

RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION – NOVA SCOTIA DIVISION BULLETIN

Annual General Meeting: 7:30 pm - June 17, 2010 - "H" Division HQ. President George Savage presiding with 51 members in attendance.

DEATH OF EX-MEMBERS & MEMBERS RECORDED SINCE MAY 2010

Those who served elsewhere within the Force:

15912 Rtd Sgt Arnold B. McALLISTER 21 May 2010, Toronto, ON
22103 Rtd Cpl Wallace D. SHAW 17 May 2010, Oshawa, ON
20863 Rtd Sgt Richard James WILLIAMS 27 April 2010, Duncan, BC
14526 Rtd S/Sgt Robert CHAPUT 8 March 2010, Point Claire, QC
21912 former Cst Alexander STRANK Feb 18, 2010, Mission, BC

PRESIDENT: George advised members the final 2010 Charity Lottery Cheques were presented to the recipients at the Roadshow in Wolfville on May 26th. George presented a cheque in the amount of \$1,650 to Trinda Ernst for the Valley Regional Hospital Foundation and Insp Dave Brown presented a 2010 Charity Lottery Cheque (\$1,650) to Gertrude Morse for the Fidelis House Foundation. President George Savage presented the Grand Prize, Vacation trip for Two to Paris, France to Sandra Snow from the Valley Regional Hospital. A superb job by Diane Schofield the seller of the winning ticket also from the hospital, was presented with the \$50.00 seller's cheque. A final report will now have to be completed for the Alcohol and Gaming Authority.

Annual Roadshow: George advised the 2010 Roadshow has been completed. The Roadshow visited Annapolis Royal, Yarmouth, Bridgewater, Truro, Pictou, Sydney, Baddeck, Amherst and Wolfville. Those in attendance at each location expressed their appreciation and requested the Roadshow continue as an annual event. Wolfville was the last stop with 70 people present. George presented the following with their Service Awards: Phil Hopkins - 15 yrs, Bill Haines - 20 yrs, Ernie Hawboldt - 25 yrs and Peter Hatch (not present) was awarded his 30 year bar. The following members were Inducted by Master-at-Arms Garry McCay: Reg# 32740 Gary Huett, Reg# 29992 Kevin Cleary, Reg# 27048 Lloyd Melbourne, Reg# 29124 Ron Belanger and Reg# 41004 Joe Troke.

Survivors and Executors Package: The President encouraged all members to familiarize themselves with the package and complete same as soon as possible. It can be of great assistance if one or the other passes away suddenly. Vic Gorman will update the package as required.

2010 AGM Regina: Following are results for Resolutions tabled at the AGM:

- 1. From National Executive Amended Constitution and By Laws. APPROVED
- Op. Manual coming out to support Const/By Laws and can be found on national website www.rcmpvetsnational.ca under the Reference Section
- 2. Increase of \$1.00 (\$2-\$3.00) for Officers/Directors Liability Insurance. APPROVED.
- 3. Vets Trust Fund. Suggested that monies be donated to RCMP Heritage Centre – WITHDRAWN.
- 4. Newfoundland & Labrador suggested a motion on increasing spousal benefits upon death of member. WITHDRAWN. Pensions are fixed and indexed to COLA
- 5. Lethbridge is looking for a way to commemorate 125 anniversary of RCMP Vets with pin, coin, etc. It was general consensus that a lapel pin would be suitable. President Savage is a part of this committee and will report to us in a timely fashion.
- 6. Montreal Association have a retirement badge which is very similar to present badge of serving members. Although their resolution was late, it was voted on and APPROVED.

New National Executive: President - Tim Hoban; V/President - Cal Small; Secretary - Alex Geddes; Director - Jim Forsythe, Director - Murray Milne

The Drunk: After gunning his BMW the wrong way down a one-way street, the rather intoxicated young man was asked where he thought he was going by a curious police officer. "I'm not really sure," confessed the drunk, "but wherever it is, I must be late, because everybody seems to be coming back already."

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Wayne thanked the Vets for their support and advised the donation to Crime Stoppers from the sale of tickets was approximately \$1,033. Wayne reminded members if they have any amount of Canadian Tire money they can send it to him at HQ - Crime Stoppers or to one of the Executive members. The money will be used for a "Silent Auction" at the social after the November General Meeting. The money raised will be used to offset personal travel costs for the Roadshow Team. President Savage advised a door prize has been donated for the social in November which is a weekend family package at White Point Beach Resort. This package also includes meals and gifts upon check in. (Donated by Blair McKnight)

SECRETARY: Following is an update on the **PSHCP Pay-Direct Drug Card** (Ref Bulletin #24). Sun Life advised the Positive Enrolment process is scheduled to begin July 15, 2010. You **MUST** complete Positive Enrolment or you will not receive your PSHCP benefit card and as of November 1, 2010 your claims will not be paid until you have done so. You will need to complete Positive Enrolment by September 15, 2010 to allow time for processing. Sun Life will send information on Positive Enrolment to all members for whom they have a mailing or e-mail address. **By Mail** - Sun Life will mail an information package to you in mid-July if they do not have a valid e-mail address. The package will include a covering letter that explains everything you need to know to complete Positive Enrolment for yourself and your eligible family members - **on paper or electronically**; the Positive Enrolment Form; and a booklet that provides detailed instructions on how to complete and return the form. **By e-mail** - if you are registered as a user on the **Sun Life Plan Member Services website** and Sun Life has validated your e-mail address, Sun Life will send you an e-mail when Positive Enrolment starts in mid-July. With the information in this e-mail, you will have to access to Positive Enrolment Online using your current access ID and password. Positive Enrolment Online includes instructions that you can download or print if needed. In the meantime, sign on to the Sun Life site to make sure that the e-mail address they have is the right one. For additional information go to the Vets website www.nsrcmpvets.ca and under LINKS select Public Service Health Care Plan Bulletins.

TREASURER: Moody McKay provided Treasurer's Report with a Total Balance of \$65,838.27 . Moved by Moody McKay and seconded by Art Davy to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. Copies of the Mayerthrope Massacre book are still available and the total cost to members is \$25.00 per copy. If you would like to purchase a copy of the book please contact Moody McKay by email nrmckay@eastlink.ca or phone 405-6530. Treasurer also wished to remind all members the 2010 Annual Dues were payable as of January 1st.

MEMBERSHIP: Gerry LaPierre has been actively recruiting new members. Gerry encourages all members to try and recruit one new member during the year .

New Members Approved: (Active) Tom Aucoin, Neil Boutilier, Angus Emberley, Wayne Fraser, Garry Mumford, Peter Woolridge, Gordon Perks. Guy Roy. Bob Tunnah
(Associate) Neil Parnell, Angela Corscadden.
(Transitional) Mary Jane Vaughan

Inductions: Tom Aucoin, Neil Boutilier, Angus Emberly, Wayne Fraser, Peter Woolridge, Don Ash, Gordon Perks, Frank Skidmore and Wayne Johnson were formally inducted by Past President Terry Ryan who also welcomed current serving members Neil Parnell and Angela Corscadden as new Associate Members.

Recruitment: The 10% / 44 new members annual target has been successfully achieved in the first 6 months. Can we add another 5/10 % in the next 6 months? At AGM Regina the new national Howard Kearley membership plaque was approved. Our ultimate goal is to be the first Division to win this prestigious recruitment plaque at the AGM in St. Johns, Nfld. in 2011, the 125th Anniversary of the RCMP Veterans' Association. Lets show them what can be done if everyone puts their shoulder to the wheel. (See our website www.nsrcmpvets.ca under Articles for all recruiting material & forms)

Recruitment Campaign: Statistics by Region to date - Total = 44
Halifax - 23, South Shore - 4, Valley - 7, Cumberland - 5, New Glasgow/Antigonish - 0, Colchester - 2, Yarmouth - 0, Cape Breton - 3

HEALTH & BENEFITS: Phil Scharf is Co-director of Health & Benefits. He can be contacted by phone at 902-835-9847, or by email: phil.scharf@ns.sympatico.ca

SICK PARADE: Jim Webber was admitted to hospital in Antigonish on the 18th June with heart problems and transferred to Halifax on the 22nd where tests and corrective action is scheduled for Thursday June 24th. Gary Smith was taken to the Halifax hospital and had a stint put in one of the arteries going to his heart and was then sent home where he is presently recuperating. He will be off work for 6 weeks. Jim Arsenault reports that Sandy Horsnell has had several radiation treatments and consequently he tires easily. Jim doesn't believe he is taking visitors at this time.

FINANCE: Tom reminded everyone he is collecting aluminum tabs for 'wheelchairs'. One million tabs equals 1 wheelchair. Please turn over any tabs collected to Tom Lowe to assist with this program.

Politics: "Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards. If you disgrace yourself you can always write a book." -- Ronald Reagan

SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT: The Annual BBQ was held on Saturday June 19th, with 36 people in attendance, at the Austenville Owl's Club on Lake Banook Dartmouth. The theme this year was Hawaiian and Don MacRae wearing his grass skirt was the easy winner. Members grilled their own barbecue item and the rest of the meal was catered by Isobel Conrad. It was a great day for a BBQ and a good time was had by all.

Coffee and conversation in metro: The 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month in front of Pete's Frootique at Sunnyside Mall Bedford

New Glasgow area: July 7 - Settler's Saltwater Cafe Caladh Ave, Pictou (Lunch 12 Noon)
July 21 - Tim Horton's Pictou Rotary (10:00am)

Truro: July 28 - Chow Family Restaurant (Lunch 12 Noon)

SPORTS & RECREATION: The annual Vets/RCMP Golf Tournament is scheduled for Chester on September 16th. Registration 8:30 am with Tee Off at 9:00 am. Entry fee \$85 includes green fees and lunch. Open to all RCMP Veterans, spouses, friends, RCMP members and all other police agencies. All inquires should be addressed to Stu Ryder, 30 Aurora Ave., Halifax, NS B3P 1H4, Telephone - (902) 477-6789 or Email: sbyrder@ns.sympatico.ca. As space is limited all entries with cheques "MUST" be received by 3rd September.

Awards & Inventory. Jack MacLean advises he has some inventory items for sale including ties, license plate covers, window stickers and blazer crests. To purchase contact Jack via e-mail jmclean000@accesswave.ca or phone 434-4222.

50/50 DRAW: Winner - George Reid which he donated back to the RCMP Veterans' Association

Lobster Draw: Moody and Wayne

- 1st prize – \$200.00 cash or gift certificate for lobster - John Gillis Antigonish
- 2nd prize – Book – Jim Gillis – Div. HQ.
- 3rd prize – Book – Richard Robertson, Halifax.

MEETING DRESS CODE: The President would encourage all members and in particular Executive members, to attend the General Meetings and the Roadshow business meetings in Order No 1 - Working Dress. It shows pride and respect for the history and traditions of the Force.

Order No.1 - Working Dress: See www.rcmpvetsnational.ca under Reference /Administration Manual

- Male members - Navy blue, single-breasted blazer with left breast pocket, standard lapels and square side pockets with flap.
- Female members - Navy blue, single-breasted blazer with left breast pocket, notch collar, slash side pockets and narrow lapels. The length of the jacket should reach the hip, but not go any lower.

- Association's crest on left pocket.
- Two large gold RCMP buttons on the front of the blazer and two small gold RCMP buttons on the sleeves.
- **Dark grey trousers**
- White dress shirt for male members and white blouse type shirt for female members.
- Regimental tie
- Black dress shoes for men. Black low heel or flat heel dress shoes for women.

AGM 2011 - May 19 - 22 2011, St. John', NL (More info on website Links & Articles at www.nsrcmpvets.ca) If you do not have access to the Internet & would like to obtain a Registration Form please contact the Secretary @ 864-1363 and one will be mailed to you. Or you may contact the Registration Committee Roseanne Veitch/Alex McInnis directly at (709)739-9485. Note March 15th, 2011 has been set as the cut off date for early registration.

Registration Fees: For Entire Event - \$200.00 per person
 Banquet Only - \$90.00 per person
 Lobster Dinner Only - \$50.00 per person
 Spousal Luncheon Only - \$40.00 per person

AGM 2012 - Alaska Cruise, May 27 - June 3, 2012, Vancouver, BC (More info on website *Links & Articles* at www.nsrcmpvets.ca) If you do not have access to the Internet & would like to obtain a Registration Form or additional information please contact the Secretary @ 864-1363 and it will be mailed to you. Or you may contact the Vancouver Vets AGM 2010 Committee Chairman Tom Quilly @ (604)855-0147.

Cruise Details: Date : May 27, 2012 Cruise Line: Celebrity; Cruises Ship: Century
 Itinerary: 7 Night Alaskan Inside Passage Round-trip Vancouver (Passport required)

Price Per Person Double Occupancy (Including Port Taxes)

Concierge Class with Private Veranda \$2,217.81 (plus taxes \$181.00 and Gratuities \$87.20 per person)
 Premium Ocean View with Private Veranda \$1,698.77 (plus taxes \$181.00 and Gratuities \$83.57 per person)
 Ocean View Stateroom \$1,158.95 (plus taxes \$181.00 and Gratuities \$83.57 per person)
 Inside Stateroom \$1,044.76 (plus taxes \$181.00 and Gratuities \$83.57 per person)

Fuel Surcharge: Celebrity Cruises reserves the right to impose a fuel supplement on all guests if the price of West Texas Intermediate fuel exceeds \$65 per barrel. The fuel supplement for 1st and 2nd guests would be no more than \$10 per guest per day and for add'l guests in the room \$5 per person per day.

Payment Amount Per Person (Cdn) Due On or Before

Registration \$ 100.00 Sept. 30th, 2010*
 Full Deposit \$ 350.00 March 15th, 2011
 Final Balance Nov. 1st, 2011

* to be eligible for the FREE CRUISE DRAW. Registration dates continue after Sept. 30th and thru 2011 – see priority registration dates for details. Any registrations received prior to Dec. 31st, 2010 will receive a BONUS \$50US shipboard credit.

Priority Registration Dates: All registrations received prior to September 30, 2010 will be eligible for 'Early bird' prize draw – WIN A FREE CRUISE for 2!

June 14 - 20 National Executive priority booking
 June 21 - 27 Vancouver Division Members (in good standing) & Vancouver Ladies Auxiliary members priority booking (including family & friends)
 June 28 - July 4 All Veteran Division Members (in good standing) & All Ladies Auxiliary members priority booking (including family & friends)
 July 5 – Aug. 4 All Ex-RCMP (not a paid Veterans' Association member) & Serving RCMP Members priority booking (includes family & friends)
 Aug. 5 – Sept. 30 All members of the Police Community & for those that may have missed their priority booking date as listed above (includes family & friends)

38 BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE:

W. Mott, B. Jenkins, R. MacKenzie, J. Pushie, D. Cunningham, P. Rodd, D. Watters, F. Delorey, D. Kilcup, T. Penney, R. Tunnah, D. daSilva, N. Hallett, D. Marston, R. Humble, A. Peck, B. Hussey, M. Roy, E.G. Grant, D.A. Brown, A. Tobey, B.P. Brown, F. Falconer, E. Glinz, T. Petit, W. Curran, A. Doyle, L. Fraser, A. MacLean, R. Riley, D. White, G. Huett, D. Bishop, T. Lowe, W. Spence, R. Richard, K. Crosland, B. Mellish

President George Savage along with the Executive Team wish all members and their families a wonderful and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing everyone in September at the start of the Fall Session.

Next General Meeting - Thursday, September 16th, 2010

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The Surgeon: A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop. The surgeon was there, waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his bike. The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey, Doc, can I ask you a question?" The surgeon a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?" The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic... "Try doing it with the engine running."