



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors - News and Views

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Larry Power
President

On December 01, 2009, I attended a Board of Director's meeting in Ottawa. There were a host of subjects discussed and I think the meeting was very productive. More detail can be found in our newsletter that will be posted on our National Website.

During our Board meeting we met with Commissioner Elliott and members of his Senior Executive. We were well received and some very meaningful discussion took place. A number of topics were discussed, the most important being the Veterans Independence Program, Spousal benefits for members who marry after age 60 and Insurance Benefits for widows up to and after age 70. It was established to my satisfaction that VIP is well in hand, and made a priority with Commissioner Elliott and his Executive and is progressing through normal channels. It is hoped that more specific details can be released in the near future.

While in the Ottawa area Director Cal Small, Executive Director Bill Gidley, National Advocate Dale Lively and I met with FSNA President Stan Hrabarchuk and his Senior Executive. Matters such as marriage after retirement, immediate indexing of RCMP pensions, VIP, etc, were discussed and it was evident that we have the complete support of President Hrabarchuk and FSNA for our initiatives. A good example of the type of support that we can expect is that Mr. Hrabarchuk was to meet with a senior Government official that very day and he promised to ensure that VIP was on the agenda.

Director Small, Advocate Lively and I also met with Mr. Pat Stogran, Colonel (Ret), VAC Ombudsman and employees, Paul Woods, RCMP Cpl.(Ret) and Louise Wallis, Director. We had frank and open discussions and got a promise from Mr. Stogran that he would do all in his power to help RCMP veterans.

Advocate Lively and I met with Mr. Brad White, Dominion Secretary, Royal Canadian Legion and his Senior Project Officer, Bill Maxwell. We were very well received and it was determined that we could Help on support for our initiatives from Secretary White and his Association.

At this time of the year I would like to close by wishing you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year from my wife Pat and myself.

"Let's make our New Year's resolution a pledge to increase membership in our Association for the benefit of all former members of the RCMP and their families".

Larry Power
President

"REMEMBER IF EACH OF US RECRUIT ONE NEW MEMBER WE WOULD DOUBLE IN SIZE"

From the Board:

At the Board of Director's meeting the Vets Advocate, Dale Lively gave an extensive report in regards to his meetings with government officials, VAC members and senior members of the RCMP.

There was some realignment of Board members and their participation on Committees to bring the committees into order with the current members of the board.

A discussion was held in response to the minutes of the Communication & Membership Committee meeting held on 25 November. These telephone conference members had conversations about: the national web site, President's Newsletter, membership and the membership form, retirement packages and investigations into payroll deductions for dues from retired members.

The chairman of the Benefits Committee talked about: insurance and the chairman of the Benefit Trust Fund gave a report as to the current status of the fund. The chairman of the Marketing Committee gave a detailed explanation about the current standing of the discounts offered to the members as well as a report on the RCMP Foundation.

Many agenda topics were covered and a small thank you gift was given to Dale Lively for his valued service on the Board and for continuing his service to the Association as well as to outgoing National Secretary William (Bill) Maxwell. A presentation will be given to Nick Shaigec in his home division in appreciation for his valued membership on the board. The new National Secretary Alex Geddes from Ottawa and new Director Murray Milne from Saskatoon were sworn into their positions and will hold them until an election is held at the AGM 2010 in Regina.

The minutes of the Board meeting can be found on the national website at: www.rcmpvetsnational.ca.

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