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# **CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY**

**Commandant Sandra C. Beach**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2015  
6.00 p.m.

Police Headquarters,  
Prospect, Devonshire

*Reception to follow at the  
Prospect Police Recreation Club*

## **ORDER OF CEREMONY**

- Arrival of Honour Guard
- Arrival of H.E. the Governor, Mr. George Fergusson
- Royal Salute
- Inspection of Honour Guard
- Commissioner of Police Welcome & Introduction
- Address by H.E. the Governor
- Address by Commandant Cannoth Roberts
- Oath of Allegiance & Official Oath
- Exchange of the Sword of Command
- Address by Commandant Sandra Beach
- Address by Jr. Minister of National Security, Senator Jeffrey Baron, JP
- Prayer by Bishop Dr. Lloyd Duncan
- Sunset Ceremony
- March Past & March Off

Most recently, she was among a group of senior officers from the BRP and the Bermuda Police Service who travelled to Durham, UK in order to attend a Conference to learn about changes being made in other Reserve Police Organizations in the UK.

C.D. Beach has received the Queen's Jubilee Medal, Queen Jubilee Diamond and the Colonial Long Service Award for 15 years of service. C.D. Beach is currently employed at the Transport Control Department as the Account/Administration Officer.

Ms. Beach will be formally sworn in as the ninth Commandant of the BRP. This is an historical moment, as she will be the first woman to hold the post.



## **Commandant (Designate) Sandra C. Beach**



Commandant Designate (C.D) Beach joined the Bermuda Reserve Police (BRP) on August 17th, 1995. Having completed the Reserve Constabulary Basic Training Course, she became operational and initially spent most of her time between Central and Traffic Divisions.

C.D. Beach was promoted to Sergeant 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1998 and then to the rank of Inspector on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1999. During this time, she served in nearly every division of the organization.

On 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2001, C.D. Beach was promoted to Chief Inspector and played a more active role in the administration of the Bermuda Reserve Police.

After her promotion to the rank of Superintendent on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2004, C.D. Beach assumed responsibility for the Administration Section and was in control of The BRP budget.

Among her achievements are: the reforming of the financial processes of the BRP, management of the BRP budget, embodiment & bounty payments, and the gathering and production of statistical information required by the organization.

C.D. Beach is known for organizing many community policing events such as the Bermuda Girl Guide Association's Annual Thinking Day Service, Harbour Nights and the Annual Christmas Parade.

She has received overseas training and attended several conferences in Barbados, Canada, London and the Bahamas.

## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE RESERVE POLICE**

Near the end of the Second World War (1939-1945) it was determined that the Bermuda Police Force was being stretched to the breaking point. At this time it became evident that there was a need for a properly trained Reserve Unit. After this period, when things began to return to normal, the idea of a Reserve Police Constabulary was put on the back burner.

The Bermuda Reserve Constabulary was eventually formed on 1<sup>st</sup> February 1950. It was officially established by an Act of the Legislature on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1951. Recruitment began and 56 officers joined from all walks of life.

## **FORMER RESERVE COMMANDANTS**

1951-1969 Commandant Ross Winter

1969-1977 Commandant Bill McPhee

1977-1987 Commandant Ralph Ferguson

1989-1999 Commandant John Moore

1999-2004 Commandant Eugene Vickers

2004-2010 Commandant Huw Lewis

2010-2014 Commandant Jerry Robinson

2014-2015 Commandant Cannoth Roberts

## Commandant Cannoth Roberts



Commandant Cannoth Roberts joined the Bermuda Reserve Constabulary on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 1987. During this time the Reserves still wore the distinctive grey uniform and were not allowed to drive police vehicles. Commandant Roberts was posted to the Traffic Division out of Training School.

While attached to Marine Section, Commandant Roberts qualified as a Pilot. He was promoted to Sergeant while in Marine Section but was soon transferred to the Central Division. While he was a Sergeant he designed a new “time sheet” that replaced the old “time cards” and was the precursor to the time sheet that we use today. Commandant Roberts also developed an operations sheet which created set roster and made communications with the Bermuda Police Service watch supervisors, a much easier task.

In the years to follow, Commandant Roberts spent most of his time between the Central and Western Divisions. He also lobbied heavily for both the name and a uniform change for the organisation, to the extent that he drafted and advanced a position paper on these subjects.

In addition to being the recipient of several letters of good work, and a Commissioner’s Commendation, Commandant Roberts was awarded the following medals: the Queen’s Jubilee, Queen’s Diamond Jubilee, and Colonial Long Service for 15 & 25 Years’ Service.

Commandant Roberts was promoted to the rank of Chief Inspector on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 and assumed responsibility for Division ‘A’. Between 2004 and 2010 he alternated responsibilities between Division ‘A’ and Division ‘B’;

although he maintained overall responsibility for the day to day operations of the organisation. Commandant Roberts was promoted to the rank of Chief Inspector on March 8, 2008.

Commandant Roberts can be credited for several “firsts” in the organisation. He began the practice of operating the ‘Trash Truck’ with Cycle Squad where Reserves were responsible for collecting bikes for the unit island-wide. Commandant Roberts rode the first 150cc marked motorcycle for the Bermuda Reserve Police. However his crowning achievement was the creation of the Crime Patrol Division within the Bermuda Reserve Police.

Commandant Roberts was involved with several extra-curricular activities including membership with the International Reserve Police Officers Association (IRPOA) and attendance at conferences over the course of several years. He has served as Chairman of the Bermuda Chapter of the IROPA.

Commandant Roberts has also participated in training opportunities in South Wales, with the City of London and the Metropolitan Police (July 2005). His most recent training was in March 2014 when he and other senior officers from the Bermuda Reserve Police and the Bermuda Police Service, travelled to the United Kingdom in order to attend the “Specials” Conference to learn about changes being made in other Reserve Police organizations in the UK.

In June 2010, Commandant Roberts assumed the responsibilities as Acting Superintendent until early 2011 when he was appointed as Acting Deputy Commandant. In January 2012 he was promoted to the rank of Deputy Commandant. On 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 Mr. Roberts passed the Commandant’s promotion process and then took the oath as the eighth Commandant of the Bermuda Reserve Police on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.