



Good Day Everyone,

As the banner indicates, summer is almost over. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves while it was with us. The Executive and myself have been kept busy with planning of next year's AGM for one and many other matters that I won't bore you with.

I am finding, at this time, **I need some help!** With other responsibilities, I can't continue with the Newsletter, and am hoping someone with a little creative experience with Word Format documents will step forward to put it together and I will help you if you need it.

I enjoy doing them, but it takes up a great deal of time and with all the other things going on, this is one area I just have to relinquish. Please let me know if you might be interested in taking over the monthly Newsletter.

At the June 20th Dinner Meeting we had Mr. David Schoenberg, Firearms Agent, Alberta Chief Firearms Office as our guest speaker. The reason for his presence all started when we became aware of Mr. William "Bill" Schoening of Las Vegas, NV desire to give an old Snider-Enfield rifle to the RCMP Heritage Museum in Regina. We therefore needed someone to help us authenticate the rifle so Mr. Schoening could legally import it into Canada.

As result Barry Callbeck broached Mr. Schoenberg at a gun show in Stony Plain in October 2022. Once provided some basic information he agreed he would assist with the importation of this historically significant Snider-Enfield rifle. He was supplied some information, but asked for pictures so he could do a proper investigation. Prior to pictures being sent, he started his research and learned the Snider-Enfield rifle was used by the North-West Mounted Police from 1873 until 1885. He discovered that Mr. Snider lived from 1811 to 1866 in Montgomery, Georgia, was a wine merchant and was the inventor of the breech loading conversion for muzzle loading rifles. As a side note, in 1833 he produced the first



David Schoenberg

raised print book for the blind in the U.S. The rifle's specifications are as noted to the left.

Once he received the pictures he referred to the ***Firearms Reference Table (FRT)***, a searchable firearms reference library, internationally

Snider-Enfield .577 Specifications

- Cartridge: .577 Snider
- Action: Side-hinged breechblock
- Rate of fire: 10 rounds/minute
- Muzzle velocity: 1250 ft/s (381 m/s) (original black powder load)
- Effective Range: 600 yards (550 m)
- Max Range: 2,000 yards (1,800 m)
- Feed System: Single shot
- Sights: Sliding ramp rear sights, Fixed-post front sights

regarded collection of firearms specs and data. FRT is used to assist in the identification and classification of firearms and contains technical information and images of verified examples.

Using the details obtained from the photos David searched the FRT and found what he/we were looking for. His final analysis using the FRT, and the photos provided he determined:

- ✚ The Snider-Enfield is an “Antique” (a specific legal designation)
- ✚ Antiques are not considered “firearms” under the Criminal Code
- ✚ No firearms license, and no importation permits required!

Once this was determined he prepared a report to assist in the importation of the rifle from USA into Canada.



Details of David’s investigation as noted above were taken from his presentation slides which David shared with me. Prior to his presentation, he was told the rifle was in Canada and the owner had no problem crossing the border, but unfortunately could not attend this function. He was a little disappointed as he was really looking forward to seeing the rifle. In fact we wanted to surprise David as Bill Schoening was present. So during David’s address Bill



came forward with the rifle meeting Bill for the first time as noted on the left. David was truly surprised and thrilled to see this historic rifle as noted in the picture to the right. The rifle itself was in a handmade scabbard, made by Bill’s father, Captain, Rtd. Howard Otto Schoening. Bill’s short story how he came into possession of this rifle is noted on the following page.



Jerry Plastow, Victoria Luczak, David Schoenberg, Susan Kirby, Bill Schoening and Kees Kikkert

The presentation was very interesting and many of those in attendance commented how they enjoyed it.

Should anyone desire a copy of the presentation, please send me a note to:
president@edmrcompvets.ca

Following the presentation, we gave Bill Schoening and his wife Susan Kirby and David Schoenberg and his assistant, Victoria Luczak, a small appreciation gift as noted to the left.

2nd August 2023

William (Bill) Richard Schoening
2009 Emery St.
Las Vegas, NV 89134

"The rifle" was part of my fathers eclectic collection of firearms. Many had been given him by neighbors and friends, primarily from WW2. There were forty-nine rifles, shotguns and handguns when I received the collection after Dads death in 1994.

Dad had little education, as he worked the family homestead in Pincher Creek, Alberta up to the commencement of hostilities in Europe. During his initial training, he was given the Snyder by a Mrs. McLeod, of the City of McLeod, Alberta. The rifle remained in Pincher throughout the War. I have no knowledge of the circumstances of this gift, or the reasons for it.

Dad received a battlefield commission early in the war, while fighting in Holland at Westkapelle. It was here, after the Canadians were successful in securing the port, the British were able to land their several tank squadrons. Dad was wounded in this action and was ultimately returned to England where he trained Allied Forces following recovery. During this time, he was promoted to the rank of Captain. At the end of WW2, he remained in the Canadian Army until his retirement in 1967.

The gun collection was always a part of the family and made the several postings with us. I am certain my Father would have approved, even encouraged, the donation of this firearm.

It was my honor to have done so. My dad's name and particulars are as follows:

Captain (R) Howard Otto Schoening
Born Pincher Creek, Alberta, 2 Dec 1923
Died 1994, Kelowna, British Columbia

Bill Schoening



Handmade scabbard

As noted above, this model was upgraded from a black powder version to a cartridge version. To do so the breech has to be opened manually by swinging the mechanism to the open position. To fire the hammer is pulled back ready to fire. Once fired the breech is again opened and pulled back slightly so the empty cartridge can be removed. A time-consuming process especially if one was in a position that time was of the essence.

We had four couples who were first-time attendees to our Dinner Meetings, and they are as follows.



Jim & Nancy Eglinski

RANDOM THOUGHTS:
- BEHIND EVERY ANGRY WOMAN STANDS A MAN WHO HAS ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA WHAT HE DID WRONG!
- IF MY BODY IS EVER FOUND ON A JOGGING TRAIL, JUST KNOW THAT I WAS MURDERED SOMEWHERE ELSE AND DUMPED THERE.

Wife: You pick dinner.
Me: Pizza
Wife: No
Me: Tacos
Wife: No
Me: Subs
Wife: No
Me: What do you want?
Wife: It's up to you!



Dale & Terri Gay



Claude Coupal & Jessica Smith-Coupal



Jennifer (Jen) Jackson & Tanielle Leblanc

Thoughts on Aging.....

"Wisdom doesn't necessarily come with age. Sometimes, age just shows up all by itself."

- Tom Wilson.

The following are a few other pictures of this evening.



Pictured above starting with their backs to us, Jessica Smith-Coupal, Claude Coupal, Dale Gay, Bill Schoening, Terri Gay, Susan Kirby, Betty Lee Rivers and just recently passed, Bill Rivers. ***May you Rest in Peace my Friend!***

**I'M SO OLD
I REMEMBER
MULTIPLICATION
WAS CALLED
"TIMES TABLES"**



Stella Devanthey and Al McLeod



L to R: Back to us - Vivian & Len Kilroy, Cathy & Bob Copeland, Tanielle Leblanc, Jen Jackson, Larry Willson and Dan Murchison. *I realized when putting this Newsletter together **Dan Murchison & Larry Wilson** were first-time attendees at one of our Dinner Meetings. Sorry about that you two!*



On July 6th the Social Committee met at the Plastow/Schnepf backyard to plan the upcoming September, October and December Dinner Meetings. Those in attendance, standing L to R, Tom & Denise Burkett, Elaine Schnepf, Linda Plomp and Jerry Plastow. Seated, L to R, Marg Elliot, Bruce & Wendy Allen, Stella & Jim Medley and yours truly taking the picture. Please believe me everyone, these events don't just happen, they take a tremendous amount of planning.

For our **Chaplains Corner** this month, I included this article provided by the K Division Chaplain Coordinator. This is such a great idea and THANKS to all the Chaplains for your dedication and service!

K Division Chaplain of the Year 2023.



K Division's Chaplaincy Program has now grown to be the biggest, most diverse group of people serving our RCMP employees and their families in Canada. Our Chaplains come from very diverse backgrounds and bring a wealth of experience in providing emotional and spiritual support for our employees and their families. They are trusted professionals from their local communities that have a heart to serve the RCMP. They are currently engaged in serving in over ninety different detachments and specialty areas in K Division and our Veterans organization.

This year we created an RCMP K Division Chaplain of the year award to honour one of our volunteer chaplains. In 2022 our chaplains served over 10,000 hours and had over 15,000 contacts with our employees. They were actively engaged in their areas of service providing encouragement and a listening ear whenever called upon. They were engaged with NOK's, attended watch briefings, sudden deaths, defusing's, debriefings, helped employees with family matters, weddings, celebration of life ceremonies and a list of other things too numerous to mention.

The annual award will be presented at one of this falls RCMP awards ceremonies and a large number of our K division chaplains have been nominated. **I would like to give a big shout out and thank you to all our K Division Chaplains for the many volunteer hours that they provide caring for our employees!**

Submitted by K Division Chaplain Coordinator George Madden

Thought on Aging.....

"First you forget names, then you forget faces, then you forget to pull your zipper up, then you forget to pull your zipper down."

- Leo Rosenberg

RANDOM THOUGHT

SOME THINGS ARE JUST BETTER LEFT UNSAID — AND I USUALLY REALIZE IT RIGHT AFTER I SAY THEM.



Happy Birthday

On the 8th August, a few of us visited Art Trace for his 90th Birthday. As one had to take the pictures, I cut and pasted Robert Bacchus into this one where I am standing beside Art with Gordon Grieg seated beside Art.



There has certainly been a great deal of consternation over the switch from Sun Life to Canada Life, in fact as far as I am concerned it's been a total boondoggle. If you have not yet changed over, please go to the [Canada Life](#) website and **start the process immediately**. Also, for PSHCP members with Comprehensive Coverage (living outside of Canada) they must now submit claims to MSH International (MSH) through the [MSH PSHCP Member Portal](#) or by mail using a paper claim form. **Make sure you have set up your account on the MSH PSHCP Member Portal.** Your new PSHCP benefit card also includes MSH contact information for out-of-province and out-of-country medical emergencies. For more information about submitting claims, check out the [PSHCP Frequently asked questions](#).

Another thing that has changed is **Pharmacy Dispensing Fees and Frequency Limits - Dispensing Fee Caps**. TAKEN FROM THE WEBSITE – [DRUG BENEFITS](#): *The PSHCP has a Dispensing Fee Frequency Limit, which limits the number of dispensing fees covered under the PSHCP for the same drug within a calendar year. The frequency limit only applies to maintenance drugs. **Members and their eligible dependants can claim up to 5 dispensing fees per year for maintenance medications under the PSHCP. To reduce the number of times a dispensing fee is charged and to stay within the annual limit, members can speak to their pharmacy to inquire if a 90-day supply of the maintenance medications can be provided.*** **There are exceptions, so PLEASE look into this, it can save you money!**

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

For those few who have not paid their 2023 dues, I urge you to PLEASE get this done as soon as possible as they are past due! If you are having difficulties with paying them via the RCMP Veterans' Association's website please contact our Membership Coordinator, Tom Burkett at: viflyguy@shaw.ca and he will be glad to assist you.

Now, if you are not already aware, the Association is raising dues again in 2024. As result, you will note in our Executive Meeting Minutes of August, 24th, below, the Executive voted that our dues will now be \$70.00 for 2024, \$55.00 for the Association, \$15.00 for Edmonton Division. There are many reasons for this, mainly because of the [Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act \(SC 2009, c. 23\)](#) and that we have fewer people joining Canada wide, although Edmonton Division seems to be holding its' own. Major costs for the Association is a soon to be launched new website, the Membership Management System, Insurance, Auditor yearly costs, the National Office which includes wages, and other expenses. If you have any comments about this, positive or negative, please don't hesitate contacting me at president@edmrmpvets.ca.

Please consider joining us this special day where one of ours will be added to the Memorial!

Alberta Police and Peace Officer Memorial Day



On Sunday September 24th, 2023, the Alberta Legislature will host the Alberta Police and Peace Officer Memorial Day on its 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.

Location & Time:

- Report to the RCMP Troop Commander at **12:00 hrs.**
- **Parade will step off at 13:00 hrs. sharp**
- RCMP members & Vets are to meet at the top of the **Guard Hut north of the Parade Grounds on 107 St at Legislature Bldg Rd.**
- Parking is available on site at no cost.

Order of Dress for Veterans:

- RCMP Review Order #1 with Strip Sam Browne
- Red Blazer with D-blue or black slacks, Blue Blazer with grey slacks
- Large medals with & Mourning Ribbon if you have one, on the blazer as noted in this picture. If in Review order on the left side of pocket flap closest to the heart.
- Wedge cap if you have one.

S/M Leilani Collins
Warrant Officer Alberta RCMP





Earlier this summer, Joe Collinson visited Herb Bowditch and presented him with a Pin and 5 bars as per the picture on the left - sorry don't have the names of the two young ladies. Herb then ended up in hospital and the picture on the right shows Jerry Forst and Joe visiting him.



The planning for the upcoming AGM being held in Edmonton on **June 7th and 8th, 2024** is well underway. With the kind assistance of Kimberly Bosch, Graphic Arts Specialist, Digital Media Group - Strategic Communications Unit, K Division, we came up with the above noted banner. The banner represents the North West Mounted Police arrival in the area of Canada now known as Alberta at Fort Whoop Up 150 years ago on the 9th Oct, 1874, hence the NWMP Crest. We will also celebrate our Division turning 75 years old on December 9th 2023. Next year will be the fiftieth year mark of the first female RCMP Troop being formed and we hope to celebrate that in some fashion as well.

During those two days in June, we will need some volunteers for various duties during the day. If you are interested, please let me know and I will advise our Volunteer Coordinator.

Don't hesitate contacting me with any questions or concerns and all the best to everyone.

Kees Kikkert, President

NEW MEMBERS – JUNE, JULY & AUGUST, 2023

Gordie Manson	#26946, Edmonton
Joe Wenisch	#44853, Sherwood Park
Salvatore (Sal) Scaglione	#S3153, Sherwood Park
Kathy Lemont	#061286303, Edmonton
Jerry Klammer	#29517, Mundare
Johanne Wirsta	#46115, Edmonton
Douglas Standing	#38265, St. Albert
Britta de Leyer	#38265A, St. Albert
Francis (Frank) Gallagher	#36467, Yellowknife, NT
Roger Baker	#24998, Cherry Grove
Harrold Abraham	#66066, Sherwood Park

Welcome to Edmonton Division and hope you find the time to join us at our General / Dinner Meetings.

RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION, EDMONTON DIVISION APPRECIATION DINNER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

Woodvale Community Facility - 4540-50 St. Edmonton, Alberta

MEET AND GREET: 5:00 PM. DINNER: 6 P.M.

Dress Attire: Business/semi formal or **Red/Blue** Blazer (No jeans please)

Dinner Menu

Prime Rib roast with Yorkshire pudding
Salmon coulbiac
wild rice pilaf, numerous salads
assorted squares, cheese cake, fresh fruit, coffee and tea

COST: \$45.00 per person (includes GST and Gratuity)

Payment: Cheque, Cash, Debit/Credit card at the door

Cash Bar

RSVP by Thursday, September 21, 2023, to jplastow@shaw.ca or phone 780-460-8661

Please provide the full names of those attending as **tables will be assigned with name cards.**
If you wish to bring guests, please **indicate your preference to whom you wish to share your table with.**

Please also indicate any dietary restrictions or allergies.

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Edmonton RCMP Veterans' Executive Meeting Minutes Jun 15th, 2023
Woodvale Community Centre, Edmonton

Meeting called to order: 10:00 A.M.

Members Attending: Kees Kikkert, Bruce Allen, Jerry Plastow, Elaine Schnepf, Jim Medley, Dianne Lehman, Nick Taylor, Eric Lafoy, Leilani Collins

Unable to Attend: Linda Plomp, Randy Montgomery, Tom & Denise Burkett, Tom Dunlop, Barry Callbeck, Bob Stewart

Jerry Plastow on behalf of Barry Callbeck, Secretary:

- Moved the minutes from May 22nd, 2023, Executive Meeting be adopted as published.
Seconded by Nick Taylor, Carried.

Kees Kikkert, President:

- Kees reported on what transpired at the Ottawa AGM:
 - Kees met with President Sandy Glenn, CAO Glen Siegersma & V/P Sandra Conlin the evening of 27th May and discussed the present financial situation of the Association. The discussions included the Member Management System (MMS), the Association's Treasurer position and the lack of a proper business plan. The conversations were fruitful, but all agreed more work has to be done.
 - National Police Federation (NPF) President, Steve Madden, spoke of the work being done by the NPF and building of partnerships with the Association.
- AGM 2024 – Edmonton: Next Meeting June 28th, 9:30 A.M. at Woodvale.
- Honour Guard will remain in Joe's care at this time.
- RCMP 150 Celebration at Parkland Detachment went over very well.
- David Mitchell has indicated he will come on board as an Executive member and may also help out on the Planning committee for the 2024 AGM
- 2023 AGM Expenses were over the Budgeted \$3,500; discussed and agreed it may have to be raised.

S/M Leilani Collins, RCMP Liaison:

- K Div Wall of Honour – have asked the family about potential availability for Thurs Sept 21 or Friday Sept 22 as family plans to be in area for the Alberta Police and Peace Officer Memorial Day to be held on Sept 24 – requested Edm Vets to set up a meeting (in next couple of weeks) in order to hear the vision of the Edm Association regarding planning of the dedication for Cst. Harvinder DHAMI addition to the wall. Will get this planning underway.
 - Kees /Jim to pursue appt with myself for this purpose (checked my calendar and I would be available morning June 27 or afternoon of June 26)
- Corn Maze – overview provided – invite for Vets involvement – how do you see the Veterans getting involved and how?
- 150th Anniversary – my sub committee (Anniversary Det. Event) update – Eric to attend meeting – brief update that funding commitment received in last 10 days – now plan to get Det Commander guidance out ASAP. Sub committee meeting this afternoon.
- Consecration of Guidon – Sept 8 – Depot – nationally Vets involved and certain more information forthcoming
- BBQ held by Calgary Vets very positive and successful – brought to attention of Edmonton Vets – do you want to pursue with Calgary for more details and perhaps consideration at K HQ?

Eric Lafoy, Director – RCMP 150

- Update – as per comments by S/M Collins above.

Kees on behalf Linda Plomp, Treasurer:

- Financial update:
Chequing Account \$49,471.97
Total GIC's \$101,291.36

Jim Medley, Director:

- Gift Shop still working to get the new Webpage live.

Dianne Lehman, Support Advocate:

- Advocacy Update
 - ✓ Dianne has assisted two Vets and followed up with two others since our last meeting.
- 2023 AGM
 - ✓ The AGM was a good opportunity to connect with Veterans Executive members from across Canada Dianne gathered information and networked with a number of AGM participants and sponsors to help further our need to add greater value to our Veteran members.
 - ✓
- Communications Committee Update
 - ✓ The Committee completed our new, national communication statement. It was presented to the National Executive Board at the 2023 AGM. They approved the statement and were extremely pleased with the work of the committee and the quality of the statement itself. It will be posted on the new national website.
 - ✓ Dianne is also on a sub-committee for the development of a new national Facebook account. The committee is continuing to develop policies and are also looking for one or two Veteran volunteers to manage and monitor this social media account.

Jerry Plastow, Past President plus Social Committee & Donation Committees:

- DONATIONS
 - ✓ \$300 donation to Beaumont Det for 150 Open House on June 10th
- Social Committee
 - ✓ Early July meet to finalize plans for the Appreciation, Dinner and the Christmas Dinner/Silent Auction.

Elaine Schnepf, Director – Boost Program:

- Very busy with losses of Veterans and Veteran family members as well as hospitalized members.

Kees on behalf of Tom Burkett, Director Membership:

- Unpaid number update - 21

Nick Taylor, Director – Valour Place:

- Walk for Valour: Sunday, 17th Sept

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 AM

Next Executive meeting: @ Woodvale Community Facility, AUGUST 24 AT 10 AM

EDMONTON DIVISION [GENERAL/DINNER MEETING MINUTES](#)
Woodvale Community Facility – Tuesday June 20, 2023.

Meeting called to Order at 7:44 PM by President Kees Kikkert

Barry Callbeck , Secretary: Moved that minutes for the General Meeting May 30/2023 be approved as published in the June Newsletter. Seconded by **Joe Collinson**, carried:

Tom Burkett, Director Membership:

- Services Pins and Bars for June 2023
5-year bar/pin – Dale Gay, Dan Murchison.
10-year bar – Simon Chance, Brian Clover.
20-year bar – Tony Taylor



Tom Burkett, Dale Gay and
Dan Murchison



Tom Burkett, Simon Chance and
Brian Clover



Tom Burkett and Tony Taylor

Meeting Adjourned 7:55 PM

Next Meeting is our Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, September 26, 2023

**Edmonton RCMP Veterans' [Executive Meeting Minutes August 24/2023](#), Woodvale
Community Centre, Edmonton**

Meeting called to order: 9:30 A.M.

Members Present: Kees Kikkert, Jerry Plastow, Elaine Schnepf, Barry Callbeck, Jim Medley, Eric Lafoy, Dianne Lehman, Nick Taylor, Randy Montgomery, Shane Ramteemal.

Unable to Attend: Linda Plomp, S/M Leilani Collins, Tom & Denise Burkett, Dave Mitchell, Tom Dunlop.

Barry Callbeck, Secretary:

- No motion for June Minutes as they have not been published

Kees Kikkert, President:

- AGM 2024 Edmonton next meeting Sept. 5/2023, 10:00 AM at Woodvale
- Discussion on Nominations for the Veterans Ombud Commendation, Shane Ramteemal to look into.
- Volunteers for the Wall of Honour ceremony for Cst. Dhami on Thursday Sept. 21, 2023, from 12:00 to 15:00 are needed for Ushering. Dianne Lehman, Nick Taylor, and Jim Medley have stated that they will attend, a few more would be appreciated.
- The gift shop Website is still showing incorrect information with respect to Hospital Parking Passes, i.e., Distribution List & type of parking pass. Jim Medley will look into it.
- Challenge Coin Update: Drone photos of the Fort in Fort Saskatchewan have been taken. All agreed once the coin design has been approved that we should order 400. The cost will require membership approval at the next dinner meeting.
- Kees reminded everyone about the Alberta Police and Peace Officer Memorial Day on Sunday, September 24th and asking Veterans to come forward to march and/or attend the ceremony.
- Medal Awards Ceremony are being held on Wed, Nov 1st in the Town of Redwater, 2 ceremonies, morning and afternoon. S/M Collins is looking for two or three Volunteers.
- The Association is raising dues by \$5.00 next year to \$55.00. To maintain us collecting \$15.00 each year, we would have to ask for \$70.00 total dues next year.
 - After considerable discussions, Nick Taylor moved we maintain our \$15.00, therefore total dues will be \$70.00 for 2024. Seconded by Dianne Lehman, Carried.
- The Rifle that was donated will be taken to Regina on Sept 7 and presented to the RCMP Historical Firearms Unit on Sept 8.

Jerry Plastow, Past President plus Social Committee & Donation Committees:

- Jerry advised the Donation Committee approved the following donations; all Items being obtained from the Gift Shop.
 - Whitecourt Detachment Regimental Ball and Silent Auction – \$80.00 (approx.)
 - Prizes for Valour Place Walk - \$100.00 (approx..)
 - Red Deer Vets Annual Golf Tournament on Aug 16 – \$100.00 (approx.)
 - RCMP Musical Ride Silent Auction and year end dinner – \$80.00 (approx.)
- Jerry received another request for the RCMP Serious Crime Regimental Ball in October. Silent Auction to be held with money raised to support Zebra and Luna Child Youth centers. Although the Donation Committee members recommended \$500.00, after discussions, the Executive approved a \$250.00 donation with items being purchased from the Gift Shop.

Jerry Plastow on behalf of Linda Plomp, Treasurer:

- As per discussions at the AGM Planning Meeting, a motion is required to open a separate Bank Account for the AGM, so Jerry made the following motion:
 - That Edmonton Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association establish a Bank Account at CIBC Gateway Village Branch, 100 – 10 Hebert Road, St. Albert, AB T8N 5T8. The account will be called "RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION, EDMONTON DIVISION AGM 2024". This

account will be used for all receivables and payments for the AGM 2024. Funds remaining after the AGM will be placed in the Edmonton Division Account.

Signing for this account will be any two of the following members of the Veterans' Association: Gerald Plastow, Linda Plomp and Don Belke.

Seconded by Dianne Lehman, Carried.

- Financial update:
 - Chequing Account \$42,513.02
 - Total GIC's \$102,004.92

Elaine Schnepf, Director - Boost Program:

- The boost program has been very busy with member's health and challenges.
- Elaine has received many thank you letters as well one with a donation for \$100.00 to the Association to further gifting of Boost. This will be forwarded to the Treasurer.

Eric Lafoy, Director;

- The Corn Maze will be celebrating on Sept 16 deferred to Sept 17 if rained out on the 16th. There will be static displays with helicopter, Dog and handler, a Force drone and operator, IWT, members from Parkland Detachment, Recruiting staff and the Edmonton Gift Shop Manager will have a pop-up store. [Volunteer Vets are needed from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM in Red Blazers.](#)

Jim Medley, Director, Gift Shop:

- The Gift Shop is busy as usual and will probably donate \$10,000.00 to our Division at the upcoming Appreciation Night Dinner Meeting.

Kees on behalf of Tom Burkett, Director Membership:

- As of the 9th Aug, Tom advised there are:
 - Active Members – 386
 - Life Members - 12
 - Associate Members – 212
 - Unpaid – 17

Nick Taylor, Director- valour Place;

- September 17 is the Walk for Valour and Volunteers are in place.

Dianne Lehman, Director, Support Advocate:

- Dianne has been working with several members and their families to help them through the challenges of getting information to the sources that can be of assistance.
- Also organizing a Veterans' Advocacy training program both in-person and virtual. The intent is to provide current and new Advocates with up-to-date training on an ongoing basis.
- National has applied for a grant to assist homeless and struggling RCMP Veterans.
- Dianne is networking with other local Veterans Associations to help get the word out about our association and the assistance we can offer.
- Legacy Place is a nonprofit housing organization with homes in Edmonton, Red Deer and Calgary. They offer home stays for serving and veteran members and their families in times of need. Dianne is trying to arrange a tour for Executive Members and the possibility having the Legacy Place Director attend a dinner meeting as a guest speaker.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Next Executive meeting: @ Woodvale Community Facility on **WEDNESDAY, September 20/2023**

Barry Callbeck, Secretary

CO's Message

With fall fast approaching, I want to take this time to reflect on the events that took place throughout the division this summer.

Over the past few months, our staff had the chance to engage in a number of community events and celebrations commemorating RCMP 150 across the province. From community barbeques and block parties, to marching in parades and the attending the Calgary Stampede, our members, employees, and veterans were out in full force engaging with Albertans.

We also connected with Albertans through a number of different youth camps and community initiatives. These opportunities not only allowed us to educate individuals on the ways we uphold public safety, but also build trust and community with those we interacted with.

Your work to reaffirm our strong community relationships, not only this summer but throughout the year, is the foundation of the RCMP's success in Alberta. For that, I thank each and every one of you.

Overall, it was a great summer season and I look forward to all that's to come this fall.

Commemorating RCMP 150

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Alberta RCMP. This summer, detachments across the province took the opportunity to celebrate with their communities.

Wetaskawin RCMP Partnered with Wetaskiwin Family and Community Support Services to host a Community Safety & Wellbeing BBQ. They had a variety of visitors including the RCMP Air Services Helicopter, the Youth Initiative in Lifestyle & Driving (YIELD), Alberta Sheriffs, and community peace officers. Inspector John Spaans, the detachment's new commander, was happy to help serve up some hamburgers and hotdogs to those who attended.

Killam RCMP hosted a gathering at the detachment in conjunction with the town's annual Blacktop Bonanza. The community gathered for treats and to learn about the various services the RCMP provides. Along with members from EDU and Recruiting, Alberta RCMP Traffic Services was also there to showcase the dangers of driving without a seatbelt with their rollover simulator.



Members of the Olds detachment were proud to march in the Town of Bowden's annual parade. Each year, the town selects a different theme. This year, in honour of the RCMP, the theme selected was "A Salute to the RCMP" in recognition of the work that the RCMP has been doing for the past 150 years.



Calgary Stampede

As in years past, the Alberta RCMP was honoured to participate in this summer's Calgary Stampede, The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth. Myself, RCMP Commissioner Mike Duheme, Musical Ride Performers, active and veteran members, RCMP employees and dignitaries, and the Pipes & Drums all marched together to kick off the festivities in the Stampede Parade.



The Musical ride preformed at the Calgary Stampede. Afterwards, they took time to meet and greet with the audience.



Myself and Commissioner Mike Duheme were fortunate to meet with the Parade Marshal of the Calgary Stampede, Jeremy Hensen, and other dignitaries while attending the opening ceremonies. Jeremy Hensen is a Canadian Space Agency Astronaut and will be part of the historic Artemis II mission to the moon.



Officers who were patrolling the grounds had the pleasure to meet with the vets who manned the Morley Hut Detachment. The retired members spoke to visitors about the history of the RCMP in Alberta, and about their service in the RCMP.

As usual, the Stampede was a great time had by many, including myself, and we look forward to next year!



Youth Summer Camps

The Alberta RCMP's Recruiting unit hosted several camps for youths this summer. During these camps, participants had the opportunity to learn about the discipline and hardwork required to become a member of the RCMP. They participated in daily fitness activities and attended interactive presentations from employees who work in a variety of specialized units.

At the end of each camp week, families of the participants were invited to ceremonies where the youth showed off the marching skills they learned during their time at the camp and received certificates marking their accomplishments in the program.

This year, due to demand, the Recruiting team ran additional camps with close to 100 youth participating.



The Lake Louise Detachment hosted their Heroes Week camp where children, ages 5-12, were introduced to a variety of units from the RCMP. Here they had the chance to meet members of the RCMP Explosive Disposal Unit and Police Dog Services, an RCMP helicopter pilot, as well as employees from their local detachment. The children had a wonderful time learning about the services the RCMP provides and asking employees from our specialized units questions.



Positive Ticket Initiative

This summer, multiple detachments across the province participated in a positive ticket initiative.

The Canmore RCMP detachment handed out positive tickets to children for things like practicing kindness or following bike safety. Those who received tickets were entered in for the chance to win a prize at the end of the program.

The Airdrie RCMP detachment partnered with the Airdrie Municipal Enforcement in a summer Bike Patrol Project to address concerns of community safety from locals. Community members 'caught' displaying good behavior were awarded with various treats.



Pride

The RCMP is committed to ensuring that everyone feels safe and is treated with equality and respect. It was with those ideals in mind that I had the privilege of raising the Pride Flag at Alberta RCMP Headquarters to mark the beginning of Pride Fest, a week-long celebration event in Edmonton that celebrates the 2SLGBTQI+ community.

Wabasca Detachment Grande Opening and Renaming

In late August, the Alberta RCMP celebrated the renaming and hosted a delayed opening ceremony for the Wabasca Detachment. Formerly the Desmarais detachment, the decision to change the name of the detachment to Wabasca (taken from the Cree word wâpaskâw meaning white grass, the traditional name of the Wabasca River) was done with the approval of the Bigstone First Nation, local Elders, and the Municipal District Council of Opportunity.

The Alberta RCMP is committed to building strong and lasting relationships with the communities it serves and to moving forward in Truth and Reconciliation efforts with Indigenous peoples of Alberta.



I want to thank you all again for your continued support throughout the year and during the many events we had this summer.

As always, take care and stay safe.

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Curtis Zablocki, M.O.M.

Deputy Commissioner

Commanding Officer Alberta RCMP

The Last Post

Reg #	Name :	Date of Death:	Where Passed &/or from:
41912	Smith, William "Billie" Jack	2023-06-12	Conception Harbour, NL
28179	Dunphy, Gerald Peter	2023-06-17	Bridgewater, NS
25190	McLaughlin, Harold Walter	2023-06-06	Farmington, MO
18499	Savoie, Guy Marcel	2023-06-16	Winnipeg, MB
16921/0.902	MacNevin, Kenneth Ian	2023-06-20	Fredericton, NB
C/1762	Golob, Margaret Mary	2023-05-30	Ottawa, ON
C/1382	Guevremont, Maurice	2023-05-27	Ottawa, ON
31023	Cook, Douglas Charles	2023-06-18	Russell, MB
C/1917	Hannon, Gerald K.	2023-05-18	Terrace, BC
32245	King, Michael Joseph	2023-06-23	Fredericton, NB
PSE	Delorey, Wendy	2023-03-21	Ottawa, ON
22857	Gray, Edward Christopher Jackson	2023-06-27	Fredericton, NB
18293	MacMillan, John Lyle	2023-05-23	Cloverdale, BC
25355	Culic, Dennis Louis	2023-06-15	BC
20998	Anderson, Sigurjohn Claire (Andy)	2023-06-14	Victoria, BC
C/1478	Clark, Carol Ann	2023-06-23	Kelowna, BC
17948/0.975	Brownlee, Ian	2023-06-28	Calgary, AB
23833	Carver, Ernest Wayne	2023-06-28	Cornwall, PE
20500	MacLeod, Allan Douglas	2023-06-27	London, ON
48043	Enns, Douglas Dana	2023-06-21	St. Albert, AB
21594	Chandler, John Wayne	2023-06-29	Perth, ON
17484/0/.668	Irving, Victor George Peter	2023-06-26	Vancouver, BC
38184	St. Vincent, J.R. Roch	2023-06-25	Beausejour, MB
30585	Oelke, Edward William	2023-07-06	London, ON
21655	Lock, Michael Donald	2023-06-26	Victoria, BC
18172	O'Brien, Michael Francis	2023-07-05	Halifax, NS
20037	Lucko, Gerald Donald	2023-06-24	Langley, BC
36770	Southern, Donald Charles	2023-07-04	Nanaimo, BC
14161	Levins, Arthur Crawford "Art"	2023-07-14	Calgary, AB
18875	Baynes, Bruce Leonard	2023-03-06	Parksville, BC
27652	Misner, Larry Eugene	2023-07-10	Powell River, BC
C/2306	Domshy, Dennis Allan	2023-06-23	Penticton, BC
40406	Paradis, Andre	2023-07-03	Edmonton, AB
24702	Coldham, Gary	2023-04-28	Parksville, BC
24224	Clarke, Peter Michael	2023-07-19	Dartmouth, NS
23117	Smith, Douglas Arthur	2023-06-29	Orleans, ON
19691	Dow, Peter William	2023-01-17	Vancouver, BC
19989	Bacon, Henry George	2023-07-13	Surrey, BC
17217	Helander, Kenneth C.	2023-07-18	Provost, AB
27137/0.1446	Swendson, Donald Milton	2023-07-19	Plano, Texas
23880	Irvine, James Laird	2022-11-22	Liverpool, NS
22654/0.1262	Kitteringham, Clyde Campbell	2023-07-21	Milton, ON
41499	Brunelle, Joseph Paul Emile Pierre "Pete"	2023-07-22	Edmonton, AB
24318	Watt, Keith Guy Patrick	2023-07-01	St. Albert, AB

23333/0.1462	Foy, Jean-Guy	2023-07-23	Gatineau, QC
17080/0.793	Lightle, Glen William	2023-07-09	Ottawa, ON
29994	Trewin, Douglas William	2023-07-30	Moncton, NB
21759	Wein, Douglas James Lawrence	2023-08-01	Kingston, ON
19526/0.1089	Quilley, Thomas Marvin	2023-05-04	Abbotsford, BC
18936	Naydiuk, Stephan	2023-07-31	Nelson, BC
34825	Robinson, Gordon Robert	2023-07-21	Sandy Point, NL
14696	Hovey, John Rudolph	2023-08-03	Strathcona County
16245	Stuckless, Louis Ambrose Gilbert	2023-08-08	Grand Falls-Windsor, NL
19363/0.1012	King, Bruce W.	2023-08-08	Orleans, ON
35942/0.2493	Burgess, Gerald Reginald	2023-08-08	Kelowna, BC
C/722	Harrison, Donald E.	2023-08-11	Ottawa, ON
23411	Campbell, Raymond McKay	2023-07-14	Spruce Grove, AB
41133	Monette, Robert	2023-08-04	Gatineau, QC
23701	Welsh, Maxwell	2023-08-13	Hammonds Plain, NS
16009	Gingara, Dave William	2023-08-02	Edmonton, AB
24448	Lavolette, Guy	2023-08-02	Ottawa, ON
16627	Jones, Donald F.C.	2023-08-14	Chilliwack, BC
22813	Chalin, Jean	2023-07-13	Montreal, QC
15156	McCheyne, William	2023-07-08	Surrey, BC
40372	Samson, Walter	2023-08-23	BC
21086	Stewart, Denys Alistair	2023-08-23	Petrolia, MB
23517	Bruinewood, Jake Willem	2023-08-11	Saltair, BC
27713	Barnes, Charles Wayne	2023-08-23	Pembroke, ON
40540	Warren, Wayne	2023-08-28	St. John's, NL
26265	Johannson, Wade Bradley	2023-08-22	New Westminster, BC
A/Cst.	Conley, James Edward	2023-08-27	Victoria, BC
C/6936	Virani, Leeann Marie	2023-07-25	Greely, ON
A/Cst.	Rivers, Harry William (Bill)	2023-08-27	Spruce Grove, AB
23868	Dichrow, Dale Edward	2023-08-25	Qualicum, BC
41696	Girard, Gilles	2023-08-23	de St-Jean, La Prairie, QC
17881	Anderson, Elvin Franklin	2023-08-26	Winnipeg, MB
18368/0.825	Copeland, Lyall George	2023-08-25	North Saanich, BC
PSE	Gray (nee Skinner) Janet	2023-08-29	Lucan, ON
C/602	Hill, Murray James	2023-08-31	Saint John, NB

May they rest In Peace

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