

**Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association  
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**Minutes General Meeting, October 16th, 2007  
Smitty's Restaurant – 2376 Princess St. Kingston, ON**

1. **ATTENDANCE:** 15 active and 4 guests
2. **CALL TO ORDER:** 19:30 hrs
3. **MINUTE OF SILENCE:** Cst. Christopher Worden killed in line of duty Hay River. NWT. Gary Coulter attended the funeral in Ottawa and gave an overview of the service.
4. **WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT:** President Kraus welcomed all members and guests. Earl McClare introduced Herb Strasser and Gerry Vandegraff from Toronto Division. Jack Hickman introduced Jim Miller, a former member of the RCMP and a retiree from Toronto Metro.  
Gary Coulter introduced Army Cadet Gordon Stevenson, Gananoque. Gord gave us an overview of his participation and accomplishments as a member of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets national rifle team in Bisley, England. Gord received many rewards there and just recently received the Brigadier Snow Trophy as the top cadet on the National Rifle Team.  
Gord received a round of applause from the floor.
5. **MINUTES OF September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 MEETING:** There being no errors or omissions to the minutes they were adopted as presented.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE:**  
EMAIL – Request from CO “O” Division to meet with RCMP VA Division Presidents in Toronto – 11 OCT 07  
EMAIL – From Montreal Div. RCMP VA Re: Order Form for RCMP Vets' Badge & Wallet  
EMAIL – KRD RCMP VA – Fall Formal Dinner/Dance 02 NOV 07  
EMAIL – To Kingston Whig Standard to place KRD RCMP VA meeting notice in the “whats up column” (16 OCT 07)  
EMAIL – From Jack O'Reilly Toronto Div. Re: Grave Visitations
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tom Petch, copy attached.  
Payment of 2008 Dues - \$40.00, see attachment
8. **DIRECTORS REPORTS:**  
**SOCIAL:**  
Boat/Dinner Cruise Gananoque – 22 SEPT 07  
Ron advised that it was a very successful event again this year and that he would no longer be planning this for the Legion in Gananoque.  
Formal Dinner/Dance 02 NOV 07. Lloyd advised that plans are in place and there is a need for more division members to attend.  
Annual Wine/Cheese – 09 DEC 07 (SUN) – Stephenson's in Bath



**MEMBERSHIP:** Jim Stephenson  
Applicant Peter Phillips unable to attend.  
Jim Miller provided with Application Form.

**EAST:** Dick Dickins - Breakfast meeting at Bud's on the Bay Restaurant, Brockville at 9:00 A.M. second Tuesday of each month, all welcome.

**WEST:** Rick Lee – Not in attendance.

**WEBSITE:** - Jack Hickman – Sponsorship renewals due in OCT have been received. There is a new Sponsor – Avenue Florist (Chuck Graham's dau.) 343 Portsmouth Ave., Kingston 613-531-8700. Please check our website for the sponsor list and use their services whenever possible as they keep our website up and running – [www.rcmpvets-kingston.ca](http://www.rcmpvets-kingston.ca) Jack advises that there is still a significant number of hits on our website from across Canada and some from outside Canada as well.

**VISITATION REPORT** - Jack Hickman  
Dick Dickins advises that his wife Judy is doing well  
Earl McClare advises that his wife Brenda is going through another phase of treatments and they are very optimistic.  
President Kraus reported that Archie Barr's situation is unchanged. Archie has been very busy with lawyers contacting him regarding the Air India Crash enquiry.  
Bev Miller was recently hospitalized with a heart issue, however, Bev is around and about.  
Ghislaine Hastie advised that her husband Williard has been under cancer treatment for some time now. He has had some real difficult challenges, is now home and they are working on his recovery.

**9. OLD BUSINESS:**

Reminder to anyone wishing RCMP Christmas Cards to get their orders in. If you need to know where to order them, contact Bob Kraus.  
The Force is still proceeding with getting the Veterans Independence Program (VIP) for members who receive a disability pension from the Force. The target date is SEPT/08. The program will be administered by VAC.

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

Jack O'Reilly from Toronto Division is going over the "O" Division RCMP Gravesites and is discovering that some of the records do not match the headstones/markers at the gravesites and is providing a list for us to make any corrections necessary when we do our inspections next season. The Kingston Det. Commander has been made aware of this as well.  
It was also discussed with the Kingston Det. Commander that we have a few sites that we visit are very handy for the Ottawa Div. to visit and has given us the OK to see if Ottawa Div. would add them to their list of visitations and report accordingly through our Div.  
President Kraus met with the CO "O" Div. 11 OCT 07 in Toronto. Presidents from Toronto, Golden Horseshoe and Georgian Bay were also in attendance. The CO would like more interaction between serving members and the veterans. He would like to form a committee between his office and the veterans regarding forthcoming Regimental Dinners/Formal Balls etc. The Presidents from Toronto & Georgian Bay will put a plan together and report accordingly in due course. Toronto Div. requested the the CO's office supply small flags to place at the gravesites that are visited each year. The CO agreed and will make the flags available for next year visitations. The CO also advised that any RCMP gravemarker errors be reported in the usual manner so corrections can be made. The CO also advised that he would look in to the current request for an RCMP plaque to be placed at the gravesite of Assist. Commr. Crozier's gravesite in Belleville.

President Kraus and Vice President Stephenson will be contacting division members to fill the Treasurers position and the Secretaries position at the Annual General Meeting 20 NOV 07. Without saying, volunteers would be most welcome to fill either of these positions and should contact Bob or Jim.

**11. NEXT MEETING:**

Annual General meeting will be held on 20 NOV 07. Details to follow.

**12. MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Moved by Gene Montgomery – 21:00 hrs.

*Vern Coburn*  
*Secretary*

***BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:***

**NOVEMBER:** Richard Dickins, Earl McClare, Bob Kraus, Wes Rideout, Jim Stephenson and Keith Taylor.