

We are sad to report the passing of Major (ret'd) David M. Letson, DCRA Life Governor, BCRA Life Member. After a long, eventful life, Dave passed away at his home in Sidney, BC. Shooting was part of Dave's family heritage. His uncle, Major General H. F. G. Letson, was a shooter and past DCRA President, who was also Bisley Team Commandant in 1934, a role Dave would later fill. Dave's greatest impact on the sport of shooting took place off the firing line, although one of Dave's many friends remembers him in a tie shoot for the City of Ottawa Match in 1957. While he was working in the Directorate of Reserves and Cadets at National Defense Headquarters Dave's support for cadet shooting included the procurement of Sportco rifles, used across Canada by cadets attending the Rifle Courses. There were four courses initially, but while Dave was running things the range at Vernon was refurbished and a fifth Rifle Course was established. Some of those Sportco rifles are still in use by the Cadet Rifle Course at Connaught that was created by the amalgamation of the five nation-wide courses. Another of Dave's friends remembers him as somebody who "looked after his people", securing parade space for his Air Cadet squadron at YVR when it looked like there was none to be had. He contributed many more things and in many more ways than can be recounted.



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Dave always looked for a way to get things done. Dave served as Adjutant of the 1975 Canadian Team to Australia and the 1977 Bisley Team and was the Commandant of the 1993 Bisley Team. He was appointed DCRA Life Governor in 2015. The last word, from another friend of Dave's: "Dave was in fact a giant among his peers and a great friend of the DCRA and the shooting community."

Dave will be missed. He will not soon be forgotten.