

## **Coast Guard Association (Western) Update - October 5th, 2020**

All,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. It is obviously a year we will never forget and I know my dogs have never been walked so much.

I had to laugh recently when I went to the base to pickup mail. I was first checked by the commissioner at the gate then sent into an empty room where an iPad on a stand did a remote temperature check on my face, after telling me where to stand. I was then allowed into an empty office to get the mail. There is just a handful of staff working in the offices and several have taken early retirement.

Last week I was on a conference call with other Associations and with CCG Ottawa to discuss the National Alumni. The following are the updates.

### **Echo Newsletter**

The following are the links to the Echo.

[Echo – Coast Guard National Newsletter](#)  
[Écho – Bulletin de la Garde côtière](#)

CCG will continue to notify us when new updates have been added. Articles have been added as of this morning. Hope you enjoy them.

### **Commissioner's Newsletter**

The Commissioner has now also provided access for us to his personal newsletter via DropBox similar to the Echo. His newsletter can be found at:

[Notes From the Desk of the Commissioner](#)  
[Messages du bureau du Commissaire](#)

### **Proposal to add National Alumni and Regional Associations information to the CCG Intranet Site**

The intent would be for the intranet page to have a section on each of the area alumni associations through the provision of a one-pager that will be used to promote the area associations, provide info on the associations' goals and activities, and provide contact info for any active Coast Guard members who wish to get involved in the associations

## Record of Service ID Card

Ottawa is finalizing a Record of Service Card proposal based upon the DND retirement card format. A draft is being submitted to CCG Management Board in the near future.

## National Alumni Membership Card

Prior to a Record of Service Card being created it has been proposed that a separate National Membership Card be designed for all Regions. Attached is the latest draft version approved by Regions and CG Ottawa. This will still have a few minor amendments such as a date possibly added and Pacific Region on the rear but it is near approval and I hope to get a template for use within the next few weeks. Once received we will have to decide the type of Card (plastic, paper etc) and also how to be able to issue them with photo id. Suggestions?



### *Area Alumni Associations*

- Contact information for Area Alumni Chairs -

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## **Alumni Lapel Pin**

A Pin similar to CG pin is being discussed. CCG has indicated that they might be able to cover some of the costs. Further info to follow when a design has been created.

## **Wearing Uniform for some occasions.**

This is still being discussed in Ottawa but the present situation of those still with a uniform may wear it at certain special events with prior approval from the Regional Assistant Commissioner.

## **Other Regional Notes**

### **Christmas Luncheon 3 Dec Cancelled.**

I have heard from the RVYC that unfortunately they are cancelling all events until into 2021. Our December 3rd 2020 Lunch is therefore cancelled.

### **FaceBook Sites.**

I am not sure if you are aware but there are several great Facebook sites that have lots of CCG photos. If you are a member of facebook I suggest you check out the following pages.

- **Canadian Coast Guard (CCG Ottawa)**
- **CoastGuardCanada Pacific (started in March 2018)**
- **Canadian Coast Guard Rigid Hull Inflatable Operator Training-Pacific Region**

I am trying to obtain the URL address of these sites so that non facebook members can also view all the content. I will email url addresses when available.

### **CCG 60th Anniversary in 2022.**

It will be Coast Guard's 60th anniversary in 2022. Ottawa is presently open for options and suggestions to celebrate the event.

**Association Email Address ([ccqa@ccgawest.ca](mailto:ccqa@ccgawest.ca))**

Please remember that in order to keep member's email addresses private you can't reply directly to an email from the Association Email address. If you have any comments or suggestions you must reply directly to an individual member's email or to myself at [palliser@email.com](mailto:palliser@email.com). I will be glad to forward any email to others.

In closing this has been an especially bad year for losing members, family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all their loved ones at this time.

Wishing you all the very best, Stay safe.

John Palliser  
President  
Coast Guard Association (Western)