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## WIDE RANGING EXHIBITS AT THE RCMP HERITAGE CENTRE TECHNOLOGY HAS TAKEN OVER!

**RCMP  
HERITAGE  
CENTRE**



**LE CENTRE  
DU PATRIMOINE  
DE LA GRC**

**RCMP  
HISTORICAL  
COLLECTIONS  
UNIT**



**GROUPE DES  
COLLECTIONS  
HISTORIQUES**



Known as the home of the RCMP, Depot Division in Regina, Saskatchewan is where all RCMP members begin their career. The training centre, the only one of its kind in Canada, has long been of interest to visitors, and friends and families of members alike.

Living next door to the Depot and F Division, is the majestic RCMP Heritage Centre. Tasked with the important duty of telling the story of the RCMP, the centre works tirelessly to bring the history and majesty of the force to life for visitors of all ages.

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With a wide range of exhibits, an interactive self guided tour, and largest collection of artifacts, the centre truly is the home of the RCMP story. For many visitors, the RCMP Heritage Centre offers a glimpse of life at Depot Division that would otherwise remain unseen as many facilities on Depot are closed to the public.

In recent years, the centre has continued their effort to offer visitors a unique look at the RCMP culture by exploring new, state-of-the-art technologies to immerse visitors in the story of the RCMP like never before.

New in 2017, those both young and young at heart will have the opportunity to experience the excitement of being in the driver's seat of a squad car on duty and discover the pressure of cadet training through two brand new interactive exhibits!

In partnership with Melcher Media, the RCMP Heritage Centre will give visitors a glimpse at cadet life through a first-of-it's-kind technology, the Microsoft HoloLens.



This exhibit features an exact replica Cadet dorm room. But unlike a typical dorm, everything isn't quite right. Visitors put on the extraordinary HoloLens Glasses to reveal the Sergeant Major standing right there in the room thanks to this innovative Augmented Reality technology! The meticulous attention to detail expected of all Cadets is discovered as the Sergeant Major guides visitors through the process of preparing the room for inspection. While attempting to organize and sort the room according to the strict standards of an RCMP Cadet, the Sergeant Major interacts with visitors to provide an unprecedented, true-to-life experience. Whether offering praise for a job well done or correcting errors around the living

space, this edutainment experience will delight all ages while coming to a better understanding of cadet life.

Another exciting new exhibit combines the experience of being at the wheel of a real police car with driving simulation technology to test visitors' metal. Behind the wheel, visitors learn what it takes to drive a police car, what officers look for on patrol, and search out offences taking place. Visitors must identify dangerous situations and be tasked with the ability to activate emergency equipment, all the while operating the vehicle in a safe manner!

With a focus on sharing the past, present and future of the force, the RCMP Heritage Centre is committed to finding and using innovative technologies such as Augmented Reality, and Virtual Reality to give visitors the opportunity to experience life of Cadets and Members in a way never before available.

There's truly something for everyone at the RCMP Heritage Centre. Stop in soon to explore an exciting and rare glimpse at this unique side of Canadian history.

(Information courtesy of Dan Toppings, Project Manager, RCMP Heritage Centre)



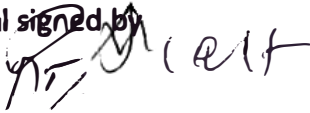
# NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

January 20, 2018

## NOTICE OF THE TWENTYEIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-Eighth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of *The Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre*, also known as the *Friends of the Mounted Police Museum*, will be held in the Heritage Room at the RCMP Heritage Centre, 5907 Dewdney Ave., Regina, Saskatchewan, on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
2. The annual meeting is being held for the purpose of :
  - a. Receiving the annual report of the Corporation, including the financial report, for the year ending Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
  - b. To deal with any other business that may properly be brought before the meeting.
  - c. There are no vacancies on the Board of Directors, therefore there will be no election.
3. Members who are unable to be present at the meeting in person, may wish to designate as their proxy, one of the Officers of the Corporation, as listed on the enclosed proxy form, and return it to this office as soon as possible, but no later than two weeks before the annual general meeting. Proxy votes can also be e-mailed to the secretary at ([rostrum@accesscomm.ca](mailto:rostrum@accesscomm.ca)). or to the friends at ([friends@rcmphc.com](mailto:friends@rcmphc.com)).

Original signed by



R.T. Smart, President

FRIENDS OF THE MOUNTED POLICE HERITAGE CENTRE

Note: a self addressed, prepaid envelope is enclosed for your convenience to return the proxy vote. Please feel free to use this envelope to pay membership dues, donations, etc.

5:30 PM -Cocktails: 6:00 PM Meeting: 6:30 PM Meal & Refreshments

Parking is available in the RCMP Heritage Centre parking lot

### PROXYVOTE

The Friends of the Mounted Police Museum (also known as the Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre) I hereby appoint (circle one) Bob Smart; Ron Ostrum; Bob Cocks; Bill Greenslade; Dave Hoeft; Glen Berger; Murray Klatt; Al Nicholson; Doug Kearn, as my proxy with authority to attend the AGM on March 21 st, 2018, and to vote on my behalf in relation to all general matters that may be brought before the meeting.

Members signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# ASTOUNDING DISTANCES COVERED BY EARLY MOUNTIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY:

(Information supplied by Jack Dunn of Calgary from Commissioner A.G. Irvine's Report for 1980)

- The distance travelled by Constable Armour and his team from the first of April to the First of November was 3080 miles or 5130 km.
- Constable R.C. McLaren recorded that between September 1877 and August 1880 he had ridden an incredible 8,153 miles or 13,600 km.

His trips in 1879 originated at the Fort Walsh Post included:

- January 1879 went to Foot of the Mountain and returned on hundred and forty miles.
- January 1879 went to Fort Benton and returned three hundred and twenty miles.
- February 1879 started for Red Deer River, had to turn back. Traveled eighty miles.
- February 1879 went to Cree camp on mouth of the Red Deer River and returned two hundred and forty miles.
- March 1879 went to Fort MacLeod and returned three hundred and fifty miles.
- April 1879 went to Wood Mountain and returned ninety miles.
- June 1879 went to line (border) and returned ninety miles
- July 10, 1879 left Fort Walsh for Fort MacLeod arriving there July 13 one hundred and seventy miles.
- July 24 left Fort MacLeod for Fort Calgary arriving there July 25 one hundred and ten miles.
- August 1 left Fort Calgary for Fort Edmonton arriving there August 26 two hundred and twenty-five miles.
- August the 14th left Fort Edmonton for Battleford arriving August 20 two hundred and fifty miles.
- September 5 left Battleford for Cypress arriving there September 11 three hundred miles.
- Sept. 15 left Fort Walsh for Wood Mountain arriving there Sept. 20 two hundred mile.

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# LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATIONS



Presentation of the Life membership Plaque to George and Zelly Rechner at the annual Vets Appreciation Dinner in Edmonton by Edmonton Chapter President Jerry Plastow.

*Photo: Bob Stewart*



Bob Smart, President of “Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre”, presenting Life Member plaque to Rita Strauss of Medicine Hat, at the Heritage Centre on Dec 23rd, 2017.

*Photo: Marj Ostrum*



Secretary Ron Ostrum presenting Life Member lapel pins to Rita Strauss at Heritage centre on Dec 23rd, 2017. Jakki Crowe, Director Fund Development, Heritage Centre on the right.

*Photo: Marj Ostrum*



Presentation of the Lifetime Membership Plaque to Sylvia Monson by Jerry Plastow, President of the Edmonton Chapter of the RCMP Veteran’s Association.

*Photo: Bob Stewart*



Presentation of the Life Membership Plaque by President Kilvington to Steve McKenna and Wayne Rushton of RCMP Vets Net.

*Photo:*

# MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Steve McLellan, Regina, SK  
Rob A Ruiters, Regina, SK

**\*FRIEND – \$500.00 +**

Roger E Casson, Courtenay, BC  
Bob Warnke, Regina, SK  
William Schramm, Saskatoon, SK  
W.T. (Bill) Simington, Edmonton, AB  
Julia Henry, Ancaster, ON  
Lawrence Bracewell, Richmond, BC

**\*LIFE MEMBERS – \$1,200.00 +**

David & Christeen Stewart, Gloucester, ON  
Jeffrey S. Weiner, St. Catherines, ON  
Shirley Williamson, Regina, SK  
Sylvia M Monson, Edmonton, AB  
Rita Strauss, Medicine Hat, AB  
Norman Inkster, Mississauga, ON

**LIFE SPONSOR – \$3000.00 - \$4,999**

Boyd C Lensen, Calgary, AB  
Larry & Sally Pearson, Red Deer, AB

**BENEFACTOR – \$5,000.00 – \$9,999.00**

Amend Jock Forbes to read Jock & the late Viola Forbes  
Herb Muma, Lebret, SK

**PATRON \$10,000.00 +**

Gloria Silcox, Regina, SK

**IN MEMORIAM**

\$125.00 David & Christeen Stewart, Gloucester, ON  
in memory of #5951 Cst. Frederick Thomas Epps,  
RNWMP & Royal Canadian Field Artillery #301616  
(Killed In Action, Courcellette, France, Oct 13th, 1916)

\$200.00 E. Jean Thue, Regina  
in Memory of Ivan Thue

\$200.00 Margaret Maidens, Delta, BC  
in memory of Jack Maidens

\$100.00 Jack Kucherawy, Prince Albert, Sk  
in memory of Bob Hemsworth

\$200.00 Terry & Dorothy Swystun, Regina  
in memory of Kirk Ashley Guenther

\*These are cumulative amounts over the years

# FRIENDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

President	Bob Smart, RCMP (Rtd.)
Past President	Bill Greenslade, RCMP (Rtd.)
Secretary	Ron Ostrum, RCMP (Rtd.)
Director	Bob Cocks
Director	Murray Klatt, RCMP (Rtd.)
Director	Dave Hoeft, RCMP (Rtd.)
Director	Glen Berger
Director	Al Nicholson
Director	W. Douglas Keam
Force Observer	SM Ben Gibault
Historical Collections	
Unit Observer	Rhonda Lamb
Heritage Centre Observer	Marty Klyne
Membership Committee	Ron Ostrum, RCMP (Rtd.)
Newsletter Editor	Murray Klatt, RCMP (Rtd.)



## SPECIAL DONATION

In December 2017, Gloria Silcox of Regina presented a cheque for \$10,000 to the Friends of the RCMP Heritage Centre from herself and the late C/Supt. Lyn Silcox.

*Photo of Gloria taken courtesy of Murray Klatt at the 2017 Candle Light Dinner on December 17, 2017.*

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- 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 [www.rcmpfcfriends.com](http://www.rcmpfcfriends.com) and click on "Join the Friends".