



The Call Box

*The monthly newsletter of
The Edmonton Police Service Veterans' Association*



July 2026 edition

Happy Canada Day!



What's in this month's edition of your newsletter? President's message, Absent Friends, EPS, EPA & Sgts' Mess updates & news, Event reports and news of upcoming events, Humour?, Loads of photographs and more.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's been a bit of a different year weather wise, and now we are finishing up one of the wettest Junes in recent memory. Hopefully, no one's place was impacted too badly. It's also the start of summer holidays for all the kids... which makes for busier times for the grandparents. Outdoor stuff, travel and destinations are all in play for the next 2 months.

Not much happening on the business side of this org, as we are still in a holding pattern for bylaw review, and luncheons and meetings are done now until September. It's a good time to relax and enjoy life.

One of my favourite things to do is fishing. If all goes to plan, I should be on the salt water in mid July, attempting to catch salmon, halibut, ling cod and Dungeness crab. Prince Rupert has been a regular destination for many years.

At coffee recently, with a couple of guys who joined various trips (but are not in this specific picture) we were reminiscing about fishing experiences - good and bad. One set of trips began 35-40 years ago to northern Alberta, specifically to Peerless and Graham lakes. Back then, it was a formidable trip, the roads were awful, accommodation was what you brought with you, and the camping was extremely rustic. But the fishing was terrific.

There were some nasty experiences in the mix. We recalled one of our vehicles catching on fire enroute near Morinville, a boat capsizing on Graham lake with 2 of our guys getting seriously wet and cold, stuff stolen out of coolers that had been left outside, testing lightning storms to see 'when did we **really** have to go to shore', and sunburn from long days outside.

Over the course of several years, there may have been 20 different guys who made this trip. Unfortunately, most of my pictures from that era are no longer available. But one had been produced in hardcopy (I'm guessing by one of the 'ident' guys in the picture), and still hangs in my home. This picture represented one of the more successful trips.



From the left... that's me. Then Ralph Johnston, Ray Gamache, Larry Rithaller, Dick Kracher, John Visscher, and Ken Fennema (deceased).

It's obviously a long time ago, as we were all sporting a lot more hair, and had much more svelte profiles. Wonderful!

(PS... the limit for walleye back then was 5 per person.)

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy summer. Al B.



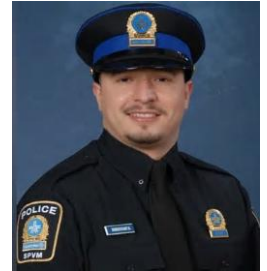
REMEMBER THE FALLEN



The recent spate of on duty deaths of Canadian Police Officers and officer involved shootings is very troubling. They been much reported in the media so we won't go into detail here. However, we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the on duty deaths in some way.

June 22: Mohamed Lamine Benredouane

Montreal police officer Mohamed Lamine Benredouane, 34, was shot and killed after responding to reports of a shooter at a Hilton hotel. A civilian was also killed, as was the suspect. A second police officer was injured.



June 11: Marc Pinizzotto

Toronto police Const. Marc Pinizzotto, 43, was shot while officers were carrying out a search at an apartment building in the city's northwest during a raid linked to investigations into multiple shootings, including one at the U.S. Consulate in March. A suspect who remained in hospital after being shot by police was expected to be charged with first-degree murder, police said.



June 9: Tarun Bali

OPP Const. Tarun Bali, 29, was killed in Hearst, Ont., while attempting to stop a vehicle. OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique alleged an 18-year-old who had escaped from a hospital was driving the vehicle when Bali was struck, and the suspect was charged with first-degree murder and other offences.



April 27: Brandon Malcolm

OPP Sgt. Brandon Malcolm, 33, was killed in a motorcycle crash on Highway 401 in Cobourg, east of Toronto. Police said no other vehicle was believed to have been involved, and Malcolm had joined the OPP in 2020 and served on its precision motorcycle team, the Golden Helmets.



March 31: Anais Fortin-Cozzens

Quebec provincial police Sgt. Anais Fortin-Cozzens died in a collision while on duty in northern Quebec. Officers from across Canada and the United States paid their respects to her at a memorial held at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral in Montreal.



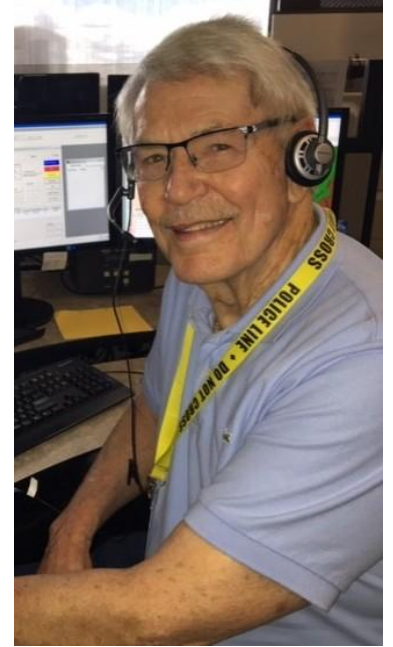


ABSENT FRIENDS - *Sadly Missed but Never Forgotten*



Passing of EPSVA members

Clifton (Clif) Warren CHAPMAN Reg. No. 222



We were much saddened on June 1st, 2026 to learn of the passing of Clif Chapman.

No formal obituary appears to have been posted marking Clif's passing. However, we have been advised that there will be a Celebration of Life hosted at Park Memorial, 9707 – 111 Avenue NW, Edmonton on Saturday, July 11th at 11:00 a.m.

Clif Chapman joined the Edmonton Police Department on September 12th, 1960 and retired from the service on June 15th, 1989. He went on to work in Communications Division for roughly the same number of years achieving a phenomenal 58 years of combined service.

Clif was an active member of the Edmonton Police Service Veterans' Association, regularly attending meetings and participating in such events as Memorial Day parades.



Douglas Michael Lloyd ROPCHAN

Reg. No. 1553

October 9, 1954 - June 24, 2026



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Douglas Michael Lloyd Ropchan of Willingdon, Alberta. He passed away peacefully at the age of 71 years on June 24, 2026 with his two children by his side.

Doug leaves behind his loving children, Samantha and Nicolas (Lize); two brothers, Claude (Janet) and Morley; and numerous extended family and close friends.

Doug spent almost 33 years as a City of Edmonton Police Officer and spent his retirement in the place he loved most - the farm he grew up on.

Our family wishes to thank the doctors and nurses at the University of Alberta Hospital and Lamont Health Care Centre for their care.

At Doug's request, a funeral service will not be held. In lieu of floral tributes, the family requests memorial donations to Lamont Health Care Centre.

Published on June 28, 2026 in The Edmonton Journal

Doug Ropchan became a member of the Edmonton Police Service on March 17th, 1986 as a member of Recruit Training Class 70 and retired on October 23rd, 2018.

EPSVA Financial report for April 2026:

Posted on your EPSVA website by Treasurer Mike Derbyshire on June 1st, 2026

Income

Membership Dues	\$241.76
Interest Earned	\$8.51
Misc Income (EPS Sales)	\$28.86
TOTAL INCOME:	\$279.23

Expenses

Office Supplies (Al B.)	\$45.14
Website Maintenance/Upgrade (Fred B.)	\$1,456.88
E-Mail Software (Mail Chimp)	\$67.30
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$1,569.32

Net Income (Loss) for the Month: **(\$1,290.09)**

Balance Sheet Amount

Assets:

Checking Account	\$4,559.29
Common Shares	\$59.12
Savings Account	\$17,468.65
Servus Rewards Account	\$90.96
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$22,178.02

Liabilities:

Credit Card Payable	\$67.30
OVERALL BALANCE:	\$22,110.72

EPSVA Financial report for May 2026:

Posted on your EPSVA website by Treasurer Mike Derbyshire on June 21st, 2026

Income

Membership Dues	\$72.94
Interest Earned	\$8.91
TOTAL INCOME:	\$81.85

Expenses

Domain Registration – GoDaddy	\$34.92
EPS VA Golf Tournament Donation (Ewatski)	\$500.00
E-Mail Software (Mail Chimp)	\$67.64
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$602.56

Net Income (Loss) for the Month: **(\$520.71)**

Balance Sheet

Assets:

Checking Account	\$4,054.93
Common Shares	\$59.12
Savings Account	\$17,487.56
Servus Rewards Account	\$90.96
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$21,692.57

Liabilities:

Credit Card Payable	\$102.56
OVERALL BALANCE:	\$21,590.01

**** For full details and other financial reports, go to the EPSVA website at ww2.epsva.com ****

The June luncheon from Mike Shorter

We had 35 people out for the June 11 lunch (the last one before the summer break) who enjoyed a delicious meal of turkey and stuffing. Edna Smith won the loonie draw.

**** The next lunch is on September 10th ****



L-R: Ron Johnson, Bob & Michelle Walsh, Terry Rocchio, Frans Van Ooyen



L-R: Dave Facey, Arlene Omilian, Gerry-Lee Canning, Sharlene Kuzikowski, Sherry Petruk, Sarah Facey



L-R: Larry Snidal, Edna & Bill Smith, Bill Glover, Ted Chomchuk, Brad Kline



L-R: Al Bohachyk, Kim Woolgar, Barney Stevens, Jim Howse, Glen Dennis, James Elkow



L-R: Brian Amyotte, Dave Hickmore, Nola Wood-Herrick, Flemming Kristensen, Denise & Garry Crawford



L-R: Ken MacDonald, Geoff Wilson, John & Drena Rutledge, Don McDonald



106 kilometers for 106 officers



Register for the first annual Alberta Peace Officers' Memorial Run - June 2, 2026

On September 25 and 26, 2026, runners of all ages and abilities will come together for a unique group-run experience. The Alberta Peace Officers' Memorial Run is made up of 13 legs ranging from 1.5 to 14 kilometers throughout Edmonton parks, trails, and communities.

"This isn't a race. It's about connecting members of law enforcement and their families together in a shared commitment over 106 kilometers," says Staff Sergeant Jordy Burrows who is helping organize the event. *"There's an established pace and participants in each leg will start and finish together. This is truly about being*

there for one another as we take the time to remember the 106 peace officers who have died in the line of duty in our province.”

Burrows says the idea to start this Alberta-based event began after he participated in the national run in Ottawa to honour Constables Brett Ryan and Travis Jordan. He says there was a desire to make it easier for members of the local police family to participate in an event that allows for reflection, appreciation, and camaraderie. *“The first leg of the run crosses Brett and Travis’ bridges and we’re going to stop and honour them along the way. We also have something special in the works that we know Brett and Travis would’ve loved, so participants can look forward to that too,”* says Burrows. It’s also fitting that the 13th and final leg of the run is 1.5 km from Ezio Faroane Park to the Peace Officer Memorial.

Registration for the event is now open, and whether you choose to sign up for a single leg, take on multiple legs, join as a team, or run the full 106 km, the registration fee is \$50. Participants are also encouraged to attend the Annual Police and Peace Officers’ Memorial Day ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026, at the Alberta Legislature Grounds.

While this first Alberta Peace Officers’ Memorial Run is being organized with the help of the Calgary Police Service, the hope is that more law enforcement agencies will get involved down the road.

To register, sign up to volunteer, or for sponsorship opportunities, head to this link: <https://apomr.ca/>

EPS CREST IS CHANGING from John Matheson

This was on the EPSnet and I thought that it might be of interest:.

The Edmonton Police Service (EPS) has begun a gradual transition from its current heraldic crest featuring the Queen’s crown to a new version with the King’s crown. This change aligns with the accession of His Majesty King Charles III in 2022, and is part of a broader, long-term update rather than an immediate or large-scale replacement.



The change will not involve the sudden removal of existing crests, insignia, or branded materials, says Corps Sgt. Major James McLeod. *“As uniforms, vehicles, signage, and other items naturally reach the end of their lifecycle or are replaced through regular renewal processes, the updated crest will be introduced.”*

This measured approach ensures continuity while minimizing unnecessary costs or disruption.

EPS was granted a heraldic crest by the Chief Herald of Canada in 2001.

It was created by Robert D. Watt, Chief Herald of Canada, assisted by the Heralds of the Canadian Heraldic Authority.

Like many municipal police crests, it includes the Royal Crown, which can be depicted in several ways, including the form currently used by the EPS (called the “St. Edward’s Crown”) and the “Tudor Crown” version found in the new King’s Royal Cypher.

The crest is a registered mark of the EPS and can only be reproduced with the permission of the EPS Branding Committee headed by Corps Sgt. Major McLeod.

Employees and the public will see both versions of the crest in use for some time. This reflects the phased nature of the change. The presence of different crests does not affect police operations, service delivery, or the authority of officers.

The Edmonton Police Service remains focused on its core mandate of public safety and community service. The crest update is a symbolic change that will occur gradually, allowing the organization to transition respectfully and responsibly over time.

From the editor: Curious to see the difference between the two crowns here's what I found on-line:



King's crown



Queen's crown

Who knew? I'm sure it will be an expensive changeover....



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EPA Memorial Golf Tournament



**** SOLD OUT **** July 6 **** SOLD OUT ****

The Links – Spruce Grove

13th Annual 2026

SHOW AND SHINE



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13

BLUE MEADOWS

12-1600HRS

EPS SPECIALIZED & HISTORICAL VEHICLES ON DISPLAY

TROPHIES and DOOR PRIZES

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1967 Chevrolet Chevelle
Terry Innes

OPEN TO ALL EPS MEMBERS (ACTIVE / RETIRED / SWORN / CIVILIAN)
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ALL MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME, INCLUDING MOTORCYCLES

For more Info, contact: Kelly Surmon / Krystian Sieruga

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* For those planning to attend, the gate to Blue Meadows will be open throughout the show *

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Monday-Friday
0800-1600hrs

CLOSED: Statutory Holidays



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CORRECTION: The June 2026 edition of The Call Box entry about the Sergeants' Mess Dinner relating to internal chiefs of the Edmonton Police Service included the following statement: "A couple of highlights were when Mess President Richard Windover acknowledged - with no disrespect to others - the attendance of the EPS's first internal Chief in 20 years AND his internal predecessor from 20 years prior. Warren Dreichel and Bob Wasylyshen received heartwarming standing ovations." It was brought to my attention that, whilst Bob Wasylyshen was an internal predecessor of Warren Dreichel, his immediate internal predecessor was Fred Rayner. Again, "no disrespect to others" intended. Context is everything, apparently.

Joe Marshall (your underpaid/overworked newsletter editor)

PAPPY BARNES
★ ★ ★ **GOLF** ★ ★ ★
TOURNAMENT

September 14, 2026
9:00 AM Start
Victoria Golf Course
Entry \$100.00/Person
Teams of 4
Golf Cart Included
Texas Scramble

Prizes, Food and Drink to follow in the Sergeants' Mess


To Register Contact:
Rocky Hanson or Jerrid Maze
rocky.hanson@edmontonpolice.ca
jerrid.maze@edmontonpolice.ca

Payment to:
yegsgtsmess@gmail.com



Sergeants' Mess

9620 - 103A AVENUE
EDMONTON, ALBERTA
CANADA T5H 0H7
PH: 780-421-3333
www.edmontonpolice.ca

Tuesday June 30, 2026

Mr. Allan BOHACHYK
President, EPS Veterans Association
12408 107 Street NW
Edmonton, AB
T5G 2S7

Dear Mr. BOHACHYK,

This letter is to inform you that as a result of our annual elections held during the Annual General Meeting of the Sergeant's Mess on May 6, 2026, the following members were elected:

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| President: | Sergeant Richard WINDOVER |
| Vice-President: | Detective Manuel ILLNER |
| Secretary: | Detective Thomas MARSH |
| Treasurer: | Detective Dave RADMANOVICH |
| Bar Steward: | Sergeant Scott DEPUTAT |
| Bar Steward: | Detective Dion KOKKINIS |
| Bar Steward: | Detective Lisa RIOU |
| Bar Steward: | Sergeant Tanya Griffith |
| Social Committee: | Detective Nicole LOUGHEED |
| Social Committee: | Detective Rocky HANSON |
| Social Committee: | Detective Nina DISABATINO |
| Social Committee: | Detective Olena FEDOROVICH |
| Past President: | Detective Colleen MAYNES |

Please update your records to reflect the changes.

Respectfully,

Sergeant Richard Windover
President, Mess Committee



MORE FROM THE EPSVA



Class 34 Reunion - July 25th, 2026

BASIC TRAINING CLASS

NO. 34

JUNE 1971

Constable ANDERSON, D.A. Constable ANDERSON, W.C. Constable BARRETT, R.D. Constable DAY, G.D. Constable EWART, D.D. Constable FAVELL, R.C. Constable FEDORUK, W.G. Constable FELSKE, G.E.

Constable GELBERT, D.W. Constable GOETZ, R.A. Constable GREENE, G.P. Constable HARRIS, R.C. Constable HUNT, D.M. Constable KYLE, J.C.

Constable LAFLAMME, J.J.D. Constable LAKUSTA, M. Constable MACLEAY, D.N. Constable McCANN, W.R.

Constable McKAY, R.J. Constable McMORRAN, B. Constable MERRICK, M.T. Constable MOERMAN, C.J.

Constable MUTLOW, R.D. Constable PEARSON, D.J. Constable PLUNKETT, R.J. Constable SMITH, H.R. Constable SMITH, R.D. Constable SNATERSE, A.C. Constable SPITTLE, C.R.

Constable TAYLOR, D.A. Constable Van den BRINK, H. Constable WEITZEL, G.D. Constable WENMAN, E.E. Constable BRYLDT, E. (Pt. Sask. Police Force) Constable HILSEN, W.H. (Camrose Police Force) Constable WALES, M.W. (Camrose Police Force)

**** Full details on next page ****

We (Felske, Goetz, Hunt) sent out a message in August of last year, suggesting we have a get together of Class 34 members as it will be 55 years since we graduated together! Why not? We're not getting any younger! We had enough interest to make this happen so we're going ahead with it.

We ask you to do the following two things:

- **RSVP** and confirm back to us that you'll be attending, or not. Of course, spouses / significant others are invited as well! Please reply as soon as possible using the information at the end of this message.
- **IMPORTANT:** pass this along to anyone in Class 34 that you have contact with, or to someone you know that can assist us, so we capture as many of the class as possible.

We are looking forward to seeing as many classmates as possible!

DETAILS:

Where: Glen and Gail's farm. Address is 54223 RR24, County of Lac Ste Anne.

When: 1pm until ?? (who knows?), Saturday, July 25, 2026

Where to stay: Bring an RV if you wish to stay overnight. There are motels in Spruce Grove, Stony Plain and Alberta Beach.

What to bring:

- Lawn chairs
- We will provide the main course (special roasted full pig). Rest is pot luck (salads, veggies, dessert)
- BYOB (and a driver if you think you'll need one!)
- Your memories (this might be a tough one!) and/or pictures, memorabilia.

Contact Information: Glen Felske: gfelske@selectsires.ca or 780-991-6256

Darrell Hunt: wiseman.hunt@gmail.com or 403-988-1433

Ralph Goetz: ramsdale@telusplanet.net or 780-974-5303

***** RESCHEDULED *****

In case you missed it, here's the new date

EPSVA ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Monday July 13th AT 8:00 a.m.

Victoria Golf Course

Contacts: Bob Walsh – bobwalsh008@gmail.com or 780-901-5694

Jamie Ewatski- ewatski@hotmail.com or 780-819-7439

EPSVA SINGLES & COUPLES' GOLF

We golf on the 3rd Thursday of the month, May through September, with the exception of August, which will be held the 4th Thursday (tentatively) due to a scheduling conflict.

Below are our volunteers for the next 2026 golf outings, so mark your calendar:

Darrell Coley - **July 16th** Rob Paton/Sandy Radomski - **Aug 27th** Betty/Mark Belanger - **Sept 17th**

If you'd like to join the Singles/Couples Golf group, please contact Carol Wagar (carolwagar@icloud.com or 780-434-8701) and you'll be added to the list. It is as easy as that! We play best ball so you don't need to be a great golfer. It is all about having fun and socializing with a terrific group of friends. Carol

Couples/Singles Golf – June 18th, 2026 from Carol Wagar

Will it or won't it?! We weren't sure if the weather would cooperate adequately to golf but fortunately it did. There was sunshine, wind, and rain, sometimes all on one hole! But we are a hardy group, ready to play golf no matter what. Almost. Special thanks to Judy, Trish and all the staff at Black Bull golf course who accommodated us as a result of a last-minute change. If you haven't golfed there before, you should give it a try. There are 2 courses: an Executive 9-hole course and a Championship 18-hole course. (<https://blackbullgolf.com/>).

As always, a huge thank you to Gary Cook who is our master scrounger. He once again was instrumental in collecting swag. Thanks to the EPA, VA, Millwoods Golf Course (specifically the bad golfers who lost balls and were retrieved by Gary aka the Marshall), and Deboers (<https://deboersgolf.com/>).



L - R: Wendy Wright, Sandy Nixon, Herma Ratcliff, Shari & Blake MacEachern, John Ratcliff, Colleen Cameron, Paul Wright



L - R: Greg Wagar, Eileen & Barry Anderson, Al Bohachyk, Betty & Mark Belanger, Barb Bohachyk, Carol Wagar



L - R: Lynda Saunders, Jan Cook & Gary Cook, Rick Saunders, Sharon Bach



L - R: Janice & Terry Plomp, Janice Lacher, Lynda & Mike Bradshaw, Albert Lacher, Joe & Laura Marshal (& Lynda Saunders photo bombing 📷)

Darrell Coley will be hosting our next golf game at Legends Golf & Country Club in Sherwood Park on July 16. Welcoming new golfers enhances our golf day so if you think you might like to join the group, please contact Carol Wagar at carolwagar@icloud.com or 780 434 8701 and you will be added to the contact list. You don't need to be a couple to join us for golf. We can always accommodate singles.

EPSVA Tuesday NINE AND WHINE 2026 from Gary Cook

This group is in full swing with many new faces this year. Why don't you give it a try?

Want to join in?

Where: Meadowview Golf and Country Club (<https://meadowviewgolf.ca/>)

When: Every Tuesday morning

Time: 0900 hrs or maybe earlier! (**NO!!** Definitely earlier, be early!!)

Cost: \$24.00 Senior rate (most of us are seniors!). Power Carts extra.

Why: Because we love the game although the game does not like us sometimes! And we also get to enjoy each others company and a coffee afterwards!!!!

Format: 9 holes – Best-ball, whether that is two-person, three-person or four-person! Hit the little white ball into the cup and repeat for another eight holes! **** Bring a toonie for the Bok Pot ****

**** Little known fact (apparently): This is not a men-only event - ladies are very welcome! ****

How to join in the fun? Contact Gary Cook (aka The Commish)

Cell: 780-983-4701 Email: ircookiebo@gmail.com

MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT

Kingsway Group



L - R seated: John Van Beek, Ron Schuster, Ken & Roberta Hykawy, Charlie Smith, Don McDonald, Duane Spurrier. **Standing:** Barry McKay, Marty Shank, Bill Johnson, Ray Richardson, Frans Van Ooyen, Barb Gibbons, Chuck McCann, Linda Young, Barney Stevens, Kim Woolgar.

The Marshall's were cruisin' in the Bahamas



Never having tried a “proper” cruise before, Laura and Joe gave the Princess Bahamas cruise a try. Blue skies, even bluer seas – good food and plenty to drink. It was a very relaxing week-long getaway.

All in all, it was a great experience.

Janice and Terry Plomp's Celtic adventure

I knew that Janice and Terry holidayed in Scotland and Ireland so I bugged them for some notes and photos. It looks like they had a great trip:

We recently returned from three weeks in Scotland and Ireland, which Janice has dubbed "The Fifty Shades of Green" tour.



We arrived in Edinburgh early morning, dropped off our luggage, and hopped on a train to St. Andrews. Being a Sunday, the Old Course was closed for play, but the public is welcome to wander the fairways. After a few incredible (and sunny!) days in Edinburgh, we picked up our rental car and made our way through Inverness, Loch Ness, and Glencoe, with plenty of stops and day trips to explore towns, castles, historic sites, and the beautiful countryside. Ten days later, we dropped off the rental car at the Glasgow airport. We had an early morning flight to catch, which is how I justify spending our 41st anniversary at an airport Holiday Inn.



We arrived in Dublin and headed straight to Ballinastoe Woods to hike a section of the Wicklow Way. The views were spectacular! We spent a few nights in Kilkenny, where I promptly had my first Guinness of the trip

and split the G like a pro. We visited Blarney Castle to kiss the stone and receive the gift of eloquence. (Janice suggests quality over quantity, but I don't agree.) Then it was off to Killarney. We took a bus tour of the Ring of Kerry so I could take a break from driving and actually enjoy the scenery. Great decision as we stopped at some out-of-the-way spots, learned a lot from our guide, and didn't die. Our next stops were Doolin and the spectacular Cliffs of Moher, which we hiked one day and viewed by sea the next. We finished the trip with stays in Galway and Dublin.

Lasting impressions:

- Everyone we met was incredibly friendly and fun, and we mostly understood what they were saying. We think.
 - Scottish and Irish pubs are the best. We listened to great music, enjoyed excellent food, and drank our share of beer.
 - I still don't like Scotch. Janice never did. But we both now love Kopparberg cider.
 - The best pre-trip tip we received was to follow the car ahead of you when you're not sure what to do in a roundabout. They have a lot of roundabouts.
 - It's impossible to adequately describe the beauty of the countryside, and the photos don't do it justice.
 - Even the rain and wind couldn't put a damper on the trip, although Janice was almost blown over a few times.
- It's hard to capture three weeks and two countries in just a few paragraphs, but we can say that Scotland and Ireland lived up to every expectation -- and then some.



**** Thanx for sharing your experience and fantastic photo's Janice and Terry ****

Slideways upside down disappearing act from Albert Lacher



After a round of golf and a couple of beers, Rob Paton, Greg Murray and Tony Simioni kinda did a *slideways upside down disappearing act* on Terry Briscoe and Albert Lacher sitting on the other side of the bench.

ADVERTISING

Motorcycle for Sale!



2019 Polaris Chieftain Limited – Thunder Black Pearl (CAN Limited)

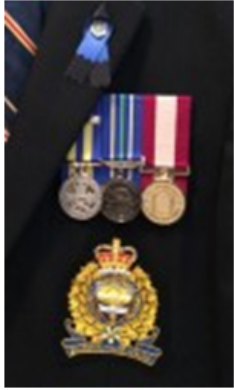
Asking \$23,900

Selling my 2019 Polaris Chieftain Limited in stunning Thunder Black Pearl, Canadian Limited model, with 45,747 km. This bike has been meticulously maintained from day one - superb service history, pristine condition, and loaded with quality upgrades that enhance both performance and comfort.

Tires have less than 1,000 km on them, and a new battery was installed this season. The bike runs flawlessly, looks incredible, and needs absolutely nothing. If you're looking for a premium touring machine that's been cared for the right way, this one truly must be seen to be appreciated.

Contact Susan MacLeod for more info at smack222@shaw.ca

MEDAL MOUNTING



Every once in a while, we get asked for contact information on where you can get medals properly mounted. Now that you have your Alberta Emergency Services Medal, Long Service medal, Exemplary Service medal, and maybe one or two others, they'll be much easier to wear and/or display if properly mounted. Whether you've got one medal or ten, they definitely look better properly mounted. There are several events every year where EPSVA members participate and may wear their medals if they choose. Here is an option to help you get your medals done:

Brent Sundby who works out of his house in west Edmonton. Contact Brent at readymedals@hotmail.com or phone number 780-906-6990

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Bruce Hoddinott shared this job posting from a company (Xpera Investigations) that is looking for a retired member or someone about to retire that would be interested in an investigator position in British Columbia.

Details are below including the email contact information for Mark Locskai (Regional Manager for Xpera):

Workplace Investigator position based in British Columbia.

A few details:

Candidates do not need to reside in the Lower Mainland; the position can be performed from anywhere in BC.

This is a full-time role.

While the posted compensation range is \$45–\$50/hour, I believe they are prepared to pay up to \$60/hour for the right candidate.

The ideal candidate will have workplace investigation experience, rather than solely a background in law enforcement.

If you are aware of any suitable candidates, or if you can share this opportunity through the EPS Veterans' Association, RCMP Veterans Association, or other relevant networks, it would be greatly appreciated.

Here is the application link: <https://xpera.bamboohr.com/careers/66>



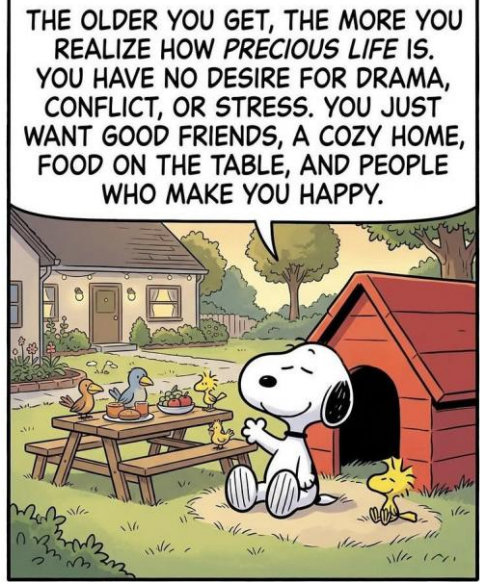
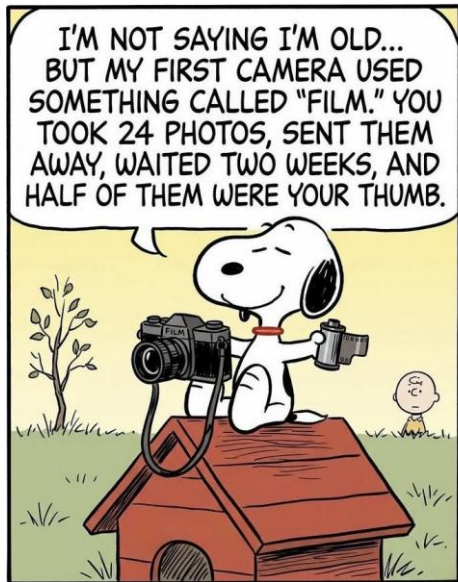
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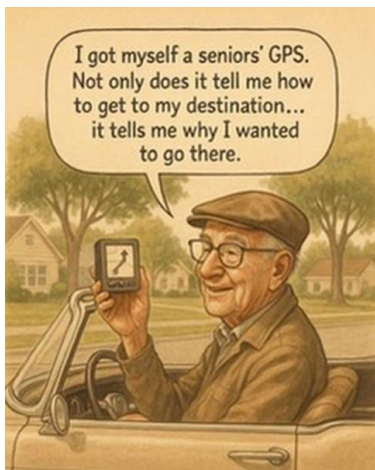




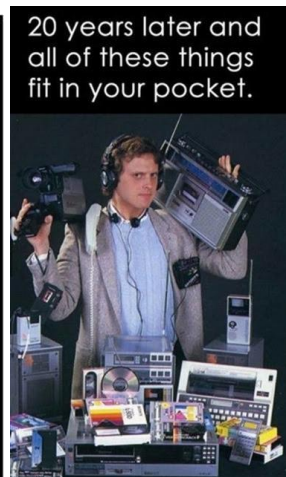
As we Silver Surfers know, sometimes we have trouble with our computers. Yesterday, I had a problem, so I called Georgie, the 11-year-old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, and asked him to come over. Georgie clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. As he was walking away, I called after him, 'So, what was wrong?' He replied, 'It was an ID ten T error.' I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, 'An, ID ten T error? What's that? In case I need to fix it again.' Georgie grinned .. 'Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?' 'No,' I replied. 'Write it down,' he said, 'and I think you'll figure it out.' So I wrote down: **ID10T** I used to like Georgie , the little twerp!



If you're not a Senior yet, then share this with someone who is!! 😊



An elderly man thinking his wife was losing her hearing went about 20' behind her and asked "Can you hear me sweetheart?" No reply. Moved to 10' and inquired again. No reply. 5' and not a word. A few inches behind ear, he asked "Can you hear me now honey"? His wife said "For the fourth time, yes."



Don't care for this brand of humour? Feel free to send me your idea of funny to epsva@hotmail.com



Mission Statement: The Edmonton Police Service Veteran’s Assistance Program seeks to provide hope and confidential assistance to retired and former EPS members, along with their families, in times of need.

Vision Statement: Retired and former EPS members and their families feel connected and supported by EPS Veterans.

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E.P.S. RETIRED MEMBERS’ PEER SUPPORT GROUP - The Veterans' Assistance Program includes a volunteer Peer Support Group which has been helping individuals for several years. Cal Herauf is director of the group and is assisted by Chris Hayden, John Rutledge, Jeff Wilks and Ian Smith on the Peer Support Committee. This group was originally intended for former and retired members; however, we turn no one down. The committee offers one on one confidential support and members are encouraged to reach out to the committee member of their choosing for confidential assistance. Full biographies of each peer support member were included in the January 2026 edition of The Call Box. Individual members contact information:

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KEEP US INFORMED: If you are aware of a member who is ill or needs some kind of support, please let us know at the EPSVA and/or EPSVAP. At the very least we can send well wishes, the VAP may send a fruit basket or flowers, and, if necessary, they can access the experts in the Veterans’ Assistance Program (VAP). We all need support from time to time. It’s also nice to hear updates on those members who have been ailing. With regard to members’ privacy, if sharing information, please ensure that any sick member is comfortable sharing the information in the newsletter or on the website. A variety of contact information can be found on the last two pages of this newsletter or on the website at www.epsva.com.

Edmonton Police Family

Our Families
is a circle of strength and love

The EPS Veterans & Spouses have a Facebook page: “**Edmonton Police Family**”. There are over 880 members and family using the site. It’s a great way for members who use the site to stay in touch and exchange up-to-date news - often news you won’t find on the website or in *The Call Box*. If you’d like to join the group, it’s really easy. Just go to the page and ask to join. One of the administrators (we have several) will see your request and accept your invitation to join the group. You do not need to ask “to be a friend”. (If you’re struggling with the process, contact Frans Van Ooyen for help: 587-989-1376(c).)

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE EPSVA: If you have changed address, telephone or e-mail recently, feel free to make the changes to your personal information on the website (ww2.epsva.com) and, please, forward the changes to me so I can update our records the old-fashioned way. Members who receive hardcopy newsletters must advise me of your changes so I can keep you the newsletter coming to you. If you need a members’ contact information, e-mail me at epsva@hotmail.com or call me at 587-290-0599 and I will give you what we have. Thanx.....*Joe Marshall*, The Call Box Editor.

NOTE: The Edmonton Police Veterans’ Association (EPSVA) and Edmonton Police Association (EPA) are separate entities and you must contact each association with your changes. (e.g., Membership dues are EPSVA, Life insurance is with the EPA)

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