

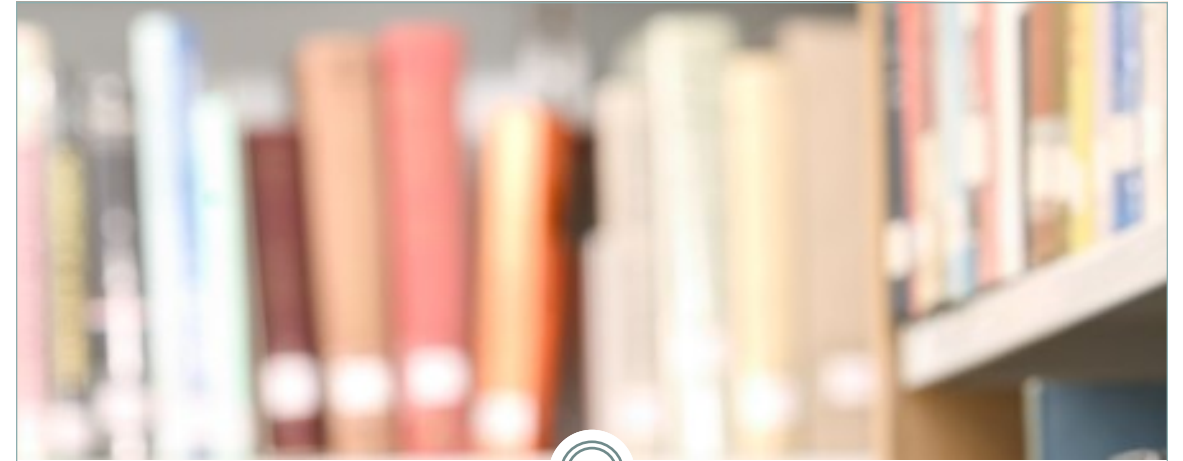
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2016 Friends of *The OPP Museum* Heritage Award Winner | Henry Kostuck

The Friends of *The OPP Museum* Heritage Award was established in 2014 to recognize the efforts of authors and researchers whose work builds a greater understanding of the contributions of the men and women of the Ontario Provincial Police.



CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT (RETIRED)
HENRY KOSTUCK



Heritage Award

Henry Kostuck is the 2016 recipient of the Friends of *The OPP Museum* Heritage Award. The author of an engaging autobiography that was two years in the making, *A Charmed Life* captures just that, the story of a man who reflects on life's challenges, successes and joys with humility, candor and wisdom.

Born in France in 1935, Kostuck grew up during the Second World War. Emigrating to Canada at the age of 13, he acclimatized quickly to life in his new home.

Kostuck joined the OPP as a Probationary Constable on November 19th, 1956. He served in Cornwall, Hawkesbury, Casselman, Long Sault and at General Headquarters in Toronto.

Career

In addition to his duties with the OPP, Kostuck was also seconded to other roles during his career. He served as Acting Deputy Chief of the Vanier Police Force, and as a security advisor at the Olympics security co-ordination centre in Montreal for the 1976 games. Kostuck also contributed to the McDonald Commission and was seconded to the office of the Deputy Minister, Ministry of the Solicitor General, to coordinate planning for the implementation of French language services.

Kostuck rose through the ranks of the OPP retiring as a Chief Superintendent on October 31st, 1988.

Family

Diane Kostuck, Henry's daughter, was one of the supporters who nominated him for this award. The closing line of her nomination letter captures beautifully her overall feelings about her father's documentation of his life and career with these words:

"I was also impressed at how gratitude plays such an important role in his life. He is grateful for his OPP career and all of the opportunities he had, he is grateful for his family and he is grateful that his parents decided to give their children a chance for *A Charmed Life* in Canada."

A Charmed Life is certainly worthy of being recognized for its contribution to the greater understanding and appreciation of the life and work of OPP members.

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