

# 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***

THE NEXT EDITION OF THE ROCKY  
WILL BE MAY 2016



*The Victoria Korean Community Association  
Year End Party Dec 2015*

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS 1330 HRS IN THE WARDROOM**

Executive Meeting	02 Feb 2016
General Meeting	16 Feb 2016
Executive Meeting	01 Mar 2016
General Meeting	15 Mar 2016
Executive Meeting	05 Apr 2016
General Meeting	19 Apr 2016
Executive Meeting	03 May 2016

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dear Comrades

At the risk of being repetitious, I must again thank all Members of Unit 27 who are active Members of the Executive and Standing Committees and active Members at our meetings who contribute to the outstanding success of our Unit. As a Member of KVA who participates at International level, National and Provincial levels, I am proud to confirm, thanks to support of many members, we are one of the outstanding Units of KVA Canada. I would be neglectful if I did not mention the participation of our ladies including wives and others who make contributions, that are sincerely appreciated and recognized by all our Members.

A number of the International and National Units are disappearing for many reasons, such as health, age, loss of driver's licenses and long mileage to the location of Unit meetings. I believe I can say, without exaggeration, that Unit 27 will be active for many more years. When we hold our Executive and General Meetings, including Social Events, I always look forward to the written and verbal reports because we all learn much information of considerable value from our active membership.

The essential activities and contributions of Senator Yonah Martin, the Provincial Consul General and local Korean oriented Organizations, including their supporting staff, who welcome all Korea Veterans to their impressive and appreciated social events.

There will be many activities this year as it is the 65th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong. Many ceremonies are planned during the month of April 2016 and, at this point the dates appear to be in conflict, which means that many will not be able to attend all ceremonies as most appear to be planned during the period 21 to 26 April. Hopefully, this conflict will be sorted out during the next few months.

In closing my President's Report for Unit 27, as it appears now, there likely will be approximately five ceremonies I could attend in April 2016. My priority will be, as International President of the International Federation of Korean War Veterans Association (22 Countries), to attend this commitment in Korea

Respectfully John

**Ed Note** John was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from Korea for recognition of his contribution to the International Federation of KVAA. Copy included in this edition of Rocky.

## **PASSING**

Unfortunately we have lost another member in Unit 27. John Crawford passed away on the 12 Jan 2016. John had been a member of Unit 27 since 1985. Our condolences go out to John's family and friends. There was no memorial planned at this time.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Well here we are in a brand new year: HAPPY NEW YEAR to all the Comrades and their families. I wish you all a HEALTHY and PROSPEROUS year for 2016.

I enjoyed the blessing of sharing the holidays with family in Edmonton. Had a great time. Attended a New Years Dance, saw the new Star Wars movie and even got to attend a Dinner/Dance Show (Comedy), based on the Star Wars movie. Enjoyed them all, and had a ball with the grand-children and great-grand children.

Now that the holidays are over, it is time to return to reality. And our reality means that our Units dues are due once again. Same as last year, (because no one received a raise) REGULAR Members \$26.00 and SUPPORTING Members \$12.00.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Unit in the past with your membership and I hope you will continue to support us again this year and in the future. Your friendship is appreciated.

To all the Comrades and Family's struggling with health issues, or loneliness, our thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless.

Unit 27 Stats          Regular Members (including ROK Supporters) 78   Supporting Ladies 11

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

In Comradeship

Bob Stewart Membership Chair



*Bob Stewart (Membership Chair) presenting Jean-Noel Bond (aka J. Bond .003 1/2), a bottle of vintage Merlot at our General Meeting on the 19th Jan 2016. John's name was picked out of the hat for the members who paid their 2016 dues by end of November.*

*Congratulations John*



# The Korean Veterans Association

Certificate of Honorary Membership  
is hereby granted to :

**John R. Bishop**

President

International Federation of  
Korean War Veterans Associations

*In grateful recognition of  
your outstanding contributions  
to supporting this association  
and promoting mutual relations  
between our two countries.*

On the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year 2015

Cho, Nam-poong 조남풍  
General(Ret.), ROK Army  
Chairman, KVA

## **IN MEMORY OF CANADA'S FORGOTTEN WAR** (Submitted by Bill Buchan)

### **HMCS CAYUGA 2ND KOREA TOUR**

Dedicated to the 1000's of Men of the Royal Canadian Navy who have sailed in harm's way patrolling both the Yellow Sea and the Sea of Japan - June 1950 to July 1953.

HMCS Cayuga, HMCS Athabaskan, HMCS Sioux, HMCS Crusader, HMCS Nootka, HMCS Huron, HMCS Iroquois

### **HMCS Cayuga - 19 Minutes of ? ... October 1950**

The rush of Adrenalin, One Gets, When Being Shot At is Not as Great As When You Know They Missed" - *Churchill*

At Lt. Baudette's request, Commander Plomer decided to try to knock out a new battery of 76mm guns which had only recently been mounted near the tip of Amgak, as these were the guns that had been shelling the Sok-to-junks. Weighing anchor, Cayuga shifted to a position nearer Anigak and prepared to fire. Orders were given to prepare a buoy in case it became necessary to slip the anchor under heavy fire, and while this was being done, Cayuga fired her first ranging shots. Before she had time to fire again, there was a whistling noise and three shells, landing in a tight pattern, threw up columns of water 200 yards astern. The ship replied with two quick broadsides before the next enemy salvo arrived. again the shells fell astern, but this time only 100 yards away. This was getting too close altogether, and orders were given to slip the cable and retire with all dispatch. Cayuga, because of her position had only two alternatives; close the range and hope to knock out the batteries before she herself was stopped, or steam stern-first out of sight around the southern tip of Sok-to. Cayuga wisely chose the latter course and as she got underway another enemy salvo straddled her, two rounds short, and one over. The "over" threw up water only 60 feet from the bridge. While all this was going on, heavier shells, thought to have been about 105 mm, were also falling around the ship, though not with the deadly accuracy of the 76's. Not until Cayuga had disappeared "blunt end first" around the tip of Sok-to did these heavier guns cease fire. The entire action lasted only nineteen minutes, but they were a busy nineteen minutes for both sides. Cayuga fired 155 rounds and enemy, some 100. The destroyer observed several hits in the target area but did not claim to have knocked out any of the enemy guns. The shore batteries did very well, for though the destroyer escaped with the loss of an anchor, two shackles of cables and a motor cutter which was towed under during the withdrawal, it was only by the greatest of good fortune that she was not hit several times. It was a 'patrol of full employment'.

### **Cayuga, New Years Eve 1951**

Cayuga steamed quietly into the Slot, dropped her hook in the sheltered lee of a small island and, at the stroke of midnight, thumped sixteen broadsides into the Chinese garrison on Ung-do. The gesture was a breaking the RCN tradition of sounding the ships bell to ring in the New Year (the only time the "silent hours" were ever disrupted) with eight bells for the old year and eight for the new. The break seemed appropriate: eight broadsides for each year, total of ninety-six 4 inch HE shells from the six barrels of the three guns. With echoes of the explosions still reverberating through the stark hills, Cayuga turned from the Slot to set course for Taewha-Do, scene of victories and defeats during the past year. She arrived just in time to rouse the Chinese from their slumber with a savage hammering which left buildings ablaze. With fires lighting the skies, the ship turned southward for Japan. The early morning mist covered her departure that first morning of 1952.

### **TOUR STATS JUNE 19/51 TO JUNE 14/52**

<b>TOUR DAYS</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>DAYS AT SEA</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>IN HARMS WAY</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>ENGAGEMENTS</b>	<b>3</b>
			<b>6153</b>	<b>SHELLS FIRED</b>	<b>MILES SAILED</b>	<b>66,910</b>	

**HEARING AID BATTERIES Submitted by Ted Adye**

Could anyone use some hearing aid batteries ? I have 10 cards of No. 13 batteries. That is approximately 60 batteries. Ernie Brimblecomb's wife, Marjory, donated them for anyone in the Unit who could use them. I would rather they go to anyone who can use them instead of gashing them. Give me (Ted) a call at 250-598-8345.

Ted

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**KVA CHRISTMAS TURKEY BINGO DEC 2015**



Thanks to Ted Adye and his work crew, we had another successful bingo again this year. We didn't have as many turn out this year, as we have had in the past. A lot of those who normally come to the Bingos were either under the weather or away. Those attending did enjoyed themselves very much so.

We very much appreciate Ted fixing the machine so it was not nearly as noisy which was a great relief for those calling Bingos. Thanks Ted and the crew setting up.

And the winners of the \$25.00 gift certificates were:

Game #

1. Marty Christianson	\$25.00	7. Brenda Arnold	\$25.00
2. Maggie Laur	\$25.00	8. Joanne Leigh	\$25.00
3. Joanne Leigh	\$25.00	9. Jenny Fossum	\$25.00
4. John Bishop	\$25.00	10. Peggy ODonnell	\$25.00
5. Judy Moss	\$25.00	11. Ken Hardy	\$25.00
6. Marty Christianson	\$25.00		

50/50 Winner was Ellen Holisko Early Bird draw (Dues Paid) John Bond

Congratulations to all the winners, hope to see you all next Dec.

## **TAX DEDUCTIONS**

Retired members may claim medical expense tax deductions for contributions to the SUN LIFE Medical and Dental plans. You need a letter from Sun Life, which you can obtain by calling 1-800-267-6542 (for medical coverage) and 1-800-267-0350 for dental coverage. Have your contract and member ID numbers when you call.

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## **LANGFORD LEGION LUNCHEON**

Prince Edward Branch RCL #91 had a luncheon for Veterans on Friday 22nd Jan 2016. This very kind invitation was extended to all Veterans and 26 members of Unit 27 attended. We all had a very enjoyable luncheon and enjoyed good comradeship with our fellow veterans. Thanks to Fred MacDonald for organizing this for us. .



Our members enjoying themselves at the Langford Legion Luncheon - 22 Jan 2016



