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NL Division Vets & Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of each Month
“B” Division HQ Mess
Cocktails: 6:00 PM - Dinner: 6:30 PM

NEWSLETTER – WEB ACCESS
http://rcmpvetsnl.ca/
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EDITOR’S NOTES

Well it seems like yesterday, that I penned the first few notes and begun to assemble the January 2012 Newsletter….but a whole year has slipped by and 2013 is well under way. Some of us have made and kept, our New Year’s Resolutions so far, while others have yet to start. There is that promise to shed the few pounds gained in the past weeks. However, there is still some Chocolate, Christmas cake, other goodies lying around from the Holidays, so we will wait until those have been consumed. Oh, Valentine’s Day is just around the corner, so” mid February” will be a good time to start. The more things change, the more they stay the same. !!!

Our new executive has taken office and the first meeting was held on January 15 with President Jim, at the helm. All the “who’s who”, changes in the executive, committee chairpersons and NL Division contacts has been updated on Page 2, and the Social Calendar has been updated at the end of this edition.

Looking forward to hearing from all districts in coming months and we will endeavour to keep everyone current on the Division’s activities.

Cheers!

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“B” DIVISION HQ REQUEST

(Forwarded by NL Div. Sect. Alex McInnis)

Received a request from S/Sgt. Jim Power of "B" Div. HQ. Jim in looking for the names of any deceased members that resided in Conception Bay South at the time of their death. He will be placing their names, along with their Regimental Number and date of birth and death on a wall of the Monument of Honour in Conception Bay South. The Monument of Honour is a tribute to those who serve, and have served as part of our police forces, fire departments, as peacekeepers and as military personnel.

If you know of any deceased members or think a deceased member may qualify, please forward their names to Jim. His email address is as follows: jim.power@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
VETERAN’S ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY MEETING
2013-01-15

OPENING REMARKS, MOMENT OF SILENCE, WELCOMING

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, 2013-01-15 at the RCMP Headquarters Building, White Hills, St. John’s, NL. The meeting was called to order at 1950 hrs. by President, Jim Skanes. A moment of silence was observed for departed comrades and friends. Special mention of Harold Pollard, retired C/M and Murray Carpenter, ex-B Division member, of Saskatchewan who both passed away since our last meeting.

The President welcomed everyone back after the Christmas break, thanked everyone for their support and made mention of the good turnout of members attending tonight’s dinner and meeting.

MINUTES – errors/omissions, approval of minutes

There were no errors or omissions noted from the minutes of the last meeting of November, 2012. It was motioned by Ern Pennell and seconded by Wayne Burry that the minutes be adopted as published. Minutes adopted.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

There was nothing to report. Secretary ODS.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Terry Gallant presented the committee with a printout of income and expenditures for 2012. There was an income of $36,225.53 and expenditures totalling $32,343.04 for a balance of $3,882.49. The National Vets office requires a complete Financial Statement for 2011.

Terry Gallant will look after getting this forwarded.

Terry also advised he received a number of Klondike Night tickets for distribution to the vets to sell. He asked everyone present to take some of these tickets.
VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Nothing to report.

SICK AND VISITING REPORT

George Powell gave an update on members who are sick.

Al Conrad continues to do well.

Ed Doupe is still under medical care in CCU at St. Clare’s.

Bob Healey is home and doing well.

Eugene Hillier is currently undergoing chemo treatment in Grand Falls Windsor.

Terry Scott currently back in St. John’s and staying at Daffodil Place. He is on his 10th chemo treatment.

Donna Mercer is taking therapy for her short term memory and is progressing well.

A Thank You card was read from Donna expressing her gratitude for all the cards, well wishes and prayers she has received since her illness.

Reg Frampton suffered a blackout this past weekend. He was admitted to Emergency where is he undergoing tests.

Steve Parsons, ex B Div Member, is having cancer treatment in PEI.

BENEFITS/FSNA

Gerry Leahy absent from the meeting therefore there was no report.

Jim Skanes spoke about acquiring the VAC book. The information concerning this was previously distributed via email to all members. He advised he has gotten his copy and encouraged all members to do the same. The booklet can be obtained by accessing the National Website and you can also sign up for the newsletter at the same time.

George Powell mentioned that the last FSNA Newsletter contained very valuable information on Survivor Benefits. He felt it would be good idea to file this booklet in safe place for easy access when required.
KLONDYKE NIGHT

Klondike Night is March 1, 2013 and proceeds of this year’s event will go to Crime Prevention, Newfoundland and Labrador and to MADD.

In addition to the other duties we performed in the past, the Vets have been asked to help with the pickup of prizes. George Noseworthy will co-ordinate on behalf of the Vets and will let us know when prizes need to be picked up. Anyone who can help is asked to provide their name.

There are four vets serving on the Klondike committee, George Phillips, Leo O’Brien, JD Walsh and George Noseworthy. There will be a Klondike Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 16 at B Div HQ.

MEMBERSHIP

Roger Hanford spoke on recruiting members. The pamphlet “Why Join” outlines the benefits of membership and this pamphlet will be used in the recruiting drive. Roger will review the nominal roll and divide up names for each district. He is planning on having a rep from each district contact everyone who hasn’t joined to consider joining with emphasis being put on the benefits, particularly for family members. He is getting a lot of encouragement from the districts. He hopes to have this done before he leaves for vacation within the next 2-3 weeks.

National office is requesting that all Divisions use the membership form that is available on line to keep it uniform across the country. Copies of all membership forms have to be sent to Ottawa. This has been a requirement and B Div Vets have been complying.

Another item of note on recruiting is that all categories of employees are able to join the association.

Dave Tipple will send a province wide message concerning this and will also include it in the next publishing of the B Division Newsletter.

NATIONAL ISSUES

Larry Power spoke about the new act under review for ‘Not for Profit’ organizations. This new Act is expected to be in force by October 2014. The major requirement being that if an organization has in excess of $1 million income in any given year that association will have to hire an accountant. There was some discussion concerning this topic, however, because the
National Executive is studying this further and we are not certain how it will impact our association it was agreed to defer the topic until more information is available.

AGM

This year’s AGM is being held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, from 29 May to 2 June. Any subject or resolution for the agenda had to be sent by January 15. However, if something comes up after that deadline, an emergency agenda is available until 15 March.

ENTERTAINMENT

Ron Wiggins passed around the schedule for upcoming events for 2013. The next event will be the Valentine’s Dinner which will be held on February 14 at Woodstock Colonial Inn in Topsail. Cocktails will begin at 5:30 with dinner for 6:30 pm. The poster was passed around and will be included in the newsletter. There was a minor change in the dessert choices and the price for three courses has increased from $39 to $44. This does not include the 13% tax or 15% gratuity. February 4, 2013 is the deadline for anyone who wishes to attend. Ed Lutz will look after taking names and will be collecting monies up front. He would like everyone to give him a cheque as opposed to money. Drinks are responsibility of each individual.

Please let Ed Lutz know by Feb. 4 if you will be attending and your choice of meal.

March 5, 2013 is Dinner and Ham Shoot.

The only other comment concerning the entertainment was concerning the Annual Dinner and Dance. Ron expressed that he would like to see this event be held back in Headquarters next year.

NEWSLETTER

Ern Pennell set a deadline for 24/25 January for reports/articles for this month’s newsletter. He is hoping to have the newsletter on line by 27 Jan and hard copies in the mail for January 28. Last month there was a problem getting the hard copies out as he had to make several trips to HQ before he found someone available in the mailroom who could process them. There are still approximately 50 hard copies mailed out. Ern also requested that articles for the newsletters be sent to him using a Word document and attached to an email as opposed to being put directly in the contents of the email.

OLD BUSINESS

Newfoundland and Labrador Police and Peace Officers Memorial
George Powell spoke concerning the repair required for the Newfoundland and Labrador Police and Peace Officers Memorial. This monument is again in need of repair. It seems the stonework is good however whatever material was used in other parts has not stood up to the rigours of our winters. Our association has been donating money to this memorial and again George is requesting we support the venture with consideration for a yearly amount. George requested $200 however after some discussion from the members present; it was decided we would donate $500.00 and encourage the NLPPOM committee to look into a more durable material for the areas in disrepair. Moved by George Powell and seconded by Wayne Burry to provide $500.00 and review again next year. This was voted on and given a unanimous response.

**Bugler from Royal Newfoundland Regiment** The Royal Newfoundland Regiment provided a bugler for the funeral for the late Harry Pollard. The RNR have been providing this service for some time and they deserve thanks particularly during the last funeral during the Christmas season. It was felt that a bugler adds a lot to the service and is appreciated by the family. Ken Ellis noted that if we need a bugler in the future we should be paying them. The Royal Canadian Legion also participates in some of our funerals and they do a good job. It may be an idea to invite them to join us for a meal sometime in the future. This topic deferred for further discussion at another meeting.

**AGM Halifax 2016** Jim Skanes received notice from H Division Vets concerning their hosting of the 2016 AGM. They are considering a cruise from Halifax to Boston and they were looking for feedback on what interest there is in attending. Depending on the cost there were about 20 persons who expressed an interest in attending.

**Crimestoppers:** Crimestoppers are looking for retired members to get involved with Crimestoppers and to sit on their Board. Anyone interested contact Vickie Chalker.

**Royal Newfoundland Rangers Memorial**

Eric Suley spoke about the monument to the Royal Newfoundland Rangers which is situated on the grounds of the Old Colonial Building on Military Road. The monument is in a terrible state of disrepair, although the name plate is still legible. Eric wonders want can be done to improve the condition of this monument and even mentioned that consideration should be given to moving it to the Confederation Building site. The Newfoundland Rangers Association is no longer in existence and it was the general consensus of everyone present that the Department of Works, Services and Transportation with Paul Davis as Minister should be the first line of contact. Eric Suley will contact Paul Davis and will report back at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2104 hr. Next meeting is Tuesday February 19, 2013.
MINUTES OF THE RCMP VETS LADIES AUXILIARY JANUARY 15/2013

The regular monthly meeting was held at RCMP Headquarters, White Hills on January 15/2013

The meeting was called to order by President Louise Gallant with a moment of silence for all departed members.


RESIGNATION: President Louise announced that our secretary Elaine Turpin would be stepping down due to personal reasons. We would like to thank Elaine for all her time and commitment given to the Association and look forward to her return in the near future. Past Secretary Jean Ellis will fill the position temporarily.

MINUTES The minutes from the last meeting were read by Jean Ellis. Adopted by Stella Evans, seconded by Carol Medd.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Gladys Vivian our treasurer advised we have $523.19 in our current account. A cheque of $100.00 donated to one of our charities still has not been cashed. Adopted by Carol Medd, seconded by Emma Jenkins.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you cards were received from the following: Emmaus House, The Gathering Place for our donations given in December. Pat Power for our sympathy card sent following the passing of her sister. Carm Berger for support, food and cards after the death of her husband Tom. Rev. Donna Mercer for the flowers, thoughts, prayers and visits from Stella & Diana. We are happy to report Rev. Donna is improving and will soon be able to ease back to work. We wish her our very best as she recovers from her concussion.

NEW BUSINESS: Stella Evans updated us on the Christmas Luncheon which was held at Clovelly Golf Club in December. A thank you note was sent to the staff also a little money that was left over was given as an extra tip. Everyone agreed the buffet was beautifully presented, the food choices were excellent. It will definitely be a place to consider for next year. Thank you Stella for organizing this event. Margaret MacCharles mentioned the fact that our Association had subsidized the luncheon by putting $500.00 towards the cost which she thinks we all deserve for the hard work raising for the last AGM. Now that we have extra money we should treat ourselves once a year so.. A MOTION WAS MADE OUR AUXILIARY WILL CONTRIBUTE $500.00 TOWARDS OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON EVERY YEAR to reduce the cost. The motion carried by a majority show of hands.

There was also a discussion on giving more money to our chosen charities at Christmas time. At present we have been giving two $100.00 so at a meeting in the future we will have further talks.
on this matter.

**YEARLY DUES:** A reminder to everyone. Please pay your $10.00 dues.

It has been decided by the group there will be no meeting in February, instead it will be a social evening with games, bridge, auction whatever you wish to play. So bring along your cards, games etc for February 19/2013.

The meeting was adjourned by Diana McGregor, seconded by Celeste Cleary.

Submitted by Jean Ellis

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**NEWFOUNDLAND LABRADOR POLICE AND PEACE OFFICER’S MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION** - (Submitted by: Geo. Powell)

The NLPPOMA wishes to extend appreciation to our Division for the $500.00 voted at our last meeting to assist with repairs and upkeep of the Monument on Confederation Hill. Other recent contributions include $500.00 from the Combined NCO’s Mess, $2500.00 from the Provincial Department of Justice and $756.52 from the RNC Cadet Class of 2012. The Association is actively seeking a method of making permanent repairs to the monument, instead of the periodic repairs and maintenance. The 11th Annual Memorial parade and Service is scheduled for Sunday, 29 Sept. 2013. (The last Sunday in September)
A message from the National Association of Federal Retirees (FSNA):

Join an organization that is looking out for you and your spouse in retirement.

The Federal Superannuates National Association (FSNA) is the largest national advocacy organization representing federal retirees – their partners and survivors – of the public service of Canada, the Canadian Forces, RCMP and federally-appointed judges. A not-for-profit volunteer association with more than 175,000 members and 84 branches across Canada, FSNA is looking out for you and your spouse in retirement.

By joining FSNA you will be lending your voice to an organization that is dedicated to advocating on your behalf to protect the pension, health and dental insurance benefits you have earned as a federal retiree. You will also be joining an organization that is actively working on your behalf to help ensure that all Canadians have adequate income and health care security, allowing them to retire with dignity.

Other advantages of membership:
FSNA members receive regular information on issues that are important to pensioners and are able to take advantage of the services and benefits the Association has to offer. FSNA members may also avail themselves of a number of FSNA-endorsed programs that provide discounts for the use of their services and products. These programs include: emergency travel insurance, home and auto insurance, long-term care insurance, escorted tours, CPP/QPP benefits audit, MedicAlert, relocation and real estate services, and select hotel and car rental discounts. The savings that members enjoy from these programs can more than cover their annual membership dues.

In a recent conversation, FSNA’s 1st National Vice-President Gary Oberg (retired Sergeant in the RCMP stationed at “DEPOT” Division) explained why he continues to volunteer for FSNA after more than 7 years.

In his words...
"Initially, my main reason for continuing with FSNA was personal. It was personal because should the Association be successful in any of its identified advocacy issues, I would personally be an immediate beneficiary of the results. But more importantly, however, was knowing that should I pass on, there was an organization that was continually working hard to protect the pension I worked for and the benefits that I was entitled to for the most important person I would be leaving behind… my wife."

Retired Sergeant Gary Oberg, 1st National Vice-President, FSNA

FSNA members also have access to professional research staff located at our National Office in Ottawa. This group of researchers can provide answers to pensioners’ questions on such topics as: superannuation acts, Public Service Health Care Plan, Pensioners’ Dental Services Plan and many other issues important to pensioners.

Retired or getting ready to retire? Whether you are retired, getting ready to retire or are still a federal employee, FSNA has a membership category and advantages for you. Go to www.fsna.com/become-member.htm and join today.

MEMBERSHIP DUES –

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES...PLEASE DO SO IMMEDIATELY.

THE TREASURER WILL SOON BE COMPLETING THE NOMINAL ROLL AND FORWARDING OUR ASSESSMENT TO NATIONAL. BE SURE YOU ARE INCLUDED.
GEORGE POWELL IS 80 YEARS YOUNG!!!

(Photos by Jean Ellis)

Heartiest Congratulations... to Veteran (Life Member), George Powell, who celebrated his 80th Birthday on January 6th. A celebration marking the event was held at Division HQ and was well attended by Family, Friends and a good representation of Veterans. At George’s request, personal gifts were gratefully declined, in favour of a non-perishable food item to be donated to Emmaus House (Food Bank), shown in right photo above. (Left Photo: George & Bertha)

George and Bertha are to be commended for their continued dedication and service to our Association and the many church and charitable organizations in which they are involved.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

GRAND FALLS DISTRICT –

(by: Artie Daye)

Happy New Year to all from the gang in Grand Falls-Windsor. Outside of the family celebrations and travelling to visit Grandchildren, things were pretty quite in this area. We didn't have our monthly breakfast in December as too many other things were on the go, concerts, plays and private parties.

We set a date, the 22 Jan for our monthly breakfast, however, due to reasons beyond our control, we had to cancel at the eleventh hour. This was due to a busy weekend police wise and a busy court docket on Tuesday morning the 22nd.

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Grand Falls Report (cont’d)

Unfortunately, our Chef Marsha was required in Court so we moved our breakfast to the 5 Feb 2013. All the Vets are doing well except for the usual colds and aches and pains which come with Old Age. At any rate we hope to be back on schedule in February. Once again, hope you all have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Regards,

Artie.

Clarenville/Bonavista District (Dec - Jan)

(by: Len Stratton)

In early December Graham Bursey organized a group of veterans to volunteer, and to collect and secure the gifts for the VOCM/Salvation Army Christmas happy tree. Volunteers included Graham, Len Stratton and Dennis Squires.

On Friday December 7th, the Clarenville/Bonavista RCMP District held their Christmas Party at the Odd Fellows Club at Shoal Harbour. The affair included pot luck dinner with amazing servings including Christmas ham and moose, which were very tasty, just to mention just a couple of items.

There were ticket draws for prizes and music to set the Christmas mood. Al and Marion Bert, Alvin (Joe) and Bonnie Lowe, Greg and Janice Harnum, and Len Stratton were representative of our veterans.

On Saturday December 8th members of the Clarenville/Bonavista Area RCMP Veterans volunteered to assist with traffic control for the annual Clarenville-Shoal Harbour Christmas Parade. Featured in the photo are Al Bert, Graham Bursey and Joe Lowe. Rupert Baker also volunteered but was absent from the photo.
(Clarenville Report cont’d)

On Thursday December 13th, our group meet at Robin’s for our monthly coffee meet. There was a very good turnout as Doug Hyde, Al Bert, John Butt, Rupert Baker, Len Stratton, Hansen Dalton, Herb Goldsworthy, Joe Lowe, Al Evans, Elmer Ryzuk, and Graham Bursey attended. Regrettably Ed Doupe, John Wells, and Al McPhee were unable to attend because of medical reasons.

The Clarenville/Bonavista RCMP Veterans Group donated a sum of *** $500 *** to the RCMP fundraiser for the Children's Wish Foundation. The Veterans contributed $250 while Al Evans (Ace Driving School), pledged to double our donation.

On December 14th the veterans were invited to a Christmas dinner at Clarenville detachment. Thirteen veterans attended including Doug Hyde, Al Bert, Rupert Baker, Graham Bursey, Hansen Dalton, Al Evans, Herb Goldsworthy, Patsy Humby, Joe Lowe, Rod Long, Elmer Ryzuk, Joanne Smith and Len Stratton. The food serving was absolutely fantastic as a result of a lot of work on the part of mostly female members and female civilian staff.

A few days earlier the Clarenville/Bonavista District RCMP initiated their fundraiser for the Children's Wish Foundation at Clarenville Detachment. During this event a large group of people braved the cold temperatures and high winds to attend the opening. Special visitors included the RCMP mascot, and the big guy (continued next page)
Clarenville Report (cont’d)

himself, from the North Pole.

Over $1100 dollars was raised at the opening ceremony where hot chocolate and doughnuts were served and local talent entertained the group. Len Stratton, Graham Bursey and Elmer Ryzuk attended in behalf of our vets. During the Christmas dinner on the 14th our donation of $500 to the Children’s Wish was presented by veteran Al Evans to Supt. Jeff Hunter of the RCMP.

Al Bert was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his 10 years of service as Area Representative. Al was instrumental in setting up the Clarenville/Bonavista Veterans Group and played a key role in keeping the group in place and active for the past ten years.

On January 17th the following veterans met for coffee at Robin’s, John Butt, Al Evans, Hansen Dalton, Al Burt, Doug Hyde, Graham Bursey, Rupert Baker and Len Stratton. Regrettably Ed Doupe, John Wells, and Al McPhee were unable to attend because of medical reasons. Our Veteran’s group would like to extend our best wishes to Al McPhee, Ed Doupe and John Wells' wife Angela and hope they have a speedy recovery.

Len Stratton
Clarenville Area Rep.

SICK PARADE UPDATE –

Following update provided by George Powell since report of last meeting.

(Jan. 18, 2013) We visited Reg Frampton at the Health Sciences Centre this afternoon. He has been discharged. He was waiting for family members to arrive to pick him up. He underwent several tests, but nothing showed up. They attributed his "blackout" to an infection of some sort. Permission is granted to disseminate the information.

( Jan. 18, 2013) 21408 Al Conrod is doing well. He is on medication and visits his place in Blaketown regularly.

(Jan. 20, 2013) I visited Ed at St Clare's Hospital this afternoon (Sunday). The hospital still has visiting restrictions. I had access owing to my accreditation. Ed is out of CCU and in a 4 bed room. He is looking much better. We had a good conversation. Ed says that he does not feel well. He does not really know what happened to him. He has no idea when he will be released.

God bless, George
“H” DIVISION HONOURS FORMER “B” DIVISION FALLEN COMRADE

(The following item was forwarded by Roy Hill, regarding an initiative by “H” Division to honour a fallen member of “B” Division, Cst. Robert Amey. This was part of the CO’s report on activities in his Division.)

On Monday of this week, Sgt. Mark MacPherson held a grave side service at the Arichat Anglican Church for an officer killed 48 Years ago. Cst. Robert Amey was 24-years old when he was killed December 17, 1964 in Whitbourne, Newfoundland. Four men broke out of Her majesty’s penitentiary in St. John’s. they stole a car and headed west along the Trans-Canada Highway. Near Whitbourne, they ran through and RCMP roadblock that had been set up by Csts. David Keith and Robert Amey.

A chase ensued, and the four fugitives soon abandoned their car and ran for cover. They were discovered hiding in Whitbourne and even though they were cornered, they refused to surrender. Cst. Amey went to the car radio and called for help. When Cst. Amey was in the cruiser, the four rushed Cst. Keith and after beating him severely, took away his service revolver. When Cst. Amey came running back, he could see that Cst. Keith was down and one of the fugitives was armed. Cst. Amey attempted to hold the prisoners at gunpoint but the fugitive fired three shots, one of which hit Cst. Amey in the chest, killing him instantly. Using Cst. Amey’s gun, Cst. Keith was able to arrest all four fugitives.

Sgt. MacPherson shared this:

I Spoke with is sister Gwen, and she was very appreciative of my call. She said that her parents never got over his death, but they had passed away in 1992 and 1993. I read the “Police Officer’s Prayer”, and thanked him, Saluted and laid the Canadian Flag over his headstone. I made sure to let Cst. Amey’s family member know that the RCMP has not forgotten his sacrifice or their loss.

Mark, thank you for ensuring that Robert’s sacrifice and bravery is not forgotten. We can only imagine the pain his family experienced after losing him and I am sure your act of remembrance is something that was truly appreciated by his family. We need to keep the memory of our fallen members alive.”
PASSING THE TORCH –

**POLLARD**, Harold B. (1924-2012), Retired C/M, Reg. Nbr. C/131. World War II Veteran of the Royal Air Force and Life Member of the RCMP Veterans Association passed away on December 23, 2012. Left to mourn, wife Genevieve, son Tony, granddaughters Megan and Jillian, daughter Lorraine Tobin and son-in-law Ken. Also, a large circle of relatives and friends. Funeral was held on December 27, 2012 from Holy Trinity Church, Torbay, NL. Deepest Sympathy to the family.

**MURRAY**, Clarrie M. – Passed away at Carbonear General Hospital on wed., December 19, 2012, age 92 years. Predeceased by husband; George. Mrs. Murray leaves to mourn a large circle of relatives and friends. She was mother of RCMP Veteran Eric (Judy) Murray, of Gander, NL. Funeral took place on Saturday, December 22, 2012 from Bethany United Church, Carbonear, NL. Deepest Sympathy to the Family.

**CARPENTER**, Murray, Reg. Nbr., 19323. RCMP Veteran passed away at Regina General Hospital on Monday, Dec. 24, 2012. Murray suffered injuries in a fall earlier in the month which, (according to Regina Vet’s Bill Greenslade), may have resulted from a Stroke. Deepest Sympathy to the Family.

**FRASER**, Margaret Ann, age 60 of Lower Sackville, NS, passed away on Sunday, January 2012. Margaret was wife of member Wayne Fraser and brother of Charlie Sample. Funeral was held on Thursday, January 24th from Chapel of H.W. Angus Funeral Home in New Glasgow, NS. Deepest Sympathy to the Family.

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**TIPS FOR SAFE WINTER DRIVING:**

- **Keep your headlights clear** with car wax! Just wipe ordinary car wax on your headlights. It contains special water repellents that will prevent that mess mixture from accumulating on your lights. It lasts about 6-weeks.

- **Squeak-proof your wipers** – with Rubbing Alcohol! Wipe the wipers with a cloth saturated with rubbing alcohol or ammonia. This one trick can make badly streaking and squeaking wipers change to near perfect silence & clarity.

- **De-ice your lock in seconds** – with Hand Sanitizer! Just put some hand sanitizer gel on the key & the lock – your problem solved!

- **Prevent Card Doors from Freezing Shut** – with cooking spray! Spritz cooking oil on the rubber seals around car doors & rub in with a paper towel. The cooking spray prevents water from melting into the rubber.

**STAY SAFE THIS WINTER!!!**
Over 20 Veterans from Trinity Conception and St. John’s District met at MacKay Lodge, in Bay Roberts on December 15, 2011 for a most enjoyable time of fellowship and a great Soup & Sandwich Luncheon. It was great to reconnect with some old friends and comrades, as well as meet some new ones. Thanks to Dave, Pierre & all the organizers. Hope we can do it again next year.

REMINDER:


Details are in the Social Committee Poster in the back of this Newsletter.
THE FEAST OF ST. VALENTINE –

St. Valentine's Day began as a liturgical celebration of one or more early Christian saints named *Valentinus*. The most popular *martyrology* associated with Saint Valentine was that he was imprisoned for performing *weddings* for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were *persecuted under the Roman Empire*; during his imprisonment, he is said to have healed the daughter of his jailer Asterius. Legend states that before his execution he wrote "*from your Valentine*" as a farewell to her.

*(Ed note: that’s according to Wikipedia)*

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THANK YOU FRIENDS!!

I was born on 6 January 1933. Sunday 6 January 2013 was my 80th birthday, and my sons Edward and John arranged a special celebration party for me. I wish thank all those who attended, and those who sent greetings.

On Monday 7 January, Bertha and I delivered surplus dessert and perishables to The Gathering Place in time for lunch. On Wednesday 9 January, we delivered several boxes of non-perishable items to the Food Bank (355 individual items). There were also financial contributions to assist the Food Bank. Through your generosity, people in need are being fed.

*Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me*. *(Matthew 25:40)*

George Powell

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The following CO’s Communique to Members was forwarded by National Office by way of our Division President and is published in both official languages for your information.
RCMP Veterans’ Association - Membership Information for Serving Members

Following is important information for all serving RCMP employees (RM/CM/PSE) regarding the various categories, criteria and benefits of taking membership in your RCMP Veterans’ Association. Here is a brief overview:

TRANSITIONAL Member:

As a member being discharged from the RCMP you automatically have Transitional Membership valid for one (1) year after discharge without cost. During this complimentary transitional year, you are invited to attend the Division general meetings and social functions to become familiar with the organization. You can join as a regular Active Member immediately on discharge, or at any time during the year, to gain full membership privileges.

ASSOCIATE Member:
Serving: Regular Member / Civilian Member / Public Service Employee

As a Serving Regular Member or Civilian Member, you may take Associate membership if you have received the Good Conduct/Long Service medal or award, or as a Public Service Employee if you have twenty (20) years in the Public Service with the most recent three (3) years in the employment of the RCMP.

AUXILIARY Member:

As a former RCMP Auxiliary Constable with a minimum of three (3) years service, you are eligible for membership in the Association as a regular Active Member.

Membership Benefits include:

- Continued camaraderie and fellowship through social & entertainment functions, sporting and recreational activities
- Confidential assistance with disability eligibility & applications, and other benefit entitlements
- Survivors’ and Executors’ Guide & Checklist that is updated annually and contains essential information needed by the spouse and family on a member’s death
- Assistance to surviving spouse and family with funeral arrangements and advice to survivor on the processes for continuing pension, insurance and health benefits
- No cost Accidental Death & Dismemberment coverage, also available to spouse
- Regular notification of employment opportunities
- Opportunity to attend the Association’s annual general meeting (AGM) held throughout Canada and to meet and socialize with former colleagues.

For further information on membership or other veteran matters, please contact the Veterans’ Association at - rcmp.vets@rcmp-grc.gc.ca or call 1 (887) 251-1771 www.rcmpvetsnational.ca
Communiqué du commandant à l’intention des membres en service actif.
Janvier 2013.

Objet : Association des anciens de la G.R.C.
Informations concernant les catégories de membres de l'association.

Voici de l’information importante pour tous les employés actifs de la G.R.C. (membres réguliers / membres civils / employés de la Fonction publique) concernant les différentes catégories de membres de l’Association des anciens de la G.R.C., les critères d’admissibilité et les avantages de joindre ses rangs. Voici un bref aperçu :

Membre en transition :

Lorsqu’un membre quitte la G.R.C., il devient automatiquement membre en transition de l’Association des anciens de la G.R.C. et ce, gratuitement. Ce statut n’est valide que pour une période d’un an depuis la date de son départ. Au cours de cette année, le membre en transition est invité à participer à toutes les réunions générales et autres activités sociales de sa division de l’Association des anciens de la G.R.C. afin de se familiariser avec elle. Vous pouvez toujours joindre les rangs de l’Association des anciens de la G.R.C. comme membre actif dès que vous quittez la G.R.C. ou n’importe quand au cours de cette année de transition, afin de jouir de tous les privilèges d’un membre actif de l’Association.

Membre associé :

Si vous êtes un membre en service actif ou un membre civil en service actif, vous pouvez devenir membre associé de l’Association des anciens de la G.R.C si vous avez reçu la Médaille d’ancienneté et de bonne conduite. Si vous êtes un employé de la Fonction publique avec au moins vingt (20) ans de service, dont les trois (3) dernières années à l’emploi de la G.R.C. vous pouvez devenir membre associé de l’Association des anciens de la G.R.C.

Membre auxiliaire :

En votre qualité d’ancien gendarme auxiliaire de la G.R.C. ayant au moins trois (3) années de service, vous êtes admissible à devenir membre actif-régulier de l’Association des anciens de la G.R.C.

Les avantages pour les membres sont les suivants :

- Vous retrouverez la camaraderie et la fraternité lors d’événements sociaux, d’activités sportives et récréatives,
- Une aide confidentielle pour soumettre des demandes de pension d’invalidité ou autres demandes d’aide,
- Guide pour survivants & liquidateurs de succession qui met à jour annuellement, contenant l’information essentielle requise pour l’épouse lors du décès d’un membre,
- Aide à l’épouse survivante et à la famille pour les funérailles; conseils aux survivants pour continuer à recevoir les prestations de pension, les arrangements pour l’assurance-vie et l’assurance santé,
- L’entretien annuel et perpétuel sans frais du lieu de sépulture du membre,
- Assurance accident ou mutation sans frais, couverture aussi disponible pour les épouses,
- Rabais de groupe pour de l’assurance résidentielle et de l’assurance auto,
- Publication régulière d’offres d’emploi,
- L’opportunité chaque année de participer à la réunion générale annuelle des membres (A.G.M.) dans différentes parties du pays afin de retrouver et fraterniser avec d’anciens collègues.


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VALENTINE’S DINNER

at

The Woodstock Colonial Inn

(Operated by A Taste of Class)

February 14, 2013 (Thursday Night)

5:30 p.m. Cocktails - 6:30 p.m. Dinner

“The Tea Room”, located on the main floor of the inn, has been reserved for us.

The Menu for this evening is provided below.

You have a choice of three appetizers, five main courses, and three desserts.

The total cost you will pay for each of the dinners outlined is shown, below including tax (13%) and gratuity (15%).

All monies must be collected from each person/couple in advance as the restaurant will be issuing “one” bill that evening.

Cocktail drinks and any wine you have with your meal is not included in the total cost, and each person will be responsible to pay for your own drinks at the bar.

MENU

( Please select only one of each )

APPETIZERS - 1. Woodstock’s Hearty Beef & Vegetable Soup.
2. Traditional Caesar Salad, or 3. Cod Au Gratin

MAIN COURSE - 1. Savory-Stuffed Breast of Chicken.
2. Poached Salmon with Dill Cream Sauce or Parsley Butter,
3. Woodstock’s Roast Prime Rib of Beef with Yorkshire Pudding,
4. Roast Duckling a ‘Orange,
5. Newfoundland Wild Rabbit Pie

* Each of above courses served with Potato and Vegetable of the Day

DESSERT - 1. Newfoundland Berry Sundae (ice cream with berry topping)
2. Homemade Cheesecake
(with choice of Partridgeberry, Blueberry, Raspberry, or Chocolate Sauce Topping)
3. Plate of Fresh Fruit (variety of seasonal fruit)

BEVERAGE - Coffee or Tea

Each of the above full course meals is priced at $44.00,
except the Duck and Rabbit which are $5.00 more, in other words $49.00.

Each persons total cost will be

$44.00 + $5.72 (tax) + $6.60 (gratuity) = $56.32 each (Duck or Rabbit = $62.72 each)
and for two persons, total = $112.64 or both Duck/Rabbit $125.44
or one Duck/Rabbit and one of #1, 2, or 3 = $119.04.

If you wish to attend with us, please contact Ed Lutz at 745-7648 or
by e-mail at e.lutz@nl.rogers.com on or
before February 4th to advise of your choices from the menu
and to make arrangements to have your money collected.

Our menu choices have to be sent to the restaurant
a week in advance of February 14 or by February 7th, whichever comes first.

If something happens and you are unable to attend,
please advise Ed Lutz at least 72 hours in advance
of the 14th so that we won’t be charged for your meal and we will be able to
return your money to you.

Please don’t delay in registering.
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Membership will be advised by email/“Call Detail” of the dinner menu for each Regular Monthly Meeting.