What’s in this month’s edition of your newsletter?

March lunch, Dennis Masuch Fishing Derby report, Absent Friends, EPSVA notes, EPSVA Unsung Hero, Over at EPS, EPA News, For Sale/Wanted, Events, This’n’That, Contact information.

Dates to mark in your calendar:

**Note the change from original advertised date of the April luncheon**

Friday, April 21st at 11:30 a.m. - EPSVA luncheon at The Roslyn Hotel, Canyon Grill

Friday, May 5th - EPS Sergeants’ Mess Dinner at The Fairmont Hotel MacDonald

Remember: The Call Box is your monthly newsletter and is intended as a means of keeping you informed on EPSVA, EPS and EPA news and activities that may be of interest to any or all members of our group. You are encouraged to submit information and photographs to share with our membership. Keep in mind that additional and more timely information as well as archived information, including back copies of The Call Box can be found on your EPSVA website at www.epsva.com. For more website information and assistance, go to support@epsva.com.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:

I hope that everyone has been enjoying and taking advantage of the spring-like weather we’ve been enjoying in Edmonton and area. I recently joined other members of your EPSVA executive at the EPS125 Gala event and enjoyed a great evening. It was good to see so many veterans that evening. As the weather continues to improve, I look forward to seeing many of you at the monthly luncheons and the many events that are planned. Best wishes to all - Jamie

ABSENT FRIENDS:

LARSON, Roy Bertel: It is with broken hearts we announce the passing of Roy Larson on March 10th, 2017. Roy was born September 21, 1929 in Gwynne, Alberta. He is lovingly remembered and will be forever missed by his wife Evelyn, his 3 daughters, Karen (Jeff), Kristine (Ian) and Corinne (Grant) and 2 stepsons, Dwayne (Gwen) and James (Vivian). Grandpa Roy was also so proud of his 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He is survived by 1 brother, Helmer, 3 sisters, Lorraine, Shirley and Eileen and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by 1 brother, Gordon. Roy was a proud 33-year veteran of the Edmonton Police Service. He was also a member of the Shriners Al Shamal Temple (Arab Patrol) and Unity Masonic Lodge #51. A Memorial Service was held March 16th, 2017 at Edmonton. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Parkinson’s Canada or Pilgrim United Church Memorial Fund.

Roy Larson began his career with the Edmonton Police Department on November 13th, 1951, and was immediately assigned to Patrol Division. During the years that followed he transferred to Traffic Division, back to Patrol, to C.I.D., Fraud Branch and Morality Control Unit. In 1977, Roy was promoted to Inspector in Youth Section. He later moved to Fraud and Commercial Crimes Section and was a Duty Officer when he retired on February 12th, 1984. At that time, Roy’s Reg. No. was 34.

FROM THE FAMILY OF DAN JONES: It is difficult to find the words to express our gratitude for the many kindnesses you have shown us during this sad time. Knowing that we were not alone helped us bear our grief and sadness. We have one final favor to ask. If anyone has any stories of Dan that they would be willing to share with our family, we would love to hear them. Please email them to: danjones99@hotmail.com

Thank you for being there for us. With sincere gratitude, The Jones Family – Jo-Ann, Cameron, Matthew and Katelyn and families.
Membership Renewal Update: Posted on the EPSVA website by Al Bohachyk on March 12th, 2017

We have had a marvellous response from our members again this year and are in reasonably good shape respecting dues payment.

Out of the (all approximate numbers) 750 members we have registered on the website, almost 2/3 are paid in full and up to date. We have another 50 who are paid at least one year into the future; 20 who are ‘honorary’; 120 that are not yet paid for this calendar year; and 85 who are ‘suspended’ because they owe now for 2 years or more (including 2017). The classification of ‘suspension’ came about because of changes to the Constitution and requirements for simplicity on the website management side. Those who are suspended are ‘locked out’ of access to the site, but are easily reinstated by paying by cheque to the regular Vet’s mailing address. (EPSVA @ 9620-103A Ave, Edmonton, T5H 0H7 Attn: Treasurer)

Although only a few, we have members who have missed paying for a year at some point in the past, and are always just catching up to the last year, instead of the current year. If you are in this group, you may not even realize it. Individual notices are not sent out for these situations, primarily because it is so easy for everybody to check their own status. When your page is open, click on your name (top right in the blue banner) and a ‘drop down’ menu will appear. Click on ‘manage my account’ and another menu box will appear on the lower left of your screen. A green banner indicating you are ‘Account in Good Standing’ means you are fully up to date. If it shows a red (I think) banner indicating you owe, just follow the prompts to pay on line, or mail a cheque.

This is the only way you will routinely have easy access to your status. When the new year ‘switchover’ occurs, if you haven’t yet paid for the previous year, you will be blocked from site access - and the ability to pay on-line - and will be classified as ‘suspended’.

If you see that your status doesn’t reflect what you believe to be the case, simply send an email to the ‘support@epsva.com’ address (or call) and I’ll check our records. I don’t claim perfection, and have found errors in the past, so I don’t take offence by any questions. I’d rather have everybody comfortable with the info we have for their status.

Al B. 780-690-7218

EPSVA’S UNSUNG HERO:

Edmonton bus driver’s nerves of steel credited with saving lives at police shooting

Elise Stolte -

Photo by Shaughn Butts / Postmedia

A recent photo of Ernie Russell
Ernie Russell was driving an ETS bus north on 50 Street when he came across a gunman in the street on March 13, 2017. An Edmonton bus driver is being called a hero with nerves of steel for his role in last week’s police shooting of a gunman at a busy Clareview intersection. A retired police sergeant, driver Ernie Russell’s training kicked in when he came face-to-face with a man armed with a rifle March 13. First, he stopped the bus, then, the second it was safe, he had his half-dozen passengers lie on the floor at the back of the bus, moments before the vehicle was struck by at least one bullet. A bullet went through the driver’s seat, leaving a hole at chest height where Russell had just been sitting.

“A lot of people would have panicked,” Mark Tetterington, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 569, said Tuesday. “He saw the danger, had everyone hit the deck. ... He did everything absolutely perfect.”

Russell is forbidden by Edmonton Transit to speak publicly about his actions because of the ongoing police investigation. Three unrelated sources confirmed the sequence of events with the Sun, but can’t be named because they are not authorized to speak with the media. Russell was driving the bus north on 50 Street carrying about five passengers around 11:30 a.m. when he saw the gunman at 137 Avenue. The gunman was dressed in black: “Black jacket, black hair with a ball cap,” Russell told the Edmonton Transit control desk. Russell stopped the bus. At some point, the gunman pointed his rifle at or near him. Russell stayed perfectly still.

It’s unclear how long the two stayed that way, but the driver took action when police arrived and started yelling at the man to drop his gun. As the gunman turned to point his rifle at police, Russell quickly slipped from his seat, ushered all the passengers to the back of the bus and told them to get down on the floor. He sounded calm in updates to the Edmonton Transit control room: “All my passengers are on the floor. I’m instructing them to keep down, keep low,” he said.

A police officer shot the gunman. A witness heard three shots. The gunman was rushed to hospital. Police later found a Lee-Enfield .303-calibre rifle on the street. The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team is investigating the police-involved shooting. Russell didn’t see the bullet hole in his seat until he and his passengers were preparing to leave the bus. It’s unclear how many bullets went through the bus windshield. “Through my windshield, through my seat and through the barrier behind me,” Russell told control.

Sources said Russell’s police training helped him stay calm and act quickly to protect his passengers. He saved his own life in the process. Police said no one on the bus was injured. Tetterington was able to confirm a few details, but had not spoken directly with Russell. He said Russell has been driving with Edmonton Transit for about a year. “The way he handled everything was so professional. He deserves a commendation for the way he handled that,” Tetterington said. “He immediately notified control and told them of the danger in the area,” which meant other buses stayed away.

The officer who shot the gunman was a 10-year member of the Edmonton Police Service. He’s been put on mandatory administrative leave. Glenn Justin Ironchild, 36, went to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in critical condition following the shooting. His family said he’s recovering. He’s been charged with a variety of gun-related offences, including careless use of a firearm and assault with a weapon.

**Outstanding job Ernie!!**

EPSVA member Ernie Russell retired from the Edmonton Police Service in 2006. Ernie’s Reg. No. is 1456.
EPSVA Bank Balances - February 2017

Starting Chequing Account Balance: $7,961.77

Expenditures
New Deposit books (from bank) $33.36
Lunch rental $95.00
Robbie Burns Donation (McMorran) $100.00
Office Supplies (Bohachyk) $135.26
Bank Error (correcting below deposit) $135.25

Total Expenditures $498.87

Income
Membership dues (on-line) $2,829.76
Membership dues (cash/cheque) $1,527.00
Lunch Collection $137.00
Bank Error (deposited incorrectly + $0.01)$135.26
Interest $0.32

Total Income $4,629.34

Servus Credit Union Bank Balances for End of Feb 2017
Chequing - $12,092.24 Savings - $22,993.86 Shares - $41.99

Total - $35,128.09

Please note: Full banking details, including spread sheets, are available on your EPSVA website (www.epsva.com) or by contacting our treasurer, Al Bohachyk (contact information on last page of this newsletter).

MARCH EPSVA LUNCH

Gary Jones reports that there were 39 at the luncheon on one of the coldest days on the year. The group photo had too many people for one picture so we split into 3 shots. New attendees were Tom and Connie Pearson plus "Capella" Dan Small’s 5 month old helper dog in training. Gary Jones won the $39 dollar loonie draw coordinated by Gerry Vercammen.

Some of the old boys: Rear: John Rutledge, Don Reiten, Russ McIntyre, Ray Spasiuk, Norm Brenneis, Ted Collinson, Ed Payuk, Ray Smith, Kim Malo
Front: Dan Doyle, Al Bohachyk, Bill (WW) Smith, Mike Chetek, Frans Van Ooyen, Dan Small, Capella (the pup), Mike Phillips, Kim Woolgar.
Mixing it up a little: Standing L-R: Joan Hollinshead, Heather Payuk, Pat McIntyre, Mal Smith, Jo Brenneis, Debbie Doyle, Don McDonald, Tom Pearson, Charlie Smith, Bev Malo, Barry Duguid, Connie Pearson, Mike Tabler. Seated L-R: Joanne and Gary Jones, Dan and Melody Small with Capella (the pup).


*** Next Lunch: April 21st, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. (note change from original date) at the Roslyn Hotel, Canyon Grill ***

*** NEXT GENERAL MEETING: May 17th, 2017 at the North East Division Station ***
2017 Dennis Masuch Ice
Fishing and Family Fun Day Report

Wow, Mother Nature blessed us with an incredible Spring day for our annual Family Fishing & Fun Day at Pigeon Lake. The weather was about as good as it can get for ice fishing. Many anglers were out on the lake in just their shirt sleeves. It was nice to see that the area we normally access onto the lake did not have the usual ice pressure ridge blocking the way. Added to that was the fact that the snow at the lake access location was not too deep. Vehicle access onto the lake was not a problem. For the record, the ice was about three feet thick on the lake. Our first angler through the door at 0735 was Kim Woolgar (EPSVA Honorary member). He was quickly followed by other early birds and it was not long before the shrill of the ice augers could be heard across the lake. Throughout the day there were geese flying over the area reminding us that Spring was just around the corner. There were various reports of fish being caught and released. Some of the anglers brought their special walleye license tags with them and were able to keep their catch. Reports of Pike and Burbot being caught and released were heard of as well. It was nice to see some old faces like Bob Wasylyshen; Orest Popovich; Charlie Smith and Colin Pringle in attendance.

Raffle prizes were won by the following individuals:

1. Barry Werth - winner of the ice fishing auger
2. Matthew Kiryluk - winner of the one-man ice fishing tent
3. Steve Hrynchuk (EPSVA member) - winner of $50 Wholesale Sports gift card

Attendance was up this year and for the first time everyone who registered prior to this event also showed up. A few extras came out as well (thank you very much) and the final number of attendees for this year’s event was an even 100. Well done everyone!!! When we left the hall, it was a balmy 8C and there were people still fishing.
Our volunteer group has collectively decided that 2017 would be our last event. We had previously advertised our intentions in the EPS Vets February newsletter suggesting that a new group pick up the reins and run with this event. It has been a great run for our group, but after 9 years our time has come to step aside and let others take over. I would like to thank all of our past and current volunteers and sponsors for supporting this worthy event throughout the years. If not for them this event would not have been possible. A huge thank you goes out to Camp Maskepetoon and their executive team who have over the years looked after us on basically a handshake agreement for hall rental and use of their property. In closing, we would like to thank Dennis Masuch, his family and his many friends for their support of this event throughout the years.

Larry Petruk - Chairman, Dennis Masuch Ice Fishing & Family Fun Day Committee

EDITOR’S NOTE: Over the years, I’ve had loads of opportunities to attend the fishing derby – with and without kids. It is always a great and fun family event. I hope that someone, or a group, will step up and take over from Larry and Ed and the rest of their team. I’d like to offer my sincere thanks to them for all their efforts over the last nine years and hope that you will thank them too.
OVER AT THE E.P.S.

EPS125 Gala:

Sounds like the Gala celebration was a great night for everyone in attendance. I’m told there were lots of Veterans there (see photo of your executive members). Here’s the EPS take on the night:

Oh What A Night! To all the EPS staff, alumni, special guests, volunteers, cadets, and recruits who participated in the EPS 125 Gala on Saturday, March 11 – thank you for making it a tremendous success. The evening marked a special milestone for the EPS, celebrating 125 years of policing in Edmonton.

When the 1,000 guests entered the lobby of Hall D at the Shaw Conference Centre, they were greeted by the EPS Honour Guard and Historical Unit members, and were invited to take a trip down memory lane, where mannequins displayed historic EPS uniforms. The Pipes and Drums of the EPS entertained the guests prior to the entrance of the VIPs, which included Chief Rod Knecht, Mayor Don Iveson, Minister Kathleen Ganley, Minister Amarjeet Sohi, Commission Chair Cathy Palmer, and Edmonton Oilers centre man, Connor McDavid.

Global News Hour anchor Gord Steinke emceed the event which included video greetings from Wayne Gretzky, Bob Layton, Rick Mercer, Her Honour, the Honourable Lois E. Mitchell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, and Adam
Gregory. A highlight of the evening included a video that was extracted from archival photos and film, including a ride along filmed by CBC in 1968. The 8 minute video captures the esprit de corps of the EPS.

L-R: Seated: Norm & Marjorie Strause, Grace & John Matheson, Jo-Ann & Gary Jones. Standing: Jamie Ewatski, Barb & Al Bohachyk

After dinner, guests gathered to catch up with friends old and new, and then danced and sang the night away.

A huge thank you to all that attended this year’s Gala. And a special ‘shout out’ to the following sponsors for their generous donations: Edmonton Police Foundation; Corps of Commissionaires; and, EPS Senior Officers’ Association.

Family Night at Fort Edmonton Park

Here’s a reminder about this great, free family event that you are invited to attend:

| Saturday, June 17, 2017, from 6 - 9:00 p.m. - rain or shine. |

Free Admission and Exclusive use of Fort Edmonton Park

Celebrate the accomplishments and history of the EPS family, alongside your own family, friends and colleagues at the 125 family night.

Activities include midway rides and games, horse drawn wagon rides, costumed interpreters, face painting and the EPS employee ‘jam’ band.

A variety of food and beverage options will be available for purchase in the Blatchford Hangar.

More information and an online registration site will be open in April.
The story behind the February EPA calendar photograph:

The officer proudly walking the beat is the late Thomas Phelan. The 1955 photo was taken along Jasper Avenue and you can see two retail staples: Woodwards and Woolworths behind Constable Phelan.

As for deportment, his winter cap bares the cap badge and despite the Queen’s coronation having taken place two years prior (1953), a close examination reveals his cap badge to still have a King’s crown atop of it. At the base of the cap badge is a trapezoid-shape that contained the regimental number. You’ll notice he is wearing a tie and a grey collared shirt under the heavy buffalo coat. How heavy was the coat you ask? A family member recalls Tom once placed that buffalo coat on a hook within their residence, for a brief moment before both the coat and hook fell to the floor. The coats can weigh upwards for 24 pounds.

‘Tom’ Phelan was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland in 1923, and after serving briefly for the Royal Ulster Constabulary he was recruited to join the Edmonton Police Service. The World War II veteran is among the first wave of experienced officers lured to Edmonton for better pay and promising lifestyle to raise a family. In fact, you may recall an oft published photo depicting these same ‘experienced police officers’ making the trip by boat to North America in 1952. He retired as a detective when he reached age 65. Post-policing the hockey and soccer fan was no stranger to an evening pint of Guinness at the Legion. Tom passed away on September 11, 2000.

We obtained this information from grandson (Michael Phelan) of Calgary who observed the photo when it was included in the EPS 125 Throwback Thursday campaign. To shed light on our calendar, we rely upon friends, family and retired members to provide the background. Please keep the feedback coming.

Another FYI - The Edmonton Journal ran a story on January 3, 1979 with the headline “Beat cops hang up thick 11-kilogram buffalo coats for good” and Constables’ Murray Scott and Alan Towey were featured in a photo wearing the coats. (Note: we included that story and photo in a past Call Box)

Background photo – As for the EPS officer on a horse, we have no additional information. The photo was located within an archival box. Writing on the reverse of a photo was a practice that has paid dividends as we sort through photos. With the volume of photos taken on digital cameras/mobile devices (and not centrally stored) I can’t imagine how difficult it will be in 25 years for the EPS 150th celebrations.

Steve Sharpe
Challenge coin:

For the collectors among you, this professional looking challenge coin might be the newest item you need for your collection. I’m told it’s available from QM Stores at Police Headquarters for $10.00 per coin.

Your help needed to ID Members:

Sergeant Steve Sharpe is once again looking for your help to put names to a photograph from the archives. It’s taken near the Old West Division police station. If you know who the members are, please send Steve an e-mail at steve.sharpe@edmontonpolice.ca or call him at 780-426-8235

Recovered EPS retirement badge. I checked with the RCMP investigator and was advised that the retired member’s badge and other items have been returned to the member who lost them. Nice to hear.
**EPA LIFE INSURANCE:** This entry is a simple reminder to those members who maintain life insurance coverage through the EPA and who should recently have received premium payment reminders that your payment is due before April 15th. Also: **Please be aware that the EPSVA cannot accept cheques for your EPSVA dues.** The EPA and EPSVA are entirely separate entities. To pay your EPSVA dues, please pay online at [www.epsva.com](http://www.epsva.com) or use the form and details at the very end of this newsletter.

**YOU CAN HELP!**

In November 2016, Constable Terry Mishio’s world changed forever. Terry is a 20-year member of the Edmonton Police Service. His 8-year-old son Brady (photo on right) had been experiencing flu and fever like symptoms that wouldn’t go away. Terry attended the Stollery Hospital with Brady and it was discovered Brady had Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) – a form of cancer that starts in the blood stem cells.

Brady was immediately admitted and he began chemotherapy. Four days into the treatment Brady suffered a seizure and stopped breathing due to the reaction to the drugs. Doctors eventually found a drug combination that worked for Brady and he has just completed his third round of chemotherapy. He now requires a bone marrow transplant. All of Terry’s immediate family were tested to see if they were a match, however the results came back negative. To date Brady is receiving his 4th round of chemotherapy and still awaits a bone marrow match.

You may help Brady's cure: family and friends between 17 to 35 years old are strongly encouraged to go get swabbed at Canadian Blood Services or order the swab kit at [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca), as to date no match has been found for Brady.

**FUNDRAISING:** The EPA Blues hockey team hosted a hall party on Saturday, March 25th at Sherbrooke Hall, 13008 122B Avenue, Edmonton. This event which included music, a toonie bar, a food truck, 50/50 and a raffle, was held to conclude the annual Kenny Anderson Cup hockey tournament and to raise funds in support of Brady Mishio and his family.

**Didn’t make the party but would like to help?** You may attend any Servus Credit Union and donate to Brady Mishio - Account( # 13822762) has been set up or if members want they may e-transfer to Terry at [tmishio@telus.net](mailto:tmishio@telus.net).

**The EPSVA has a significant membership and proven ability to help where needed. If you can help, this is a very worthy cause.** **
MORE FROM THE EPSVA:

SPRING IS IN THE AIR AND IT’LL SOON BE GOLFING TIME AGAIN!!

JOIN IN THE EPSVA GOLF OUTINGS

From what I’ve heard, spring is in the air in the Edmonton area (kinda, sorta!). Even though there’s still snow on the ground and likely more to come, it’s time to clean last season’s grunge off your golf clubs and and start thinking about joining the exercise, fun and friendship at the monthly outings of the EPSVA Golfers.

This is an invitation to all E.P.S. veterans and widows who would like to participate and have fun our various golf groups: Couples’, mens’ and ladies’.

COUPLES’ GOLF GROUP: This outing is not limited to couples, lots of single people come out as well. Ages of the folks who come out ranges from 40’s to 80’s. From May through September, on the 4th Thursday of the month, our golfers play at various golf courses, in and around Edmonton. Every month, one couple (or pair) acts as host/coordinates, organizing the golf foursomes, the supper and prizes that follow the game at the course. The foursomes play from the best drive on every hole. Like all of the groups, the golf is not competitive and focuses on friendship and fun.

FIRST COUPLE’S GOLF DATE this season (weather permitting) is Thursday, May 25th, 2017 Al and Barb Bohachyk are organizing the season opening outing and details will be available soon.

MENS’ GOLF: Every Monday a group of men meet to play 9 holes at Hunters Green golf course. Just show up for the 8:00 a.m. wake up coffee preceding the 8:30 a.m. tee off times (walk or cart). Coffee and tall tales in the club house afterwards.

If you’d like to join the Couples’ or Mens’ Golf groups, feel free to call Ed PAYUK at 780-419-2847 or Gary JONES at 780-467-2004.

LADIES’ GOLF: The ladies group also plays once a month at various courses. Diane Farquhar will soon provide details of what the ladies group plans for the upcoming year. If you’re interested in joining our ladies golf group contact Diane at farkydl@gmail.com.

At the end of the season, there is a wind-up Christmas party at the Wellington Hall. For a fun time of golfing and friendship, don’t hesitate to join any of the EPSVA golfing groups.

OTHER UPCOMING GOLF EVENTS:

- June 6th (tentative) - EPSVA Golf Tournament
- June 26th - EPA Memorial (formerly Ezio Faraone) Golf Tournament
- August 20th -23rd - APGA Golf Tournament, Radium, B.C.
- September 23rd – Alberta Police & Peace Officers’ Memorial Golf Tournament
- ?? – date not known Pappy Barnes Golf Tournament (no details available)

** Further details will be shared as organisers provide them **
**Where are they now?** CLASS #26 REUNION & STILL SEARCHING FOR FORMER MEMBERS:

Class #26 soon celebrates its 50th Anniversary and plans a dinner at the Chateau Louis (start of was Sept. 18TH, 1967). Gary Jones says they are still trying to find the following classmates:

1. **Harry Kenneth Buhler** - left the EPS to go farming possibly in the Ellerslie area.
2. **Joseph (Joe) Oscar Oliver Gibeau** - believed to be living in the Calgary area.
3. **Hector Ernest Lorn MacLean** - resigned from EPS in the first year and moved to Australia or New Zealand
4. **Wayne Lent McMullen** - no information
5. **Ernest (Ernie) Roy Mostrenko** - believed to live in Port Moody, B.C. in partnership with his brother in a Mortgage Brokerage business
6. **Eric Storey Robinson** - believed to have a hog farm near Ardrossan at one time.
7. **Rolland (Rolly) Young** - resigned a year or so after graduating and moved back to England.

Any help in tracing these individuals would be greatly appreciated. Please respond to Gary Jones at email garynjo@shaw.ca or call cellphone number 780-266-9326.

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**FOR SALE/WANTED**

EPSVA member Jim Holowchak has two collections of EPS badges and pins that he would like to sell. The items are in “Good as new” condition and he will only sell them as a pair:

The first collection is cap badges from 1892 right through to 1992, the gold one in the center.
The second collection consists of pins commemorating important landmarks over that past 100 years.

For collectors of EPS memorabilia, this would be a fine addition. If you’d like to add these to your collection, contact Jim at cbx6@shaw.ca or 780-780-468-6245.

The print above was created by serving EPS members Ken Bruns who is a Detective in Homicide Unit. The print in the photo was on display at a recent EPSVA luncheon. I noticed that it had Barney Stevens’ name on it so I asked him about the print. Here’s what Barney told me:

“Yes the print is available to all. Ken is an accomplished artist and did a marvellous job in setting the history of the EPS in a pencil print. The print is limited to 2500 copies. Members ordering can give Ken their Reg # as long as it is under 2500 (no worries of that for our guys). The print will be their Reg # of 2500. Mine is 348/2500. The prints are $275.00 a copy, Framed and with a legend of who is depicted in the prints. It is a great deal as I am sure the framing is half the cost of the print. Prints can be ordered direct from Ken at kbdrawingboard@hotmail.com”
WANTED!

Law Enforcement Motorcycle Riders

We are now recruiting law enforcement officers to join our chapter. Blue Knights®, Alberta North, AB VII was created to reflect how we police today. If you are a sworn Police/Peace Officer, serving or retired, having or had, the power of arrest, consider riding your motorcycle with us! You must be in good standing with your respective agency. Our website is under development.

Benefits:

• Belong to an International fraternity of Peace and Police Officers who have similar motorcycling interests.

• Ride locally and internationally with experienced riders that promote and encourage motorcycle safe riding.

• Enjoy the comradery and friendship of those members in the Blue Knights® Alberta North, AB VII and other Blue Knight® Chapters.

• Opportunity to attend Regional and International Blue Knight® Conferences at discounted prices.

If interested, please contact:

Bill Artym (EPS Retired)
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UPCOMING EVENTS

EDMONTON POLICE ASSOCIATION

Honours the 2015 Retirees,
Patrol Officer & Sergeant of the year

SATURDAY APRIL 8th, 2017

Santa Maria Goretti Centre
11050 – 90 Street

COCKTAILS – 5:00 P.M.

RETIREE MARCH IN – 5:30 P.M.

DINNER – 6:00 P.M.

PRESENTATIONS – 7:00 P.M.

ENTERTAINMENT TO FOLLOW

TICKETS $45.00 PER PERSON

AVAILABLE AT THE E.P.A. OFFICE

10158 – 97 AVE
2017 Sergeants' Mess Dinner

will be held on Friday May 5, 2017.

This year the Mess Dinner is back once again, at the elegant Fairmont Hotel Macdonald.

Cocktails: 1800 hours  Dinner: 1900 hours

Tickets are $110.00, however if tickets are purchased prior to Friday April 7, 2017, they can be purchased for only $90.00. There is limited seating and we anticipate all tickets being sold. Please order now to avoid missing out on this event!

Guest Speaker: This year we will be entertained by comedian Sean LECOMBER. He was the winner of the 2007 Just for Laughs homegrown competition awarded each year to Canada’s best new comic. Credits include the Just for Laughs Comedy Festival, Comedy Now! The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, the Comedy Network, and SiriusXM Radio.

Purchase tickets in a few simple steps:

• Download and complete the Ticket Order Form from Sergeants’ Mess web page. We encourage groups to complete their request on one Order Form.

• If you do not have access to the web page, E-mail SgtsMessDinner@edmontonpolice.ca and a Ticket Order Form will be sent to you.

• This year we are pleased to offer a chicken, beef, and vegetarian option. Indicate your meal choice and dietary concerns on your Order Form. Note: we cannot accommodate any dietary concerns that are received after April 21.

• Payment must be in the form of a cheque (payable to the “EPS Sgts Mess”). Your cheque can be sent via inter-departmental mail or hand delivered to Ellen LAUTERBACH, Serious Crimes Branch, 4th floor PHQ (in the same hallway as the gym). Cash payments will not be accepted.

• Once payment has been received and processed, an electronic receipt will be issued. This will serve as your ticket; you will not need to bring the receipt to the dinner.

Come out to celebrate one of the great time honoured traditions of the Edmonton Police Service.

Sergeants, this is an excellent opportunity to reward your top senior Constable by bringing them to this prestigious event.

For the retired members, this is a chance to connect with many people you may not normally get a chance to see!
You can thank Orest P. for this collection:

** If you don’t much care for this collection of humour, feel free to send your own brand to share. **
If any e-mail message you receive causes you to be suspicious, just delete it. If it’s a real message and it’s important the sender will get back to you or call you. Remember, the tax man and banks don’t communicate with you by e-mail. (This being tax time, you can expect a few scammers to try to trick you into clicking on some link to cheat you – don’t do it! Delete it! Any e-mail from the EPSVA will be titled “EPSVA Alert” and will generally have a subject and message that makes sense to you.

The only legitimate EPSVA addresses are epsva@hotmail.com, www.epsva.com and support@epsva.com

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**E.P.S. RETIRED MEMBERS’ PEER SUPPORT GROUP**

All our members should be aware of our EPS Veterans’ Assistance Program (VAP), it has been in existence for several years now (see information on second last page of this newsletter). Chris Hayden, EPSVA member and member of the executive of the VAP has created an off-shoot program: The E.P.S. Retired Members’ Support Group “…is a support meeting for primarily Retired members. We can discuss matters that are having an effect on the member. We will have contact lists for Employee and Family Assistance. I will possibly deal with PTSD. Alcohol issues may be forefront and I can certainly help there.”

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
in the Edmonton Police Association office at 10150 – 97 Avenue, Edmonton.
**KEEP US INFORMED:** If you are aware of a member who is ill or needs support, please let us know. At the very least we can send well wishes, a fruit basket or flowers, but, if necessary, we can also engage our EPS Veterans’ Assistance Program. 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. Contact names, telephone numbers and e-mails can be found on the last page of the newsletter or on the website ([www.epsva.com](http://www.epsva.com)).

**EPS VETERANS’ ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VAP):** The Veterans’ Assistance Program (VAP) Committee exists to assist sworn retired members of the Edmonton Police service and their families in time of need (VAP Mission Statement). As many know, the program was instituted in 2011. Since then they have helped a great many members and/or their families. If you need assistance or believe that another member may need assistance or support, please refer to the EPSVAP website at [http://epsveteransassistance.ca/](http://epsveteransassistance.ca/), contact a member of the Health and Welfare Committee or by contacting Dan or Melody SMALL directly (see contacts on last page of this newsletter). **If you would like to donate to the EPS Veterans’ Assistance Program, please refer to the EPSVA website ([www.epsva.com](http://www.epsva.com)) for information.**

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE EPSVA:** If you have changed address, telephone or e-mail recently, please make the changes to your personal information on the website ([www.epsva.com](http://www.epsva.com)) or forward the changes to me and I’ll 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 entirely separate entities and you will have contact each association with your changes if necessary (e.g. Life insurance is with the Edmonton Police Association).

The EPS Veterans & Spouses have a Facebook page. There are an ever-increasing number of members using this site every day (Over 200 as of September 2016). Members use the site to stay in touch and exchange up-to-date news. If you’d like to “become a friend”, here’s how: There are two ways to join the group...both require you to go to your Facebook page...The first is to find our page (Edmonton Police Service Veterans’ and Spouses) and ask to join the group...The second is to say ‘yes’ to a member who asks you to be their friend...once you are friends, you will be part of the group.

(If you’re struggling with the process, contact Frans Van Ooyen for help: 587-989-1376(c)).
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Submissions to The Call Box: In order 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. That said, keep them short or they will be edited to fit. Please ensure that your submission is sent in well before the end of the month if you want it to be in the next edition of The Call Box. I look forward to hearing from you. Joe epsva@hotmail.com

Please remember that your EPSVA dues of $20.00 are payable on January 1st each year.

Dues can be paid on the EPSVA website (preferred method) at www.epsva.com or by cheque payable to Edmonton Police Service Veterans’ Association and should be mailed (or given) to the Treasurer, EPSVA, c/o 9620 – 103A Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T5H 0H7.

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Please clip and send in with your cheque for $20.00