



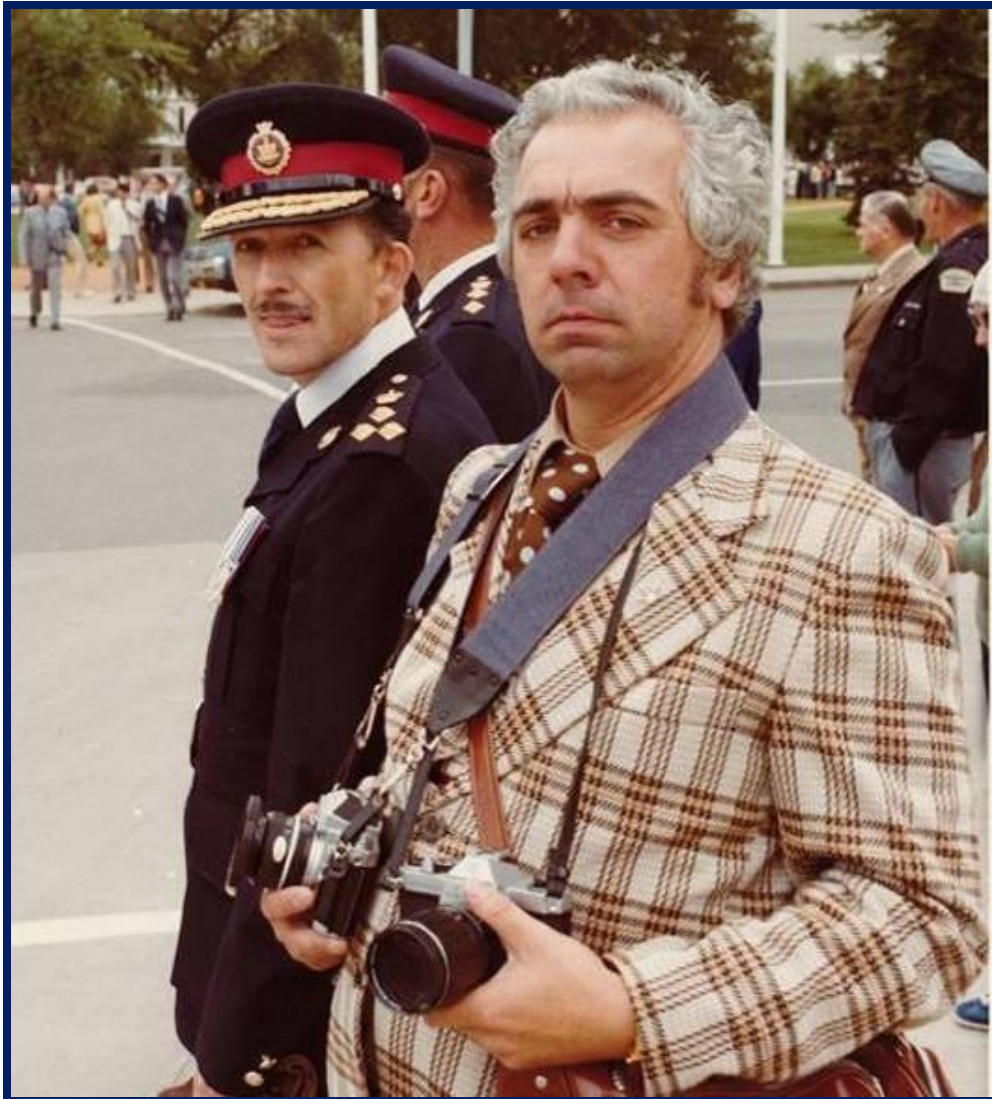
The Call Box

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



September 2025 edition

Who you lookin' at?



This cover photo was from a bunch of circa 1978 photo's shared on your EPSVA website recently by Art Lacoursiere. It shows Al and retired Chief Bob Lunney at the site of the 1978 Commonwealth Games hosted by Edmonton.

What's in this month's edition of your newsletter? President's message, Absent Friends, EPS, Edmonton Police Commission, Sgts' Mess and other updates & news, Upcoming events, A wee bit o' nature, Humour?, Loads of photographs and more.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm not a doom and gloomer about the state of the calendar, or how fast the months and years are going by. So, it's just an observation that our days are getting shorter and the evenings longer. Which only means, there is a bit more quiet time each evening. That should equate to us re-boarding the '*getting stuff done*' train.

Your executive has taken the summer off as a timely break. We have been attending to minor issues as they pop up, but generally not focused on some of the more long term business we have committed to.

The bylaws are still a work in progress, we have some direction, and we still have lots of work to do. It was understood by this executive that the bylaw review and adoption would be a 2-year project, mostly due to the back and forth with the membership in seeking concurrence before any significant change would be considered. It takes time. Our target for completion is prior to the AGM in Nov 2026.

One gap in our business model has been identified as something we should probably deal with as a preventative measure. Over many years, different vet's members have sought permission to purchase - with intent to re-sell to the members - a variety of coins, badges, medals, or branded gear. In some cases, '*up front*' money has been provided, merchandise purchased then sold, and deposits made back to the vet's association.

There are no guidelines or rules covering this aspect of EPSVA business. Which leaves the business undocumented and therefore missed in any audit process.

To be clear, there has never been any suggestion of impropriety with this process. But, the absence of direction (in our bylaws) leaves anyone engaging in such business in a somewhat vulnerable position.

With a simple set of guidelines, anyone interested in offering such merchandise then knows how the business is to be conducted, and all transactions can be audited just as our regular books are tested each year.

Watch for draft recommendations in the near future.

The Okanagan Valley is an appealing place to live and visit. In August while there on a family vacation, a group of vets got together for a social evening. The group picture is on our website and later in this Call Box.

There was a second gathering, arranged by Andy Marr, at a coffee shop in West Kelowna. We chatted about a variety of issues, from what folks are doing now, to dabbling in global politics. A great visit and so nice to see some folks that are not often in the Edmonton region.

However, not one of the six of us thought to take a picture...

So this is my mea culpa, I promised a photo, and I missed the opportunity. *Next time!* Great to catch up with Randy Gowler, Bob Kittle, Scott McMorran, Andy Marr, and Jim Elliot.



Cheers!

Al



ABSENT FRIENDS - *Sadly Missed but Never Forgotten*



Celebration of the Life of Cliff Tetzlaff

There will be a Celebration of the Life of our recently departed Absent Friend Cliff Tetzlaff hosted at Leefield Community League Hall, 7910 - 36 Avenue, Edmonton

On September 11th, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

**** All EPSVA members are invited ****



Clifford Theodore "Cliff" Tetzlaff

June 18, 1933 - July 18, 2025



It is with great sadness and much love that we say goodbye to my beloved husband, Cliff, who passed away July 18, 2025, at the age of 92 years.

Cliff is survived by his devoted wife of 42 years, Maureen; his three children, three stepchildren, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, daughter-in-law, nieces, nephews, and many good friends, as well as his loyal cat, Joey.

He was predeceased by his parents, six siblings, and one son, Cliff (Chip) (2006).

Cliff was a dedicated member of the EPS from April 1958, retiring in May of 1989.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at Leefield Community Hall, 7910 36 Ave. N.W., Edmonton, at 2:00 p.m.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to nurse practitioner Elisha Andrews and her team, as well as to AHS and EMS staff for their extra care and support shown to Cliff in the time before his passing; it was deeply appreciated.

In lieu of flowers, as an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be

made to either, Stollery Pediatric Diabetic Center or SCARS.

To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Clifford Theodore "Cliff", please visit our Tree Store

Published on August 23, 2025

**** The Honour Guard and a piper will participate in the celebration. Cliff's longtime friend - EPS Superintendent (retired) / Delta Police Chief (Retired), Jim Cessford will be Officiating / Eulogising. ****

**** Also looking for EPS Veterans in attendance (who have them) to wear EPS Dress Uniform / EPSVA Blazer uniform with Headdress for Veterans Guard of Honour lining Aisle as family is piped out. ****

Passing of EPSVA member

Robert (Bob) Dean Burns Reg. No. 1391

May 3, 1960 – July 30, 2025

Robert Dean Burns, age 65, of Courtenay, British Columbia passed away on Wednesday, July 30, 2025.

Robert Dean Burns

With heavy hearts, we announce the death of Robert Dean Burns of Courtenay, British Columbia, who passed away on July 30, 2025 at the age of 65. Leave a sympathy message to the family on the memorial page of Robert Dean Burns to pay them a last tribute.

In the vast expanse of eternity, may Robert Dean find peace everlasting, cradled in the gentle embrace of the universe. And as we stand on the shores of remembrance, may his legacy inspire us to live each day with purpose, passion, and profound gratitude for the gift of life itself.

<https://www.echovita.com/ca/obituaries/bc/courtenay/robert-dean-burns-20129708>



** Bob Burns joined the service on July 27th, 1981 and retired on July 7th, 2006 **

A MEMBER'S WIFE HAS PASSED

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Bernie Tymko's beloved wife Beverly. Our most sincere condolences are extended to Bernie and his extended family.

Beverly Jean TYMKO September 23, 1944 - August 12, 2025

Passed peacefully with family present, leaving husband Bernie, children Brenna (Daryl) Cooper, Bo Tymko and Bree Litrop. Grandchildren Rachel and Ellie Maradyn, Brooklyn Tymko, Kaitlyn and Hudson Litrop. Predeceased by parents Anne and Lloyd Johnson, sisters Darlene and Sharon.

No service as requested. Cremation has taken place.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Beverly, please visit our floral store:

<https://edmonton-journal.tributestore.com/sympathy-landing?old=44056824&tn=AdPerfect-OF-V1&otv=One-Funnel-MediaPartner1-Timeless&bn=AdPerfect%20-%20Edmonton%20Journal%20Remembering&md=Edmonton%20Journal%20Remembering>

Published on August 16, 2025 in The Edmonton Journal



EPSVA NEWS

EPSVA Financial report for the Month of July 2025:

Posted on your EPSVA website by Treasurer Mike Derbyshire

Income:

Membership Dues: \$23.97, Interest on Savings: \$14.71

Total Income: \$38.68

Expenses:

Website Expenses - E-Mail Software: \$57.02, MemberPress Renewal: \$288.94

Total Website expenses: \$345.96

Donations - EPA Memorial Tournament: \$250.00, Pappy Barnes Golf Tournament: \$250.00

Total Donations: \$500.00

Business Expenses (Cards and Envelopes): \$498.22

Bank Charges: \$7.22

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR JULY 2025: \$1,351.40

Net Income (Loss) for the Month: (\$1,274.26)

Balance Sheet:

Assets: Checking : \$7,467.29, Common Shares: \$56.72, Savings: \$17,282.06, Servus Rewards: \$86.92

Total Assets: \$24,931.45

Liabilities: Credit Card Payable: \$353.18

OVERALL BALANCE: \$24,578.27

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

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON INFORMATION

They are back after the summer break!!

The next EPSVA luncheon is **Thursday September 11th, 2025 at St. Albert Inn & Suites, #156 St. Albert Trail, St. Albert (1100 hours, lunch served 11:30).**

On the menu is beef au jus, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed mixed vegetables, perogies, two salads, veggie tray and dessert. Cost is \$27 (covers everything).

If you plan on attending please contact Mike Shorter (mshorter@telusplanet.net or text to 780.668.4192) or Terry Rocchio (trocchio@shaw.ca or text to 780.446.0244) **by Sunday, September 7th** so St. Albert Inn can have sufficient food and tables ready for the lunch. *Mike*

EPSVA Quarterly meeting on September 17th.

The quarterly meeting of the EPSVA will be hosted at the EPA offices on September 17th, 2025 17:00 at 7:00 p.m.

To join by Zoom here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82960340456?pwd=toMKdb3MH5eStJJ4rcXio80VU5CgZQ.1>

Meeting ID: 829 6034 0456 Passcode: 478865



OVER AT THE EPS

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POLICE AND PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY 2025

In solemn tribute to our fallen heroes

Join us as we gather
to honour the memory
of police and peace
officers who made the
ultimate sacrifice while
serving and protecting
our communities.

Their courage and
commitment will
never be forgotten.



Sunday, September 28 at 1 p.m.
Alberta legislature grounds

Alberta

2025 POLICE & PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL PARADE ORDERS

When: Sunday, 2025 September 28.

Time: Parade steps off 1300 hrs, be there 1200 - 1215 hrs.

Where: Parade muster point 107 St - 98 Ave near the transit centre.

Report to: EPS CSM James McLeod (EPS is marching contingent #3, RCMP is the lead agency)

Uniform Order:

1: EPS Dress uniform, forage cap, full size medals centred left chest, Police Peace Officer Memorial Ribbon centred above

2: EPSVA Blazer Uniform, Wedge Cap, full size medals centred left chest, Police Peace Officer Memorial Ribbon on left Lape |



There will be marked Veterans' seating in the public gallery, if required. If using the seating, and wearing Uniform with headdress, salutes shall be rendered for the Vice Regal Salute, O Canada, Last Post, Reveille, God Save the King.

FREE PARKING: The Indigo parking lot E511 at 97Ave/106 St is being provided free of charge on Sep 28, 2025. Last year, several attending officers parked there and didn't pay and were ticketed during the event and so we took steps this year to ensure the situation didn't repeat. In the attached parking map, this lot is highlighted in light purple and is marked "paid" but again, it will be free from 10AM to 3PM on Sep 28.

Transportation from EPS HQ to the Legislature Grounds

ETS will transport participating members to the Alberta Legislature prior to the ceremony.

- First pick-up: 1100 hours at Police HQ. Drop off at Government Transit Centre, 9803 - 107 Street NW.
- Second pick-up: 1130 hours at Police HQ. Drop off at Government Transit Centre, 9803 - 107 Street NW.
- Return buses from the Transit Centre after the ceremony.

See you there. Gary Cook



Edmonton Police Commission

Police Commission member recruitment underway Posted August 25, 2025

City Council is recruiting for the Edmonton Police Commission. Preferred candidates will demonstrate financial, legal, information technology or human resources experience as well as an understanding of public accountability and board operations.

Those interested in supporting the vision of the Commission to create a safe and vibrant city are encouraged to apply online. <https://recruitment.edmonton.ca/job/52767/Edmonton-Police-Commission-EPC-Member>

Classification Title: Edmonton Police Commission Member

Posting Date: Aug 22, 2025

Closing Date: Sept 21, 2025 11:59:00 PM (MDT)

Number of Openings (up to): 3 - Ongoing Part-time

Union: Management

Department: Agencies, Boards, Committees and Commissions

Work Location(s): Edmonton

New Police Chief

Although the EPC website has nothing current on the hiring process for the new Chief, I'm told it's "*down to the wire*" with final interviews nearly completed. Whilst I've heard who some of the applicants are and a couple who are still in the process are, I'll not name any (*in case I'm mis-informed*). It will be very interesting to see if an "*inside*" Chief is picked from the two current Deputy applicants (Dreichel and LaForce) or, perhaps, a retiree who sneaked into the mix. It's been about twenty years since we had one of our own promoted to Chief despite managing to provide Chiefs across the country.



Edmonton Police Service Constables' Lounge presents the:

2025 Alberta Police Memorial Golf Tournament

September 27, 2025

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

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Sergeants' Mess

Incorporated 1959

PAPPY BARNES ★ ★ ★ GOLF ★ ★ ★ TOURNAMENT

September 15, 2025
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**



Sergeants' Mess

Incorporated 1959

To Register Contact:
Rocky Hanson or Jerrid Maze
[**rocky.hanson@edmontonpolice.ca**](mailto:rocky.hanson@edmontonpolice.ca)
[**jerrid.maze@edmontonpolice.ca**](mailto:jerrid.maze@edmontonpolice.ca)

Payment to:
[**yegsgtsmess@gmail.com**](mailto:yegsgtsmess@gmail.com)

MORE FROM THE EPSVA:

Tuesday Nine & Whine

The **Nine & Whine** is still going strong. Despite this being a busy travel, family and farming time, we still manage to put out 3 or four groups every week. *The faces change but the BS stays the same!*

Want to participate? Here's what you need to know:

EPSVA NINE AND WHINE 2025

"Let's get ready to Grumble!"

Where: Meadowview Golf and Country Club

When: Every Tuesday morning

Time: 0730 hrs start (*best be there at 7!*)

Cost: \$23.00 Senior rate (and we are all seniors!) Power Carts extra

**** Bring a toonie for the Bok Pot and chance to wear the revered Green Jacket ****

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 (maybe a beer) afterwards!!!!

Format: Best ball, whether that is two-person, three-person or four-person! Hit the little white ball into the cup and repeat for eight holes!

Gary Cook (aka The Commish) Cell: 780-983-4701 Email: ircookiebo@gmail.com

There were so many deuces made in August that the Bok Pot was carried over into September, so, in lieu of sharing the ugly mugs of the golfers, enjoy this photo taken by Gary Cook from the Meadowview clubhouse:



**** Although we still haven't had any ladies join the Tuesday morning outings this year, did you know that Sandy Nixon and Colleen Cameron regularly play at Meadowview on Tuesday mornings at a more civilised time of about 9:30 a.m. I noticed that Terri Uhyrn joined them this week (August 26th). ****

2025 Alberta Police Golf Association outing.

Radium, B.C. - August

Whilst I think the number of retired members participating in this auspicious event may be down over previous years, there is still fairly strong participation. EPSVA Secretary, Gary Cook – an avid golfer – was in attendance and he shared a few photos and notes with us:

Many of the members who go to Radium each year make a week of it, stopping enroute to have a warm up game or two. One such group was Gary Cook, James Matsune, Rob Paton and Terry Plomp. This year, they stopped off in Sundre for a game.



L - R: ‘Stogie’ Matsune, Paton and Plomp take us through the various stages of the game. On the right, the local appears to be quite unimpressed by what he sees.

Go Team Edmonton!!



As always, it's a bit like herding cats but, eventually, everyone gets organised and the event gets started:



The results!



Left: Paul Sinclair, EPS serving member was the overall winner.

Below: Terry Plomp, Dave Radmanovich, Dean Boyer and Kelly Krewenchuk won their respective flights. They each received fancy cedar box beer coolers made and laser engraved by our very own retiree Gary MEADS!" (Editors note = there were other great prizes too – I know Terry P. went home with a set of Cobra clubs and bag)



Tournament organiser Dave Radmanovich said *"The APGA 2025 was a great success! We have a substantial amount going to our sponsored organisation for this year, Wounded Warriors of Canada, and are doing the cheque presentation at the end of September! I will email you the presentation picture and the amount we have donated once it's done! "The APGA is always looking for a BIG EPS Contingent !!! Especially we are looking for more female golfers!"*

Mark your calendars: APGA next year is being coordinated by Medicine Hat Police Service, once again at Radium. Scheduled for 17 - 19 August.

Singles 'n' Couples' Golf in August

Another great turnout! The weather was perfect (for those who like temperatures in the 30's), the course in great shape, and the camaraderie...always the best. Jan and Gary Cook (right) hosted our golf day on August 28 at the Edmonton Garrison. There was never any doubt about how well the day was organized with Gary at the helm. We had lots of proximity prizes, even one for the last person who hit their golf ball in the water on the 17th hole. Oh, did I forget to mention Colleen Cameron won that prize! She certainly wasn't the only person to hit the water. Gary, known as the master swag collector, did another outstanding job gathering lots of prizes. Special thanks to the EPA, DeBoars, Millwoods Golf and their golfers (found golf balls) and Joe Marshall.



It was great to welcome Colleen Maynes and Tina Klenke to our group. Hope you join us for future games. Thanks Jan and Gary for a really fun day.



Left to right (standing): Laura Marshall, Mike Bradshaw, Diane Farquhar, Gary & Jan Cook, Art Ewasko, Sandy Nixon, Doug & Cassandra MacLeod, Albert & Janice Lacher, Bill Smith, Joe Marshall, Mark & Betty Belanger, Al Bohachyk, Brian & Jeanette Simpson, Herma Ratcliff, Brian Nowlan, Colleen Cameron, Barb Bohachyk, Wendy Wright, Mona Scholes, Joyce & Stu Tutt, Greg Wagar, Ron Scholes

Left to right (sitting): Jim & Anna McMorran, Terry & Janice Plomp, Edna Smith, Sandy Radomski, Rob Paton, Lynda Bradshaw

Missing from pic: Teri Uhryn, Colleen Maynes, Tina Klenke, Carol Wagar (taking pic)

Last game of the season will be held on September 18th, 2025 at the Edmonton Garrison, hosted by Rob Paton and Sandy Radomski.

If you've been thinking you might like to join the group, contact Carol Wagar at carolwagar@icloud.com or 780 434 8701 and we'll add you to the list. We're pretty sure you will enjoy the day. You don't need to be a great golfer as evidenced by us playing best ball. If you don't like where your ball lies, you play a little foot golf and give the ball a kick to a better place.

Hope to see you out there in September..... Carol

MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT

Every once in a while, I hear about some member taking a trip and bug them to share the details (and a few photo's) of their trip for the newsletter. Garry and Natalie Dzioba's trip sounded like good one to me and he was kind enough to share his memories. I hope you enjoy the trip too:

Garry & Natalie's Yukon / Alaska RV Trip 2025

After nearly two years of planning and booking campsites Natalie and I, along with friends that we have known since high school, headed out with our trucks and RV's for a five-week Yukon / Alaska adventure.

Five truck washes, four trailer washes and nearly 10,000 KM's later we completed our adventure following a route that took us through northern BC to Toad River into the



Yukon through Whitehorse, Carmacks and Dawson City. Our trek through the Yukon brought many great experiences, from the Nordic Spa near Whitehorse, kayaking and fishing in Tatchun Lake near Carmacks, visiting the Signpost in Watson Lake, fishing for grayling and rainbows in Tombstone Territorial Park and touring the dredge sites near Dawson City. The highways were exactly as explained by many who have made this trek: frost heaves, potholes, sharp rocks, debris, rough and several sections under major construction. Along the Dempster highway our group suffered its first casualty, destroying a tire that resulted in sourcing 4 new tires in Dawson City.

From Dawson City we crossed the Yukon River by small ferry and traveled the Top of The World Highway to the Little Gold Creek border crossing. Even though the highway is gravel with loose shoulders and plenty of potholes, the scenery is breathtaking and the drive worthwhile, even if you don't plan to cross into the USA.

Once across the border we traveled the US highway to Chicken on a mixture of pavement and gravel - now you would think the paved parts were better, WRONG.... frost heaves big enough to lose your truck and trailer in. It was a slow drive and when we arrived at our campsite we saw our first RV casualty of the trip, a fellow Albertan with a broken A frame. We later learned that the Top of the World Highway has its share of broken trailer frames every summer, one business in Tok specializes in RV Welding.

We finally found better highways by Tok then made our way to Delta Junction which is mile zero of the Alaska Highway. We continued our trip by traveling north to North Pole & Fairbanks. While at North Pole I put in a good word with Santa for our 3 grandchildren. We took a



narrated Steamboat tour along the Chena River which was very informative and enjoyable.

After Fairbanks our next stop was Denali National Park where, while on a bus tour, we joined the 30% of visitors who actually see the peaks of the Denali Mountain as they are normally cloud covered. This was a great day, lots of wildlife from Grizzlies to Caribou, Moose, Dall Sheep & Ptarmigan along with amazing scenery and history.



Our journey then took us south to the Kenai Peninsula during the peak of the Sockeye run. It was here that we found all the people and traffic, it was crazy busy, the campgrounds and hotels were jampacked and the riverbanks were lined up on both sides with people “flossing” for sockeye. We soon learned that this was a full family outing, from fishing to processing every family member had a job, from filleting, washing, drying and vacuum sealing. Fishing is not a spectator’s sport, so we jumped right in with our waders and heavy fishing gear.



This experience was amazing, with locals asking where we were from, then helping when they learned we had never “flossed” before. It didn’t take long before we were catching sockeye and lots of them. Even though sockeye salmon are between 6 & 12 pounds they put up one hell of a battle in the fast-flowing river. Locals are also allowed to dipnet, it was quite the sight to see hundreds of dip netters at the mouth of the Kenai River.

Leaving the Kenai Peninsula, we took the Glenn Highway to the Tok Cut Off crossing back into Canada at Alcan / Beaver Creek stopping one night before making our way to Kathleen Lake in Kluane National Park. This was a beautiful location with lots to do.



We fished the Kathleen River catching grayling & rainbows, kayaked Kathleen Lake where the water was so calm it looked like a mirror.

This journey is best described as epic. We would encourage anyone considered RVing through the Yukon & Alaska to make the trek.

Garry Dzioba.

**** Garry & Natalie, thanx for sharing your “epic” experience with us! ****

The recent CoG (Circle of Guinness) meeting at the Sturgeon Golf & Country Club, where a *diverse group of individuals* gathered to share stories and possibly tackle some trifles.

The stories just get better.

👍 L-R: Gerry Gunn, Tony Harder, Phil Cutting, Bill Horne, Bill Krull, Graham Hogg, Steve Dowie, Dennis Tetrault.



Okanagan Get Together

25 August 2025



For no other reason other than simple opportunity, in early August a group of vets managed to get together for a social evening at the home of Scott and Audrey McMorran in Peachland. A beautiful spot in the heart of the Okanagan valley.

Seated from the left; the 'host' Scott McMorran, and Al Bohachyk. **Standing from the left;** Adrian Marr, Terry Rocchio, Langford Bawn and Blake MacEachern. As you can tell from the background, the McMorran's enjoy a pretty nice vista. *Thanks for hosting us (and some additional family), and setting up a very enjoyable evening!*

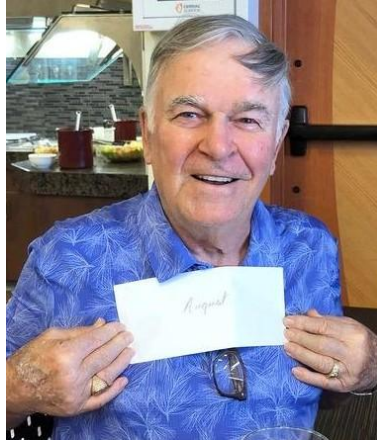
We did have an opportunity for another get together with a few different faces but forgot to take a photo (*must've been having such a good visit!*). Bob Kittle and Randy Gowler were at that gathering.

Kingsway Group – August 27th



One of the larger recent groups. Sitting from the left: Ron Niles, Frans Van Ooyen, Bob Walsh, Barry McKay, Gary Jones, Terry Jordan, Paul Cetinski, Bill Semple, Kim Woolgar.

Standing from the left: Chevy Nixon, Chuck McCann, Linda Young, Bob Lepage, Stu Briegel, Al Bohachyk, Barney Stevens, Billy Johnson, Peter Ratcliff, Charlie Smith, Mike Shorter, Gary Crawford, Len Svajlenko, Don McDonald, Sandi Nixon, Marty Shank, Bert Jager, John Rutledge, Kevin McCloskey



Above Left: Kim Woolgar won an 'accumulating loonie draw' (after one month of weekly Wednesday contributions). Chuck McCann, the very able 'keeper of the coins', shares his joy with winner Kim. **Middle:** Bob Lepage won a Legion gift certificate. **Right:** Barry McKay and Chevy Nixon hammed it up at the pool table.

Out and about in their communities:

We all know members who are extremely active in the community and every once in a while, we share information and photo's about members who are very much out and about and active in their communities. This month, when I was fishing around for "stuff" for the newsletter, two names came up: Ken Mackay who is running again as a Councillor (maybe even Mayor) in St. Albert, and; Mike Derbyshire, EPSVA treasurer, who's running for Councillor in Sherwood Park:

Councillor Ken MacKay seeking re-election, won't rule out mayoral run

Two-time St. Albert city councillor Ken MacKay is seeking re-election in the 2025 October municipal election.



Mike in the News

Mike Derbyshire enters Ward 2 race for Council



**** Good luck in achieving your respective goals!! ****

BEAUTIFUL BRITISH COLUMBIA (Kaleden) HOME FOR RENT

Soon to retire EPS member Rocky Druar shared this enticing offer:



My wife, Martine Sallaberry, and I would like to rent our home out to a retired EPS veteran and their partner starting September 1st until spring 2026, but no later than end of April.

We generally rent it out to a wider audience but really wanted to give first choice to one of our veterans for a reduced price! We want someone to live in our home and care for it until we retire. We are offering our home at \$2500 per month which includes all utilities, including high speed internet, but not cable. Our usual monthly rental is \$3500.

It is a fully furnished and equipped home that we intend to retire to in the spring of 2026. It is located on the west side of Skaha lake in between Penticton and OK Falls. The area is called Kaleden and is a quiet area close to all amenities and a great bunch of neighbours!

Ideally, we want just a couple and small pets are negotiable.

Our home is 2000 square feet, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, is fully furnished, and has all that you need to live there, including laundry. It was built brand new in 2021. Here is the link to many more photo's and a video: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1CNddeTFXf/?mibextid=wwXIfr>

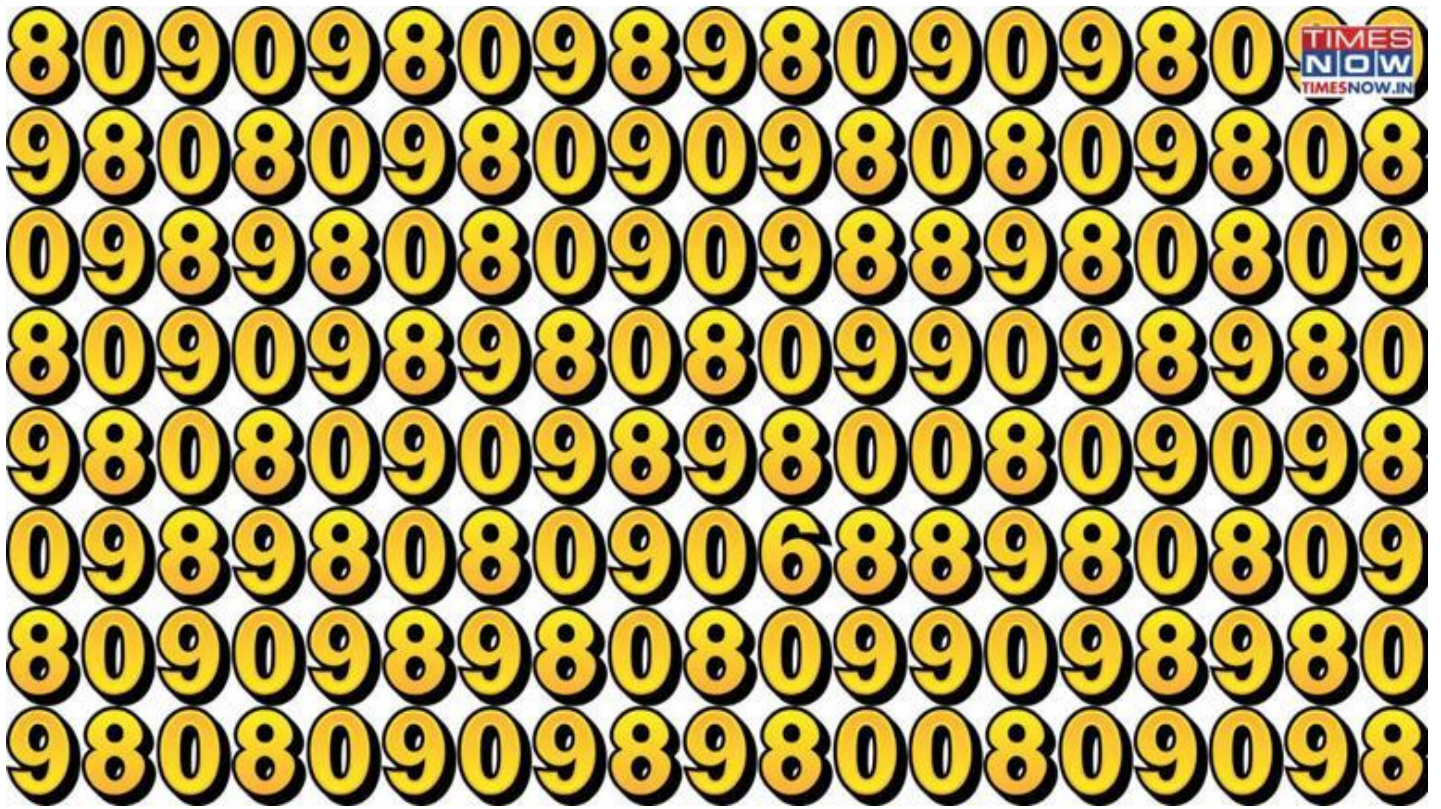
** Ideally, we'd like to rent our home for longer periods but are open to monthly or weekly options too. **

Anyone interested can contact Rocky or Martine at asics2160@hotmail.com or 780-983-5707. They will be happy to answer any questions and provide further details.

And, a little test for you:

Optical Illusion Eye Test: Can You Spot the Hidden Number 6 in This Sea of 0s, 8s and 9s? Most People Miss It!

Story by Times Now Digital • 2 min read



optical illusion eye test: can you spot the hidden number 6 in this sea of 0s, 8s and 9s? most people miss it!

In today's optical illusion challenge, we are back with another eye-twisting teaser that promises to confuse, confound, and maybe even convince you that your vision needs checking. This viral brain game is not just fun; it is also a mini test of your visual sharpness and pattern recognition.

At first glance, the image looks like a uniform grid of the numbers 0, 8 and 9, repeated row after row in a bold, curvy font. But somewhere in this number maze hides a single 6, cleverly camouflaged to mimic the shape of its numerical twin.

So, what makes this illusion so deceptively difficult?

Blame it on your brain's habit of taking visual shortcuts. Our minds are wired to recognise familiar patterns quickly and skip over the finer details. The numbers 6 and 9, being visually similar, make this trick even tougher. The moment your brain assumes a pattern, it becomes blind to the outlier hiding in plain sight.

Take a good look at the image. Go row by row. Scan slowly. Resist the urge to rush. If you spot something slightly off, maybe a loop that curls in a slightly different way or a gap that feels suspicious, zoom in. That might just be your elusive 6 winking back at you.

Still cannot find it? Do not worry! You are not alone. Studies suggest that when our eyes are overwhelmed by repetitive patterns, our brain starts to filter out anomalies instead of flagging them.

Ready to put your eyes to the test? Scroll down and see if you can find the trickster, 6, hiding in the crowd. And do not forget to challenge your friends, because what is better than discovering you have sharper eyes than the group chat?



How to tell you're an adult:

- You gain 30lbs overnight
- You'd rather sleep than go out
- Everything hurts
- Comfort comes before style
- You have a favorite spatula
- Everything feels like a chore
- College students look like 12yr olds
- You're always annoyed

I JUST ORDERED A
LIFE ALERT
BRACELET SO IF I
EVER GET A LIFE,
I'LL BE NOTIFIED
IMMEDIATELY.

I'm the type of
wife that will help
my husband look
for his chocolate,
that I ate.

Husband and wife
had a FIGHT, Wife called up
her mom and said; He fought
with me again, I am coming
to live with you. Mom said,
No darling, he must pay
for his mistake. I am
coming to live
with you!!!

My wife and I decided
to never go to bed
angry at each other.
We've been awake
since Thursday.



You don't know concentration until
you have to carry this thing from
the sink to the freezer



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 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 and Jeff Wilks on the Peer Support Committee. This group was originally intended for former and retired members, however, we turn no one down. For dates, times and locations of meetings, please check the VAP website www.veteransassistanceprogram.ca and contact information under the "Peer Support" section on the last page of this newsletter.

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 websites at www.veteransassistanceprogram.ca or www.epsva.com.



The EPS Veterans & Spouses have a Facebook page: "Edmonton Police Family". There are over 800 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/Publisher.

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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We welcome your submissions to *The Call Box*. To keep *The Call Box* newsletter to a reasonable length, items should be "concise". You are encouraged to submit items of interest or good, clean humour to share with our membership. Please ensure that your submission is sent in before the end of the month to be in the next edition of *The Call Box*. I look forward to hearing from you. Joe epsva@hotmail.com

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