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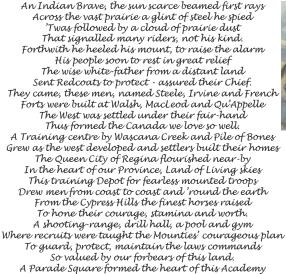
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A TRIBUTE TO RCMP "Depot" (Home of the Mounties)

So valued by our forbears of this land. A Parade Square formed the heart of this Academy A mess-hall for hearty men to take repast The trumpets call summons the spirit of man To the Chapel on their seventh day of rest. Time marches on and History takes its place In a Heritage Centre to chart the law mans past And 'Depot' contributes as a matter-of-course With dedicated Instructors, bringing out the best. In nineteen seventy-four women joined the Force Adding a feminine element to an ever-changing science Technology, computers and new techniques are constant On these innovations the Academy places its reliance. 'eterans meet here once a month, a link with past and present We're Friends of the Museum and as Comrades receive our due We support this first-class Academy for practical and show Home of the Mounties! We stand on guard for you!



Barríe F. Nowell, Reg. #18794, Sgt. Retíred May 1st, 2010





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# CRADLE OF THE FORCE: DEPOT 25

The friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre proudly sponsored a Reception to present a new Exhibit celebrating the 125th. Anniversary of "Depot" Division. The Exhibit explores the fascinating history of the oldest division in the Force.

The reception was held on Thursday, April 15th. 2010 from 4:30-7 p.m. at the RCMP Heritage Centre auditorium where a brief history of the training centre since its beginning in 1885 was presented by Robin Etherington, President and C.E.O. of the Centre. A brief resume of the extensive preparations gathering exhibits to create a step back in time experience, was presented by Rhonda Lamb, Manager of the RCMP Historical Collections unit. The Commanding Officer of Depot Division, Asst/Comm.Roger Brown, addressed the gathering and expounded on the numerous activities planned for the Celebrations, including the Sunset Retreat Ceremonies and performances of the famed RCMP Musical Ride, in July and August, 2010, for the benefit of the visiting public.

The guests were then escorted through the Historical Exhibit which featured rare artifacts, pictures and displays of the Depot's unique history. Cadets in training and RCMP Veterans were on hand to mingle with the guests and promote the Exhibit. Following the viewing guests were treated to refreshments and informative conversation.

Barrie Nowell, Editor.



On April 15th 2010. the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the "Cradle of the Force Exhibit" was performed by (left to right) Rhonda Lamb RCMP H.S.C. Unit; Bob Mills, retired Ass't. Commissioner, and Robin Etherington, President & CEO, RCMP Heritage Centre. Photo by: Kenn Barker.

# TWENTIETH Annual FRIENDS" General Meeting

The twentieth Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre was held in the Community Programming Room of the RCMP Heritage Centre, 5907 Dewdney Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan on Tuesday, March 30th. 2010. The program commenced at 6:30 pm with 44 persons in attendance and 400 proxy

Votes..

Regrets were received from Commissioner W.J.Elliott, and from Deputy Commissioner R.D.Knecht, Commanding North-West Region. Present were Ass.t. Commissioner Roger Brown, Commanding Officer of 'Depot' Division; Asst. Commissioner Dale McGowan and Mrs. McGowan. Also present were Robin Etherington, President and CEO of the RCMP Heritage Centre; Rhonda Lamb, Manager of the RCMP Heritage Centre Collections Unit.

The meeting was opened by O.A. (Mac) MacGillivray, Director of the Friends, in place of President Bill Greenslade, absent on duty. Following welcoming comments, Chairman Mac introduced and recognized all guests in attendance, particularly Malcolm and Grace Wake. Malcolm is a retired manager of the old RCMP Museum and was one of the founding fathers of the "Friends" (1988) All present were in possession of a copy of the Board of Directors report and Financial Report for 2009. President Mac summarized the Board report and then called on President Robin Etherington, CEO of the Heritage Centre, Rhonda Lamb, Manager Collections Unit, and Bob Cocks Director and former Editor of the News Letter "Friendly Notes" to give their reports for 2009. President Robin presented her comprehensive report and thanked all supporters of the Heritage Centre

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and particularly the "Friends" for their tireless work and generous contributions. At the conclusion of reports, President Mac presented Bob Cocks with a gift of a packaged set of RCMP badges, to express appreciation for Bob's ten years and fourty issues of the "*Friendly Notes*".

In other business a MOTION by Barrie Nowell/Kenn Barker That we accept the 2009 Board of Directors Report. CARRIED.

MOTION; by Mike Spurgeon/Bob Mills that the 2009 Financial Report be accepted. CARRIED.

MOTION: Bob Cocks/Malcolm Wake that we appoint Select Bookkeeping as our auditor for 2010. CARRIED.

MOTION: Ron Ostrum/Gord Prawdzik. That Barrie Nowell be elected to the Board of Directors for two years. CARRIED.

President MacGillivray then presented a Life Member plaque and Life Member Lapel Pins to Gord and Carolle Prawdzik.

Hugh Smith moved the Meeting adjourn. A light lunch and refreshments was enjoyed by all, followed by a photograph taken of the Board of Directors, by Kenn Barker.

Barrie Nowell, Editor



20th. AGM "Friends" of MP Heritage Centre Seated (L to R): A.Commr Dale McGowan, CO "F"; Robin Etherington, CEO RCMP JHC; Rhonda Lamb, Manager, RCMP HCU; A/Commr Roger Brown, CO "Depot" Standing (L ro R): Directors Bob Cocks; Barrie Nowell; Kenn Barker; Mac MacGillivray; Ron Ostrum Missing: Pesident Bill Greenslade; Directors John Worthington; John Hodgson, and Observer Supt Dale Erickson, RCMP Photo by Kenn Barker.

Editor Note: The Annual General Meeting of the Veterans Associations, Canada, was held in Regina, Saskatchewan, on June 4, 5, & 6th, and will be reported on in the 'fall' issue of the "Friendly Notes".

## "DEPOT" DIVISION -THE EARLY YEARS

It is the oldest division in the Force, with all other divisions being either younger or having been relocated or re-established at least once. It is the only division to have a commissioner as its commanding officer. It is the only division to have seen all three changes in the Force's name. It is "Depot" Division, which is 125 years old on November 1, 2010.

In 1880 Commissioner Irvine visited Ireland to study the organization of the Royal Irish Constabulary. He was impressed with its permanent training facility, the "Depot", in Phoenix Park, Dublin. There recruits were posted for a regular period of training. At home, recruits were at that time, engaged at headquarters and transferred to the field without any initial training. There was inconsistency as to what level of training members received and when it could be provided. Several commissioners noted that it was not an efficient system.

Upon his return, Commissioner Irvine recommended the establishment of a "depot of instruction" for the North West Mounted Police (NWMP), where all recruits would be sent for training by experienced instructors before entering the field. As the NWMP was still thought to be a temporary force which would be disbanded after the railway was completed and settlement began, the government gave the Force and this request a low priority. This attitude changed in 1885 with the North-West Rebellion and the federal government decided to put the NWMP on a more permanent and stable footing.

Commissioner Irvine created five divisions that fall, one of which, with the minister's approval was "Depot" Division. It was located at the territorial capital of Regina, on the site that had been the headquarters of the Force since 1882. With "Depot" Division's establishment on November 1, 1885 Commissioner Irvine appointed himself Commanding Officer until April 1, 1886. Commissioner Herchmer assumed both roles but decided in May 1886 to transfer command of "Depot" to Superintendent E. W. Jarvis.

"Depot" has lived up to what Commissioner Irvine's hopes. Known as the "Cradle of the Force", "Depot" Division has seen almost every member pass through its gates for their initial training, having a life-long effect on those pass through it. These people entered as recruits and cadets, but have left as new members who have gained a new sense of maturity, pride and self-confidence. Through this training, "Depot" continues to instill and reinforce the history and traditions of the Force for the last 125 years.

Contributed by Shannon Cunningham.

## THE RCMP HERITAGE CENTRE UPCOMING EVENTS SUMMER/FALL 2010

July 1 at 5 p.m. - The Polonia Polish Folk Dance Ensemble of Regina, with guest performers at-tending the North America Polish Folk Dance Festival to perform. Several Polish Dance groups from Canada and the USA will perform at the RCMP Heritage Centre. They will showcase high-energy folk dancing, rhythmical music and vivid cos-tumes through an exciting performance.

July 1, 13, 20 & 27 at 6:45 p.m. - Sunset-Retreat Ceremony, Parade Square, "Depot" Division. This colourful event lasts approximately 45 minutes and includes military music, the lowering of the Canadian flag, the March Past, and a troop drill display performed by cadets dressed in the famous scarlet tunic. Bring your own lawn chairs as seating is not available. This is a free out-door event! The Heritage Centre will be open late until 9 p.m. Children under 12 gain free admission to the Centre between 5 - 9 p.m. on these days.

#### July 4 at 4:00 p.m. - Special Lecture

Garret Wilson will present a lecture on the March West.

## July 5 at 2 p.m. - The Fort Walsh & Fort Battl-eford Experience

Special demonstration presented by the Fort Walsh and Fort Battleford National Historic Sites on the RCMP Heri-tage Centre lawn.

#### July 5 at 4 p.m. - Special Lecture

Clay Yarshenko will present a lecture on the Cypress Hills Massacre.

#### July 6 at 4 p.m. - Special Lecture

Royce Pettyjohn will present a lecture on the Old Forts Trail.

### July 6 at 6:45 p.m. - Special extended Sunset-Retreat Ceremony celebrating "Depot's" 125th anniversary!

All the excitement and pageantry of a regular Sunset-Retreat Ceremony plus participation from Fort Walsh and Fort Battleford National Historic Sites, and the RCMP Pipes and Drums Band. Bring your own lawn chairs as seating is not available. The Heritage Centre will be open late until 9 p.m. This is a free outdoor event!

August 3, 10 & 17 at 6:45 p.m. - Sunset-Retreat Ceremony, Parade Square, "Depot" Division See July 1 for event description.

### August 9 - 12 - RCMP Heritage Centre Mini-Mountie Camp

This four-day summer camp for kids offers an opportunity for children to grow through social interaction, educational programming and physical recreation. Our camp is designed to reach a variety of interests! This program requires pre-booking. Please see our website for brochure and registration form.

### September 4 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. - The Musical Ride, Soccer Field, "Depot" Division

The Musical Ride is performed by a full troop of thirty-two riders and horses and consists of the execution of a variety of intricate figures and cavalry drill choreographed to mu-sic. Tickets are \$10 for adults, children under 12 are free! The Heritage Centre will be open until 9 p.m.

## September 16 at 1 p.m. - Senior Salute, Bingo and RCMP Lingo

Join us for an afternoon of RCMP bingo and learn inter-esting RCMP facts, tidbits and trivia. You'll even have the change to win a gift card to our Gift Shop. Afterwards you're invited to explore our exhibits where you can learn about our national history as well as modern day policing. Enjoy complimentary coffee and tea following your visit.

### September 25 from 1 to 5 p.m. - Culture Day!

Come by the Centre for games, tours and the mini-march-ing program as part of Culture Days. Admission is free for everyone between 1 and 5 p.m.!

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## HCU WELCOMES NEW CURATOR

The RCMP Historical Collections Unit (HCU) is pleased to welcome our new Curator, Jodi Ann Eskritt. Originally from Kingston, Ontario, Jodi Ann brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the RCMP. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in History from Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario (including a year at the Université de Nantes, France) and a Master's Degree in Museum Studies from the University of Leicester, UK. Jodi is fluent in both English and French.

Jodi Ann's interest in museums began in 1983 when she accepted a position as a tour guide at the Royal Military College of Canada Museum in Kingston. Most of her career has been spent with the Department of National Defence. Key postings have included Assistant Base Museologist for CFB Petawawa Military Museum and Airborne Forces Museum and Curator for the National Air Force Museum of Canada. Jodi Ann's most recent posting was at Trenton, Ontario as 8 Wing Heritage Officer. Throughout her career, Jodi Ann has been involved with local museum and historical societies including the Organization of Military Museums of Canada Inc. (OMMC), the Association of Manitoba Museums (AMM), the Canadian Aviation Historical Society, and various provincial granting bodies.

Jodi Ann indicates "that much of her philosophy on museums and their role in modern culture comes from the British tradition of the Curator as Keeper, (which may seem a bit archaic). Preservation of the museum's core collection is always a museum's primary goal. Nevertheless, to remain relevant, we do have to make our collections as accessible as possible without sacrificing that goal. Thus our balancing act begins."

Jodi Ann's first priority as Curator will be "to become familiar with the RCMP Collections, assessing how we are preserving and interpreting them for our main audiences - the members of the Force (past, present and future) and the general public, be they visitors to the Heritage Centre or researchers with inquiries about the Force's heritage. From there I hope to build on the collections' strengths so that the HCU's Collections remain a vibrant and relevant part of the RCMP's proud heritage."

Jodi Ann advises that "she is honoured to be part of the RCMP HCU and is looking forward to working together to assist the Unit achieve excellence."

Resume & Photo Contributed by Wendy Kraushaar





On June 6th, 2010 on behalf of the Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre. President Bill Greenslade presented B.H.M. (Harry) Armstrong of Ottawa Ontario,

a Life Membership plaque and lapel pin. The presentation to Harry took place at the RCMP Veterans AGM, held in Regina, in recognition of Harry's generous support to the Friends over the years. Photo by Kenn Barker.

On June 06th. 2010 on behalf of the *Friends* of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre. President Bill Greenslade presented Daniel & Marion Carroll of Ottawa



Ontario, a Life Membership plaque and lapel pin. The presentation to Dan, took place at the RCMP Veterans AGM held in Regina, in recognition of Dan & Marion's generous support to the Friends over the years. Photo by Kenn Barker.



On June 06th. 2010 on behalf of the Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre, President Bill Greenslade presented, Terry & Lucille Lewis of West Kelowna, B.C. a Life Membership plaque and lapel pin. The presentation to Terry etook place at the RCMP Veterans AGM held in Regina, in recognition of Terry & Lucille's generous support to the Friends, over the years. Photo by Kenn Barker.



RCMP Historical Collections Unit is pleased to introduce our new Curator, Jodi Ann Eskritt, formerly from Kingston, Ontario.



On June 06th, 2010 on behalf of the Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre. President Bill Greenslade presented Mel Schulhauser of Buena Vista Saskatchewan, a Life Membership plaque and lapel pin. The presentation to Mel took place at the RCMP Veterans AGM in Regina in recognition of Mel's generous support to the Friends over the years. Photo by Kenn Barker.

On June 15th. 2010 on behalf of the Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre. President Bill Greenslade presented Kevin & Dona O'Callaghan of Regina Saskatchewan, a Life Membership plaque and lapel pin. The presentation to Kevin took place at the June Veteran's regular meeting and golf tournament at Good Spirit Lake, in



recognition of Kevin & Donna's generous support to the Friends over the years. Photo by Bob Cocks

### CANADA DAY DRAW

Congratulations to Bill Greenslade of Regina, Saskatchewan, who was the lucky winner of the Friends July 1st (Canada Day) Draw. Bill Greenslade's name was drawn from the names of all members of the Friends, and the prize he will receive is a copy of the book, Behind the Badge. Every year around July 1st, a random draw is made from all paid up members of the Friends, and the winner is presented with a gift.

### GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO 'FRIENDS' FROM THE QUARTERLY







May 24, 2010

Mr. Bill Greenslade, President, Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre

Dear Bill:

On behalf of the Quarterly / la Trimestriche Board of Trustees which includes Peter Austin, Bill Beahen, Bill Gidley and John Religa, it gives me great pleasare to be able to present you with the enclosed ebeque in the smouth of \$5,000.00.

I should mention that following bis trip to Regima last year which included a tour of the Heritage Centre, Ron Sparks, then Acting fullion of the the Quarterly strongly recommended that The Board of Trustees make an appropriate domation to support the work of the Heritage Centre, To quate Ron, "Regima Division, through the Friends of the Museum has done a tremendous job in their fund-raising efforts in keeping the traditions of the Force alive".

It is interesting that Hill Beahen, formerly the Force's Historian also has great prise, for what is being done by 'The Friends', To quote Bill, "One of the achievements I am most prund of in my carcer in the RCMP was that I researched and hardred the documents for the creation of the Friends group. This led to the creation of the Friends and the signing of the agreement to support the Museum, at that line, and now the Heritage Centre. The Friends have done yeomen's work now for two full decades".

It is obvious to nic that the work you and your Board of Directors are doing is important and it is a pleasure to be able to support you in this way.





On Sunday, June 6th. 2010, at the gala AGM B..B.Q, in the Drill hall at "Depot", a cheque for \$5000.00 was presented by Cal Small, Chair of the Quarterly Board of Trustees, to Bill Greenslade, President of the "Friends" of the Heritage Centre in Regina, flanked by Tim Hoban, Incoming National President, and Larry Power, outgoing National President, of the RCMP National Veterans Association.

### **Troop Reunion Donations**

The Friends sincerely appreciate all donations. The Troop Reunion donation is an excellent way for troop mates to show their support of the Friends, and in turn the RCMP Heritage Centre and the RCMP Historical Collections Unit. With the new electronic 50 inch plasma screen in operation, which is located in the lobby of the Heritage Centre, all donors are easily displayed, whether they be individuals, or individual members of a larger group such as a Troop.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Readers offer new and interesting information regarding LEGACY OF THE DOLLS, and Cst. Ross Gibson. FRIENDLY NOTE, VOL.20,ISSUE 2,SPRING 2010

From: Ralph L. De Groot Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Dear Barrie: What a wonderful article about Ross Gibson. The two letters are priceless. Sometime between 1958 and 1962, there arrived at Truro Detachment a senior Constable. It was Ross. He had come out of the north. He was friendly and helpful to a junior 3/Cst such as I was (Reg. 20284 vs 16593). He was also very hospitable and would often invite me to his home on Smith Avenue, a welcome relief from compulsory detachment barrack life. That home was museum-like with tastefully displayed large collections of fascinating artefacts from the far north. I especially recall the huge polar bear skin on the hardwood floor. I was thrilled with his stories about each item. He would also talk with great fondness about Gibson's Landing and his family's history. Your article was a great reminder that a thoughtful, compassionate man lived amongst us. Thank you and the Grabers. Ralph L. De Groot, Peterborough, ON

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Thanks to those Members of the *Friends* who have already indicated they would like to receive the *Friendly Notes* electronically.

### DONOR WALL OF APPRECIATION

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### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

A warm welcome to the following persons who have become members of the *Friends* during the period from March 15, 2010 to June 30, 2010:

Neill & Linda Trail, Regina Gail A.Witherspoon, Red Deer W.F.(Bill) Vance, Dartmouth,NS Ron P Kilius, Mississauga, ON Gail Ann Barkey, Delta, BC Dorothy Welch, Govan, SK Trevor & Marlene Ferguson, Stony Plain, AB A.J.H.(Joe) Collinson, Shewood Park, AB Lloyd Dunham, Gananoque, ON Jim Medley. Edmonton Bertha & George Powell, St.John's, NL Mike Duffy, Medicine Hat, AB Linda Walker, Regina Mel Williams, Medicine Hat, AB Murray D.Klatt, Regina Emil A.Knuth, Regina Doug Langevin, St.Slbert, AB Gene Montgomery, Harrowsmith, ON John A.Hickman, Kingston, ON Denis Duhamel, Chilliwack, BC Troop 54(1960)

### Membership Committee Report Continuted

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