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RCMP Veterans' Association - Membership Info for Serving Employees

Your RCMP Veterans' Association is a national body comprised of, and representing former and serving employees of the RCMP. It has been in existence since the first meeting of NWMP ex-members in Calgary in 1886. Like the Force, the Association is divided into Divisions (30), each encompassing a geographic region in Canada.

The following is important information for all serving RCMP employees (RM/CM/PSE) regarding the various categories, criteria and benefits of taking membership in your RCMP Veterans' Association. Below is a brief overview.

ACTIVE Member: former Regular / Civilian / Auxiliary / Reserve members

You may join as an *Active* member immediately upon discharge from the Force. Eligibility and membership criteria are listed on the reverse of the Membership Application form posted on the Vets National website under *Membership/Recruiting*.

ASSOCIATE Member: serving Regular Member / Civilian member / PS Employee

As a serving RM or CM, you may take *Associate* membership if you have received the Good Conduct/Long Service medal or award, and as a Public Service Employee, if you have twenty (20) years in the Public Service with the most recent three (3) years in the employment of the RCMP.

Membership benefits include:

- Continued camaraderie and fellowship through social & entertainment functions, as well as sporting and recreational activities.
- No cost Accidental Death & Dismemberment coverage
- Notification of possible employment opportunities
- Confidential assistance with disability applications and other benefit entitlements
- Hospital and home visitations provided during times of illness and family assistance
- Survivors' and Executors' Guide & Checklist that is updated annually and contains essential information needed by the spouse and family on a member's death
- Assistance to surviving spouse and family with funeral arrangements and advising survivors of the processes for continuing pension, insurance and health benefits
- Group discount rates on Home & Auto insurance by insurers in each province
- Opportunity to attend the Association's annual general meeting (AGM) in different geographic locations in Canada to meet and socialize with former colleagues
- Very reasonable membership cost

For further information on membership or other veteran matters, you can contact the Veterans' Association at - rcmp.vets@rcmp-grc.gc.ca or call 1-613-993-5578 or toll free at 1-887- 251-1771 or visit the website www.rcmpvetsnational.ca