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Last Post

Hi Everyone,

As I start this newsletter we are broaching the end of July. I must admit, I still have a bit of hangover from the AGM, and I mean that in a good way. Our goal was to make the event fun with a relaxed atmosphere, and considering all the positive comments we received, I believe we accomplished that objective. And, as I mentioned in the June newsletter, the Division Presidents agreed to a new direction and governance of the Association with the formation of the Association Council (AC). This resulted in



the AC putting forth five motions to the Association's Board of Directors (BofD's) for their action and response. One of the motions recommended to the BofD's was to operationalize the AC within the Association's Bylaws which has been accepted and is being worked on. Needless to say there is still lots of work to be done and I hope to have more information later this year.

We also had our last General / Dinner meeting in June before the summer holidays with approximately 85 in attendance. After enjoying another delicious meal, our guest speakers from the RCMP **Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems Unit**, were C/Supt. Kevin Kunetzki and Insp. Corey Belize. A very interesting presentation which

demonstrated how policework is changing these days. As noted to the right, they are working on the Alberta RCMP DFR (*Drone as First Responder*) Trials with the University of Alberta.

Their ongoing tasks are as follows:

- ✓ Complete final report regarding DFR trials in partnership with University of Alberta
- ✓ Work with contracting partners to identify DFR sites/needs and service delivery standards
- ✓ Continue to research and develop DFR systems to maximize benefits of DFR for public and officer safety
- ✓ Work with industry and Transport Canada to leverage technology to modify SFOC (*Special Flight Operations Certificate*) to achieve BVLOS (*Beyond Visual line of Site*) in order to reduce human resource costs of DFR which in turn will reduce costs of DFR.

They brought two drones with them and flew one of them. Below we see Corey showing Jim Medley how to fly one and in no time Jim was flying the drone, the first time he had ever flown a drone. Just a side note, Kevin is Jim's son-in-law.



Here we have Kees presenting Insp. Corey Belize and Jerry presenting S/Supt. Kevin Kunetzki with a token of our appreciation.

There is even a one-man (person) drone being looked at and used by other police forces and, who knows, sometime in the (near) future, don't be surprised if you see one of these flying or landing near you. This was certainly one of the most intriguing presentations we have ever had, and we hope to have them back in the next year or two.

due to inflation you can now eat food that has been on the floor for up to 7.3 seconds

Below are a few more pictures from that evening followed by some head-shots.



Wayne Fedje, (Barry sneaking into the picture, Aaron Zellmer & Margot Fedje



Bob Knights getting an ear full from Gerry Tetzloff (😊)



Cyril Gowler, Jim Medley, Marj Gowler, Bob MacDonald & more filling their plates



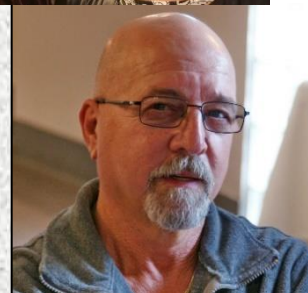
Jerry Plastow with Sue & Dave Mitchell





Click [here](#) for the link to more photographs taken at the Dinner Meeting. To download a photo, select the download icon, far right, under the larger picture and there is no charge for downloading pictures.

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I have been asked numerous times when our dental plan is moving from Sun Life to Canada Life. If you missed the recent communique from the Association, I included the information below.



CANADA LIFE DENTAL

Royal Canadian Mounted Police / Government of Canada

TBS announced in June 2023 that Canada Life won the bid to administer the Pensioner Dental Service Plan (currently administered by Sun Life). The transition to Canada Life is planned for November 1, 2024. TBS issued the [Info Bulletin](#) to provide retired members with information about the transition and upcoming steps in the process.

If you click on "Info Bulletin" above, you will find the following information. However, if you didn't, then MAKE SURE YOU READ THE FOLLOWING:

What's next

The new contract with Canada Life **requires mandatory positive enrolment.**

You may have already completed positive enrolment for the Public Service Health Care Plan but **benefit plans under the Government of Canada are separate and governed by different rules.**

As such, positive enrolment must be completed and maintained separately on all benefit plans. **To facilitate the member experience, Canada Life will be completing positive enrolment for as many PDSP members as possible.**

Canada Life will communicate with you between August and early September asking you to update (if needed) and validate your personal information and will include access to your new PDSP benefit card and plan number.

These steps are to ensure there is no interruption in the processing of dental claims as of November 1, 2024.

If members need to update, their dental coverage, they must contact the Government of Canada Pension Centre or their pension office to ensure their information is up to date and they are paying the appropriate contribution rate for their category of coverage. Members must continue to send all dental claims and requests to Sun Life, until Canada Life becomes the new PDSP administrator on November 1, 2024.

If you do not hear from Canada Life, if you have not received information from Canada Life by early September (by mail or email), contact [Canada Life's PDSP Member Contact Centre](#) for information on what to do next.

RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE COINS AND LAPEL PIN

These pins and challenge coins are selling quickly. If you haven't purchased yours yet, check the information below to find out how to order.

2024 marks the 100 Anniversary of the Association Charter. A commemorative challenge coin has been minted to mark the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Association's charter. Below, you can view an artist's depiction of the coin.

To Purchase the Coins/Pins

Each of the aforementioned challenge coins is priced at \$20.00, with an additional \$5.00 for shipping within Canada. Lapel pins are available for \$5.00 each, with an additional \$2.00 for shipping. The shipping cost of

a pin will be waived when ordering a challenge coin and pin together. To purchase the coins and lapel pins, please email the RCMP Veterans' Association office at contact@rcmpva.org. Payment arrangements via e-transfer are preferred and currently being organized. Alternatively, payment by cheque can be sent to: Canadian Police College, P.O Box 8900, 1 Sandridge Road, Ottawa, ON K1G 3J2

Many of our Divisions are also organizing a group purchase of coins and pins to reduce shipping costs. Please check with your local Division executive to see if they have any coins on hand or will be ordering some in the near future.



A LAUGH:

What do you call a row of rabbits hopping backwards? A receding hare line.

RETIRED FEMALE ASSOCIATION ACTIVE MEMBERS – PLEASE READ THIS

2024 marks 50th anniversary of uniformed women in the RCMP

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of uniformed women in the RCMP, the RCMPVA has created a challenge coin to recognize this historic milestone. Thank you to all those women who not only paved the way for others but continue to carry on the legacy within the Force. ***As part of the RCMP Veterans' Association, the Association Board will recognize our Association members who are part of this legacy. The Association office will collaborate with Division Presidents to identify eligible women within their respective Divisions with the aim to present the coins, if possible, at upcoming Divisional events.***

If any eligible member prefers to receive their coin by mail, they can contact me at: president@edmrcompvets.ca or Linda Plomp at: lfplomp@hotmail.com **These coins will be gifted to eligible members who have joined the Association by December 31, 2024, and have an active membership.**



I believe many of our members are not aware of discounts available to them because they belong to the Association. I listed the businesses below; however, I suggest you go directly to the information on the Association's website by clicking [here](#):

Discounts for Association Membership:

Insurance: Belairdirect

Auto Rentals: Avis & Budget

Auto Repair: Apple Auto Glass & Speedy Glass

Clothing: Grafton-Fraser Inc. - includes *TipTop Tailors, George Richards Big & Tall Menswear, Mr. Big & Tall, and Kingsport Big & Tall Clothiers & Stitch-it.*

NOTE: Mark's Commercial & Moore's Clothing are mentioned, Mark's is expired, and it appears Moore's Clothing may not offer a discount. **This is being looked into by the Association.**

Services: Instant Record Check & Upper Canada Wills.

Travel: Trip Merchant & Park'N Fly

Technology: Telus & Nerds On Site

Just prior to the AGM, the Association held a workshop at CFB Edmonton for Advocate Support members. Below is a photo of most who attended and the Vet Divisions they belong to. You will note, I added Mike Duffy, the Association's Chief Advocate.

RCMP Veterans' Association Support Teams June 2024 Workshop



Back Row: Dianne Lehman, Edm, Sandra Conlin, Ottawa, Association President, Vic Gorman, NS, Rush Waugh, MB, Rick Saban & Mike Duffy, Lethbridge. **Fourth Row:** Randy Montgomery, Edm, Melanie Mitra, Calgary, Graeme Shaw, PEI, Glen Siegersma, Ottawa, Ian Currie, Calgary, Cheryl Waugh, Manitoba, Travis Periera, Calgary. **Third Row:** Steve Graham, NS, Glen Haner, Calgary, Jan Gorman, NS, Janet Steele, London, Dennis Gordon, Cypress Hills, Elizabeth Smith, Okanagan South. **Second Row:** Heinz Hauser, Cypress Hills, Ed Miller, Saskatoon, Joe MacLoughlin, NB, Brad Wainwright, Cypress Hill. **Front Row:** Marcel Fraser, Regina, George Madden, Edm, Matt Lowther, Calgary. **Missing:** Cheryl Cameron, Virtual Hospice Edmonton; Chris McNeil, VRAB Charlottetown; Doug Milne, Red Deer; Jocelyn Cardinal, RCMP K Division Peer to Peer Coordinator.

On the 31st July many of us Veterans went to the Celebration of Life for Rudolph "Rudy" Kolodychuk. Rudy, along with his wife, Cathy Potvin, as noted in the picture to the right taken earlier this year, attended many of our Dinner meetings with Rudy always driving in on his mobile scooter. My first memories of him was when he worked out of the Post Garage at K Division HQ's as one of duty drivers or the fellow that would pick up a broken down police car with the Force



tow truck. Those attending the celebration quickly learned there so much more to this man than most realized during his 88 plus years. As his obituary indicated, his love for cars was a lifelong passion and he established Meadowlark Towing, which connected him with the RCMP where he proudly served from 1980 to 2000. His interests were as diverse as they were deep. He adored old cars and frequently attended car shows, plays, and events. He was a regular at Taste of Edmonton and Heritage Days, where he delighted in sampling various foods and enjoying traditional dances and costumes. Proud of his Ukrainian heritage, Rudy was a fervent fan of the Shumka Nutcracker, often dancing along with the performers in the audience. His home was his castle, a place where he loved to entertain friends and family. Rudy was also a dedicated football fan and a proud season ticket holder for the Edmonton Eskimos for many years.

As many of the Vets who attended said, Wow, how little we really knew about this man and how fortunate we were to have known him. Those that served on the Honour Guard for him are as noted below, although there we many other friends and Vets at the gathering.



Al Rybka, Earle Tole , Don Belke, Tom Dunlop, Don Watson, Wayne Fedje, Marg Elliott, Kees Kikkert, Rob Bacchus, Joe Collinson, Jerry Plastow, Jerry Forst.

I'VE REACHED THE AGE
WHEN MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT



OFTEN LEAVES THE STATION
WITHOUT ME

**Instead of
electric cars, I
think we
should bring
back the
electric chair. It
would solve
more
problems.**



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Circuses struggling to find new clowns as top prospects continue to go into politics

When a man says
he'll do anything
for a woman, he
means fight bad
guys and kill
dragons, not
vacuum or wash
dishes

We welcome Al, Ronald, Stacey, Thomas & Lee as our new members and hope they will find a way to join us at our Dinner Meetings. Our next Dinner Meeting is our annual Appreciation Night on September, 24th.

If anyone has any questions or concerns or if there is something you would like to see in the Newsletter, please let me know.

Stay well and stay safe.

Kees Kikkert, President
president@edmrcompvets.ca

New Members Edmo Div – Jun - Aug 2024

Al BAIRD, 39470, St. Albert, AB
Ronald MASCH, 42743, Forestburg, AB
Stacey TALBOT, 39668, Devon, AB
Thomas PAYNE, 44687, Edmonton, AB
Lee GRIECO-SAVOY, 44892, Edmonton, AB

Appreciation Dinner Tuesday, Sept 24th, 2024

Woodvale Community Facility, 4540 – 50 St. Edmonton, AB

Meet and Greet: 5:00 PM - Dinner: 6:00 PM

MENU

Prime Rib Roast, Yorkshire Pudding, Salmon Coulibiac, Wild Rice Pilaf
Garden Fresh Streamed Vegetables, Caesar Salad, Spinach Salad, Mesclun Salad,
Greek Salad, Pasta Salad, Marinated Salad, Raw Vegetable Tray with Dip
Assorted Pickles, Dinner Buns, Butter
Assorted Tortes, Cheese Cake, Fresh Fruit,
Cheese, Coffee & Tea.

Costs \$45.00 person (includes meal, GST. and Gratuity)

ADVISE IF YOU HAVE DIETARY CONCERNS

Dress: Red or Blue Blazer, Semi formal Attire. NO jeans please.

There will be assigned seating! Please include the first and last name of those attending and if you have a preference with whom you would like to be seated with at your table. Guests are welcome.

Please register by Friday, September 20, 2024.

Contact Jerry Plastow by email at jplastow@shaw.ca or phone 780-460-8661

Please consider car pooling if at all possible as parking will be limited since the golfing season is still in full swing.

If you require to cancel, please let us know as soon as possible as we must cover the cost of the number of people we advise are coming.

Edmonton RCMP Veterans' Executive Meeting Minutes Woodvale Community Centre, Edmonton Jun 20/2024

Meeting called to order: 10:00 am

Members Present: Kees Kikkert, Jerry Plastow, Elaine Schnepf, Barry Callbeck, Jim Medley, Nick Taylor, Shane Ramteemal, Tom Burkett, Denise Burkett, Eric LaFoy,

Unable to Attend: Randy Montgomery, Linda Plomp, Dianne Lehman, Dave Mitchell, S/M Leilani Collins, Tom Dunlop, Carol Blannin

Barry Callbeck, Secretary:

- Motion for acceptance of the minutes for May 23/2024 as sent via email to the Executive Committee; Seconded, Nick Taylor, Carried

Kees Kikkert, President:

- AGM was a success, with positive comments from guests and volunteers.
- The executive has no problem with the addition of the Ribbon Skirt for formal dress.
- A First Female troop Challenge Coin has been structured and it's hoped all retired female members of the Association will be given one, waiting on information from the Association how this will be done.

Kees on behalf of Linda Plomp, Treasurer:

- Financial Update
 - Chequing Account \$ 22,828.83
 - Total GIC's \$ 104,668.43

Shane Ramteemal, Vice President:

- No feedback as of yet from AGM. Two cheques yet to be sent
- There are flats of beer that need to be sold due to the vender not being generous with samples that were paid for in advance.
- Edmonton Division- KCIII Medal nomination is required from this division one to be selected, the decision to be made by the Shane & Dave

Jerry Plastow, Past President:

- The Morinville Legion is being given a blanket for their silent auction July 1/24.
- Invitation to the September Appreciation Dinner is being sent out to the Widows/Widowers by Linda, Kees will look after inviting the CO. Jerry suggested we should again invite serving members and is working on which Detachments to send the invites to.
- Jerry is working on confirming that Kevin O'Connell from Global will be our guest speaker for the October Dinner Meeting. A speaker for November is still to be determined, anyone with suggestions please contact Jerry.
- Jerry is still determining which Detachments to contact about Christmas hampers.

Elaine Schnepf, Director- Boost program:

- Somewhat quite just minor issues which Elaine takes in stride.

Jim Medley, Director, Gift Shop:

- Jim advised Kim sold over \$2000.00 of merchandize at the AGM.
- Kim had a fall and was laid up temporarily with a concussion. Was given permission to fly to Ottawa to join her husband Clay and while travelling via taxi to the hotel, the cab was in a collision. During all the confusion, Kim lost her glasses.
 - As result, Nick Taylor motioned to assist Kim Bechtold in replacing her lost glasses to the amount of \$500.00: Seconded by Eric LaFoy, Carried.

Tom Burkett, Director Membership:

- Membership numbers: Active 402 Associate 206. Unpaid 25, Total 608

Denise Burkett: Director;

- Denise noted that it is the end of an era as Carol Blannin is taking over the duties of Tom and Denise Burkett.

Eric Lafoy, Director:

- The K Div Change of Command Ceremony is August 21, 2024. Vet members are being asked to attend and participate; further information will be forthcoming.
- Next Monday Beamont is having a dedication ceremony and Eric will be attending.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 AM

Next Executive meeting: @ Woodvale Community Facility August 22/2023

Barry Callbeck, Secretary

Edmonton RCMP Veterans' Executive Meeting Minutes July 2/2024, Woodvale Community Centre, Edmonton

Special Call Executive Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order: 1:00 PM

Members Present: Jerry Plastow, Barry Callbeck, Jim Medley, Eric Lafoy, Tom Burkett, Nick Taylor, Shane Ramteemal, Dave Mitchell, Tom Burkett, Jim Medley, Linda Plomp, Tom Dunlop, Carol Blannin.

Unable to Attend: Randy Montgomery, Kees Kikkert, Elaine Schnepft, Bruce Allen, Denise Burkett.

Dave Mitchell, Vice President:

Dave called the meeting to order to explain the reasoning. Due to Tom Burkett retiring from the position of Membership coordinator, we have to have a motion approved to remove him from the Bank Account and add Carol Blannin in his place.

Linda Plomp made the Motion: That Carol Blannin be added to the RCMP VETERANS ASSOCIATION account as one of the signatories on the account located at the CIBC Gateway Village Branch, 100-10 Hebert Road Road, St, Albert, AB. T8N 5T8.

Seconded by Shane Ramteemal, Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 1:10 PM

Barry Callbeck, Secretary

Kees Kikkert, President

24/07/06
- 2024/07/06

Boy aged 4: Dad, I've decided to get married.
Dad: Wonderful; do you have a girl in mind?!

Boy: Yes... grandma! She said she loves me, I love her, too....and she's the best cook & story teller in the whole world!!

Dad: That's nice, but we have a small problem there!!

Boy: What problem?!

Dad: She happens to be my mother. How can you marry my mother!!

Boy: Why not?! You married mine!!!!

EDMONTON DIVISION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Woodvale Community Facility - Tuesday 25, June 2024

Meeting Called to Order at 7 :50 PM by President Kees Kikkert:

Barry Callbeck, Secretary:

- Motion to accept the meeting minutes of the General Meeting on May 28/ 2024 as published in the June Newsletter; Seconded by Joe Collinson, Carried.

Dave Mitchell, 2nd Vice President:

- KCIII Medal Nomination – Dave told everyone about the RCMP Veterans Association has allotted one King Charles Coronation medal per each Division. He said Shane Ramteemal and himself have been asked to start this process. Nominees need to be a current member of the Division and had to have been alive on 06 May 2024, have made a significant contribution to the Association and that all Division members have been given consideration. Once a nominee has been selected and the Division Executive Committee is in agreement, the name will be forwarded to the Association's Board of Directors. Full details will be sent out via email.

Tom Burkett, Membership Director:

- Pins and Bars were presented to the following members:
 - Bruce MacBean, 5-year pin and bar, Doug & Doris Stapleton, Pin plus 5&10-year bars, Larry Moore, 15-year bar, Les Wiszowaty, 15-year bar, Richard Bates, Pin plus 5,10&15-year bars, Jim Price, 35-year bar, Dave Mitchell, Vice President bar.



Tom Burkett, Bruce MacBean, Doug & Doris Stapleton



Tom Burkett, Les Wiszowaty, Larry Moore & Doug Bates

Meeting Adjourned - 8:10 PM

**Next Dinner Meeting
Tuesday September 24, 2024**

Secretary; Barry Callbeck



Tom with Jim Price

Tom with Dave Mitchell

Edmonton RCMP Veterans' Executive Meeting Minutes August 22/2024 Woodvale Community Centre, Edmonton – 10 AM

Meeting called to order 10:00 am.

Members Present: Kees Kikkert, Shane Ramteemal, Eric LaFoy, Jerry Plastow, Elaine Schnepf, Barry Callbeck, Dave Mitchell, Carol Blannin, Jim Medley, Nick Taylor, Leilani Collins, Courtney McCarron.

Unable to Attend: Randy Montgomery, Tom Dunlop, Linda Plomp, Bruce Allen, Dianne Lehman

Barry Callbeck, Secretary:

- Motion for acceptance of minutes for June 20/2024 as sent by email recently, seconded by Jim Medley, Carried.

Kees Kikkert, President:

- First female troop 50 years ago – 34 Challenge Coins received
- Jasper; two Vets lost everything - Jerry has been in touch with both vets by phone and email. Jerry advised that on behalf of the RCMP Veterans' Association Foundation he has spoken with two Veterans of the RCMP, who lost their residences and belongings. Both were provided an application for emergency assistance from the Foundation. One person advised he was okay while the second Vet member has submitted an application.
- Association Council Correspondence – 2024-06-07: matter was discussed and Kees will advise when there is more to report.
- Payment of the \$220 by Force for grave marker prior to retired member passing.
 - Force Policy indicates the \$220.00 can only be claimed by the estate once the member passes away, however, information has come to light a Division(s) may be paying this prior to the member passing away. Leilani advised this matter is on the agenda for the Warrant Officer's meeting first week in September and will advise of any changes following the meeting.

S/M Leilani Collins, RCMP Liaison :

- K Div Change of Command Ceremony - took place Aug 21st – thanks for all of the Veterans who partook.
- Noted: Depot National Memorial Sunday Sept 8 – Regina
- AB Peace and Police Officer Memorial Day – Legislature Grounds Sunday Sept. 29th
- CFL RCMP Appreciation Day – Saturday Sept. 7 – Ticket information to be sent and can be forwarded to Veterans for their use

Kees on behalf of Linda Plomp, Treasurer:

- Financial update
 - Chequing Account - \$10,972.36
 - Total GIC's - \$105,968.76
- GIC - Account #0255177 - and Account #2199277 both need to be renamed moving forward.

- Following discussions, Dave Mitchell motioned the two accounts be merged together when convenient and the account be named, “**Special Projects**”, Seconded by Jerry Plastow, Carried.
- Linda is starting to prepare the 2025 Budget and asks that Bruce assist her as per previous years.
- Linda also advised until we are reimbursed from the Association for the AGM, we are limited in cash funds

Shane Ramteemal, Vice President:

- Shane advised he and Dave are working on the final report on the AGM.
- Storage of Vet stuff, i.e., AGM materials, secretary hard copy files, etc. Following discussions, Dave indicated he will check on costs related to rental of a climate controlled storage locker and whether that would be a viable auction to store our Division’s paper records and other items .

Dave Mitchell, 2nd Vice President:

- Update on Web Based Microsoft Office Program:
 - A meeting was held with Glen Siegersma, the Association’s CAO during AGM who was very interested in the Program and felt the Association will move to managed IT services once his office is brought on line. Divisions across the country will then be invited to opt into using the system based on their own needs.

Jerry Plastow, Past President:

- The Donation Committee
 - Donations to Friends of Ukrainian Law Enforcement: Donations through the Association’s Veterans’ Foundation vs Go-fund-Me. This was discussed by the Foundation and as this group is not a registered charity with CRA , The Veteran’s Association Foundation is not able to provide any assistance.
 - Foundation donations to serving members. On behalf of the RCMP Veterans’ Association Foundation, and the assistance of Cpl. Cardinal, Peer to Peer Coordinator in K Div., Emergency Assistance Applications were made available to each of the 10 serving members in Jasper. Each member has received financial assistance.
 - Memorial donations have been made to various charitable organizations in memory of deceased Edmonton Veteran Association members. Donations have been made to Valour Place, Sturgeon Community Hospital Foundation, and the Veterans’ Food Bank, Edmonton to name a few. Family Members receive notification of the donation.
 - **Jerry also wished to remind everyone that Donations made to the RCMP Veterans’ Association Foundation receive a tax receipt.**
- Social Committee:
 - Appreciation Night Force Members attending. Due to budgetary restrictions, there will not be as many serving members invited as guests as in past years. As result of this discussion it was concluded a need to increase the Appreciation Night budget; as result the following motion was made.
 - Dave Mitchell to increase the budget by \$1000.00 to \$2,500.00, seconded, by Shane Ramteemal, passed.
 - New Member Stacey Talbot who operates Ned’s Wish would be a possible guest speaker, to be followed up by Jerry.

Elaine Schnepf, Director- Boost program:

- Several members and families have been sent Boost cards in July and August.

Carol Blannin, Membership Director:

- Membership numbers: Active: 388 Associate: 206 Unpaid: 24

Eric LaFoy, Director:

- “K” Division - Change of Command Ceremony - Aug 21, 2024.
 - Eric indicated it was an Excellent ceremony and very well organized. He also wished to thank the drill Cpl. from Depot who continuously monitored the troops as they stood throughout the long ceremony and assisted members who weren’t able to continue. He also mentioned the social gathering following the ceremony was an excellent opportunity for everyone to mix and visit members we hadn’t seen in a long time.

Nick Taylor, Director, Valour Place:

- Nick advised he will no longer be the Valour Place contact for Edmonton Division at the end of the year.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:40 AM

Next Executive meeting: @ Woodvale Community Facility September 19/2024 at 10:00 AM

Alberta Police and Peace Officer Memorial Day

On Sunday September 29th, 2024, the Alberta Legislature will host the Alberta Police and Peace Officer Memorial Day on it’s south grounds. This is an occasion to honour those officers who lost their lives in the line of duty in the Province of Alberta dating back to 1876. Today 101 names are embedded on the Pillar of Strength monument at this location and unfortunately 3 more names will be added.

To remember those who have gone before us and those who have and continue to proudly serve, **we are inviting and encouraging**, Regular Members, **Veterans and retired members** alike to attend in uniform and participate on parade to pay respect to all.

Your attendance and presence is important and meaningful. This event is open to the public, and as such all categories of employees, friends and loved ones are encouraged to attend and experience this meaningful event.

If you have not participated in the past, please consider doing so. If you are a returning participant or spectator your continued support does not go unnoticed. Representing the RCMP, by continuing to honour those who have served before us as the Provincial Police Force in Alberta is an important tradition.

For more information, please contact Kees at:
president@edmrmpvets.ca



Message from Deputy Commissioner Rob Hill

As the summer wraps up, I'm taking time to reflect on my first summer as Commanding Officer of the Alberta RCMP. This season has been an extremely busy time for our division. There have been a number of challenges, from wildfires to high profile cases. No matter what they have been faced with, our employees here in Alberta have risen to meet those challenges. Every day, I see them going above and beyond to serve their communities, and I am proud to work alongside them. I've also been lucky enough to celebrate with our employees at different events over the past few months. It's always great to interact with the community in positive ways, whether it's attending the opening of a detachment, celebrating at community BBQs, or marching with our troops at the Calgary Stampede.

Finally, I want to mention something that was very important to me both personally and professionally— the recent Change of Command Ceremony. While none of us got into this career for the recognition or to stand at a podium and give speeches, I was humbled and extremely honoured to celebrate that moment with my family, friends, and colleagues. Thank you to everyone who participated, whether on parade or behind the scenes. And thank you to the veterans who attended and assisted. Everyone went above and beyond to make me; my family and our guests feel so welcome. Thank you.

Rob

Deputy Commissioner Rob Hill

Commanding Officer the Alberta RCMP



Alberta RCMP and Depot Partner to Support Kids with Cancer Society

On July 16, the Alberta RCMP, in partnership with RCMP Depot Division in Regina, were proud to support the Kids with Cancer Society by donating an experience that two lucky boys, Ben and Logan, will remember for a lifetime.

Our Co-Commanding Officers (Co-COs) for the day started their journey to train at Depot by donning their cadet t-shirt and shorts at Alberta RCMP Headquarters. Once in proper attire, they piled into an RCMP Emergency Response Team vehicle to the Edmonton International Airport, where they were whisked away in their private plane to Regina.

Our Co-COs attended a parade to inspect the troops, learned how to drive on our 4x4 track, learned some special tactics from the Saskatchewan RCMP ERT team, and were guests of honour during the Sunset Ceremony.

During the event, the Co-CO's met with members of the Alberta RCMP Police Dog Services, Explosives Disposal Unit, and various others who came out to show their support.



Alberta RCMP Spearhead Remote Piloted Air System Expansion

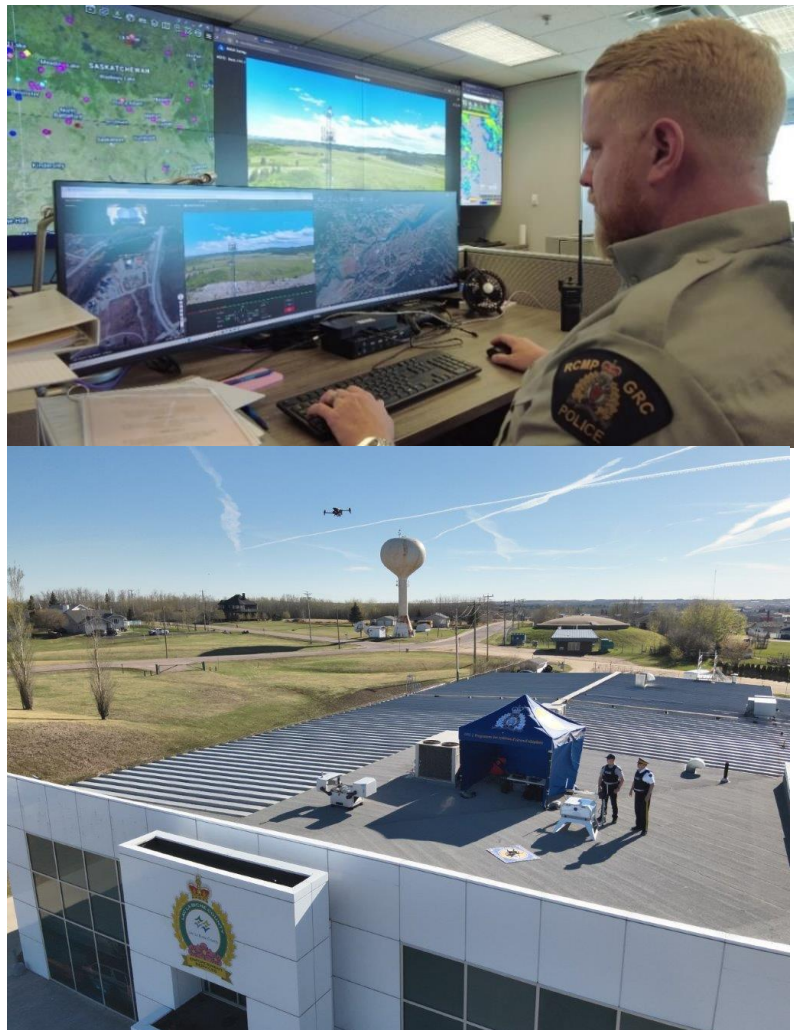
Throughout May and June, the Alberta RCMP participated in a pilot program to test Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), commonly known as drones, and how they can be used to respond to calls for services. The trials were held in three communities; a mid-sized community, Lac La Biche, a large municipality, Red Deer, and an Indigenous community, Stoney Nakoda.

RPAS technology is already used by the Alberta RCMP for a variety of needs including traffic accident reconstruction, search and rescue, major crimes investigation, and emergency response team calls. The trial was conducted as another step in exploring potential new ways RPAS technology can be used to help ensure the safety of Albertans.

During the trial period, the RCMP tested a new type of service delivery in which RPAS will be used to assist police responding to certain calls by providing air support. RPAS was deployed for various calls to service including crimes in progress, flight from police, suspicious persons, missing persons, assist EMS/Fire, and even to support natural disaster response. New technology was used that allowed members in the Real Time Operations Center to launch and control the RPAS from across the province.

The decision to further explore and expand RPAS usage was made following thorough research into the use of the technology by law enforcement in other jurisdictions. The decision is also based on recommendations to increase air support made by the Mass Casualty Commission following the Mass Casualty Event in Nova Scotia.

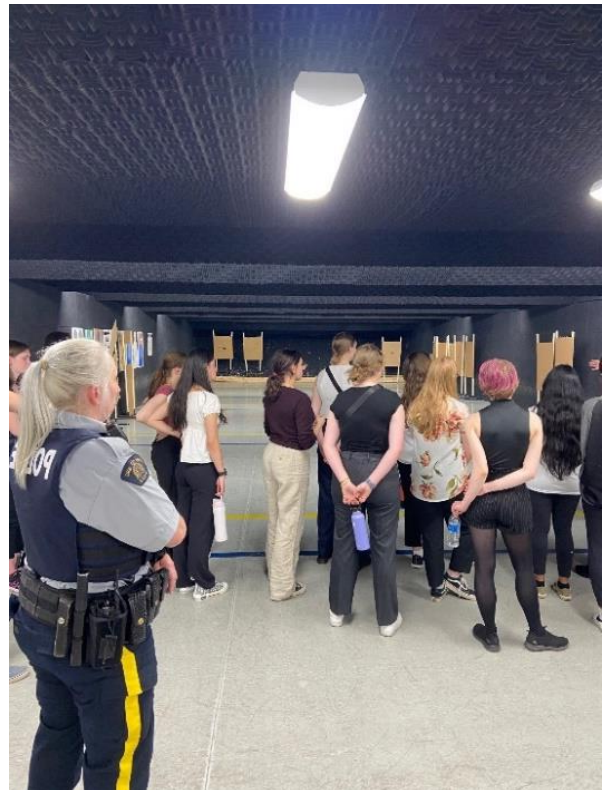
The expansion trials were done in consultation with the RCMP National RPAS Program, law enforcement partners, municipal and provincial governments, and industry experts to ensure that the program is developed to best meet the needs of Albertans. Following the trial, we are evaluating the program to determine if RPAS can be used to enhance public safety and will update the public on the results.



Headquarters Hosts 2024 Young Women in Public Safety

On July 9, we welcomed this year's participants of the 2024 Young Women in Public Safety program. They spent the day with our officers learning about firearm safety, fitness, and the more than 150 career opportunities with the RCMP.

Launched in 2017, the program aims to remove barriers to women in policing and offers high school students a chance to spend a week with various public safety agencies. They get to learn about the many different career paths available to young women in the field. As a collaboration between Public Safety Canada, the RCMP, CSIS, CBSA, Corrections Canada, and the Federal Parole Board, they spent a day with each agency, learning the many facets of the public safety sector.



Alberta RCMP Respond to Wildfires

Over the summer, Alberta experienced another significant wildfire season. As most of you probably saw on the news, the Town of Jasper was heavily impacted by the fires. The fires led to the evacuation of the community and the tragic loss of life of a fire fighter.

Throughout the emergency, our officers were on the ground helping to ensure the safety of the people of Jasper and those who were visiting the national park. With the help of our Divisional Emergency Operations Center, and the support of volunteers from Alberta Search and Rescue, our members cleared the area, ensuring that everyone was safely evacuated. In the days that followed, our members stayed behind, protecting the homes of those who had left.

While we mourn the loss of a fellow emergency responder and the damage done to an iconic Albertan community, it is important to recognize the hard work of all of those involved. Officers from across Alberta took up the call. They worked long hard hours keeping all of the communities affected by the fires safe. Throughout the summer, we had support from our partner agencies across Alberta. When the fires were at their worse, members from F Division and E Division provided additional support to help keep Albertans safe.



Whether they were manning a check point, helping evacuate a community, or welcoming people back to their homes, the work of our employees ensured the public could rest easy knowing that their community was safe, even when they weren't able to be there.



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Reg #	Name :	Date of Death:	Passed &/or from
23867	Dawson, William Sherwood	2024-06-08	Delta, BC
21832	Basara, Andrew Joseph	2024-06-10	Parksville, BC
WHY	Flaaten, Anna "Gladys" Myrtle	2024-05-21	Weyburn, SK
30290	Greep, Douglas J.	2024-06-24	Victoria, BC
23738	Howarth, William John Lyle	2024-06-10	Port Alberni, BC
19636	Whitehead, Robert Peter	2024-06-20	Ottawa, ON
25444	Myers, James Stephen	2024-06-29	Mount Pearl, NL
42482	Love, Wayne Roberts	2024-06-23	Melfort, SK
40168	DiCola, Stephen E.	2024-06-09	Russell, ON
27529	Overland, Edward Forrest	2024-06-04	Courtenay, BC
25130	Dussault, Robert	2024-06-02	Saint-Hubert, QC
16875	Borle, Joseph Hector Arthur Edgard	2024-07-01	North Vancouver, BC
A4036	Bootsman, Brian Neil	2024-06-29	Kelowna, BC
C/2911	Eamon, Janice Marie	2024-05-27	Halifax, NS
30895	Reid, Thomas Charles	2024-06-11	Not mentioned
19719	Fraser, Gordon Kenneth	2024-07-09	Moncton, NB
33953	Windle, Timothy "Tim" Patrick	2024-06-20	Delta, BC
43544	Falardeau, Marcel Marc	2024-06-29	Hull, QC
A00556	MacDonald, David Alexander	2024-07-07	O'Leary, PEI
41950	Lavallee, Guy	2024-06-18	Lac-St-Charles, QC
C/1569	Felker, Bonnie H.	2022-04-15	Edmonton, AB
32443	Caron, Nelson, Samuel Ovilla	2024-07-02	Sherwood Park, AB
34839	Lamothe, Robert Victor J.	2024-06-11	Ottawa, ON
S/446	Crozier, Charles Robert	2024-07-11	Hamilton, ON
25092	Burnett, Alistair Henderson	2024-07-09	Landsdowne, ON
33757	Paterson, Nigel Ross	2024-07-07	Nanaimo, B.C
25428	Clement, Gary	2024-July	Salmon Arm, BC
37786	Sharbell, Larry	2024-07-10	Beausejour, MB
21254	Robinson, Michael Frederick	2024-07-14	Saskatoon, SK
33682	Clark, Gregory Ralph	2024-07-14	Vancouver, BC
32766	Hunter, Glen William	2024-07-24	Edmonton, AB
34652	Johston, Marvin Frederick	2024-06-16	Penticton, BC
40177	Rutter, Arnold S.	2024-07-09	Kelowna, BC
16694	Leach, Willard James "Bill)	2024-06-24	Etobicoke, ON
21840	Symons, Michael Henry	2024-06-01	Victoria, BC
25604	Cliché, Michel	2024-07-13	Gatineau, QC
23910	Ellis, Michael Joseph	2024-07-27	Calgary, AB
S/136	Ear, Louis	2024-07-14	Thunder Bay, ON
C/9145	McAvoy, Michelle	2024-07-15	Nepean, ON
16781	McKenzie, James Ernest	2024-07-16	White Rock, BC

C/7870	Wei, Dongjiao	2024-07-19	ON
24576	Pearson, Kenneth William	2024-07-10	Vernon, BC
21301	Baron, James Fredrick	2024-07-21	Sherwood Park, AB
24401	Hamlyn, Douglas M.	2024-07-31	St. John's, NL
26637	Conlon, Robert	2024-07-21	Saskatoon, SK
32909	Campbell, John G. "Gil"	2024-07-12	Vernon, BC
18963	Ryan, James Brune	2024-08-01	Miramichi, NB
36792	Shelton, Russell Andrew	2024-08-02	New Liskeard, ON
C/1463	Roy, Michel	2024-06-14	Montreal, QC
40677	Munro, Phillip Murray	2024-07-30	NS
C/1642	Webb, Timothy Stewart	2024-08-03	Tatamagouche, NS
17296/0.627	Gardiner, Thomas McPherson "Scotty"	24-07-28	Oak Bay, BC
18579	Orr, Laurie Keith	2024-08-04	Bedford, NS
18234	Petersen, Neal Kenneth	2024-08-07	Ottawa, ON
17883/0.730	Colwell, Darrell Keith	2024-02-02	Ottawa, ON
24260	Brunen, Daniel John	2024-08-09	Nr. Warman, SK
28118	Henderson, Neil MacRae	2024-07-22	Gatineau, QC
27273	Warnke, Robert "Bob" James	2024-10-08	Regina, SK
18471	Murray, Kenneth W.	2024-07-22	White Rock, BC
S/1127	Tuchscherer, Leo	2024-08-03	Regina, SK
31371	Larose, Richard	2024-08-08	Quebec, QC
18928	Rooke, David James	2024-08-05	Leduc, AB
18641/0.962	Penney, John Minard	2024-08-15	Bridgewater, NS
A/Cst.	Day, Donald George	2024-08-16	Moncton, NB
WHY	Kolodychuk, Rudolph "Rudy"	2024-07-15	Sherwood Park, AB
21917	Mackay, not Edwin	2024-08-14	Smithers, BC
39522	Charron, J.S.J. Marc	2024-08-11	Dominican Republic
50166	Janes, Derek Todd	2024-08-19	London, ON
C/3203	Dubord, Louise	2024-08-18	Gatineau, QC
40034	Bernier, Dany	2024-08-17	Surrey, BC
22700	Harvey, Luc	2024-08-17	Montreal, QC
40171	Hammond, Patrick J.	2024-08-22	Gander, NL
PSE	Henry, Ida Lillian	2024-08-19	Ottawa, ON
54468	Plante, Karina	2024-08-17	Rigaud, QC
18457	Hepting, Harold Theodore	2024-07-26	Saskatoon, SK

May they rest In Peace

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