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Newsletter and Meeting Minutes of January 20th, 2011

RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION - NOVA SCOTIA DIVISION BULLETIN
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 7:30 pm - January 20th, 2011
@ Piers Military Community Centre, CFB Windsor Park, Halifax, NS

A G E N D A

President George Savage presiding. 75 persons in attendance.

DEATHS OF EX-MEMBERS & MEMBERS RECORDED SINCE OCTOBER 2010

Having served or passed on in Nova Scotia:

15126 Rtd Sgt Gerald A. GRIFFIN, Oct 03, 2010 Langley, BC
18897 Rtd S/Sgt Glen MacTavish COPELAND, Nov 08, 2010 Ottawa, ON
32142 Rtd S/Sgt Joseph Felows DICKIE, Nov 12, 2010 New Glasgow, NS
18668 Rtd Sgt Donald F. MARSTON, Nov 12, 2010 Wolfville, NS
22219 Rtd S/Sgt Harris Kelly PALMER, Nov 15, 2010 Halifax, NS
Honourary Mbr. Mary MACDONNELL, Nov 20, 2010, Halifax, NS
19281 Rtd S/Sgt John (Jack) Malcolm RICHARDS, Dec 02, 2010 Windsor, ON
O.629 Rtd Insp. George Thomas PICCOTT, Dec 11, 2010, Lower Sackville, NS
27880 Ex-Cst Bonnie MORRISON, Dec 28, 2010, Evansburg, AB
17038 Rtd S/Sgt Blair Donald MCALEENAN, Jan 09, 2011, Dartmouth, NS

Those who served elsewhere within the Force:

15535 Former 2/Cst Joseph Alphonse Jean Pierre GUIMOND, Oct 03, 2010 Quebec, PQ
31644 Former Cst Barry Edwin WOLNEY, Oct 20, 2010 Edmonton, AB
25730 Former Cst Kenneth George SCHNEIDER, Oct 20, 2010 Vancouver, BC
15350 Rtd Sgt R.F.D. WALKER, Oct 30, 2010, Kelowna BC
15126 Rtd Sgt Gerry A. GRIFFIN, Oct 31, 2010 Langley, BC
13232 Former Cst Ralph William Frances WESTON, Nov 04, 2010 Oshawa, ON
14221 Rtd Sgt Lloyd Jay KLASSEN, Nov 5, 2010 Victoria, BC
13408 Rtd Sgt Elgin A.S. "Sam" HAMILTON, Nov 06, 2010 Edmonton, AB
13667 Former Cst Emilian POPOVICH aka Milton POPE, Nov 08, 2010 White Rock, BC
21728 Rtd Sgt John Francis NEAVE, Nov 08, 2010 Carleton Place, ON
20731 Rtd S/Sgt T.S.K. "Tom" BROWN, Nov 09, 2010 Oakville, ON
19611 Rtd S/Sgt Robert William BURCHETT, Nov 11, 2010 Ottawa, ON
32142 Former Cst Wm. John "Jack" HOOPER, Nov 12, 2010 Toronto, ON
C/1434 Rtd C/M Milva E. TURNBULL (nee SMITH), Nov 13, 2010 Ottawa, ON
16602 Rtd Sgt Thomas Woodhouse FOSTER, Nov 13, 2010 Langley, BC
17949 Rtd Sgt John M. HILASH, Nov 13, 2010 Edmonton, AB
17446 Rtd Sgt Frederick Fraser URQUHART, Nov 14, 2010 Kirsteadville, NB
18236 Rtd Cpl Vernon G. MEYER, Nov 14, 2010, Abbotsford, BC
22433 Rtd Sgt Joseph Gabriel LACROIX, Nov 15, 2010 Lac Megantic, QC
27280 Former Cst Michael SHUKYNSKI, Nov 16, 2010 Fort Saskatchewan, AB
40830 ???????? Richard Alan OLSEN, Nov 18, 2010, Calgary, AB
20504 Former Cst Garth Allen WINTERINGHAM, Nov 20, 2010 New Westminster, BC
15318 Rtd S/S/M David Willoughby THURSTON, Nov 23, 2010, London, ON
19819 Rtd S/Sgt Joseph Hughes Andre Roger FORTIN, Nov 23, 2010, Ottawa, ON
24000 Former Cst James Douglas BELL, Nov 28, 2010 Wadena, SK
22675 Rd Sgt Irwin s. GOERTZEN. Dec 01, 2010, Ottawa, ON



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33747 ??? ??? Ronald James GRIFFITHS, Dec 5, 2010 Kelowna, BC
18816 Rtd Supt Michael Francis KERR, Dec 06, 2010, Ottawa, ON
14632 Rtd C/Supt George Roger HAMELIN, Dec 08, 2010. Orleans, ON
15010 Rtd S/Sgt Thomas Stanley EDMONDSON, Dec 09, 2010, Calgary, AB
18035 Former Cst Donald Edward Joseph TOWNE, Dec 12, 2010 Regina, SK
S/1135??? S/Cst Peter CLOTHIER, Dec 12, 2010 Victoria, BC
21679 Rtd S/Sgt Gerald Wayne (Gerry) MILLER, Dec 14, 2010 Fairmont Hot Springs, BC
24166 Rtd ????? Ian WEATHERBY, Dec 17, 2010 Chilliwack, BC
18563 Rtd Sgt Kenneth E. TAYLOR, Dec 21, 2010, St. John, NB
16863 Rtd ??? Anthony (Tony) KOZAK. Dec 23, 2010 Winnipeg, MB
14030 Rtd ??? Adolphous (Bill) Johnson LEAS, Dec 27, 2010 Squamish, BC
18008 Rtd Insp Peter John BORYS, Dec 26, 2010, Ottawa, ON
17685 ??? ??? Merlin Julius VAN De KINDER, Jan 1, 2011 Surrey, BC
26273 Rtd Sgt John Stuart HIGH, Jan e, 2011 Battleford, SK



Widows:

Julia Smith (Ujhazi) Dec 03, 2010 Halifax, NS - Widow of S/Sgt. Doug Smith

PRESIDENT: President Savage wished everyone present a Happy New Year for 2011.

Members were notified of the upcoming “H” Division Regimental Charity Ball to be held on Saturday, September 10th, 2011 at the Word Trade and Convention Centre, Halifax. Proceeds from the Ball will be used as part of the Sgt Mark Gallagher Memorial Vocational School Project fund raiser for the construction and furnishing of a new vocational school to be located in Riviere Froide, Haiti. Further details to follow as members of the Veterans’ Association have been asked to participate with this project.

Members were advised that Immediate Past President Terry Ryan would be forming a committee to seek nominations for elections of the 2012 - 2013 Division Executive. If you wish to nominate a member for a position on the Executive please contact Terry Ryan.

Valentines Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, February 10th, 2011 at 11:30 am, **Opa Restaurant**, 215 Chain Lake Dr., Halifax, NS. (Menu can be viewed at www.opataverna.com)

The Guest Speaker for the February General Meeting will be Wayne Maxwell speaking on Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSS). Wayne has a lot of experience in this area and has given a number of talks and workshops on this topic. If you have any questions or concerns on this topic it would be a good opportunity to question an expert.

President Savage stated he has received an invitation from S/M Rick Chadwick inviting all vets to attend the Change of Command ceremony to be held on Thursday, February 24th at 2:00 pm in the Seamanship Division complex at CFB Windsor Park (behind “H” Div HQ).

Plans are currently being made to hold a Tri-Mess Social on Friday, April 15th, 2011 at the “H” Division HQ General Mess. The association is trying to get Philip Riteman, a Holocaust Survivor as guest speaker. Further information will be provided when additional details are known.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: Wayne Noonan advised that as of January 20th we have not received confirmation on the RCMP Musical Ride. They are currently waiting for funding approval. We do anticipate a positive response and our show dates are August 13/14, 2011 at Exhibition Park in Halifax. If we can sell out the four performances we are looking at a matinee and evening show each day.

The proceeds(profits) of this venture are to be shared equally, after expenses, with Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers Association. Our share of the profits will be equally divided amongst the eight Regions in the province.

Wayne stated it is his intention of not only involving members or our division but says this would also be an ideal opportunity to utilize the talents of our spouses/partners and our Stetson and Spurs.

In order to maximize our profits we need a strong commitment from our team members. We are also exploring partnering with corporate NS. For example we thought of having each horse sponsored by a local business and we, in turn, can offer photo ops with the horses and members of the ride.

We will be looking for a local radio station to come on board and we can comp them tickets for their support and promotion of the ride dates and show times.

Wayne also stated a request has been received from the Peggy’s Cove Heritage Commission and the Ride has agreed to provide a couple of horses to participate in the 200th Anniversary celebration of the incorporation of the village of Peggy’s Cove.

Canadian Tire Money - Wayne advised he has a small amount of Canadian Tire money but wanted to remind all vets throughout the division that he still collecting Canadian Tire money and it will again be used to purchase auction items for the General Meeting in November.

SECRETARY: Roy Smith advised the new Web Page is presently under construction. Most of the initial work has been completed and information from the old site has been moved to the new site. The advantage of the new site is that it is being provided at no cost to the association. The site is being hosted by the National Association and Bryan Neville is providing WebMaster services. There will be a ‘Members Only’ section which will require a password for access. Currently the plan is to shut down the old site at the end of this month. Information on the new site address [www.ns.rcmpvet.ca] and ‘Members Only’ password will be provided to the membership by email..

A 2011 Calendar of Events has been prepared & will be mailed & emailed to the membership. It will also be placed on the new website. Efforts are also underway to place a dynamic calendar on the website. Members will be advised when this has been completed. The secretary encouraged outside Regions to notify him of upcoming events and activities within their Region so it may be added to the calendar. Members were advised to include the civic address for the event or activity as the dynamic calendar will have a mapping feature associated with it.

TREASURER: Moody McKay provided Treasurer's Report with Chequing Account Balance \$10,914.24 and Investment Account \$62,936.00. Balance as of January 20th, 2001 is \$72,850.24. The balance of the Benefit Trust Fund as of November 2010 was \$2,583.56. Copy of Account provided to membership. Moody wanted to remind members that the 2011 dues (\$40) are payable as of January 1st. Dues are to be paid to the Treasurer Moody McKay.

125th Anniversary Vehicle Plate and Lapel Pin: Moody McKay advised the Executive has approved the design and sale of a distinctive commemorative 125th Anniversary Vehicle Plate and Lapel Pin. The plate and lapel pin will be marketed within the Division and also advertised for sale nationally. Moody made a motion to approve funding up to \$3,300 for the initial expense to purchase 500 plates and 750 pins. The motion was carried and the vehicle plate & pin should be available for sale late January or early February when they are received from the supplier. The cost of the commemorative Vehicle Plate is \$10.00 and the Lapel Pin is \$5.00. Both the Plate and Pin may be purchased together at the same time for a cost of \$13.00. To order contact Moody McKay by email - mrmckay@eastlink.ca or by phone - (902) 405-6530. Make cheque(s) payable to RCMP Nova Scotia Veterans' Association, and mail your payment (cheques only) to RCMP Nova Scotia Veterans' Association, 407-347 Portland Hills Dr., Dartmouth, NS B2W 0A7.

Conrad Memorial Fund Application: Moody McKay advised there was only one application received for the Conrad Memorial Fund and it was received from the Bridgewater Region on behalf of the Lunenburg County Association for the Specially Challenged also known as 'The Ark'. As there was only one application to be considered Moody made a motion that the 2011 Conrad Memorial Fund go to the Lunenburg County Association for the Specially Challenged. The motion was carried.

Missing Person....*A wife went to the police station with her next-door neighbour to report that her husband was missing. The policeman asked for a description. She said, "He's 35 years old, 6 foot 4, has dark eyes, dark wavy hair, an athletic build, weighs 185 pounds, is soft-spoken, and is good to the children." The next-door neighbour protested, "Your husband is 5 foot 4, chubby, bald, has a big mouth, and is mean to your children." The wife replied, "Yes, but who wants HIM back?"*

MEMBERSHIP: Gerry LaPierre stated the recruitment target for the year was 42 and as of December 31st, 2010 we had exceeded this target and recruited 91 Active members. The total for all classes, including Active, Associate, Hounorary, and Transitional was 106. Gerry advised the President had issued a challenge to the Regions to reach their specific target and the Region which exceeded their target by the highest percentage would have their Regions name engraved on an annual plaque and also receive a \$100 Refreshment award. Cumberland was this year's winner with a target of 2 they recruited 6 new members or 300%. President George Savage wanted to congratulate everyone for a very successful Recruitment Campaign and he believes this will put us in the running for this year's National Recruitment Howard Kearley Award to be presented at the 2011 AGM in St. John's NL

National Task Force Membership Strategy: Gerry advised he and George Savage were on the committee with Jim Medley and Chaired by Larry Power to develop a national membership strategy. Gerry stated that he and George were writing the first draft of a strategy and will be sharing this draft with the committee shortly. Gerry stated this Division is taking a leadership role in developing a National Membership strategy which gives us a chance to put our ideas and initiatives to the forefront. Gerry advised he expects to have the first draft completed for presentation to the membership at the February meeting.

Associate/Honourary: Gerry advised that part of his challenge in recruitment came from members of the Veterans' Association themselves who were asking why their spouses/partners could not join as Associate members. It was noted that a Resolution was passed at the 2009 AGM in Whitehorse that spouses/partners of Active members could the join the Association as Associate members. Gerry then made a motion to define the Nova Scotia Division Operations Manual definition of Associate and Honourary Member. Associate members now includes two Categories. Category 1 includes Serving Regular and Civilian Members of the RCMP who have received the Good Conduct/ Long Service medal or award, and Category 2 includes former RCMP Public Servant, Term Contract Employee, Spouse/Partner of an Association Active member, Spouse/Partner of a Non-Association former or deceased member or Spouse/Partner of a deceased Serving member. Associate members in Category 2 has voting privileges only on matters within the Division, is not eligible to hold elected Executive Office and is required to pay the annual Division membership dues but not the National per capita assessment. The motion was carried.

Life Members: Jack McLean stated he has looked into our current status and definition of Life Membership and the current criteria was vague and unworkable. Jack advised to his knowledge this Division hasn't named anyone as a Life Member for the last ten years. Jack made a motion to more accurately define the criteria by which a member may become a Life Member. Jack informed those present under this definition there would be two categories in which a member could be designated a Life Member. The first category would apply automatically when a member reaches 80 years of age with a minimum of 15 years in the Association. The second category would require on a

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NAME: _____	REG. NO. _____
MAILING ADDRESS: _____	
TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____	
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Send to:	RCMP Veterans' Assoc. 407-347 Portland Hills Dr., Dartmouth, NS B2W 0A7

recommendation from an Active or Life Member, be approved by the Executive and voted on at a General meeting prior to being recommended for Life Membership to the National President. The motion was carried.

Auxiliary Workshop Results - Recruitment: Karen Murnaghan presented a report in relation to her meeting with the Ladies Auxiliary on Thursday, November 18th, 2010. Karen outlined the process used to arrive at the findings within her report. Three objectives were identified, the first being to look at the process for the Auxiliary Program for recruitment and retention and the challenges associated with it. The second was what was the Vision of the Auxiliary Group and where did they want to be in five or ten years. The third objective was to identify and prioritize the steps necessary to achieve the Vision. Gerry LaPierre thanked Karen for all the work she put into preparing the Auxiliary Workshop Results document. Gerry explained the reason for the document was to try and define the Auxiliary Group and its relationship to the Veterans' Association. It is now up to the members of the Auxiliary Group to decide on what action if any they want to take after a review of the documentation.

New Approved Applications: The following applicants were approved for Active Membership: Arthur Aucoin, Denis Bouchard, John Conohan, Gary Coolen, Bruno Deveau, Lloyd Doucette, Janice Eamon, Donald Fraser, Marc Gauthier, Alan Griffiths, Gregory Henley, William Hogan, Steven Hudson, Robert Kelly, Brian Lidstone, Gary MacConnell, Howie MacKenzie, William McCann, Gregory McGrath, Wayne McCay, Burt McNeil, Larry Meldrum, Harold Northrop, Carlos Perry, Donald Peters, Lawrence Pryde, David Scharf, Vernon Shehhy, Mitch soucie, Robert Steward, Brian Theriault, Richard Wadden. The following applicants were approved for Associate Membership: Laurie Flindall, Mike MacAlpine, Julie Matthews. (Note Julie Matthews is the first Associate Member to join who is the spouse of an Active Member [Gary Grant]. Julie has also joined the Executive Team as Membership Recruiting Coordinator).

Hair Colour...Two women are talking about marriage. One woman says: "I wonder if my husband will love me when my hair is gray." "Why not? He's loved you through three shades already." Replied her friend.

SERVICE AWARDS & INVENTORY: Jack McLean reminded members that last September the new larger membership pin was adopted and we have been issuing this pin since last September to new members. There are a number of members between 15 years service and those inducted prior to September 2010 that don't have the large service pin. Jack advised he has a list of eligible members and if they do not have the new pin to see him as the new pin may also have 5, 10 or 15 year service bar attached to it.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS: Jim Arsenault advised the Valley Region holds regular meetings each month. They have also scheduled Philip Riteman, a survivor of the Holocaust as a Guest Speaker for their meeting on March 23rd.

SICK PARADE: Hugh Robicheau advised he is at home and feeling fairly well after completing a series of chemotherapy for lung cancer. Ray Zinck was in hospital for prostate surgery but is now at home and feeling very well. He thanked the Vets for the card & gift and stated he really enjoyed Nigel Green's Visits. Bill Vance is in hospital. He is having some pain and was advised the cancer has spread. Lew Searle is currently making frequent trips to the hospital for blood tests. Ernie Crandall is undergoing kidney dialysis at the QEII hospital.

Survivors & Executors Package: Pat Burgess wanted to remind all members of the importance of completing the Survivors and Executors Package. She stated that her late husband Don had completed the packages and it was of tremendous help during a most difficult time. Pat reminded members they were not completing it for themselves but to assist loved ones who have to cope with the loss.

Snowbirds: The following is from the Treasury Board Web Site in relation to the limitation on filling drug prescriptions. *Question #28. Why is there a day-supply limit on some of my prescriptions?*

The Public Service Health Care Plan provides coverage for eligible prescription drugs and medical supplies through the new benefit card. If your doctor has prescribed a medication for an extended period, you can receive up to a 100-day supply at a time. If you will be travelling and need more than a three-month supply, contact the Sun Life PSHCP call centre. Sun Life will make a notation on your file so that you can purchase an additional 100-day supply with your benefit card. This file update will take two business days to reach your pharmacy. The Sun Life PSHCP call centre is open from 6:30 am to 8:00 pm, Monday to Friday (EST), in the National Capital Region, at 613-247-5100 or toll free at 1-888-757-7427. I spoke with Sun Life and was told that alternatively you can pay upfront & submit the bill later for payment. You can view other Questions & Answers on the Treasury Board's Web Site:

<http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/hr-rh/bp-rasp/benefits-avantages/hcp-rss/faq-eng.asp>

50/50 DRAW WINNER: Gary MacConnell (\$107.25 each way - Frank says this was largest pot ever.)

A Social followed for all those in attendance with food trays & Tim's coffee.

51 Birthdays in January - R.A. Steeves, L. Melbourne, C.A. Bungay, R. Payn, I. Atkins, E.R. Cole, G.L. Coyle, T. Bennett, K. McGuire, J. Webber, D. Poulter, W. Doucette, D. McIntosh, P. Melkert, W.L. Doucette, P. Sherman, L. Flindall, R. Gosselin, T. MacArthur, J. Renzi, E.W. Smith, G.W.R. Anderson, R.A. Messer, P. Hardy, R. Hillier, G. Bishop, D.G. Coolen, P. Swan, G. Perks, R.M. Howse, R.M. MacIsaac, B. Carter, W.G. Cullum, S. Ryder, G.E. Abell, W.R. Fraser, J. Stoner, N. Parnell, B. Harvie, G.A. Cook, D.R. Arsenault, P. Clarke, C. Reid, R. Cameron, C. Dent, F. Kingston, W.H. McCann, R. Hill, J. Murphy, J. Gillis, B. Lidstone.

Next Executive Meeting - Thursday, February 3rd, 7:00 pm "H" Div. HQ - General Mess

Next General Meeting - Thursday, February 17th, 7:30 pm "H" Div. HQ - General Mess

You Don't Need to Be a Weatherman... It was two o'clock in the morning and a husband and wife were asleep, when suddenly the phone rang. The husband picked up the phone and said, "Hello? ... How the heck do I know? What am I, the weather man?" - and promptly slammed the phone down. His wife rolls over and asks, "Who was that?" The husband replies, "I don't know. Some guy who wanted to know if the coast was clear."