

RCMP Veterans' Association

Calgary Division

The first recorded meeting of the NWMP (North West Mounted Police) ex-members took place in Calgary on April 16th, 1886 at the Town Hall with twenty-four ex-members attending. Their first recorded dinner took place at the Royal Hotel in Calgary on November 4th, 1886. The Association was first incorporated under the name Royal North West Mounted Police Veterans' Association in 1924. The association began to grow and spread to other cities. In 1954 the Association's name was changed to the RCMP Veterans' Association. Calgary was the Association Headquarters until 1965 when it was moved to Ottawa, the Headquarters of the Force.

Calgary Veterans' Association always welcome and encourage new membership to keep our Association young and active. Membership in the Association is voluntary. Our Association consists of Active-Voting Members made up of any former member of the RCMP, Reserve or Auxiliary members in good standing.

Membership also includes Associate Non-Voting members made up of spouses of members, Public Service employees, and Municipal employees who have worked for the Force or have a close relationship with the Force. Associate members do not pay membership dues.

The Calgary RCMP Veterans' Association Membership is a non-profit organization. Its primary goals are:

- (a) *To promote fellowship and concern for one another, including active, Life and associate members of our Division and their families.*
- (b) *To promote the physical, social and economic welfare of our members and immediate families.*
- (c) *Visit and provide assistance to shut-ins and members in hospital.*
- (d) *Provide assistance to members with health claims and benefit submissions.*
- (e) *Provide pallbearers and an honour guard and any other assistance at funerals of members.*
- (f) *Continue to look for ways to improve the lives and living conditions of our members.*
- (g) *Organize socials for our membership throughout the year.*
- (h) *Provide Volunteer assistance to:*
 - i) Fort Calgary to assist with tourism and act as Force Ambassadors;*
 - ii) Fort Calgary in respect to fund raising (casino).*

The Association is represented by 32 Divisions across Canada and promotes a spirit of strong regard for the honour of the Force. The day-to-day administration of Calgary Division is carried out by an elected Executive Committee consisting of; President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and several Directors. The Veterans' Association Constitution, Calgary Division Bylaws, and membership attending the Regular General Meetings also provide guidance to the Executive Committee. A schedule of our meetings and yearly events is provided to our members. An e-mail fan out system is used to keep our members informed of social events and activities throughout the year. The Division also publishes an in depth newsletter which is made available to all members.

Executive Meetings are held on a regular basis to attend to all our Division Responsibilities. Our regular General Meetings are held several times a year to keep our membership abreast of our Division activities, meet for refreshments, food, good fellowship and listening to guest speakers. All meetings are held at Horton Road Centennial Legion 285 and any changes will be indicated on the calendar.

We encourage you to join our Division to renew old acquaintances or make new friends of others who also proudly served the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Please contact our Membership Committee Chairperson or our President for additional information or an application.

Esprit de corps remains and lives on.

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