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Preface

This month's cover is recognizing some of the hardships our members undertook in Alberta's early years to keep us safe. Today, people would look at this image and think it was just a cool night's camping trip. What a lot of people don't realize is, Canada wouldn't be Canada, were it not for the dedication and perseverance of these brave members of the Force who have gone before us. This year, on the 1st of September 2019, Alberta will turn 114 years old. Knowing your history is important. Remembering who and how they got us here is paramount.

Hi - yes, I remember the buffalo coat - on highway patrol and on detachment - you wore your Sam Brown and sidearms under the coat - not that it mattered - sometimes we didn't even load our revolvers. But they were good for our outside work.
Bud Squair, #16768

"K" Division Newsletter Editor:

Hi Bob: You asked for comments, in the latest Newsletter, about retired members who wore the buffalo coat.

I am Regimental No. 17039, O.821 who took all training at “N” Division from June 1951 to January 1952. After training I travelled by train to Regina and stayed a couple of days in the old “B” Block. I learned here that I was posted to Saskatoon. At Depot Stores, I was issued with a used buffalo coat (on loan) that must have come from the 1930 purchase since there is no record of any new coats secured after that. Later, I was going with a Saskatoon girl and one day her aunt, who worked in the Hudson Bay Fur Department, was shocked to see me wearing this ratty looking coat. She took it to the store, untangled all the mats, brushed it until it almost resembled new. All this at no cost to me. I married this same girl after I had the compulsory five years in. Of course, the aunt became one of my favourites!

In 1952 I was transferred to Rosetown and this is where I really began to appreciate the buffalo coat. We had a town contract that meant rattling doorknobs in all sorts of weather. On foot patrol in winter, the order of dress was long underwear; breeches; brown jacket; felt ankle boots; long black stockings, rolled down below the knees; muskrat hat (with ear flaps); woolen gloves over which we pulled on leather mitts and the short-style buffalo coat. The collar on the coat could be pulled up above the head. The minus 40 degree winter was no match for this order of dress. The one exception was the breeches – if they were too tight at the knees, the latter could freeze.

I gave the coat up in 1954 when the storm coat was introduced. By this time, car heaters were better and the buffalo was just too warm while driving. Besides, all the other 24 year old buffalos looked pretty sad compared to mine!

Merry Christmas to you and yours.

Cecil C. Coutts, Supt. Retired
Calgary, AB
Last Month’s Cover

Last month’s cover was an image of Grierson Hill Barracks 1912 - 1971. Also known in its time as K Division HQ and Edmonton Detachment. Many of our Veterans recall this as their place of work and their home. As Canada evolved over the years, so too did the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Some wish for the old days of the Force where life was well defined as a British paramilitary operation. Others want nothing to do with the paramilitary way of thinking as they know those societal colonialism values days are gone forever. The old ways worked, but only if both concur. Grierson Hill Barracks is today an urban minimum security site for male offenders.

Presidents Corner

December was another very busy month for the Edmonton Division Executive.

After many hours of planning by numerous members of the Association, we brought together our annual Christmas Function on Dec. 10, 2018, at the Woodvale Community Facility. Despite the weather and treacherous road conditions, we had very few cancellations and still had 124 in attendance.

As with years previous, a silent auction was held to raise funds for Christmas hampers to be provided to the less fortunate in 3 Detachment areas in our Edmonton Division.

The donations for the auction from our membership and suppliers of the gift shop were very much appreciated. Thank you to all whom made donations to the auction and to those who bid up and bought articles.
Many thanks to the Social Committee, Bob and Judy Bacchus, Bruce and Wendy Allen, and anyone else I might have missed in setting up the items. Thanks to our runners and to our Treasurer, Linda Plomp, for keeping track of the auction sales. Dance music was provided by the “SPURS”, a three piece band composed of Veterans of our Division.

On Dec. 12th, our group provided a roast beef dinner for those in residence at Valour Place. Chef of the day was Edmonton Veteran, Bob Bedford, and dessert chef was Linda Plomp whom prepared a nice variety of goodies. Thank you Nick Taylor for coordinating this pilot project. We will evaluate this project to determine if it may be continued in the upcoming year.

**Thursday, Dec. 20th. was CHRISTMAS HAMPER DAY.** As in past years, I made contact with detachment commanders to discuss their participation with our Edmonton Vets in providing a hamper to a needy family in their area. The Detachments are to identify a family and provide gifts, if they choose, while our group shops and boxes food supplies for their Christmas meal. The Save On Foods, Village Landing location Manager, Stace Ransom, provided a discount again as he has done the past 2 years. We thank Stace for this generous discount and to his staff for their assistance during our shopping time. Hamper shoppers were Bruce Allen, Bob Stewart, Kees Kikkert (1st time helper) Elaine Schnepf, and myself.

Kees Kikkert and Barry Callbeck teamed up with **Cst. Gord Marshall**, School Resource Officer, **Stony Plain Det.** Kees and Barry can attest to the warm welcome and deep appreciation they felt from the recipients of the hamper there.

Bob Stewart, Elaine, and I headed out on a long drive with the first stop being at the **Barrhead Detachment**. A very enthusiastic **Sgt. Bob Dodds** identified a family within 24 hrs. of being asked to join forces with us. Thanks to **Heidi**, Victim Services Coordinator, who joined with us in the delivery of the hamper along with several gifts from the members of the Barrhead Detachment. This hamper went to a very needy family whom were very grateful to have been chosen in their area.

We travelled on to The **Mayerthorpe Detachment** meeting up with **Sgt. Grant Kneller, Corporal Jamie Robertson and other staff members**. Once again it was very evident that a very needy family had been chosen. The staff members of Mayerthorpe also donated many nicely wrapped gifts for the family.

**Providing hampers to these folks is truly a gift of Christmas Spirit.**

Our Division has had a very informative and entertaining year at our dinner meetings. We have brought in several Guest Speakers whom have enlightened us in areas of interest for the benefit of our members.
In 2019, I have agreed to represent all five Alberta Veterans’ Divisions at the upcoming Change of Command Ceremony, to be held in Edmonton on March 18, 2019. Further details will be provided when the plans are complete. Please make a note to “save the date” if possible, it is requested that a troop of Veterans be available to march and to perform other light duties.

Thank you for all the support to myself and our Executive throughout the past year!
I would like to wish you all a very safe and Happy New Year!
May 2019 bring you all good health, much happiness, and safe travels.

Jerry Blank

Commanding Officer’s Comment

Mandatory Alcohol Screening: A ‘MAS’sive reform to help RCMP reduce and remove impaired drivers from the road

The holidays are always a special time for travelling to be with loved ones, and an important time for the RCMP to make sure everyone arrives safely.

On December 1st, we launched the holiday season by participating in the annual National Impaired Driving Enforcement Day, which brought together RCMP officers and Alberta Sheriffs on patrol to remove impaired drivers from the road. On this day alone, Alberta RCMP laid 23 charges for impaired operation by alcohol and two charges for impaired operation by drug. A total of 11,895 vehicles were checked.

The following week, “K” Division hosted a press conference to inform the public of changes to the laws relating to alcohol-impaired driving in the Criminal Code which brought mandatory alcohol screening (MAS) into force on December 18.

The new law gives police additional authority to detect impaired drivers using an approved screening device following any lawful stop. The RCMP is committed to using MAS in an equitable and non-discriminatory fashion, for consideration in every interaction with drivers. These are short interactions that we need to have because Canadians require and deserve protection from all impaired drivers. We are confident that the test can be completed within the regular compliance check that normally takes a few minutes.

Our commitment to traffic safety did not stop there. Facebook and Twitter proved to be powerful tools to help spread the word on safe driving practices throughout the month, such as planning ahead and appointing a designated driver. Our “12 Days of Christmas” campaign
posts that shared memorable winter-themed tips were seen over 250,000 times across both platforms.

Although the holidays require extra diligence, we need to work together all year-round to make sure our friends and loved ones don’t drive impaired.

Crime Map hits 1 million views

I’m proud to announce that as of December 17, 2018, the Alberta RCMP Crime Map reached over one million views! The Crime Map is now available to view on over 80 community web pages across the province, including major developing cities such as Leduc, Spruce Grove, Camrose, St. Albert, Airdrie.

The Crime Map enables the public to see some reported criminal incidents received by the RCMP within the last 14 days. Crime types presented on the map include: theft from motor vehicle, theft of motor vehicle, break and enter, theft over/under $5,000, mischief and missing persons reports. These crime types were selected to help develop local crime prevention strategies.

Seeing the real picture of neighbourhood crime reported to the RCMP is the first step in doing something about it. However, neighbourhood crime is more than just numbers. My hope is that this up-to-date information will help keep neighbour’s vigilant by knowing where the crime hot spots are and encouraging them to report it when it happens.

A service to our country is a gift to us all

Last month, I had the pleasure of attending my first Veteran’s Christmas Dinner in Edmonton as Commanding Officer. This gathering serves as an opportunity to hear words of wisdom of our veterans to guide us into the New Year.

On December 24th, “K” Division celebrated a special luncheon with the Colonel Belcher WWII Veterans in Calgary. Seeing our red serge ignite the spirit of Christmas with residents is a testament of the comradery and leadership the RCMP strives to uphold all year-round. I am extremely humbled to see our members give the gift of time in the service of others.
On December 28th, the Edmonton RCMP Veteran’s Association, alongside members of the RCMP and Troop Mates from across Canada, gathered together in Blackfalds to celebrate the life of Cst. Jamie Carswell. The RCMP family provided a strong, uniformed presence to pay homage to Jamie’s dedication to the force. Prior to her passing, Jamie received a special honour at her service as a veteran. Jamie will always be remembered as a proud serving member of the RCMP.

I would like to express how grateful I am to each and every one of you for the unconditional support you provide. As veterans, you lead the trail with a contagious compassion for serving communities across Alberta. Thank you for representing our core values so proudly, years after service, and for continuing to be the role models our can members look up to when carrying out our traditions.

Happy New Year everyone, stay safe.

Curtis Zablocki
Deputy Commissioner
Commanding Officer “K” Division

ANTENTION ALL MEMBERS – Edmonton Launch of Sam Steele Biography book by Rod Macleod

Please note Vet’s have been asked to attend this function as you will read below and those interested are asked to attend in their Red Blazers. They are also interested in the NUMBER that may be attending. Therefore, if you are going to attend please let Kees Kikkert know at keesikk@telus.net or phone: 780-962-6784

We are really looking forward to the Edmonton launch of Sam Steele, which is being held at the Alberta Aviation Museum on January 23. In particular, we are hoping that some of the RCMP veterans group may be able to attend. Rod tells me that you are active in that group: would you be able to share the launch information with them? The event links are noted below—all are welcome!

The link to the book on our website is: http://www.uap.ualberta.ca/titles/917-9781772123791-sam-steele. I have also attached a flyer with all of the key information. I am hoping that you might share this information with your networks.

Date And Time  Wed, January 23, 2019  7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Location: Alberta Aviation Museum, 11410 Kingsway Northwest, Edmonton, AB
It was our Honour!

On 2018 December 28th a celebration of life was held for Cst. Jamie CARSWELL in Blackfalds, Ab. She Passed away on December 21st. She had been stationed in "E" Division, but, due to her terminal illness, was transferred to Red Deer to be nearest her family. The service was at the Blackfalds Community Centre, 4810 Womack Rd., Blackfalds, Ab. Cst. CARSWELL was a Member of the Edmonton Veterans’ Association. The President and several members of the Veterans Association were in attendance.

If desired, Memorial donations in Jamie’s honour, and in support of her son Lincoln, may be made directly be e-transfer at keepfighting2018@outlook.com, or her GoFundMe page at www.gofundme.com(because-giving-up-is-not-an-option) set up in her memory.
Sgt. Joseph (Joe) Godwaldt (Rtd.) passed away on 2018 December 30 at the age of 78. A celebration of life was held at Trinity Baptist Church, Sherwood Park, Alberta on 2019-01-04. Joe served in "M", "HQ" and "K". He retired out of "K" after being in the Force from 1960 to 1981. After retirement, he and his wife Shirley, lived in Sherwood Park. He is survived by Shirley and their four children (3 boys and 1 girl).

Mentoring Strategy

Be a good example

One of the best attributes of a mentor is leading by example. It is the responsibility of a mentor to demonstrate the excellence, professionalism, and work ethic that marks an accomplished member. Monitor negativity, engage in professional activities, and illustrate ways to strategically navigate the life of a member.

Offer problem solving strategies

Every community has challenges to face, and it is inevitable that a mentee will encounter some problems. The measure of an effective mentor is to help a mentee address problems strategically and effectively. Experience with policy and processes may smooth the way around some problems, familiarity with common issues may position the mentor to offer specific tools or techniques to resolve a conflict, or appropriate connections may streamline a solution. Mentors should be ready to offer strategies they have used to solve similar problems.
Encourage excellence

Indicate the importance of high expectations. Mentors are in the perfect position to set the bar high and encourage their mentees to rise to the occasion. New members who exceed expectations have less difficulty navigating the administrative process, than those who just get by on the minimum required. Mentors who push novices to excel, increase the competitiveness of their mentees.

Listen and support

There is no substitute for active listening, and mentors need to be particularly astute listeners. It is important to read between the lines and anticipate the stresses, doubts, and concerns mentees are struggling to cope with on a day to day basis. Rather than immediately interrupt with solutions, it is sometimes more effective to get all of the problems, issues and troubles out, and then help the mentee work through a process to come up with their own solutions. Patience, compassion and understanding are great skills for mentors to utilize.

Confront unprofessional behavior

Mentors do not always have to provide support, and in a cases where the mentee is exhibiting inappropriate or unprofessional behavior, it is critical to step in and confront it. This does not necessitate confrontational behavior, but may be merely acknowledging and naming it or suggesting a pause for reflection. A mentor may say, “Here’s what I hear you saying,” and offer a mirror of the behavior back to the mentee, or suggest alternative behaviors that may be more effective.

Offer challenging opportunities

Time is often in short supply for a mentee, but having low expectations is not doing anyone any favors. Push mentees to get out of their comfort zone and engage in new activities. Have them choose what to get involved with strategically, but push them to choose. With support and encouragement mentors may be able to get their charges to accomplish things they did not even realize they were capable of.

Contact a Veteran. You’ll be glad you did!

Membership Dues

Membership Dues remain today at $50.00 annually. To pay your dues, you may do one of the following;

1. Create a personalized cheque or money order payable to the Edmonton RCMP Veterans’ Association and mail it to; Tom BURKETT, 77 Foxboro Link, Sherwood Park, Alberta, T8A 6N9 or
2. Internet banking via email address to dues@edmrcmpvets.ca The security question is as follows: Where is K Division? The appropriate answer is: Alberta.
If you are a new member and you use E transfer, please email your application to Tom BURKETT viflyguy@shaw.ca If you have questions about dues, call Tom at (587) 269-4550.

Notice

Your responsibility, is to pay your membership dues before the end of January. If your regimental/employee number appears below, your annual membership dues have not been received. Please review the list below to ensure you are NOT on the list of defaulters.

### WHEN YOU MAKE A COMMITMENT, YOU BUILD HOPE.  
### WHEN YOU KEEP IT, YOU BUILD TRUST!

Mark your 2018 calendar:

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A lot of people understand the RCMP Veterans’ Association is for Regular Members alone. **Untrue! We are open to all RCMP employees currently serving, retired and widows; RM, PS, CM and the like.**

If you are not a member of the Edmonton Veterans’ Association, you may attend a general dinner meeting as a member’s guest without becoming a member. Or, if you are not a member and are currently employed, you may join as an Associate Member at no cost and enjoy the mission. It’s up to you to take that first step into a larger family of friends. Try us out. You may enjoy the experience.

### Gift Shop Website Menu

The RCMP Gift Shop “main menu” should be explored! There are several links in our menu to other websites that will be of great assistance or information to you. If you have come across a website that you feel is one that would benefit everyone, please notify me at VetsNews@Shaw.ca with the relevant information about the website and why you feel it would help others as a new resource to them.

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_Singing in the shower is all fun and games until you get soap in your mouth, then it becomes a soap opera!_
On the Menu

*Braised Swiss Steak w/caramelized onions & peppers, seafood rice, baked macaroni & cheese, garlic mashed potatoes, and mixed vegetables.*

*Salad Choices - Russian Potato Salad, Italian Garden Rotini Salad and Basil & Balsamic Tomato & Onion*

Cost $25 / plate

Please advise Malcolm Mitchell at malcomm3@hotmail.com with the number in your party that will be attending.

2019 -01-01 Down Under - Bloody Hot!

**Boot Blocks**

Retired Inspector Gerald Gervais is looking to obtain a pair of boot blocks. These were the hardwood “purpose designed” chunks of wood the Saddler loaned you when you ironed your boots smooth, which in turn, made them easier to polish to a satisfying glistening high shine you could be proud of. If you have or know of where Gerald may obtain a pair of these boot blocks, please contact Gerald at laurie4@telus.net or call him at 780-914-1733. And, when you’re communicating with Gerald, you can congratulate him on joining the Vets.

**Change of Command Ceremony**

**On the afternoon of 2019 March 18th the Change of Command Ceremony will take place.** A formal invitation has been extended for all Veterans to attend this Ceremony. A location for the event is yet to be announced. K Division is anticipating three Troops on parade, one of which they would like to be a full Troop of Veterans. K Division is hoping to have some volunteers assist with ushering invited guests in, as well as other roles.

Jerry Plastow has been asked to join the Change of Command Ceremony committee representing all 5 Alberta Veterans’ Associations. He would ask that those Veterans who are able and wish to be part of the Ceremony please advise him directly at jplastow@shaw.ca or call him at 1 (780) 460-8661.

Additional information will be forth coming as planning is worked on.

**Alberta Bites**

Conversation: *the informal exchange of ideas by spoken words.*

With a room full of Veterans, the conversations were wild and fast everywhere you looked. What were they talking about is anyone’s guess. But it sure fills the evening!
The Arms of the Province of Alberta

By Royal Warrant, dated 30th May 1907, Armorial Ensigns were assigned to the Province of Alberta as follows;

“Azure in front of a range of Snow Mountains proper a Range of Hills Vert, in base a Wheat Field surmounted by a Prairie both also proper, on a Chief Argent a St. George’s Cross.”

By Royal Warrant, dated 30th July 1980, the Arm of Alberta were augmented as follows;

Crest: Upon Helm with a Wreath Argent and Gules a Beaver couchant upholding on its back the Royal Crown both proper;
Supporters: On the dexter side a Lion Or armed and langued Gules and of the sinister side a Pronghorn Antelope (Antilocapra americana) proper; the Compartment comprising a grassy mount with Floral Emblem of the said Province of Alberta the Wild Rose (Rosa acicularis) growing therefrom proper;
Motto: FORTIS ET LIBER to be borne and used together with the Arms of the Province of Alberta upon Seals, Shields, Banners, Flags or otherwise according to the Laws of Arms.

Rumblings from the Tummy

You don’t need a fancy setup to cook, or do anything for that matter, but the kitchen is one place that can be simple. This is my setup. I have a very small kitchen and I love it. And yes, it’s not magazine picture ready, but that’s my point, it’s real and it’s mine.

With the New Year, comes a sense of wanting a fresh slate. Sort of like a fresh snowfall to cover up the stuff that doesn’t appeal. The older I become, the more I dislike that way of thinking. It makes me feel inadequate and that I will never achieve what others perceive to be the standard.

The other day, while driving to the grocery store, I was listening to CBC Radio’s Tapestry and they were interviewing David Cain of the blog Raptitude.com (out of Winnipeg). He spoke of New Year’s Resolutions and how he tried something in 2018 that allowed him to see possibilities in what he already had. The idea is that you go deeper, not wider. Rather than starting new things or
acquiring more, you return to the things you have. A quote from his blog explains it best: “The ‘Depth Year’ was supposed to be hypothetical – a reflection on how our consumer reflexes tend to spread our aspirations too thin. Because it’s so easy to acquire new pursuits, we tend to begin what are actually enormous lifelong projects (such as drawing, or language learning) too often, and abandon them too easily.” THIS, I thought, absolutely resonates with me.

I've never been one for New Year's resolutions. I never joined a gym or bought something new to reinvent myself. That said, I am a creative person at heart and having been through life as everyone else, have picked up some baggage. I have trouble with follow through on my creative pursuits and being that I don’t have what others my age have, family, I’d better start following through because no one else is going to do it for me. With that in mind, I hope that I discover what I truly need, rather than what I think I do.

That said, here’s what I ate this New Year's Day morning, for breakfast 😊

-Souptacular brand Tandoori Hot Pot Mix, ½ the package
-4 cups of chicken stock
Cook according to package instructions, on the stovetop
I like to add 1 dried Chile Pepper (15,000-30,000 Scoville Heat Unit rating),
-½ cup Basmati Rice,
-1 cup of frozen green peas and,
-½ cup of frozen corn to the pot. I find that it adds pizazz and I like a chunky soup.
I also stir in ½ can of coconut milk at the end, it makes it extra creamy.

Makes 4-6 helpings and I serve it with toast cut into soldiers.

We should all take some time and think about what we really need. But while we're at it, why don't we ditch the microwave and reheat our leftovers using a pan and the stove. It'll taste way better, trust me!

Coin Collections

The following message was received.

I'm a currently serving member in E Division who has been collecting historical items over the years. In more recent times I have undertaken the hobby of challenge coin collecting. I was wondering if it would be possible to put forward my interest in expanding my collection in the event anyone in the vets group have coins they are looking to part with or trade. I appreciate your assistance with this request.

Happy holidays,

Mike Roberts Surrey det. Reg. # 51878
mountiecoins@gmail.com
Job Opportunity

Hello,
Hoping that you will advertise for us, we are needing to hire a couple ex-members for the position of Investigative Team Lead, for an industrial site that is located North of Fort McMurray. It is a Fly in-Fly out position. With Ten days on, and ten days off.
The hourly pay is $29.50/hr.
The experience required; Ten years in law enforcement investigative experience, with 2 years supervisory role.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

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Excerpt from the Calgary Division Newsletter

When I read this months Calgary newsletter, there was the following insert I thought worth re-transmitting in our newsletter. Please take a moment to review this important information. If you have any positive/negative comments about the content of this insert, please send them to me at VetsNews@shaw.ca

Joint Communique – Security protocols – Red Serge

To All Veterans: The purpose of this joint communique is to provide Veterans with clear and common direction regarding the security protocols that must be adhered to, to confirm approval for the wearing of the Red Serge uniform tunic by Veterans at any time. The threat environment has degraded in recent years and RCMP members have been targeted by persons intending to cause them harm. Consequently, for officer safety, and for the safety of members of the public at venues where uniformed RCMP members are present, there is a requirement for protective presence / armed overwatch. This includes venues such as performances by the Musical Ride, where armed overwatch has been in effect since 2014. These same security protocols govern the wearing of the Red Serge...
uniform tunic by retired, or medically discharged members, who have been authorized to wear the uniform.

Accordingly: In every case, and for every Order of Dress wherein the Red Serge is proposed to be worn, regardless of the venue or the purpose, Veterans must consult with the RCMP Division* through the RCMP Detachment Commander or Division / District Warrant Officer to inform them of the event, in order to assess the risk posed by participation in uniform, and to determine the necessity for protective presence. If the assessment determines the level of risk requires armed overwatch / protective presence, and RCMP / police of jurisdiction resources are not available to provide that protection, then Veterans must not wear Red Serge.

These protocols do not extend to the wearing of the RCMP Veterans red blazer or blue blazer and there is no requirement for any prior consultation with RCMP. That said, Veterans are always encouraged to be mindful of their surroundings and attentive to potential risks to their safety when wearing clothing and memorabilia identifying themselves as being associated with the RCMP. Orders of Dress for RCMP Veterans are specified by Order and venue / event within the Association Manual; Appendix D.

To assist with consultation, a list of Regional Warrants and their contact information is attached here, as is a copy of Appendix 1-9 of the RCMP Uniform & Dress Manual.

RCMP appreciate that Veterans are often called upon to wear the Red Serge in local communities and acknowledge that these requests are positive expressions of respect and pride for the Force. The rationale for these protocols are to safeguard both members, Veterans and members of the public and that is why they must be adhered to.

Steve Walker, President RCMP Veterans' Association
Alan McCambridge, Corps Sergeant Major RCMP

A cranky older woman "in her senior years" was arrested for shoplifting at a grocery store. She gave everyone a hard time, from the store manager to the security guard to the arresting officer who took her away. She complained and criticized everything and everyone throughout the process.

When she appeared before the judge, the judge asked her what she had stolen from the store.
The lady defiantly replied, “Just a stupid can of peaches you old fool.”
The judge then asked why she had done it.
She replied, “I was hungry and forgot to bring any cash to the store."
The judge asked how many peaches were in the can.
She replied in a nasty tone, "Nine! But why do you care about that?"
The judge answered patiently, "Well, ma'am, because I'm going to give you nine days in jail -- one day for each peach."
As the judge was about to drop his gavel, the lady’s long-suffering husband raised his hand slowly and asked if he might speak.

"Yes sir, what do you have to add?"
The husband said meekly, "Your Honor, she also stole two cans of peas."
Scholarship Opportunity

Noted in last month’s newsletter, the Executive approved our first scholarship opportunity. The following are the rules that apply to those who decide to apply. Remember, this is a first effort towards engaging with our youth. All we can do is open the door to possibilities!

SSM Leilani Collins has been provided a simple text message to notify all employees of the Alberta RCMP of this opportunity.

Edmonton RCMP Veterans Association presents,

Stewart Journalistic Scholarship Award

In life, written and oral communication is key to clear understanding and advancement. Our Journalistic Award is intended to drive a collaboration/partnership between children, employees and the Edmonton RCMP Veterans’ Association. The value of the scholarship on offer for 2019 is $1,000 (one thousand Canadian dollars). The scholarship is available only to children of any current RCMP employee (in all employee categories) in Alberta.

The scholarship requires that a child create a story of plausible facts “in their own words”, much like any other published author would. Their stories are to be submitted monthly to our Editor for publication in our Edmonton Veterans’ Association newsletter. The most important component of this challenge is this; the monthly stories must each collaborate to form one complete story and be read aloud by the creator at the Veterans General Meeting in November 2019 in Edmonton.

(The Associations’ newsletters are located on the internet within the www.RCMPGiftShop.ca website.) Eligibility standards are shown below. All stories submitted shall become the property of the Edmonton RCMP Veterans’ Association with credit to their creator.

Eligibility:
1. Must be a child of a current Alberta RCMP employee (All categories.) Please attach your child’s name and your HRMIS number to each submission.
2. Must be a student currently enrolled in an Alberta Education curriculum between Grades 6 and 12 inclusive. NOTE: Please indicate the grade occupied by the student.
3. Each student student must create a plausible historical story of fact “of their own interpretation” about the RCMP in Alberta.
4. The story shall be created electronically in 12 point font.
5. Each month’s story shall be a minimum one page in length – excluding space for included photos. No monthly story shall exceed three pages length, including photos.
6. Each story shall be submitted on or before the first day of the month. First submission is due 2019-02-01. The months of July and August are excluded.
7. Each story submitted must collaborate with the previous months story, thereby creating one full story of events that span the submission period ending 2019-10-02. (Creating a contiguous complete story from each months submission.)
8. Each month shall contain a foot note of bibliography (fact references notes).
9. Evidence of plagiarism shall immediately disqualify a challenger. (*The student shall not directly use another authors text, i.e.: cut and paste.*)
10. Parents may assist their children with guidance to content but are prohibited from creating or crafting any part of their child’s text.
11. All monthly submissions will have been reviewed and qualified by members of the Scholarship Committee to ensure eligibility and compliance.
12. To receive the **Stewart Journalistic Scholarship Award**, the child is required to read aloud their total creation in Edmonton at the General Meeting of the Edmonton Veterans’ Association, November 2019.
13. Submissions shall be sent electronically to [VetsNews@Shaw.CA](mailto:VetsNews@Shaw.CA) on the first day of each qualifying month.

**The Winning Submission:**

14. A winning applicant will be notified by the Edmonton RCMP Veterans’ Association Scholarship Committee.
15. The student will have by the end of the period created and submitted seven short chapters, which come together to form one complete story. Each chapter will have been published monthly in the VetsNews newsletter.
16. The winning student shall read aloud their entire creation at the November meeting of the Association (*which is the final qualification to receive the scholarship.*) Following the reading, the **Stewart Journalistic Scholarship Award Certificate** will be presented to the student by the President of the Edmonton Division, RCMP Veterans’ Association with a $1,000 cheque payable to the student.
17. The winning submission for this year will be chosen in October 2019.

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