

**ROYAL MILITARY POLICE ASSOCIATION
NORTH AMERICA BRANCH**

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2017 – BRANCH REUNION – BANFF, CANADA.

As mentioned in previous 2017 Branch Reunion survey and at the Branch AGM in Quebec City. The needed support to try to arrange and attend the 2017 Reunion in either – Penticton, B.C,- St John, Newfoundland,- Edmonton, Ab, - Jasper, Ab, resulted in small numbers, well below 15 people at any one location. It has been referred back to your Executive to review and propose – an alternative location.

BANFF IS A – GO

**Did you notice that the World-Wide publication “NATIONAL”
GEOGRAPHIC” has rated BANFF as the World’s
#1 Vacation location for 2017? Report on World-Wide T.V.
Front Cover has Moraine Lake in Banff National Park**

**ON BEHALF of your BRANCH EXECUTIVE
Thank you for the marvelous support – in saying “YES”
to a 2017 REUNION – in BANFF**

**Please see amended INFO and the Hotel and Registraion
Forms wil be sent to you soon**



2017 – 15th ANNUAL REUNION – BANFF, Canada.

1. In 2004 – 13 years ago, The Branch, held the largest Reunion at any location. That was at Banff, in the Canadian Rockies, Canada (120 Km West of Calgary) –
2. 102 attended.
3. Unfortunately and in review of the 2004 attendance sheet, most have passed on and only 13 of the 102 can consider 2017!
4. In 2009 – it will be 8 years ago by 2017, we ran an optional group of 20 people, to Banff for three nights, following the Calgary Reunion. Of those 20 only 5 are still with us.
5. **This indicates that 80% of our present members have not had the opportunity to attend a BANFF REUNION!**
6. Banff is rated as one of the top World locations in North America for a vacation, Conference or Reunions.
7. Banff National Park, which includes beautiful Lake Louise area, was Canada's first National Park, established in 1887. It celebrated its Centennial in 1987.
8. **Plus in 2017, Canada will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary as CANADA under Confederation, the Canada we know today – from East to West. Needless to say there will be numerous Canadian celebrations in 2017, particularly in the National Parks. The United Nations proclaimed Banff National Park, in 1985, a World Heritage Site.**
9. Of all the RMPA North America Branch Reunions, Banff has been the most spectacular location of the 15 Reunions. Since 2004, Banff has increased and renovated so many locations. Millions of dollars have been spent on the Fairmount Banff Springs Hotel. Although we cannot afford to offer hotel rates at this hotel, visitors from around the World can stroll within its confines that offer one of the most astounding hotels and locations in North America. The Rundle Rock exterior architecture, together with the baronial halls and balconies within, are of days of yore. The swimming pools – inside and out are complimentary to so many other facets, as are the stores, 7 restaurants, mezzanine floor views of the mountains, Bow River Falls and Golf Course. They are breathtaking sites and experiences. The Springs Hotel will be less than a mile from our hotel on Banff main street (Banff Avenue), with the towering Cascade Mountain at the East end, has recently been made more pedestrian friendly and has dozen of cafes pubs, restaurants, souvenir and art stores. Those who were there in 2004 or 2009 will recall the Canadian Legion at the prime location on the main street by the Bow River Bridge (where we had our Sunday lunch).

10. A visit to the historic Cave and Basin, plus the CPR Railway Museum is also within walking distance or a \$10.00 cab ride. The discovery, made in 1883, was a fact that Sulphur Hot Springs at Banff had been in existence for thousands of years.

10. Yes, there are public Banff Upper Hot Springs baths for all, at the base of the Gondola Lift. You can rent bathing suits and experience the wonderful outdoor baths even if the outdoor temperature is colder!

11. The Sulphur Mountain Gondola Lift (which we will leave to delegates to experience on their own) will take you to the summit of the SawBack Mountain range. At the summit, it overlooks the total Banff Valley and the Banff Springs Hotel will look as small as a dinky toy from the top! Brewster Company has just spent three years and 26 million dollars on renovating and extending the summit area. You can take walks along trails, lounge in the stores or restaurants before your decent.

12. There are some unusual small museums in Banff. As well as The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, you can visit what at one time was named, The Luxton Museum of Plains Indians. It is now known as the Buffalo Nations Museum. Both well worth a visit – and both only minutes from our hotel.

13. There are so many places to visit in Banff during our three days there. But one can also consider side tours of the area which can be booked via the hotel. For those who say YES, they intend to Register for the Reunion, we will be sending various brochures on Banff area and tours. Such wonders as the CPR spiral tunnel – Peyto Lake lookout – Bow River source – are within easy drives.

14. If so inclined, you can view all of these locations and points of interest – on line.

15. It should indicate why Banff National Park is the Canadian Mecca of all National Parks.

16. We will negotiate TWO extra hotel days at the Reunion rate to follow – AFTER the Reunion for those who may wish to stay longer.

PLEASE SEE THE R.M.P.A. North America Program on the second attachment.

This is what we plan and as mentioned – the above items in and around Banff will all be available to you.

Best Regards

Derek Mac, on behalf of Branch Executive Chairman Bill DRUMMOND and members Don HOOD, Roy CLARKE and myself.



For questions please contact Derek McCorquindale at mccorquid@shaw.ca or by phone at Canada Code + 403 932 5897. Also the Reunion Info sheets + Registration and Hotel Forms will be sent to you. Also will be on the Branch website.

2017 – 15th, RMPANA REUNION - BANFF, Alberta, CANADA

A SPECIAL BRANCH REUNION

During CANADA's 150th- Birth-year.

DATES of REUNION – October 11th to 15th 2017 - Banff Downtown Hotel

Special Room rates (Cdn) will be \$ 119.00 +tax, at the ACCLAIM HOTEL at Calgary Airport and \$129.00 +tax. At the ELK & AVENUE HOTEL in Banff.

Double or Single + same rates optional two days AFTER Reunion.

REGISTRATION FEE:- As in previous years we will set at \$170.00 Canadian or the equivalent in U.S Dollars or U.K. – GBR Pounds

(As of October 2016 - \$170.00 converts with Canadian Exchange to approx.

\$ 140.00 U.S or 115 Pounds GBR)

Your \$170.00 Registration Fee will pay for:-

**TWO special private meals at Official Opening Meet & Greet – Full three course banquet meal at Saturday Chairman's Banquet – Transportation to Sunday Church Service and Lunch at Legion- Reunion promotion and printing of forms-Programs- name badges etc
Subsidy of four days- Free Hospitality Room.**

The Hospitality Suite is included and will be open for four days daily in Banff. The only additional cost we will add to your Branch invoice is \$6.00 each per day (\$24.00). The Branch will provide drinks and hospitality at NO extra to delegates during 4 hours each day.

NO NEED to bring liquor, wine beer or pop to Hospitality Suite.

– Just help yourself !

COME TO BANFF for CANADA's 150th BIRTHDAY

The RMPA North America Branch will be sending you Hotel Booking Forms for (1) Acclaim Hotel at Calgary Airport (2) ELK & AVENUE HOTEL in Banff and (3) RMPA NA Branch Registration Form.

Contact DEREK at email mccorqud@shaw.ca or phone at- Canada Code + 403 932 5897.



October 11th 2017--WEDNESDAY

Arrive at **CALGARY AIRPORT** to transfer to Calgary Airport Hotel – **ACCLAIM HOTEL**. Meet all other delegates ready for trip to Banff, the next day.

NOTE:- The normal transfer to Banff is by Brewster or Airporter Shuttle bus which takes about two hours, calling at various hotels. The individual cost is \$65.00 + \$3.50 GST + FREE in 2017 Banff National Park fee. (DO NOT BOOK TRANSFER TO BANFF)

The above is a cost of around- \$ 70.00 Canadian. **BRANCH** can do better!!! SEE BELOW.

October 12th 2017--THURSDAY

Branch Full- Day - 8 Hour Tour. Board private coach at Calgary Airport Hotel.

For another approx. \$15.00 per person more (\$85.00 approx. total) the Branch is arranging an 8 hour day tour on a private coach. **WE WILL INVOICE YOU ON THIS.** We will tour a scenic route to Canadian Rockies, Banff National Park area and onto Lake Louise to visit the Fairmont Lake Louise Hotel. (With the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel – they are the former and renovated- Canadian Pacific Railway Hotels). The Lake Louise Hotel is situated at the Lake Louise Glacier and Lake – one of the Canadian Rockies wonderful views. Delegates will spend two hours there and can opt for a lunch and/or a walk through the hotel or around the lake. Then onto view Moraine Lake and The Valley of the Ten Peaks (see photo on INFO sheet)- a view that is annually shown on many Canadian Calendars. Then a leisurely drive back to Banff and check-in at our Hotel around 5.00 pm. We will be at the hotel for the next four nights. An official **MEET & GREET** evening will be arranged.

The RMPANA Branch will invoice delegates (as mentioned above) for the above Calgary/Banff/Lake Louise tour which includes the private coach trip to Banff.

(A similar tour from Calgary/return would cost over \$200.00 each. Can be checked on internet).

October 13th and 14th--- FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Delegates will have two days to visit numerous places in downtown Banff, within walking distance of our hotel or a \$6.00 to \$10.00 taxi ride. Please see some suggestions on the Branch "BANFF PROPOSAL" sheets. Depending upon weather and clarity we can select the time to take the marvelous Gondola Lift or take in other Alpine mountain views, the Sulphur Hot Springs, Banff Springs Hotel, various museums etc.

No need for additional optional tours.

Friday evening, delegates can make their own arrangements for supper.

SATURDAY October 14th – After your free day of Banff wonderments.

6.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. We will have our usual RMPA North America Branch Reunion Banquet at the hotel. A private three course meal, toasts, guest speaker, comp wine, raffle prizes draw, etc.

SUNDAY October 15th. – Arrangement to attend Church Service and join the congregation at St. Georges in the Pines (Anglican) Church. Attended in the past by Royalty and World famous Entertainers.

After church, which is only two blocks from the Banff Canadian Legion, we march or walk to the Canadian Legion Memorial for our Branch Wreath Laying, followed by a Lunch.

Return to our hotel or continue, after lunch, to visits along Banff Avenue.

Sunday Evening – after supper return to the Branch Hospitality Suite to bid farewell to delegates and friends – until 2018

PLEASE REGISTER and book HOTELS - ASAP