert Parish, 7 St. Vital Ave. at the 11 AM Mass. All first responders are invited to attend and that includes everyone who at one time or another, worked in the public safety field. This invitation is extended to all serving and retired members and their families are welcome regardless of your faith.

Should you have any questions, please contact:

Gerry Keane gerry.keane49@gmail.com (780 660-3496) or
Liam Connelly lmcvonnelly83@gmail.com (780 990-5426).







I would like to thank the RCMP Veterans who attended the service. Some marched and others just attended the service. I certainly would have been there, but an injury kept me away.

Kees Kikkert

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The Quarterly aims to keep the police community of the past and present connected and to continue to build on the legacy. While we can learn from what others did before us, we can also leave something behind for future generations.

Since its origins in 1933, the objective of The Quarterly is to highlight the tradition and to tell the stories from past and present about the RCMP.

The RCMP Veterans' Association assumed the responsibility for the publication of The Quarterly from the RCMP in October 1999 to keep it alive and vibrant.

The Quarterly is a tool for

police officers, veterans, historians, and students to learn from the past, to keep up with policing trends and to share on programs, events and activities <https://rcmpva.org/the-quarterly-en/>

Some interesting facts:

- Our readership is approximately 50/50 retired and serving members.
- The magazine also appeals to those who support the aims of law enforcement, including academics, police academies, libraries, etc.
- It is a not-for-profit publication, staffed mostly by RCMP Veteran volunteers.

- RCMP Veterans' Association, Edmonton Division Annual General
Dinner Meeting - Tuesday, April 25th, 2023
Woodvale Community Facility - 4540-50 St. Edmonton, AB.**

Edmonton RCMP Veterans' Executive Meeting Minutes March 23/2023, Woodvale Community Centre, Edmonton

Meeting called to order: 9:50 am

Members Present: Kees Kikkert, Jerry Plastow, Elaine Schnepf, Barry Callbeck, Jim Medley, Eric Lafoy, Tom Burkett, Denise Burkett, Bob Bacchus, Tom Dunlop, Bruce Allen, Dianne Lehman, Roger Goulet.

Unable to Attend: Randy Montgomery, Linda Plomp, Bob Stewart, Joe Collinson, Nick Taylor, Vern Colley, S/M Leilani Collins.

Barry Callbeck, Secretary:

- Moved the minutes from February 23/2023, be adopted as published, seconded, Bob Bacchus.
Carried

Kees Kikkert, President:

- Kees spoke of the services for the two Fallen EPS Members, no information of today's date as to what role the RCMP Vets may have if any.
- Dianne Lehmann will be the second person attending the AGM in Ottawa.
- A Planning meeting is scheduled for March 29, contact Kees re your attendance, meeting at 10:00 AM lunch \$15.00.
- Red Deer Luncheon , May 18, Kees will be attending, anyone interested again contact Kees.
- Any Vets who have done Presentations on Alaska Cruises are being asked to contact the Executive for information as to what is required of the person doing the presentations.

Kees on behalf of Linda Plomp, Treasurer:

- Financial Update:
Chequing Account \$41,522.34
Total GIC's \$101,291.36

Dianne Lehman, Support Advocate:

- Dianne is still working on the mission statement which is very time consuming.
- A search is in place looking for a facility for Advocate training.
- Dianne is going to arrange a meeting with the Chaplains to get feedback and ideas on how information can be used for the benefit of all.

Jerry Plastow, Past President

- Jerry has received several donation requests one in particular for the International Women's Conference to be held in New Zealand, discussion came to the conclusion that we require more information from them. Jerry indicated more details would be required before a decision.
- In discussion with Dianne, Jerry learned that Legacy Place Society provided accommodation and assistance greater than 1,100 individual night stays per year to RCMP members and/or their families, in Alberta. There is a small fee for the use and can be used for a variety of reasons, as a safe house, somewhere to rest for whatever reason without question, again with no time limit. Jerry advised the Donation Committee agreed with his recommendation to donation of \$500.00 to the Edmonton facility. Dianne and Jerry will look at a tour for the Executive soon to enable us to have a better understanding of how they operate.

- Jerry also advised the Donation Committee agreed we donate to Parkland Detachment \$500.00 for food for their RCMP 150 Celebration on the 27th May. The Committee also agreed to a \$500.00 donation to go towards some small gifts for the young people attending, with the gifts being age appropriate for the groups.

Elaine Schnepf, Director- Boost program:

- Elaine advised has been quite busy with two of our members passing and other members sustaining injuries, one of whom is our President who took a fall and broke his shoulder. Of course, there was much concern by the Executive about how it happened.

Bruce Allen, Director:

- After several challenges Bruce has the bugs out of the Website.

Eric Lafoy, Director:

- Eric informed the group there will be no Federal support for any RCMP 150 displays or presentations at detachments.
- We as a Division have funds for this purpose and will be supporting Parkland detachment as noted under Jerry Plastow above.
- There will be Banners put up at the Aircraft Museum, but again no assistance from the City or the Federal Government.
- June 2/2023 is the date for whatever celebrations will take place, other than Parkland which have the weekend of May 27/2023 set for theirs.
- The RCMP Bands 30th anniversary is this year, and they will be selling items for a fund raiser.
- Calgary Division advises they will be marching in the Stampede Parade and hope to get permission for other Vets outside their Division to march as well.

Tom Dunlop, Director Parking Passes:

- The new parking passes are distributed to the members looking after them, but still concerned too many of our members are not aware they are available.

Jim Medley, Director, Gift Shop:

- The gift shop is busy, and the new website is still being worked on.

Tom Burkett, Director Membership;

- Tom advised we have 390 Active members with 74 of those that have not paid their 2023 Dues as of this date.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 AM

Next Executive meeting: @ Woodvale Community Facility April 20/2023

Barry Callbeck, Secretary

EDMONTON DIVISION GENERAL/DINNER MEETING MINUTES

Woodvale Community Facility - Tuesday March 28th, 2023

Meeting Called to Order at 8:08 PM by President Kees Kikkert:

Barry Callbeck , Secretary:

- Moved the minutes for the General Meeting held on February 28/2023 be approved as published in the January 2023 Newsletter. Seconded by **Joe Collinson**, carried.

President Kees Kikkert:

- Kees advised all those in attendance that there will be a 2024 AGM Planning meeting for tomorrow, Wednesday, March 29, at Woodvale for anyone wishing to attend.
- There is a Vet wondering if anyone has information about doing presentations on Alaskan Cruises.

Jerry Plastow, Past President:

- Jerry mentioned several Donation requests have been received, the first being a group asking for \$2900 to add to their required moneys needed to send an RCMP member (female) to a conference in New Zealand. After information was provided regarding this request the membership declined the request
- Jerry advised the Donation Committee recommended a \$500.00 donation to Legacy House which operates similar to Valor Place.
- Jerry also advised that Parkland Detachment asked for \$500.00 for food for their 150 celebration and a further \$500.00 for gifts and handouts to the kids visiting which the committee agreed to another \$500.00 for this cause.

Tom Burkett, Membership:

- Services Pins and Bars for March 2023: 5-year Bar plus Pin to Cindy Whiting and a pin plus a 5, 10 & 15-year bars Barry Lindsay. A 20-year bar to Bob McDonald and 40-year bar to Gerry Tetzloff.



Tom, Barry Lindsay Cindy Whiting & Kees



Tom, Bob McDonald & Kees

Meeting Adjourned 8:20 PM

Next Dinner Meeting Tuesday April 25, 2023

Easter Theme: Rabbit Ears and/or Easter Bonnets will be accepted.



Tom, Gerry Tetzloff & Kees

From the CO

April showers are here, and we are seeing the change of seasons underway! Unfortunately, as we know over the past month, change isn't always predictable and more than ever staying hopeful and positive is important in the dynamic circumstances of a profession like policing. This year has been unusually difficult on our members and employees with the tragic and unpredictable passing of so many colleagues in a short amount of time. At any time, it is tremendously hard to process the falling of any fellow employees, colleague, friend or member. When many of these losses occur consecutively, it pushes our capacity. I am so proud of everyone in the RCMP, and in the first response profession, for carrying through these devastating days.

It is so important we continue to look forward, stay the course, and persevere. Although things can get so difficult, we must remember why we do what we do everyday and the reason for our service that helps us carry through the hardest of days. This month I will share with you some of our recent activity and a reminder of why we are all part of this profession – the ups and the downs that we go through together as an organization. Together, our employees and veterans are all a part of the fabric of the RCMP, and we will continue forward by sharing our successes through our ongoing support of each other.

Passing of Alberta RCMP Constable Harvinder Singh Dhami

Most recently, and with great sadness, we most recently lost Constable Harvinder “Harvey” Singh Dhami of Strathcona County Detachment on April 10, 2023. Constable Dhami was involved in a motor vehicle accident while responding to assist members with a noise complaint. Despite the efforts of emergency responders and civilians present, Cst. Dhami succumbed to his injuries.



Cst. Dhami joined the RCMP in 2019 and was posted to Strathcona Municipal detachment. Harvey was known to be a team member who was compassionate, caring and very community oriented. Harvey is survived by his wife and his family in Ontario and British Columbia and support will be provided to his family during this difficult time.

Losing a member of our police service and a member of the community is incredibly difficult and the Alberta RCMP is very appreciative of the support by the community that has been extended to the family and the RCMP. Cst. Dhami's service and spirit with our organization will never be forgotten.

Passing of Edmonton Police Service officers

With the tragic passing of Edmonton Police Service Officers, Constable Travis Jordan and Constable Brett Ryan, March was a difficult month for everyone in first response and law enforcement. The loss of a fellow law enforcement officer is felt across all policing agencies. An event like that affects everyone in our organization and we did all we could to support Edmonton Police Service and partner agencies throughout the difficult days leading up to the regimental funeral.

Tragedies like these cause us to pause and really reflect on the work and sacrifices made by policing professionals every day. The duty and commitment of our members in their daily work alongside partners across Alberta was felt deeply during this tragic time and will extend throughout the months and years to come. There were so many acts of kindness and caring shown by Alberta RCMP employees in the days that have followed the deaths of Cst. Ryan and Cst. Jordan. I've seen respects paid in a number of ways, including a drive-past of the West Division EPS station and a charity hockey tournament. Our employees ensured family members of the fallen arriving in Edmonton were escorted throughout their arrival, and we have supported EPS as they organized a regimental funeral that saw thousands of officers, including over 400 in Red Serge, march through the streets of Edmonton. I am grateful each day for everything that our employees do for the safety and well-being of Albertans around the clock. Being able to march in the regimental funeral procession and be present to honour the service and lives of the fallen officers was significant for us.

March was also the anniversary of the tragedy at Mayerthorpe when we lost our own, Cst. Anthony Gordon, Cst. Leo Johnston, Cst. Peter Schiemann, and Cst. Brock Myrol. Recognizing the service of all our fallen colleagues is of the utmost importance to the RCMP, and our thoughts and support are always with the families of our fallen. We stand together, with our policing partners and all our first response family, as we mourn the loss of those who have fallen in the line of duty in their courage and valor. Their sacrifice and their service will never be forgotten.

Community work

It is important during all times, even difficult ones, that we stay connected with our citizens. Community work is an important part of our service effort and engagement with our communities. Recently, I was happy to be able to join more than 600 athletes in Sherwood Park last month at the Special Olympics Alberta Winter Games. I was honoured to be able to present at the closing awards ceremony and then

get acquainted with the local winners.



In Leduc, Constable Cheri-Lee Smith helps maintain the partnership between Leduc RCMP and the Leduc Public Library with the R.E.A.D. with the RCMP Literacy Program to foster a love of reading and help build the relationship between policing and the local community through literacy education.

In Coaldale, detachment members joined the Alberta Sheriffs and Lethbridge first responders for a game of hockey with the Lethbridge Lightning Senior AA team in support of the Jack Ady Cancer Centre, raising over \$4500.



It's important to stay connected and engaged whenever and however we can. Serving the people of Alberta is foremost for safety and well-being and also for the important relationships we are building along the way. I look forward to sharing more of our community work and achievements to come.

As always, take care and stay safe.

Curtis

Curtis Zablocki, M.O.M.
Deputy Commissioner
Commanding Officer "K" Division

The Last Post

<u>Reg #</u>	<u>Name :</u>	<u>Date of Death:</u>	<u>Where Passed &/or from:</u>
30046	Bolduc, Pierre	2023 Mar 02	Roberval, QC
31621	Anderson, Gary L.	2023 Mar 04	Ottawa, ON
19742	Johnston, Robert William "Bob"	2023 Mar 01	Edmonton, AB
21758	Armitage, Gordon Blake	2023 Mar 04	Ottawa, ON
18877	Marr, Lawrence Bruce	2023 Mar 04	Ottawa, ON
27875	Sherman, Peter	2023 Feb 21	Beaver Bank, NS
30046	Auger, Robert	2023 Feb 14	Montreal, QC
26132	Scott, Murray Mervyn	2023 Feb 08	Kelowna, BC
C/5045	Odland, Roberta Lorrainer (nee Jespersen)	2023-01-17	Taber, AB
21554	Bonnar, Robert Daniel	2023 Mar 06	Ottawa, ON
31039	Gauthier, Raymond Paul	2023 Mar 04	Ottawa, ON
A/Cst.	Hatton, Gerard Frederick	2023 Mar 01	Maple Ridge, BC
23325	Bell, Thane Arthur	2023 Mar 06	Ottawa, ON
17197	Godin, Jean	2023 Feb 27	St. Jean, QC
35711	Fradette, Guy	2023 Mar 09	Pointe-Claire, QC
A/Cst.	Dinsmore, Paul Andrew	2023 Mar 14	Noel Shore, NS
21519/0.1026	Clegg, Michael	2023 Mar 14	Nanaimo, BC
25615/0/1318	Scott, Ronald Allan	2023 Mar 13	Toronto, ON
15680	Purney, Hastings Freeman	2023 Mar 04	Kingston, ON
26880	Dobson, Arling Richard	2023 Mar 05	Portage, MB
24403	Corbett, Lloyd Francis	2023 Mar 18	Shellbrook, SK
21309	Smith, William (Bill) Warren	2023 Mar 19	St. John's, NL
32251	Symonds, John Paul	2023 Mar 17	Sarnia, ON
20273	Grant, J. Gordon	2023 Mar 20	Ottawa, ON
C/1339	Boyle, Bonnie Lee	2023 Mar 15	Wakefield, QC
24713	Horne, Cyril Vaughan	2023 Mar 05	Enfield, NS
18523	Lamarche, Laurier Joseph Hermel	2023 Feb 26	Orleans, ON
28735	Storie, Donald Wayne	2023 Mar 16	Red Deer, AB
26301	Oldham, Donald J.	2023 Mar 10	Terrace, BC
22065	Gervais, Theodore Lawrence	2023 Mar 23	Windsor, ON
20373	Lillie, George Albert	2023 Mar 16	Winnipeg, MB
PSE – H8977	Meyer, Myrna Beverly	2023 Mar 11	Chilliwack, BC
S/291	Brummell, John Ross	2023 Mar 18	Ottawa, ON
25727	Allan, Ronald W.	2023 Mar 27	Summerside, PEI
18947	Rown, Lawrence D.	2023 Mar 27	Kars, ON
39933	Woolward, Blair Sydney Michael	2023 Mar 28	Red Deer, AB
22548	Shortt, Ronald Lloyd	2023 Mar 06	North Bay, ON
C/1914	Jansa, Borot	2023 Mar 22	Oakville, ON
22751	Bowes, Allan Francis	2023 Mar 27	Ottawa, ON
33011	Provencher, Denis	2023 Mar 29	Gatineau, QC

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 and/or the RCMP Graves site <https://www.rcmpgraves.com/index.html>