

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veteran's Association
Kingston Region Division

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Our "Breakfast in the Islands" was a resounding success with 28 veterans, associates and guests attending. President Gary Coulter presented Tom Petch with his 20 year pin. We managed to get the photo printed in both the EMC and the Gananoque Reporter. Check the Division Web site for many photos of the event, great job from Jack Hickman to get them on the web.

A reminder to all that instead of reading this you should be on your way to Napanee for lunch.

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VIP DRIVERS REQUIRED

**The Motorpool Supervisor at the US Embassy in Ottawa is in the process of updating their VIP drivers list. In the past the Embassy has hired retired Ottawa area retired RCMP and Ottawa Police Officers to drive members of the State Department during VIP visits, such as a Presidential or Secretary of State Visits. The forthcoming G-8 meeting June 25-27, 2010 in Huntsville, ON and the G-20 Summit will be held in the Toronto June 26-27, 2010. The Embassy is interested in recruiting retired RCMP and OPP officers from that area. If you are interested please contact the following directly:

Keitha Lynch, GSO Motorpool Supervisor

American Embassy, Ottawa, Canada

email: lynchka@state.gov <<mailto:lynchka@state.gov>> Ph: 613-688-5291 Fx: 613-688-3091

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You are invited to go to the national website to view the board minutes and check out the discounts that have been made available to our veteran members. You can find the national website at:

www.rcmpvetsnational.ca.

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I have a brand new (worn once) red serge Blazer (size 40 regular) I will sell for \$175 Anyone interested?????? Mark Tinlin

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How does one start to bring to the attention of others a much needed long overdue honour and recognition for thousands of Veterans and Troops? Remembrance is for all not just some! I hope a letter of understanding may be the answer in support of a proposed Governor General's Volunteer Service Medal (GGVSM). It is important to know that the GGVSM Petition to ask for the creation of a new medal has been read in the House of Commons on 12 different occasions but this isn't enough. We need the petition to be read in the House of Commons again and again and for this we need your help.

Anyone wanting to know more about this let me know and I will send you the entire email. SCY

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Brian Williams, anchor and managing editor



After tonight's broadcast and after looting our hotel mini-bars, we're going to try to brave the blizzard and fly east to home and hearth, and to do laundry well into next week. Before we leave this thoroughly polite country, the polite thing to do is leave behind a thank-you note.

Thank you, Canada:

For being such good hosts. For your unfailing courtesy. For your (mostly) beautiful weather. For scheduling no more than 60 percent of your float plane departures at the exact moment when I was trying to say something on television. For not seeming to mind the occasional (or constant) good-natured mimicry of your accents. For your unique TV commercials -- for companies like Tim Hortons -- which made us laugh and cry. For securing this massive event without choking security, and without publicly displaying a single automatic weapon. For having the best garment design and logo-wear of the games -- you've made wearing your name a cool thing to do. For the sportsmanship we saw most of your athletes display. For not honking your horns. I didn't hear one car horn in 15 days -- which also means none of my fellow New Yorkers rented cars while visiting. For making us aware of how many of you have been watching NBC all these years. For having the good taste to have an anchorman named Brian Williams on your CTV network, who turns out to be such a nice guy. For the body scans at the airport which make pat-downs and cavity searches unnecessary. For designing those really cool LED Olympic rings in the harbor, which turned to gold when your athletes won one. For always saying nice things about the United States...when you know we're listening. For sharing Joannie Rochette with us. For reminding some of us we used to be a more civil society. Mostly, for welcoming the world with such ease and making lasting friends with all of us.

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Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself, 'Lillian, you should have remained a virgin.'

- Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)

And the cardiologist's diet: If it tastes good spit it out.

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: - 'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.'

- Eleanor Roosevelt

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Production of a RCMP Veterans BADGE comments from National Board

For some time now we have been in discussion with some of our Divisions and the ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE concerning the use of the Force's and/or our Association Crest, which are very similar, on Identification Badges to be used by former members of the Force. The Force's position right now as I understand it is that they will not grant permission to any of our Divisions to use the Crests on such identification badges but would grant permission to our Association Nationally providing that we as an Association control the production and distribution of such badges and are prepared to accept any civil or criminal liability that occurs. We have been advised that our present liability insurance does not cover us in this situation and obtaining such coverage, if possible, may be cost prohibitive.

In view of the foregoing at a Board of Directors meeting on February 25th., 2010, a motion was passed that we, the RCMP Veterans' Association have not granted and will not grant, permission to any Division of the Association or any individual to produce such a badge using the RCMP Veterans' Association crest and/or name.

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For Sale

Red Blazers

Saskatoon Division has a supplier for Red Blazers. They can be ordered through the Division by calling Craig Inkster at 306-384-4938, email c.inkster@sasktel.net

The cost of the blazer is \$210.00. Size 46 and over, add \$10.00. These are standard sizes noted in the chart below.

- two button front;
- four button sleeve;
- man made material (polyester) looks great and not too heavy.

We will supply the Veterans Crest for \$35.00 (buyer to attach) and tie for \$25.00 if ordered at the same time.

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I receive several newsletters from various Divisions from time to time. If you would like these to be forwarded to you please advise. You get all or none!!

Currently I have Georgian Bay, South Okanagan, Toronto, Kamloops, Ottawa, Calgary, Edmonton, Montreal and Red Deer. I also get one or two from the east and west coasts.

I receive death notifications from time to time and if local (Ontario) I will forward immediately. I would like input as to what to do on a general basis. Do you want a listing in each bulletin or not?

I will be forwarding a copy of the revised national bylaws for your information and perusal. They will be voted on at the AGM in Regina.

You can still sign up to attend the **AGM in Regina June 6th.**