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AL NICHOLSON BIDS THE HERITAGE CENTER FAREWELL

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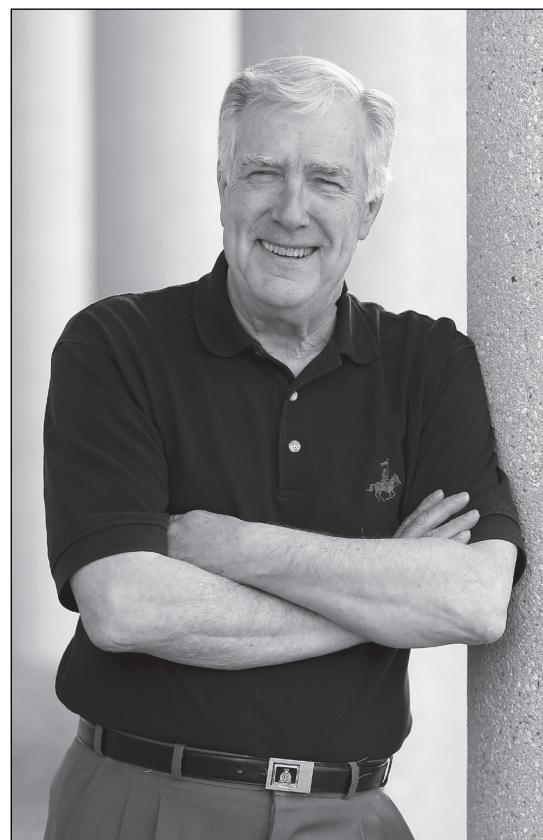


**GROUPE DES
COLLECTIONS
HISTORIQUES**

On September 7th Mr. Al Nicholson, Chief Executive Officer of the RCMP Heritage Centre in Regina, Saskatchewan, announced to staff and partners that he will be retiring effective December 31, 2016.

Nicholson's retirement will bring to a close, what began as a 3 month interim position, ballooned to a five-year tenure with the RCMP Heritage Centre. "On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are truly appreciative of his service and leadership for the past 5 years," said Tracy Fahlman, Chair of the Board of Directors. "Mr. Nicholson's led our organization through challenging times with inspiring optimism, dedication and has helped our Board set an exciting path for the Centre's future. We fully support his hard-earned and well-deserved retirement."

During Mr. Nicholson's tenure as CEO, the Heritage Centre has enjoyed year over year growth in all its core business lines, including doubling visitations, 46% increase in retail sales and attracting new donors and sponsors.



The introduction of driving tours at RCMP Academy, "Depot" Division, installation of an iconic landmark at the buildings entrance and addition of new programs and community outreach initiatives are just a few of the Centre's achievements under his leadership.

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In announcing his retirement, Nicholson summed up his tenure by stating; “Our success over the past five years is due primarily to a team effort, by staff, serving and veteran members, volunteers and our many community partners who appreciate the unique Canadian story we have to share, with its roots right here in Regina. I am proud to have played a small role in helping to share the many stories of the young men and women who pass through these gates and go on to serve their country honourably and without fear, favour or affection. We have made some great strides but there is still much to be done.”

“Comments from the Editor: Al was the writer’s Police Community Relations Instructor when I went through RCMP Training in 1973. I would, also like to wish Jan and Al a very long and enjoyable retirement. On a side note, Al is letting his name stand for a position on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre, at the next AGM.”

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DID YOU KNOW:

That the RCMP do not own the RCMP Heritage Centre. The RCMP rents storage and office space in the Heritage Centre to house their Historical Collections Unit and those who look after the artifacts!

The main purpose of the Friends of the RCMP Heritage Center is to generate operating funds for the Centre. The Centre is a not-for-profit organization and carries the RCMP name only. In order for the center to continue its operation of making sure that the past, present and future of the RCMP is not forgotten and remains for future generations, we need to generate some much needed operating capital. Every little bit helps. How can you help? Think about including the Heritage Centre as part of your legacy when considering what you want done with your estate. Any donation to the Heritage Centre garners with it, a receipt for income tax purposes. Another way of financially helping the Heritage Centre, without noticing that it is costing you very much, is an ongoing monthly donation, coming right out of your account or on your credit card, for which you receive a receipt at the end of each year, which you can use for income tax purposes. Five or ten dollars or more, per month, out of your account would likely not be noticed and you would receive the \$60 (12 X \$5) or \$120 (12 X \$10) tax receipt at the end of the year. If enough of us did that, it would greatly help the Heritage Centre. Your donations would be tracked and currently you would receive a Lifetime membership to the Friends once your donation reached \$1200 (this includes your \$35 annual membership fee to the Friends!) As you reach the other donation levels of \$5000, \$10000 etc. you would be further recognized Give some thought to helping us help the Heritage Centre.

SERVICE AT SEA: CST DUFFY'S MARINE DIVISION HISTORY PRESERVED RECENT DONATION TO RCMP HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS UNIT

It would have been his 100th birthday on the day that Insp. Richard Thibault met Cst. Maurice Duffy's daughter, Judy. While the day lacked a birthday celebration, it was filled nevertheless with the memory of a man who had served 24 years with the RCMP "Marine" Division. By encounters end, Insp. Thibault and Ms Duffy had struck up a new friendship that would have an impact far beyond themselves.

This year, with Insp Thibault's assistance, the RCMP Historical Collection's Unit (HCU) was honoured to accept from Ms. Duffy the gracious donation of her father's uniforms, medals, memorabilia, photographs and ephemera. The Duffy donation is a particular welcome one. The "Marine" Section and "Marine" Division are currently under-represented in the collection which can make it a challenge to exhibit these lesser known periods in our history to the full extent we might wish. Further the Duffy uniforms are only the second set currently held in the collection with Marine Division insignia still intact – and the only red serge tunic!

We're understandably very excited to fill this gap in the collection.



Insp. R. Thibault and J.A. Eskritt, Curator RCMP HCU welcome Duffy collection to its new home in Regina, 2016.

Cst. Maurice George Duffy engaged with the RCMP on 6 August 1934. Shortly following the declaration of the Second World War, Cst. Duffy took a leave of absence in order to serve with the Royal Canadian Air Force. Duffy returned to the Force after the war and continued his service with the "Marine" Division until his retirement in August 1958. Of all those years of service, perhaps the year 1947 stood out among the rest – for that year was the year Cst. Duffy sailed with the RCMP Schooner "St. Roch".



Cst M. Duffy off-duty aboard the RCMP Schooner "St. Roch", 1947

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Cst. Maurice George Duffy engaged in the RCMP on 6 August 1934. After leaving the Force during W.W. II, Cst. Duffy returned to continue service with “Marine “Division until his retirement in 1958. In 1947, Cst. Duffy served on the RCMP Schooner “St. Roch”. The Duffy donation included uniforms, medals, memorabilia, photographs and epherma. The Marine Section and Marine Division have been under-represented in the Historical Collections Unit and has made it

a challenge to exhibit these lesser known periods in the history of the RCMP. The Duffy collection is the only red serge tunic from the Marin Section.

The staff of the RCMP HCU would like to thank the Duffy family for their most gracious gift and Insp. Richard Thibault for his assistance in making it happen.

NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTOR POSITIONS 2017

The Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre is inviting nominations for four Board of Director positions to begin service following the close of the Annual General Meeting in the spring of 2017.

If you would like to be considered for a Director position or would like to nominate someone to serve, please submit your/his/her name and how you/him/her can be contacted.

Your application must contain the following declaration with your or your nominee’s signature.

“I hereby consent to accept nomination for the Director position on the Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre Board of Directors.

Member’s Signature Name _____

Date _____

The deadline for nominations: all nominations must be received by the Friends’ office by 5:00 PM, December 31, 2016.

General Information and Job Responsibilities:

- The number of Directors in the Articles of Incorporation for the Friends is set at nine.
- The terms of office of the Directors is three years.
- Board meetings are generally held the last Thursday of each month (except for July and August), at 10:30 AM at the RCMP Heritage Centre, Regina.
- Serving on the Board is done as a volunteer and there is no compensation for being on the Board.
- As a member of the Board, you will assist the Board in governing, controlling and administering the affairs of the Friends and in so doing
 - will act in good faith and not to act contrary to the interest of the Friends
 - will not to use power for an improper purpose
 - will avoid conflicts of interest
 - will retain discretion

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATIONS



This was presented to **Alex and Bev Geddes** by President, Michel Seguin, RCMPVA Ottawa Division at the June 2016 RGM in Ottawa.

Photo: Gilles Laframboise



Photo of life membership being presented to **Doug Keam** by President Bob Smart at the Donor Appreciation night on Sept 26th, 2016.

Photo: Dani Anderson

HERITAGE CENTER ACTIVITIES

A joint fundraiser between The Caring Place and the Heritage Centre

“A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM” - ‘MURDER AT THE KLONDIKE’

Purchase Tickets Below to a Murder Mystery Costume Event, which will be held early in the new year – at the RCMP Heritage Center.

Price \$150.00 per ticket – Help the Mounties Get their Guy! and Win a Trip for 2 to Las Vegas.

Early in the new year, the RCMP Heritage Centre and The Caring Place will be hosting one of the most unique fundraisers ever held in Regina — **A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM** — A Murder Mystery Gala Dinner at the RCMP Heritage Centre.

The scene is a cold winter night in 1901 where the beginnings of a great and enduring Klondike mystery will unfold. Ollie Goldthrob, prospector, sometime trapper, card shark and known ladies’ man was attacked and killed by a bear in his tent. Or was he? Local trappers claim he was shot and that there was something “funny” about a bear attack in February. That... and the bear made off with 20 lb. of gold! Stranger things have happened under the midnight sun...

This costume event turns ticket holders into detectives and groups them into teams of two to help the North West Mounted Police (aka Mounties) “get their guy.” While sipping cocktails and being treated to individually prepared dinner creations by local partnering chefs, participants will explore the museum for clues, interrogate fellow detectives and work to uncover the mystery of “who done it?” But they’ll have to watch their steps; some may come to find they’re the culprits and end up in the “Jail and Bail” jailhouse.

We will call you to help you choose your character!

The Caring Place

2146 Robinson St. Regina, SK S4T 2P7

In Regina: 306-347-CARE (2273) Toll Free: 1-877-522-7464

E-mail: tcp@accesscomm.ca

ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS WINS AWARD FOR ‘HERITAGE IN SCARLET’

Access Communications of Regina created a number of ½ hour television programs shown over their network across Canada. The award was voted on by the 150 Access Communications locations across Canada, plus their viewers. ‘Heritage in Scarlet’ involved interviews with various retired members of the RCMP, to promote the Heritage of the Force. The first 6 programs are currently available at the Heritage Centre Gift Shop.

**REQUEST FOR
SUBMISSIONS
TO THE
FRIENDLY NOTES**

Anyone who has an interesting article, note, or photo relating to the history of the RCMP and wishing the same to be published in the *Friendly Notes*, may submit it to Murray Klatt at: m.klatt@sasktel.net, or mail to:

The Editor, Friendly Notes
c/o Friends of the Mounted Police
Heritage Centre
5907 Dewdney Avenue
Regina, Saskatchewan Canada S4T 0P4

**FRIENDS BOARD OF
DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE
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Newsletter Editor	Murray Klatt, RCMP (Rtd.)

**MEMBERSHIP
COMMITTEE
REPORT**

A warm welcome to the following persons who have become members of the *Friends*:

Rory J. Picklyk, Saskatoon, SK

**DONOR WALL
OF APPRECIATION**

The following changes/additions to the "Donor Wall" have been made since our last issue:

\$500 – FRIEND*

Grace Stevenson, Rossland, BC
Roger d'Entremont, Bathurst, NB
Keith Greensword, Richmond, BC
Wm. J. Hulgaard, Langley, BC
Patrick D. Wilson, Burnaby, BC

IN MEMORIAM

\$500.00 Arlene deVlaming, Big River, SK
In memory of Jack deVlaming
200.00 E. Jean Thue, Regina, SK
In memory of Ivan Thue

*These are cumulative amounts over the years

**YES! I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER/RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP
WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE MOUNTED POLICE HERITAGE CENTRE**

Membership One Year (\$35) Three Years (\$90)
Life Membership \$1,200 single payment or cumulative over several years to \$1,200 level. Existing members will have
past membership payments credited towards the \$1,200 level.
Donation _____ (Any amount is eligible for a Canada Customs and Revenue Agency tax receipt. Canada Only)

American residents please add \$5.00 extra per year and international residents please add \$10.00 extra per year, to cover postage costs.

Total Enclosed Amount \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Prov./State _____

Postal Code _____ Country _____

E-mail Address _____

My membership/donation will be paid by:

Cheque/check (payable to the Friends of the Mounted Police Museum)
 Credit Card # _____ (Visa or Master Card) Expiry _____

Name on Card _____ Signature _____

Return by Mail:

Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre, 5907 Dewdney Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan Canada S4T 0P4

Join or Renew Your Membership Online:

Purchase your membership of the *Friends* with a simple, secure, on-line transaction using Pay Pal. When we receive your payment, a receipt will be sent to you by mail. Visit our website at <http://www.rcmpheritagecentre.com/home/about-the-centre/friends-of-the-rcmp-hc> and click on "Join the Friends" at the bottom-left corner.