

# THE ROCKY

## NEWSLETTER FOR KVA UNIT 27

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*If you know of anyone who is ill at home or in the hospital, please let our Sick & Visiting members know - Bill Gabel - 250-655-0904*

#### SUMMER DRESS IS IN EFFECT IN MAY

**SUMMER DRESS IS OPTIONAL FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS, STARTING IN MAY UNTIL SEP INCLUSIVE**

THE NEXT EDITION OF THE ROCKY  
WILL BE NOV 2016



2016 Canada Day Parade in Sidney

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS 1330 HRS IN THE WARDROOM

General Meeting 20 September 2016  
General Meeting 18 October 2016  
General Meeting 15 November 2016

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11<sup>th</sup> parades at Cenotaphs

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dear Comrades

As all know, there are no meetings during the months of July and August. Therefore, no changes are to be recorded, other than a review of important activities that took place during the same period.

On Monday 23 May, Unit 27 participated in the Victoria Day Parade. Most of our participating Members enjoyed a ride in old military vehicles which included a vehicle provided by Gary Hall and his son. Four of our Members even marched the entire distance.

On Friday 24 June, Gordon Howard, Bob Stewart and myself, attended the Consul Generals Luncheon at his residence in Vancouver. This function was attended by many Provincial KVA Members, including many Korean Canadians who served in the Korean War. The number of wives that attended was also impressive.

27 May to 9 June, John and Judy were on a tour to Iceland. On Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, Unit 27 participated in the Sidney Canada Day Parade. Our President, Past President, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, marched in the parade. A number of other Members rode in military vehicles.

On Saturday 9 July, the KVA picnic was held and there was an impressive attendance by Unit 27 Members. President John and Judy, as President of the Cowichan Valley Rockhounds, both attended a Jamboree from 8 to 10 July, in the Cowichan Valley.

There were a number of other events attended by Unit 27 Members, such as VE Day/Battle of Atlantic, and the Candlelight Tribute at God's Acre. We sure keep busy !!

In closing, I would like to thank all those Members of Unit 27 who assist with the staging of all events that our Unit attends. We might even be the third largest Unit in KVA Canada with approximately 80 Members.

Respectfully

John.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

July 2015

Comrades, we have entered the busy time of the year for Unit 27 KVA. Over the past short space of a couple of months, we as a Unit, have participated in: The Victoria Day Parade, the Canada Day Parade in Sidney, The Battle of Atlantic/VE Day Service in Sooke, and the God's Acre Passing of the Torch Ceremony. In addition, several members attended the Counsel General's home in Vancouver, and the Legions Thank you Luncheons. We also had our annual Unit picnic at the Horseshoe Club. To all the members who were able to attend and represent Unit 27, a heartfelt thank you for your participation. Especially to the hosts who organized all these events, a very special Thank You from all of us of #27 KVA. I know I enjoyed each and every one that I was able to attend. There are still a few functions yet to come including the Korean Community picnic which is always a great day and a lot of fun and enjoyment. Hope to see you all there.

I came across the following information in the Saanich News (Sun July 8<sup>th</sup> 2016) regarding one of our Comrades. Tom Green, of Unit 27, received the Colonel Commandant's Commendation for his actions following a tragic mishap during a live firing exercise in 1963. A defective fuse prematurely exploded at the muzzle of Green's 105mm Howitzer, but despite receiving a head wound from a shell fragment, Green tended to other injured soldiers before seeking medical attention for himself.

B.Z. Tom - Late recognition, but no less an honour for your actions that day.

### Unit 27 Stats

Regular Members (including ROK Supporters) – 79

Supporting Ladies – 11

Congratulations to anyone celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary, or any other significant event this month.

In Comradeship

Bob Stewart

Membership Chair

## **THE COLONEL COMMANDANT'S COMMENDATION**



### **Sergeant (Retired) Thomas James Green, CD**

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016, several members gathered at the Officers Mess at the Armouries to witness the following presentation to Tom.

#### **The Colonel Commandant's Commendation to Sergeant (Rtd) Thomas James Green, CD**

*Hereby commended for his exemplary actions under tragic circumstances at Camp Shilo, Manitoba, on 24 September 1963. While in command of a 105mm howitzer deployed on a live firing exercise and manned by soldiers undergoing basic training at the Royal Canadian School of Artillery, a projectile fitted with a defective fuse, exploded at the muzzle of Sergeant Green's gun. One member of the detachment was mortally wounded while others, including Sergeant Green, sustained lesser injuries. Despite the ensuing shock, confusion and his own head wound, he immediately tended to the dying soldier while also supervising the provision of first aid to the other casualties, helping arrange their evacuation and personally securing the scene of the accident. Upon the arrival of the School Commandant, Sergeant Green was ordered to the base hospital. Following medical treatment which included the removal of a shell fragment, he returned directly to the field and resumed his duties as Detachment Commander for the balance of the exercise. This Non-Commissioned Officer's action on that day were denoted by exceptional presence of mind, fortitude and devotion to duty. Together these constitute an enduring example of soldierly virtue worthy of emulation by all members of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery and for which we remain duly grateful*

*Given under my hand The 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2016*

*Brigadier-General (Ret)  
J.J. Selbie,*

## KVA PICNIC 9 JULY 2016

Our annual KVA picnic was a great success again this year, with 36 in attendance. Thanks to Marge MacIntosh for setting it up for us, and giving us nice weather again. Also thanks to Ted Adye and his crew for smooth sailing that day. Also thanks to all of those who brought salads and desserts to compliment a very delicious luncheon provided by the staff at the Horseshoe Club. A great day for all of us celebrating with our Comrades and wives.



**AND THE WINNERS THIS YEAR, BEING PRESENTED WITH THEIR TROPHYS BY MARGE**

### HORSESHOES



**IRENE BYEON AND DEREK THORPE**

### BOCCI BALL



**BOB THERIAULT AND PAT WHITE**

