

Royal Canadian Mounted Police — Veterans' Association —

Readers of the "Quarterly" may have on occasion seen references to the RCMP Veterans' Association, especially in the Division Dispatches. The following information, prepared by the Dominion Secretariat of the RCMP Veterans' Association, in Ottawa, Ontario, is intended to give readers a better insight into the Association, its purposes and objectives. They hope to make the Association more visible to serving members who are contemplating leaving the Force, or to those who have already left and did not have the time yet to join the Veterans' Association. — Ed.

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The Association has been continuously in existence since 1924. Originally incorporated under the name "Royal North West Mounted Police Veterans' Association" by *Letters Patent* under the *Companies Act* on January 14, 1924, steps were taken on December 1, 1954, to change the Association's name to reflect the present-day name of the Force. On January 20, 1983, the Association received approval for its own Ensigns Armorial (badge) from Her Majesty's Signet, Lord Lyon, King of Arms. This badge consists primarily of the original features of the Badge of the Force prior to 1952, with the addition of "Veterans' Association des Anciens" included below the legend "Royal Canadian Mounted Police."

Purposes and Objectives

The Association came into being out of a recognition, many years ago, that the training, experience and camaraderie that members had



obtained/developed during their active service, could still be put to a very meaningful use in individual and collective service to Canada, the Force and other former members (or their surviving dependents), even after their separation from the Force. That worthwhile precept, conceived so many years ago, is still apropos today. To that end, the Association continues to subscribe to the following worthy purposes and objectives in its Constitution:

- a) to promote and assist in the promotion and advancement of the best interests of Canada, especially respect for its Constitution;
- b) to be of service to the Government of Canada when required and requested;