

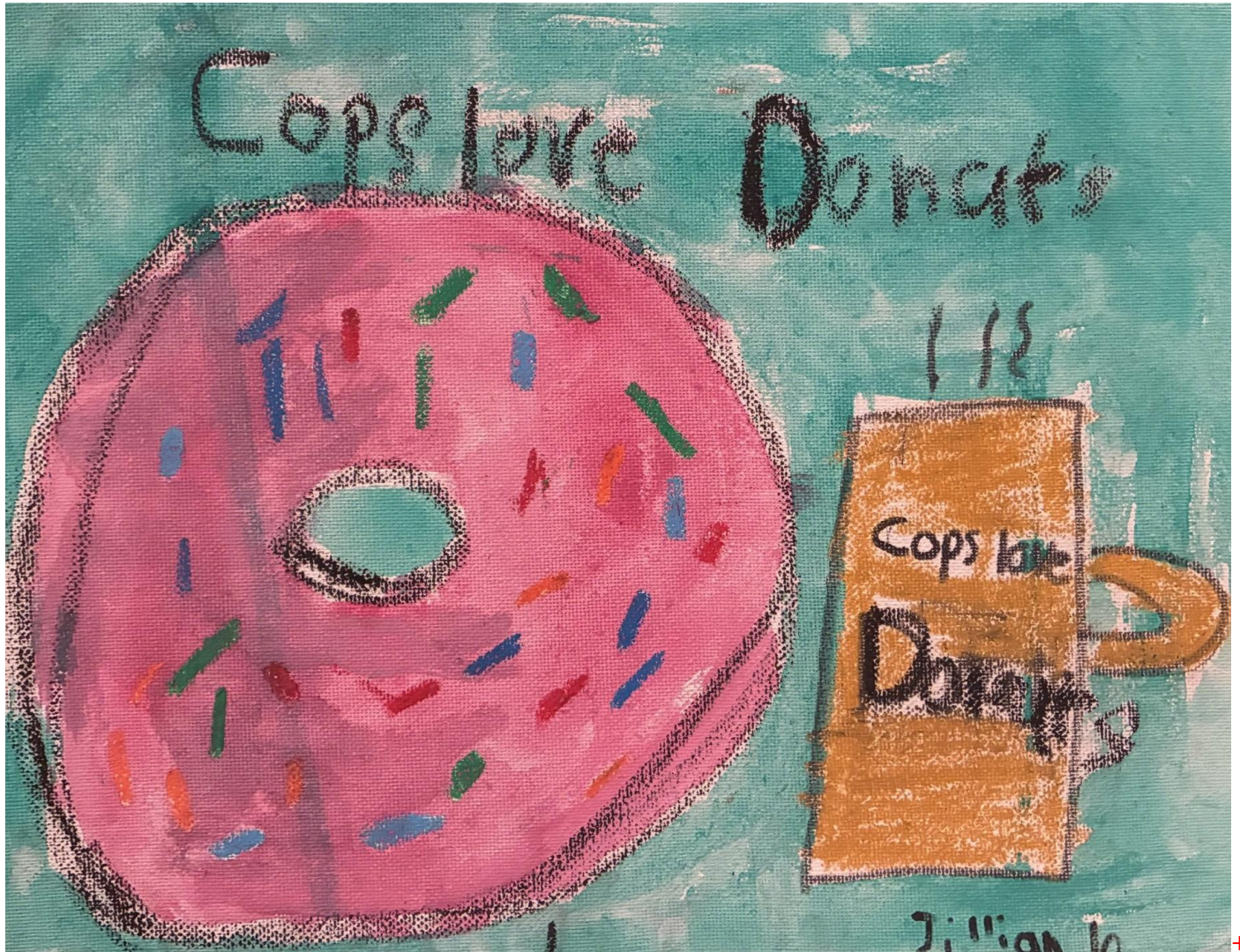


# The Call Box

The monthly newsletter of  
The Edmonton Police Service Veterans' Association



June 2026 edition



As always, I wondered what to place on the cover of the newsletter 'til Laura sent me this photo. It's a cute painting my then-girlfriend Laura's, 6 year old, niece from Calgary made for me when I was dating Laura. She must've liked the idea of having a cop for an uncle. When I first met her, she asked me if I planned to marry Auntie Laura, next time she tested the water by calling me "Uncle Joe" then came the painting. The kid had it all figured out, she's now a 23 year old post graduate student and I've been her Uncle Joe for as long time now.

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

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The month of May started off busy, and really hasn't slowed down. In part, commitments to this and other group tasks, personal time committed to the yard/garden at the cabin, and a few golf games have kept my calendar full. All good... rather be busy than not.

May 1st was the annual Sgt's Mess Dinner, a gala affair at the Hotel McDonald. It's always a great event, and this year was no different. We had a very healthy number of vets in attendance, some I hadn't crossed paths with for several years. Always great to catch up, share stories and have a few laughs. Pics and story will be detailed later in this edition. I had the honour again of reading the list of Absent Friends. It's a sober moment, deserving of the great respect it receives, and a moment to remember those we lost in the past year.



Much gratitude is extended to the Sgt's Mess Executive team who continue to ensure this event thrives. I truly appreciate the hospitality they extend to the Vet's Association, both as a part of the program, and the warm welcome to all retired members in attendance. Put it in your calendar in the event you can manage it next year.

The Bylaws (they have consumed a lot of time) are in final stages. Thanks again to Mike Shorter, Mike Derbyshire, and Chris Epler. We're glad it's almost over. After receiving a few thoughtful suggestions from members, the team reviewed and integrated the parts that were usable. (Thanks to the extra helpers... you know who you are!!) We gave a brief update at the meeting on May 20, explaining a slight change of next steps, based on advice received from contacts at the Societies Branch. The draft has now been delivered to the Chief's legal team for their review. Mostly we want to make sure we don't create unnecessary grief for the Chief or EPS. Following that process, the Bylaw document will be filed with Corporate Registry.

Because the timing of the completion of these steps is not within our control, we are uncertain when the Bylaws will be available for final membership approval. This requires adequate notice to all members, where the issue will be finalized.

The uncertainty arises from the possibility that the Bylaws could be ready for approval at our September general meeting. If that occurs, we will need to clarify when the Bylaws will actually take effect. The consensus at our May meeting was that we would simply defer implementation until following the AGM in November.

It's a bit of a moving target. But completely manageable. We will keep the membership apprised of any developments, in particular if we will have the opportunity to finalize early.

To close, and as another reminder, your affiliation with the Vet's association provides several opportunities each month to connect with other vets. Each Wednesday at the Kingsway Legion, a luncheon in St Albert once a month, regular coffee gatherings in the region and a wide assortment of golfing related activities are welcoming of all of you. No agenda, no expectations, and always a bunch of friendly faces. Join some of these groups if you can.

Have a great summer! Al



## ABSENT FRIENDS - *Sadly Missed but Never Forgotten*



### Passing of an EPSVA member

**James (Jim) McKenzie Cameron**

**Reg. No. 734**

**December 11, 1944 - May 5, 2026**



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of James McKenzie Cameron on May 5, 2026, at the age of 81.

Jim dedicated much of his life to serving his community through a distinguished career in law enforcement with the Edmonton Police Service, where he proudly served from 1973 until his retirement in 1999.

Above all else, Jim was devoted to his family. He was the beloved husband of 44 years to Colleen Cameron and a loving father to Shannon (Denny), Ryan (Sharon), Carrie (Paul), Evan (Monica), Keltie (Andre), and Megan (Peter). He was also a proud and cherished "Grandpa Jimbo" to many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who brought him immense joy.

Jim was predeceased by his daughter, Tara Cameron, and by his parents, Alfred and Evelyn Cameron. He will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed by his sister, Verna, and brother-in-law, Bob, along with many extended family members and dear friends.

He will be remembered for his dedication, strength, humour, and deep love for his family and friends. His steady presence, quick wit, and caring nature will be profoundly missed by all who knew and loved him.

A Celebration of Life was hosted on Sunday, May 24, 2026, in Edmonton.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honour Jim by sharing stories, laughter, and time with those you love. A celebration of Jim's life was hosted by his family on May 24<sup>th</sup> in Edmonton.

Jim Cameron joined the Edmonton Police Department on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1973 as a member of Recruit Training Class 38 and retired on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1999. His Classmates include John Ratcliff, Larry Lansdell, Pat Morphy, Bill Mowbray, Paul Middleton, Cliff Milley, Clark Court, P.J. Duggan, Stu Hutchings and Bob Kostiw. Sadly, Jim was predeceased by his Absent Friend classmates Robin Colling, Tony Osborne, Owen Stutt, Bob Venus and Mike Strulick.

Many will recall that Jim's wife, Colleen, is a former member of the EPS (Reg. No. 821).

# PASSING OF A FORMER EDMONTON POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMBER

**George Matthew Murphy 17-Sep-1940 - 15-May-2026**



A Life Well Lived. George Murphy died on May 15, 2026 at 85 years. A man beloved by his family and in his community, he is survived by his wife of almost 65 years, Nadine, son Derryl (JoAnn) of Saskatoon, daughter Joy-Anne (Darryl) of Camrose, grandchildren Aidan (Sarah), Sam, Brennan (Taylor), Davis (Sarah) and great-grandchild Ezaias, and siblings Carol, Janice, Walter and their families. He was predeceased by his mother Elda and father Cyril, aka Bud.

Born in Smithers, BC, George moved to and grew up in what was then the town of Jasper Place and attended Jasper Place High School. George went on to serve as an instrument technician on Argus sub hunters with the RCAF at Greenwood Air Force Base in Nova Scotia. There he met a pretty nursing student named Nadine who, in spite of the remarkably strict residence rules about dating, was happy to give him a chance. They married on December 8, 1961.

Sent to Scotland for training in 1963 at the same time their son was born, three months later George left the air force and the family drove cross country to Edmonton, his 6'3" frame squeezed in behind the wheel of their yellow VW Beetle named Poopsy. Looking for work and thinking his black belt in judo might help, George's dad suggested he apply to help teach self-defence to city police officers. The police recruiter took one look at George and suggested he fill out this application instead, and for the next 5 years George was a member of Edmonton's city police.

For breaks while on his beat, George would sometimes drop into the Silk Hat on Jasper Ave and have his tea leaves read in the back. Once while on patrol, George received a radio call that the Sudsy Wudsy laundromat in Jasper Place had been broken into; his response of "*Tensy-foursy*" over the radio resulted in a dressing down when he finished his shift that day.

George was a quirky, loving, and fierce father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who found joy in things large and small, taught resilience and acceptance, and wanted fairness, beauty and fun in the world, not just for those he loved but for everyone. He was deeply loved, and will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you consider giving some of your money or your time to a cause that brings peace, joy, health, and/or beauty to the world around us.

**A memorial service/celebration of life with be held on July 13, 2026 at 1pm at St. Andrew's United Church, 9915-148 St. Edmonton.** The family hope to see you there.

George Murphy was a member of Recruit Training Class that started on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1963. His classmates included John Dylke, Nestor Romaniuk\* and Barry Benson\*. (\* Absent Friends)

## CONDOLENCES

We were also saddened to hear that former EPD member Scott Murdock's wife Loreen had passed away on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (Scott's Reg. No. was 426 and he served in the 1970's). Scott has kept in regular contact with many members in the Leduc area.

Loreen and Scott's son Tim posted this message on Facebook:

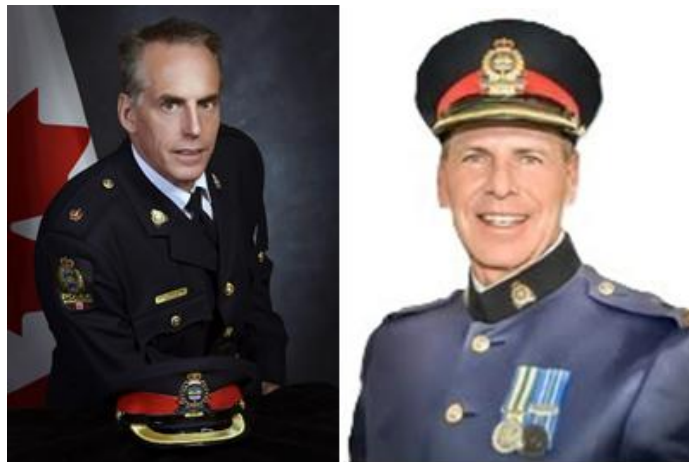
*It is with heavy hearts that we share the sad news of my Mom, Loreen Murdock, Feb 1944 - April 2026, passed away last night.*

*Dementia is a very sh... disease, so in lieu of flowers, spend the precious time with the ones you love. We will miss her with all our hearts.*

*Love ya forever Mom.*



## Let's celebrate the lives of Dave and Shane



*Let's celebrate the police careers of David (Beamer) Christoffel, Reg #1540, and Shane Loxterkamp, Reg #1576.*

*On Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 1600-2100hrs you are invited to celebrate the good times shared with Beamer and Shane during their police careers. This is a very informal celebration in the Sergeants Mess and an opportunity to tell some stories, have some snacks, and toast the "Captain" or a pint to two police friends who left us way too soon. A celebration of positivity and laughs.*

*Some could not attend the formal celebrations of life, while others would like the opportunity to reminisce and tell stories in a place where many good times were had and many memories forged. An opportunity to not just remember Beamer and Shane, but to share memories with old friends that worked around you and these two EPS brothers.*

*I am hoping to gather any police related photos that you may have of either Beamer or Shane and put together a short presentation. Photos that will make us smile, laugh, or just make us remember the things we experienced, or times shared during their police careers.*

*So, if you have any police related photos, please send them to Stewart Callioux at [sflintstone@shaw.ca](mailto:sflintstone@shaw.ca)*

**FOLLOW UP MESSAGE:** Terry Rocchio has graciously volunteered to do some piping in honour of our two brothers and serving members Rocky Hanson and Dave Radmanovich have volunteered to be Bar Stewards. In addition, the mess has contributed a keg. And, the SOA has offered a generous donation for food. Thank you to both the mess and the SOA!

I have also received some generous monetary donations from retired members. That said, we have secured enough funds to provide food and beverages to all.

If you still wish to contribute, I will ask that you contribute to the following organizations:

**Beamer:** Progressive Nuclear Palsy Society of Canada at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/100602>

**Shane:** Canadian Mental Health Association at <https://cmha.ca>

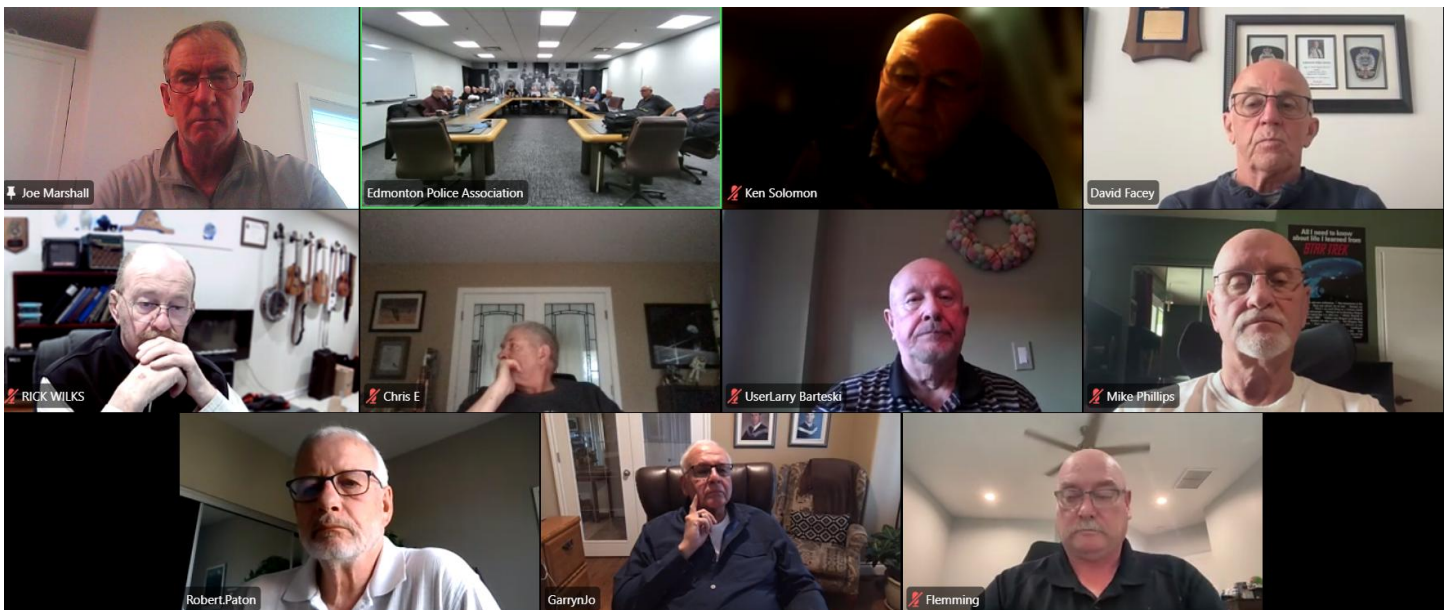
*This will be an event with laughs and of good memories. I would encourage all who knew or worked with Beamer or Shane to come and enjoy a few hours in the Mess where with good friends, some of whom you may not have seen for awhile. And bring some stories or your favourite memory of your police career working alongside them to share during an "Open Mic" segment of the celebration. We have lost many members lately and for those who do not get the opportunity to visit old friends at the regular EPSVA functions, I hope you will see this as an opportunity to come celebrate and visit old friends in a place where many good times were had and to honour the service of those who have left us.*

*Stew*

## EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING - 2026 MAY 20 - 1900 HRS

EPA Building / Zoom



**CALL TO ORDER - 1900 HRS** Called to order by President Al BOHACHYK - Everyone was welcomed to the EPSVA GENERAL ZOOM meeting.

**Members present:** 21 members in person / online.

President Al BOHACHYK called for any new agenda items. Agenda Approval: Gary COOK / James ELKOW - Carried

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Gary COOK advised that the Minutes of the last General Meeting held via ZOOM, 2026

Jan 21 are published in the February Call Box, and on the EPSVA Website. The minutes of the last mini meeting held at the St Albert Inn, 2026 April 09 Luncheon are published in the May Call Box and on the EPSVA Website. Garry CRAWFORD / Don McDONALD - Carried

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mike DERBYSHIRE gave a summation, and advised a Treasurer Update is available on the EPSVA Website and in the EPSVA Call Box. Barney STEVENS / James ELKOW - Carried

#### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**1. HEALTH AND WELFARE / VAP:** Mike SHORTER advised that the VAP has provided 51 cards, 32 flower arrangements and 15 fruit baskets to date. He also indicated that the VAP has amended their Bylaws to add another director. A director is now responsible for the Parking Pass Program. There has been 1,203 uses of the Parking Passes to date.

**2. WEB SITE:** Mike DERBYSHIRE reported they conducted a major upgrade in Jan / Feb. There were a few performance issues after the upgrade, which have been rectified.

**3. MONTHLY LUNCHEON:** Mike SHORTER reported that there were 27 members in attendance at the April Luncheon and 38 in May. Next Luncheon is scheduled for 2026 June 11 before breaking for the summer.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE:** Gary COOK reported receiving a thank you card from Maureen TETZLAFF. She wanted to thank the EPSVA / VAP for the beautiful flowers, right after her stay in hospital. It was a much appreciated gift, that she enjoyed and made her happy. Additional thanks for everything done during Cliff's illness and beyond. You are a wonderful group of great folks!

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**1. NEW MEMBERS:** President Al BOHACHYK reported receiving the following EPSVA Applications for Regular Membership: Rocky DRUAR / Joe SPEAR / Darren DERKO. Mike DERBYSHIRE / Rob PATON - CARRIED (NO DISSENSIONS)

**2. BYLAW UPDATE:** President Al BOHACHYK advised that the EPSVA Bylaw Committee (Chris EPLER, Mike SHORTER and Mike DERBYSHIRE) have been working diligently to complete the overhaul task. He wanted to also thank Ken SOLOMAN / Bill SMITH and Ken HYKAWY for their input.

The Committee will be submitting the EPSVA Bylaw package to EPS Legal Counsel for their perusal and sign off. Once signed, the package will be submitted to the Societies Act for final approval and signature. This is a reversal of the usual process, however the Government indicates they are extremely behind in vetting and approval. This suggestion should help expedite the process. President BOHACHYK is hoping that a complete set of Bylaws are ready for the September meeting, and membership vote.

**3. BLUE MEADOWS HISTORY:** President Al BOHACHYK reported that Bob LEPAGE and other EPSVA members have started to compile an article, documenting the history of the EPA Property, BLUE MEADOWS. Vice President James ELKOW and Garry CRAWFORD advised they would be very interested in taking on the task of reaching out to members, and completing the documentation. Anyone with any insight regarding the property, are asked to contact ELKOW and CRAWFORD.

**4. ENCASED EPS FLAGS:** Secretary Gary COOK advised that a few years ago, CHIEF'S COMMITTEE approved the awarding of an EPS Flag to the family of an EPSVA member who has passed on. The EPS Flag is presented by the most senior EPS Officer present. This is a way for the EPS to honour, and show appreciation for a member's dedication and years of service. The flag presentation has been very well received and appreciated by the families. Secretary Gary COOK, EPS Guard of Honour Commander, Cst Tony GOLAB and the CSM James MCLEOD had discussions about having the flag encased in a frame, and labeled "YOUR LEGACY OF SERVICE LIVES ON".

Further discussion ensued that the encasement costs would be split three ways, EPS Office of the Chief Corps Sgt Major, the EPS Senior Officer's Association and the EPS VA. The EPS Guard of Honour would be the holder of the flags until required for presentation. Jakes Framing produced the first ten (10) encased flags which were paid for out of the CSM's budget. There are now three left and another order is required. Secretary Gary COOK advised that the cost for ten (10) encased flags would be in the area of \$750.00 plus GST.

MOTION: The EPSVA pay for the next ten (10) encased flags. James ELKOW / Bill SMITH - CARRIED (NO DISSENSIONS)

**5. EPS SGT'S MESS DINNER:** Past PMC Rob PATON reported that the EPS Sgt's Mess Dinner held at the Hotel McDonald, 2026 May 01 was attended by 105 members (half of who are EPSVA members). He added the event is a great time honoured tradition hosted by the Sgt's Mess. He is requesting members spread the word and encourage even greater attendance. The Mess Dinner is always the first Friday of May. A sell out is 150 members.

**Meeting adjourned 1944 hrs.**

\*\* Next Meeting Scheduled for 2026 September 16. EPA Boardroom and ZOOM \*\*

**Minutes by Gary Cook**

Members in attendance and via Zoom online:

Gary Cook	Mike	Mike Phillips	Barney Stevens	Dave Facey
Rob Paton	Derbyshire	Ken Soloman	Garry Crawford	Gary Jones
Al Bohachyk	Rick Wilks	Joe Marshall	Don McDonald	John Rutledge
Mike Shorter	Chris Epler	Flemming	Aaron Nichols	
James Elkow	Larry Barteski	Kristensen	John Matheson	

**EPSVA Financial report for May 2026:**

\*\* not posted at time newsletter was completed, to be shared in a future edition of The call Box \*\*

\*\* For full details and other financial reports, go to the EPSVA website at [ww2.epsva.com](http://ww2.epsva.com) \*\*

**The May luncheon from Mike Shorter**

38 folks braved a wet and windy day to come out for the monthly lunch at St. Albert Inn for a delicious meal of lasagna and chicken alfredo. The loonie draw (\$40) was won by Aaron Nichols. The next lunch is on June 11 (turkey and stuffing) - and this will be the last one before we take two months off for the summer break. Mike



L - R: Shelly and Nigel Stevens, Ed Payuk, Bill and Edna Smith, Heather Payuk



**L - R:** John and Dena Rutledge, Aaron Nichols, Don McDonald, Kim Woolgar, Ken MacDonald (fr), Barney Stevens, Geoff Wilson.



**L - R:** Michelle and Bob Walsh, Frans Van Ooyen (fr), Mike Derbyshire, Ken and Roberta Hykawy, Glenda Malina, Arlene Omilian (fr), Gerrie-Lee Canning.



L - R: Jim and Nettie Howse, Ron Johnson, Glen Dennis, Gerry Vercammen, Terry Rocchio, Jim Kennedy. Missing: Mike Shorter taking photo's.



L - R: Chris Epler, Mike Phillips, Calvin Mah, Garry Crawford, Dave Hickmore, Brian Amyotte, Al Bohachyk.

**The next EPSVA luncheon is Thursday June 11, 2026 at St. Albert Inn & Suites, #156 St. Albert Trail, St. Albert (1100 hours, lunch served 1130).**

On the menu is turkey and stuffing, steamed mixed veggies, mashed potatoes and gravy, perogies, two salads and desert.. Cost is \$27 (covers everything). If you plan on attending please contact Mike Shorter ([mshorter@telusplanet.net](mailto:mshorter@telusplanet.net) or text to 780.668.4192) or Terry Rocchio ( [trocchio@shaw.ca](mailto:trocchio@shaw.ca) or text to 780.446.0244) by Sunday June 7 so St. Albert Inn can have sufficient food and tables ready for the lunch.

**THIS IS THE LAST LUNCH BEFORE THE SUMMER BREAK SO WE HOPE TO HAVE A GREAT TURNOUT!!**

\*\*\* Lunches will start up again in September \*\*\* Mike

## HONOURARY EPSVA MEMBER RECOGNISED

EPSVA member Ted Chomchuk shared this information about one of our most recent Honourary members, Larry Snidal

**Larry Snidal, who retired from the EPS in 2025** and joined the EPSVA, is currently working for ALERT in our Firearms Laboratory. Was recently honored with the “*unofficial*” renaming of our test fire facility at the IOF.



L-R centre: Ted and Larry

The structure is a fitting tribute to a person who has gone beyond the call of duty for decades, making the city and province a safer place to live.

One of Larry's current duties is to bring to work the perennial Employee of the Month - Freya, his grand dog.





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**POLICE**  
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POLICE AND PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY 2026

## Legacy of courage

Join us as we pay tribute to police and peace officers who gave their lives to protect our communities.

They will always be remembered.

Sunday, September 27 at 1 p.m.  
Alberta Legislature Grounds

Alberta



# 2026 Alberta Police Memorial Golf Tournament

## September 26, 2026

Edmonton Garrison Memorial Golf & CC

1200hrs Shotgun start.

\$125 per person

includes 18 holes, power cart and steak dinner to follow.



Proceeds going to the  
Police & Peace Officers'  
Memorial Ribbon Society.



Contact [constableslounge@edmontonpolice.ca](mailto:constableslounge@edmontonpolice.ca)

E-transfer - [cstpayment@edmontonpolice.ca](mailto:cstpayment@edmontonpolice.ca)

Remember. Honour. Recognize. Respect.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Unfortunately, if you wanted to participate **OR** fortunately, if you were an organiser, the June ball tournament and Memorial (Ezio) golf outing sold out with four days of the opening of the registrations. I've posted the information anyway in the event you may try contacting the organisers to take advantage of any last-minute cancellations - **GOOD LUCK!!**

**Edmonton Police Association**

**\$50 / Team**  
 Registration Open: May 1 - June 1  
 Rosters Due: June 1

**June 6/7 2026**

**First PAID 16 Teams**  
 Minimum 10-person team with 3 Females

Open to Sworn, Retired Members and Family

 **Saturday Sponsored BBQ**

 **Winning Team Prize Sponsor**

**Blue Meadows**

**Free Camping**  
 Friday & Saturday  
**FIRST COME FIRST SERVED**

**HOME RUN DERBY**  
 \$20/hitter - pay cash at the diamonds

Sponsored by: 



Register your team at the EPA Office or on EPAMS

## EPA Memorial Golf Tournament



**July 6**

The Links – Spruce Grove

0800hrs Shotgun

Texas Scramble

\$160/player

Open to sworn and retired members only until June 1 – opening to friends and family afterwards if there are available spots.

Don't delay – the tournament has sold out in under 2 weeks for the past 3 years!

Register on EPAMS, visit the EPA, [admin@epa.ca](mailto:admin@epa.ca) or call: 780-496-8600

Athletics Committee:

Geoffrey HOOD - [ghood@epa.ca](mailto:ghood@epa.ca)

Jacob MONTGOMERY - [jmontgomery@epa.ca](mailto:jmontgomery@epa.ca)

Perry BUSTIN - [pbustin@epa.ca](mailto:pbustin@epa.ca)

Cory KERR - [ckerr@epa.ca](mailto:ckerr@epa.ca)

**EPA OFFICE**

Monday-Friday  
0800-1600hrs

CLOSED: Statutory Holidays



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## SERGEANTS' MESS DINNER with photo's courtesy of Kim Woolgar

One hundred and five members and guests were present for the annual Sergeants' Mess Dinner hosted at the prestigious Fairmont Hotel MacDonald. Members had the opportunity to gather ahead of the dinner at the Sergeants' Mess with transportation provided to the hotel. Below are most of the retired members there:



It's always nice to see this dinner treated as a family affair. I'm talking, not only in the police family sense, but in the actual family sense - there were siblings, fathers and son(s), father and daughter and even a father with son and daughter: Rob and John Paton (brothers), Don McDonald and sons, Dave Goodkey and daughter

Faith, Dan Small and daughter Elizabeth (below left), Bob Wasylyshen and son and daughter, Mike and Andrea (below centre) and Darren Derko and son (right).



\*\* Sorry to the other family groupings, these were the only family photo's available to me \*\*

The meal and service in a spectacular setting were excellent.



The inevitable speeches were not lengthy and stayed on point. 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.

EPS Veterans' Association President Al Bohachyk solemnly read the Honour Roll of our most recent Absent Friends.

**Absent Friends - from April 23, 2025 to April 01, 2026**

Blahun, Alex	Collinson, Ted	Glena, John	Malo, Kim	Towey, Al
Burns, Bob	Dingwall, Don	Hebert, Raymond	Reekie, Gord	Vann, Colin
Chwok, Mike	Fearon, Stan	Lakusta, Mike	Stockman, Dennis	
Christoffel, Dave	Fisher, Ron	Long, Howie	Strause, Norm	
Colley, Vern	Gibbs, Dwayne	Loxterkamp, Shane	Tetzlaff, Cliff	



*You may have noticed the small table set for one that is off on its own - it is reserved to honour our fallen comrades in arms. This symbolizes that they are with us, here in spirit.....*

As always, there was a good turnout of retired members. And, similarly, retired members were well represented in the Pipes & Drums of the EPS who put on a stellar show for all in attendance. Participating were: Terry Rocchio, James McKee, Nick Perry, Marv Lang, Geoff Burkett, Andre Francois, Rob Brekke and Blake MacEachern. Several other band members, past and present, were also in attendance. **Interesting fact:** The EPS Pipes & Drums are the only police pipe band in Canada that is completely comprised of serving and retired police officers.



EPSVA member John Paton was recognised as the most senior member present. A member of Recruit Training Class 25, with Reg. No. 404 having retired in 1992, and also recently turning 80 years old, John had seniority covered every which way. In the photo: John with close runner up to the honours, Gary Jones -Recruit Training Class 26, Reg. No. 409, retired in 1997 and a mere 79 years of age.

During his speech, Chief Warren Dreichel talked about the history and tradition of the annual Sergeants' Mess Dinner noting there were about 105 people in attendance and challenging those present to get the banquet room filled to its 150-seat capacity in 2027.

As always, the evening came to a close with members and guests adjourning to the moonlit patio with its awesome city view for a glass or two with cigars and sharing of the same stories they'd told earlier with perhaps a little more lubrication.

If you haven't been to the dinner in the past, or haven't been in a while, it's a great event and worth attending.



Plan to attend next year with old friends and colleagues or, perhaps, with your own son, daughter or siblings.

## MORE FROM THE EPSVA

# EPSVA ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

2026 June 22 AT 8:00 a.m.

Victoria Golf Course

**Golf Costs:** \$ 76.00 includes half cart rental for 18 Holes

**Please note:** If you have registered for a 2026 City of Edmonton Senior Platinum Golf Rewards card thru the City of Edmonton move, learn, play link, the cost for the round will be \$ 60.00

**Lunch Costs:** \$ 27.00- Hamburger/Fries/Salad and Pint of Beer

**\*\* The above payments will be made at the Golf Course on that date. \*\***

Trophy and Proximity Prizes will be awarded.

To register yourself or your playing partners please contact:

Bob Walsh – [bobwalsh008@gmail.com](mailto:bobwalsh008@gmail.com) or 780-901-5694

Jamie Ewatski- [ewatski@hotmail.com](mailto:ewatski@hotmail.com) or 780-819-7439

**\*\* Deadline for Registration: 2026 June 19 \*\***

***Let's Have Fun!***

## EPSVA SINGLES & COUPLES' GOLF

The 2025 Singles/Couples golf season is in the rearview mirror and our 2026 golf season is almost upon us, with the first game played on May 28<sup>th</sup>. A huge thank you to the volunteers who have already stepped up to organize our other 2026 golf days.

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).

We didn't want to compete with those who want to attend the Alberta Police Golf Tournament which is held around the 3rd Thursday in August.

Below are our volunteers for our 2026 golf days, so mark your calendar:

Barb/Al Bohachyk -	May 28 <sup>th</sup>
Carol & Greg Wagar -	June 18 <sup>th</sup>
Darrell Coley -	July 16 <sup>th</sup>
Rob Paton/Sandy Radomski-	Aug 27 <sup>th</sup> (tentatively)
Betty/Mark Belanger -	Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>

If you think you might like to join the Singles/Couples Golf group, please contact Carol Wagar ([carolwagar@icloud.com](mailto: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. Looking forward to our 2026 golf season! *Carol*

## Singles/Couples Golf - 1st Game of the Season 10 out of 10

Our first golf game of the season was hosted by Barb and Al Bohachyk on May 28th at Pineridge Golf Resort. As could be expected they had everything organized to a T. Our group has golfed there often and each time the course, club house and food have received rave reviews. It is a fun, well manicured 12-hole golf course, each hole offering a different level of difficulty. There were lots of laughs heard throughout the golf course and especially in the clubhouse afterwards. It was obvious our group was having a good time. We were so happy to welcome back Eileen and Barry Anderson. They recently returned to the area and are once again golfing with us. We also had two new golfers join us, LuEllen (Charles Richmond's golf partner) and Julie Peacock (Menasha Matsune's golf partner). As usual, Gary Cook, the master scrounger, was instrumental in collecting swag. Special 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. Thanks Gary for the collection of give aways.

All in all it was a lovely day. The weather was perfect (some would say too hot), the course in excellent shape, the food delicious and the camaraderie second to none. A good time was had by all. Barb and Al, thank you for organizing a perfect day.

Our next game will be held on June 18, 2026 at Blackbull Golf course at Pigeon Lake. We'll play the 9 hole Executive Course and 9 holes of the Championship Course. We have always been treated well at the Blackbull and I am sure we will again. If you think you would like to join our group, give Carol Wagar a call (780 434 8701) or drop her an email ([carolwagar@icloud.com](mailto:carolwagar@icloud.com)) and your name will be added to the contact list. You don't need to be a couple to join the group. We have lots of singles and can always match you up with someone.





**Back row left to right:** Art Ewasko, Bill Johnson, Gary Jones, Julie Peacock, Greg Wagar, Jeanette and Brian Simpson, Rick Saunders, Al Bohachyk, Sheri and Blake MacEachern, Joe Marshall, Carol Wagar. **Middle row left to right:** Mike Bradshaw, Diane Farquhar, Laura Marshall, Menasha Matsune, Barb Bohachyk, Rob Paton, Lynda Saunders, Jan and Gary Cook, Casandra and Doug MacLeod, Colleen Cameron, Janice and Albert Lacher. **Front row left to right:** Lynda Bradshaw, Gwen Johnson, Sandy Nixon, Joanne Jones, Charles Richmond, LuEllen, Eileen and Barry Anderson, Mark Belanger. **Missing from picture:** Teri Uhryn, Brian Nowlan, Colleen Maynes, Tina Klenke.

Host for our golf day Barb and Al Bohachyk (I forgot to take a pic of Barb and Al so dug deep into my photos and found this one. If you have seen Al lately, this pic doesn't look much like him. He is currently beardless 😊 )



**After having such a successful day** at Pineridge Golf Resort hosted by Barb and Al Bohachyk, it will be a hard act to follow. But we'll try. Greg and I will host our next golf day at the BlackBull Golf Course. Below are the details:

**Where:** BlackBull Golf Course, 3.5 miles west of Ma-Me-O Beach on highway 13, directly across from the Village at Pigeon Lake

**When:** Thursday 2026 June 18; 10:30 start time (consecutive tee times)

**Cost:** 18 holes + cart + meal\* + GST + gratuity \$98 **Cost: Meal\* only + GST + gratuity: \$38.**

\*Roast Beef Buffet - served with mashed potatoes, vegetables, gravy, dinner buns, salad, & dessert

There is no discount for 9 holes but there is for anyone who wants to walk vs cart.

We'll start on the 9-hole Executive Course and then play 9 holes on the Championship course.

Please contact us at [carolwagar@icloud.com](mailto:carolwagar@icloud.com) or phone number 780-434-8701 by Thursday June 11 to let us know if you will be attending.

For those who no longer golf or are unable to golf this time around, please remember you are always welcome to join the group for the meal. *Carol & Greg*

## EPSVA Tuesday NINE AND WHINE 2026 from Gary Cook

The first official outing took place on Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup> at Meadowview Golf Course near St. Albert. There was a great turnout of sixteen golfers on a fine, sunny day with excellent playing conditions on this continually improving course. Excellent playing conditions notwithstanding, the Bok Pot was carried forward as there were no birdies on the Par 3's. At the first outing, new to the group was Barry Anderson and Graham Hogg showed up for the next one. Sounds like there will be a few more first timers in the coming weeks - why not be one of them?



**L-R:** Jim McMorran, Chevy Nixon's right eye, Mel Roth, Al Bohachyk, Terry Plomp, Blake MacEachern, Rick Saunders, Bill Johnson, Joe Marshall, Bruce Adams. **Missing:** Mark Belanger, Art Ewasko, Mike Bradshaw, Barry Anderson, Howie Antoniuk – Gary Cook taking the snapshot.

## HISTORY MADE AT THE MAY 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 OUTING

It's true!! Never in its *gazillion* year history has a hole-in-one been scored at the Tuesday golf outings. That's until Cal Herauf, after a one-year hiatus from the event, showed up (late) on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Apparently well rested after his long respite and, obviously, much inspired by the level of play of team Nixon, Roth and Marshall that he caught up with on the tenth hole, Mr. Herauf was nicely warmed up by the time he approached the 16<sup>th</sup> tee box. Amid a disturbing cacophony from a screaming flock of Franklin Gulls, honking Canada geese and prattling Red-winged blackbirds - they must've sensed something momentous was about to occur, Cal had his focus entirely on the intimidating 115-yard (plays like 155-yards), across a frightening expanse of water and onto an uphill sloped green. With no muss and no fuss - **BOOM!** the sweet spot of Cal's 8-iron kissed the ball and sent it hurtling onwards and skywards an unwavering line to the flag and the tiny hole AND "plink" there it was Cal's first hole-in-one and the first for the Tuesday outing. **WELL DONE CAL!!**

Check out the hall of fame at the entrance to Meadowview's clubhouse, Cal's achievement is immortalised there. And, he won the Bok Pot, generously splitting a heft pot with his still awed playing partners.



## 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:** Contact Gary Cook (aka The Commish) Cell: 780-983-4701 Email: [ircookiebo@gmail.com](mailto:ircookiebo@gmail.com)

## MEDIA BASHING THE POLICE

EPSVA member Jim Kennedy shared this message he received from an RCMP friend with me:



### **RCMP Vets caught in a sting operation by CBC employees...**

The CBC "*prank show*" deception scandal is getting so much worse.

The producers (operating under fake identities/fake company names with fake websites) told a number of RCMP veterans - people who dedicated their lives to serving on the frontlines - that they were invited to film for a show called "Life After Service." A ceremony to thank them for their service would follow, and they were told dignitaries would be present. This would take place at the CBC Vancouver studio. They were told to come in uniform. When the RCMP vets arrived at the CBC Vancouver studio on March 25th and 26th, the "pranksters" took their phones away, which they claimed was CBC Vancouver studio policy. The former RCMP officers were also placed in front of an audience of what they were told were about two dozen "journalists." And it was sprung on them that this was a "live broadcast", with "media availability" afterwards! Then the producers switched up the whole session to be not about life after service, but the historical wrongs committed by the RCMP against indigenous peoples - to berate these vets for being part of the RCMP. There is so much more but I am hoping the individuals targeted in this elaborate scheme will be able to share their stories themselves. Seriously, what even sounds remotely funny or silly about this concept? It is just sick and cruel.

Being a cynical type, I had to Google this to see if it was true. The information I found verified the story but was too long to share in the newsletter. Here's a link to the story though: <https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/other/lilley-cbc-hits-pause-on-show-targeting-rcmp-and-conservatives/ar-AA23ASnM?ocid=BingNewsSerp>

And, a link to National Post story: 'I'm sick to my stomach': Retired RCMP officer details humiliating experience with CBC prank show - <https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/canada/i-m-sick-to-my-stomach-retired-rcmp-officer-details-humiliating-experience-with-cbc-prank-show/ar-AA23GxA0?ocid=hpmsn&cvid=6a0e4034772944e0a2dab9bd8ab3635f&ei=14>

## MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROSIE PETRUK! Shared by Honourary EPSVA member Sherry Petruk

Larry Petruk's mother ROSIE celebrated her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Pictured below with Rosie are Larry and Sherry's children DEREK, MATTHEW and Krysta, GREGORY and Amanda, MICHAEL and Candace, KIMBERLEY and grandchildren Paisley, Garrett and Emmett.

Birthday girl Rosie resides in a lodge and still cares for herself and her mind and memory are still very sharp. When asked about her longevity she says she eats well and sleeps well and says age is only a number. She is the last surviving member of 10 children raised on the family homestead in the Lake Eliza area SE of St. Paul Alberta.



In May, John and Herma Ratcliff headed across the pond to visit the land of John's birth. One of their first stops was for a pint at the Cheshire Cheese pub on Fleet Street in London.

For all of you history buffs (or lovers of pubs in general): *Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese* is one of a number of pubs in London to have been rebuilt shortly after the Great Fire of 1666. There has been a pub at this location since 1538. While there are several older pubs which have survived because they were beyond the reach of the fire, or like The Tipperary on the opposite side of Fleet Street because they were made of stone, this pub continues to attract interest due to the lack of natural lighting inside.

## WHEN OLD MEETS NEW from John Matheson (Reg. No. 1207)



Just some trivia or interest for you: Edmonton Police Service sworn member Register Numbers are now at 5003 which is a pre-hire for class 167. Reg. No. 5002 is in class 166.

Of some more interest, recently, I was at the Edmonton Boat and Sportsman show with a young fella helping me (not a babysitter), Adam Cotterall, Reg. No. 3976 from the Impaired Driving Unit and the "Legend" Bob Lepage comes by and I introduced the two. "This is Reg. No. 507 Bob." After Bob left, Adam told me "I have never met a 3-digit Reg. No. before."

I think we still have a couple of 2 digits with us. *John*



**Editor's note:** I followed up on John's mention that "we still have a couple of 2 digits with us". To the best of my knowledge, the last surviving EPSVA member with a two-digit Register Number is W.G. (Bill) Kerscher whose Reg. No. is 57.

Bill Kerscher joined the Edmonton Police Department on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1953 which was about two years before Recruit Training Class No. 1 was convened.

In the years prior to the last reassignment of Reg. Nos, in 1975, Bill's badge numbers changed from 128 to 112 to 73 until it became his current Reg. No. of 57.

Some of you (3-digit folks) will remember others who joined the Edmonton Police at the same time Bill did. They include our Absent Friends: George Kinaschuk, John Taylor, Ted Collinson, Bill Ross, Trephe Bereska, Stan

Crawford, Mike Chetek and a few others.

Bill's son Richard (right) was also a member of the service for a number of years. His Reg. No. is 972 and he was a member of Recruit Training Class 47 that started in 1978. He later resigned to pursue a different career.



Bill retired from the police service in 1981. That means he's been retired for a whopping 45 years. He now lives in northeast Edmonton.

Talk about *Live the Dream - Draw pension for longer than you paid into the fund!* Bill has that well covered!! **Well done Bill!**



## Lordy, Lordy look who's ninety!

I heard that one of our more senior members, Sam Hogg (Reg. No. 150, retired in 1991), celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday recently at the Saint Albert Rugby Club so I asked his son Graham (also an EPSVA member, Reg. No. 1752, retired in 2025) for a photo:



That's Sam sitting on the left middle step surrounded by his pals. The Mike Bradshaw look-a-like in the front row looks like a wee scrum half squashed between those two monster forwards on the bottom step!

Graham told me that generations of old team mates from 40 and 60 years ago attended from Alberta and B.C. to celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup>. Dad was one of the founding members of the club who became known as *The Nervous Nine*, who took out loans on their homes to get the club built as part of a grant. He had a great time. A few livers needed some healing time afterwards ;)

## Military lads steppin' out from Gary Cook



I MP Regiment stationed at CFB Edmonton hosted a Mess Dinner, 2026 April 30, held at the Garrison Officers Mess. An invite was extended to MP Alumni to attend. Myself, Ex-Corps Sergeant Major (CSM) Jim Luttrell and current CSM James MCLEOD all worked at CFB Edmonton, back in the day. We all had a great evening, food was excellent, Regimental Marches were toasted, and a few war stories were shared. A lot of changes in the responsibilities of the Military Police now vs how we did it. Good to see positive changes.



Gary Cook - Securitas!

## Kingsway Legion Group from the EPS Family Facebook page



**L-R seated:** Garry Crawford, John Van Beek, Arlene Klein-Kemble, Stu Tutt, Don McDonald, Marty Shank, Kim Woolgar.

**Standing:** Bob LePage, Chris Witzke, Bill Johnson, Chevy Nixon, Gary Lamont, Sandy Nixon, Kevin McCloskey, John Rutledge, Dave Facey.



## Advance notice of a retirement party at the Sergeants' Mess

**A message for EPS veteran members:** after 49 years, I will be retiring on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. I'll host an open house retirement party in the Sergeants' Mess, 5:00 p.m. to whenever, drinks and bites on me. It will be nice to visit and reminisce with friends. I will send a formal message closer to the date and will ask people to confirm their attendance as I would like to know how much beverage and food will be required. *Kim Lafreniere*

*I was asked to give a gentle reminder to the EPSVA members to light up and show support for the troops in June. Here is your gentle reminder:*



## BLUE PORCH LIGHT CAMPAIGN

The Blue Porch Light Campaign was initiated in 2021 based on an idea from a retired EPS member as the world of policing changed dramatically- increased violence against serving members, public mistrust of the justice system and a demonstrated lack of support from some in society. Despite these challenges, all police services/agencies and their members continue to do what they have been sworn to do and we should all be thankful for their efforts!

The month of June is significant for the Edmonton Police Service membership as we recognize the Line of Duty Deaths of Constable Daniel Woodall of June 8th, 2015 and Constable Ezio Faraone on June 25th, 1990, who were murdered while protecting our Community along with other serving EPS members, who passed away while serving their Community.



The Edmonton Police Service Veterans Association respectfully asks for your support by recognizing this initiative and adopting this Campaign and making it a total "Police Family" effort! We encourage our serving, non-sworn and retired members to change their porch lights from white to BLUE and turn those lights on starting from dusk to dawn each night starting June 8th to the end of the day of June 25th.

Our goal is to show our and community support and respect to all serving members and to those who were murdered, those who were killed in the Line of Duty and those who passed away while serving their respective Communities.

Let's show our support! Thanks to all!

**(Editor's Note: You can find blue bulbs at Lowes & Home Depot)**



## Job Opportunities with Legislature Assembly Security Service:

1. The Legislature Assembly Security Service is looking for a few good candidates! If any Vets are interested or know of any upcoming retiring members who may be looking for something, this info might be appreciated.

To get hired, any potential members need to successfully complete the PARE test in 4:45 or less, need a clean PSB check, and would have to undergo a psych evaluation. The positions are casual and pay about \$57.00 per hour and we are fully armed.

They are looking for full commitment during the Spring and Fall sessions. Spring is usually from the Family Day weekend in February until mid-May or early June and fall session is usually from mid-October until early December.

They are going to try to start the next hiring process by the end of June and anyone interested can reach out to Langford Bawn via email at [Lang.Bawn@assembly.ab.ca](mailto:Lang.Bawn@assembly.ab.ca).

2. **There is another opportunity which was recently posted and closes on June 5.** This job is a full-time (36.25hrs per week) admin job which deals with issues at provincial MLA constituency offices and deals with coordination of alarm issues and intake of concerns from the constituency offices. It supports one of the Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms (currently Paul Shafer) and the wage for this position tops out at around \$82K, job location is in the Legislature building. The details of the opportunity can be located on the LAO website under opportunities and the title of the position is Security Programs Coordinator.

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## Employment Opportunity - Tracking Technician

Hi, I'm hoping you could us by sending this out to your veterans as my current employer is seeking to hire **ONE** recently retired police officer to cover all of Alberta.

By way of introduction I am also a recently retired Toronto PS Detective now working the past two years with Tag Tracking ([tagtracking.ca](http://tagtracking.ca)) on our GTA team. Ideally the bulk of the work is anticipated to be in the Calgary and Edmonton area. As I am not the person hiring but happy to assist answering any questions for a veteran genuinely interested.

Thank you in advance. David Shaw Tracking Technician [dshaw@tagtracking.ca](mailto:dshaw@tagtracking.ca)

main: (514) 745-8241 | 1 (888) 745-8241 | F. (514) 745-8630 - 1180 Rue de Louvain Ouest, Montreal, QC H4N 1G5 [www.tagtracking.ca](http://www.tagtracking.ca) | Facebook | Twitter | Instagram

To apply: [emploi@otodata.ca](mailto:emploi@otodata.ca)

**Tag has been a North American leader in stolen vehicle recovery for over ten years. Our system is designed and manufactured in Montreal.**

**Tracking Technician** – As Required to start with Full-Time/Part-Time Expected

The Tracking Technician is responsible for locating vehicles reported stolen by our customers. In addition, the individual works with the local police department and customer service team members to provide the best service to our customers. Full or part time opportunities.

**Responsibilities**

- ☑ Validate customer information following their call to our 24-hour call center
- ☑ Locate stolen vehicles using tracking equipment installed in our tracking trucks (2 to 3 weeks training in Montreal is required)
- ☑ Hand over the recovered vehicle to the local police service

**Skills and Abilities**

- ☑ Good geographical knowledge of Alberta
- ☑ Investigations background and experience ☑ Autonomy, initiative, and high sense of responsibility
- ☑ Great ability to work both alone and in a team.
- ☑ Comfortable in a dynamic and fast-paced work environment

**Additional Skills and Abilities**

- ☑ Possess a valid driver's license
- ☑ No criminal or court record related to the services offered.
- ☑ Enjoy working on the road (not a desk job) ☑ Comfortable with computers and telephone applications

**Shift:**

- On-call basis (per diem) to start. A pre-determined schedule will be established in future.
- Be available to work, day, evening, and weekend (if required).

We offer our employees various benefits including:

- A Tag vehicle will be always left at the disposal of the technician.

Travel Bonus

Employment Opportunity

- Remunerated for training and all expenses paid.
- A cellular telephone, fuel card, credit card, and laptop.
- Work clothes.
- Complete group insurance program
- The opportunity to join a talented team and share the excitement of countering auto theft.

We look forward to welcoming you on board!

We thank all applicants in advance, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

MacEwan University is seeking a Senior Investigations Specialist for a full-time continuing opportunity with the Office of the General Counsel.

In this role, you will support internal departments engaged in investigations and complaint resolution. You will be responsible for intake, triaging complaints for urgency, complexity, sensitivity and risk, file entry, and tracking. You will also assist investigations by guiding processes, coordinating information, gathering evidence, and reviewing or writing reports for quality and consistency. Lastly, you will lead preventative and education initiatives related to policy, legislation, and ever evolving practices.

This position works collaboratively with Human Resources (HR), Health, Safety and Environment (HSE), the Office of Student Conduct, Legal Services, and Internal Audit Services on matters such as harassment, human rights violations, fraud, sexual misconduct, Public Interest Disclosure (PIDA) matters, and professional and student misconduct. Accordingly, this position will be entrusted with confidential information on a regular basis.

For further info - contact Tom at [tomf1771@outlook.com](mailto:tomf1771@outlook.com).

You can also access the full posting by clicking this link:

<https://www.macewan.ca/about-macewan/careers/opportunities/postings/?competition=26.05.106>

## INTERESTING OPPORTUNITY FOR RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS



### Dogs with Wings Assistance Dog Society

Hello, I'm reaching out on behalf of Dogs with Wings Assistance Dog Society, an Alberta-based not-for-profit dedicated to raising and training highly skilled dogs that support people and communities in critical moments.

One area of our work that may be of particular interest is our facility dog program, which places specially trained dogs within police services, victim services units, and children’s advocacy centres. These dogs work alongside professionals every day, helping victims of crime—especially children—feel safer, calmer, and more supported during interviews, investigations, and court processes. Their steady presence can reduce anxiety, build trust, and support more effective communication at moments when it matters most.

As we continue to expand this program, we are seeking dedicated volunteers to help raise future facility dogs. Retired police officers bring an exceptional combination of experience, discipline, situational awareness, and compassion—qualities that align naturally with preparing dogs for service in law enforcement and trauma-informed settings. Many of our most successful dog raisers are individuals who still feel a strong calling to serve their community, even after concluding their formal careers.

Warm regards, *Kim Craig*

**Kim Craig, Chair, Board of Directors, Dogs with Wings**

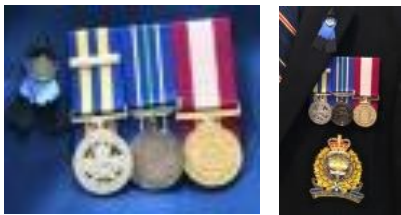
[kim@dogswithwings.ca](mailto:kim@dogswithwings.ca)

11343 174 St, NW Edmonton

\*\* For more information about the group and opportunity click this link: <https://dogswithwings.ca/about-us/>

## ADVERTISING

### 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 are a couple of options to help you get your medals done:

#### **Jim Neathway**

Jim works out of his house in Redwater. He does make arrangements to pick up and drop off at Northeast Division in Edmonton.

Contact Jim at [neathway1@shaw.ca](mailto:neathway1@shaw.ca) or phone number 780-942-3638.

EPS has been using Jim for years.

#### **Brent Sundby**

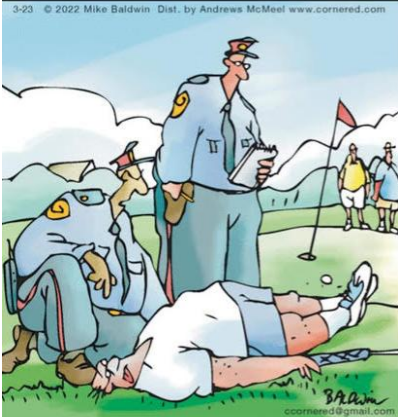
Also works out of his house in the Westend of Edmonton.

Contact Brent at [readymedals@hotmail.com](mailto:readymedals@hotmail.com) or phone number 780-906-6990.

**\*\* Both are highly recommended \*\***



**LAUGH!  
IT'S GOOD  
FOR YOU**



"I'm no golf expert, but this probably counts as another stroke."

**I'M SO OLD  
I REMEMBER  
MULTIPLICATION  
WAS CALLED  
"TIMES TABLES".**



*"I'm working on pants for old guys. They'll combine the comfort of Dockers, with the protection of Depends. I'll call them Dry Dockers."*



"In the old days, your Grandma and I watched TV with rabbit ears."



Don't care for this brand of humour? Feel free to send me your idea of funny to [epsva@hotmail.com](mailto:epsva@hotmail.com)

## MORE ADVERTISING

Soon to be an EPSVA member, after almost 50 years of service, Kim Lafreniere shared the following information/invitations to our members:

### MAYFIELD DINNER THEATRE



For the past 10 years, I've been booking 150 seats at the Mayfield Dinner Theatre for the Sunday evening Finale of all their musical shows. I get a discount and sell the tickets for \$25.00 + less than the box office price. I have over 400 people on my event email list. I'd be happy to include any EPS Veterans who may be interested in getting their names on the event list.

The next event is on Sunday evening, June 14<sup>th</sup> for the performance of FOOTLOOSE, the Broadway and Film Musical. After that is HURRY HARD, a curling comedy...Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. A few avid curlers have already asked if I would book one evening for that performance.

If you would like to attend an upcoming performance at the Mayfield Dinner Theatre and/or have your name added to the contact list, contact Kim Lafreniere at 780-991-0026 or [kimlaf@shaw.ca](mailto:kimlaf@shaw.ca).

## SEA CRUISES



I've also organized a few cruises, next one is an 11-Day Canada - New England Cruise on the Norwegian Jewel, Sep 26 to Oct 07, from Philadelphia to Quebec City. Kim has an extensive information and pricing package he can send you outlining what's included in the much-reduced base price of \$1,810.00. Here are the 9 ports of call for this cruise:

- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Portland, Maine
- Bar Harbor, Maine
- Saint John, New Brunswick, Bay of Fundy
- Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Sydney, Nova Scotia, Cape Breton Island
- Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
- Saguenay (La Baie), Québec
- Québec City, (Stay on the ship overnight in Quebec City)

If you would like to join the aforementioned cruise or any future cruise(s) and/or have your name added to the contact list, contact Kim Lafreniere at 780-991-0026 or [kimlaf@shaw.ca](mailto:kimlaf@shaw.ca).

## FUNERAL PLANNING

EPSVA member Ken Solomon shared the following information that may be of interest to some:



**Plan Ahead.**  
*Live Well.*

Understanding your options.  
Protecting your loved ones.  
Building peace of mind.

 **COOPERATIVE MEMORIAL SOCIETY**

 <b>Save Money</b> Plan ahead and reduce costs.	 <b>Ease the Burden</b> Protect your family from stress.	 <b>Your Wishes Matter</b> Make your wishes known and respected.	 <b>Trusted Local Support</b> Access caring, local professionals you can trust.
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Dear CMS Members, Planning ahead doesn't have to feel overwhelming. Join the Cooperative Memorial Society (CMS) at a series of upcoming community events and presentations across Alberta designed to help you and your loved ones feel informed, prepared, and confident about the future.

These engaging and informative sessions will explore practical topics such as funeral and cremation options, advance planning, reducing stress for families, and smart ways to save money. Whether you are just starting to think about planning ahead or looking to update existing plans, these events offer valuable information in a welcoming, no-pressure environment.

Unless otherwise noted, presentations will be delivered by CMS. Our team will also be available with helpful planning resources, information about CMS membership benefits, and a limited number of Ducks in a Row planning booklets available at a special event price of \$31.50.

All events are free to attend. Registration is required unless the event is marked as "drop-in." To get more information on CSM and several upcoming seminars throughout Alberta click this link: <https://www.coopmemorial.org/> or call the telephone number below.

We look forward to connecting with you, your family, and your guests at one of these upcoming events!

 <b>COOPERATIVE MEMORIAL SOCIETY</b>	Cooperative Memorial Society PO Box 90084 RPO Airdrie, Airdrie AB T4B 0A2 1-403-248-2044 Toll free: 1-800-566-9959 <a href="mailto:admin@coopmemorial.org">admin@coopmemorial.org</a>
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EPSVA member Orest Popowich shared this information:

Join us for the 29<sup>th</sup> annual

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## Seniors Exhibition & Symposium

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**Thursday, June 4, 2026**  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



This year's event is even  
**Bolder & Better**  
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**River Cree  
Resort & Casino**  
300 East Lapotac Boulevard, Enoch, AB

**Alberta's largest event celebrating Alberta Seniors Week**  
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**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](http://www.epsva.com).

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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).)

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