

THE ROCKY

NEWSLETTER FOR KVA UNIT 27

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REMEMBRANCE DAY 11TH NOV

UPCOMING MEETINGS IN THE WARDROOM 1330 HRS

General Meeting	15 TH November 2016
General Meeting	17 th January 2017
General Meeting	21 st February 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 11TH Parades at the Cenotaphs

TURKEY BINGO Sunday 4th Dec 2016

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Comrades

The Victoria Canadian Korean Community held their annual first class Korean Independence Day BBQ Picnic on Saturday 13th August at Gorge Park. It was an honour for our Unit 27 KVA Veterans and Ladies to attend this significant function including an interesting commencement ceremony and a first class meal. We are all looking forward to attending this event in 2017.

As most of you know, my grandson, Andrew Inglis, just completed his Masters Degree in Seoul Korea, and arrived home in Ontario on Saturday 11th September. He has applied for employment in a number of organizations including the Canadian Foreign Service. He graduated from university with an average of over 90% on all courses.

It would be neglectful for me not to admit the KVA Unit 27 is finding it difficult due to most of our members now being in their eighties. We look forward to our Ladies continuing with their support. Another factor that makes it difficult is that some of our members have lost their drivers license. In addition, many have health issues and are not always able to attend all activities. As we get up in years, the memory aspect affects us more than it was a few years ago.

Fortunately, we are still one of the largest KVA Units in Canada. We are able to maintain a reasonably effective Executive and Standing Committee, so we are still holding our own. We are unfortunately missing a few members on the Standing Committee, so do not be reluctant to advise the Membership Chair (Bob Stewart), if you would like to nominate yourself to any position you would like to fill. Please feel free to nominate yourself to any Executive Position if you want the opportunity to make an important contribution. I must admit that there are not many Members indicating that they want a Committee opportunity. If you are interested in keeping Unit 27 alive, please volunteer to keep us efficient for as long as possible, please call Bob Stewart (250-477-4270). Thank you !

At the risk of saying too much, I am the permanent and last Commanding Officer on Number 6 Company (The Last Coy), of the Fourandex of Canada, formed in 1923 by WW1 Veterans. It later included a few WW2 Veterans and a very small number of Korean War Veterans. I was elected as the last CO (President) a few years ago by a motion including WW2 Members, one who is 102 years old. The main reason I was elected was that they thought my life expectancy was likely the most positive, not because I was the most suitable and efficient.

Respectfully

John

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

October 3, 2016

Comrades, we have entered another cycle in the unit's yearly evolution. I am very sorry to report the passing of two Comrades from our nominal role:

184/88 Edward W. Ferguson served in Korea with the R.C.P.C.

308/14 Robert J. Stewart, served in Korea with the British Merchant Marine.

I have no info on date of death or times of memorial service, but will pass on as soon as any dates/times are available.

Our President, John Bishop, has indicated he would like to turn the position of President of Unit 27 KVA, over to some other Comrade. This is his second or third time he has filled this position and he certainly deserves a break. If any Comrade would like to volunteer for this or any other Executive position, please let Phil Leigh or any other member of the Executive know what position or area you would like to work in.

(Ed Note) Ed Hadel has also indicated that as he is having health issues, he needs someone to take over the duties of the Treasurer. If anyone would volunteer to fill this position, please let us know,

Once again Comrades, it is time to think about paying your dues for 2017. We haven't had an increase for several years, (so it is a bargain), and the dues go to pay for the office stamps, computer paper, and other incidental expenses including our Website.

Those who pay their dues by the end of November, will have their name in for the draw for a prize. The draw will be done at the Bingo in December.

Dues are \$26.00 for Regular Members, and \$12.00 for Supporting Members.

Unit 27 Stats

Regular Members, including ROK Supporters 73

Supporting Ladies 11

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

In Comradeship

Bob Stewart

Membership Chair

HONOURS AND AWARDS LUNCHEON 2016

Thanks to Ray Renaud for organizing our H&A Luncheon for 2016. The Luncheon was held on Friday May 20th at RCL Branch #91 in Langford. There were 37 in attendance



Fred MacDonald presenting the Medal Of Merit to Benny



President John Bishop presenting the 30 year bar to Merv Sneddon

PRESENTATIONS

30 YEAR BAR

Presented by President John Bishop to: Peter (Merv) Sneddon, Robert A. Stewart

MEDAL OF MERIT

Presented by Past President Fred MacDonald to: Kim Myung-Chung (Ben)

15 YEAR BAR

Presented by Past President, Ken Kelbough to: Russel E. Murphy

10 YEAR BAR

Presented by Past President Gary Hall to: Murray C. Edwards

5 YEAR MEDAL

Presented by Past President Ray Renaud to: Jean-Guy Fournier

Not all the recipients were in attendance to receive their Awards. These will be presented to them at a later date

VETERANS COMMEMORATE 63 YEARS

Organized by Fred MacDonald, six veterans of the Korean War met for a luncheon in Langford



L to R Ed Cooper, Russ Murphy, Fred MacDonald, John Jensen, Vic Mumford, Gary Hall

The six veterans of Unit 27 met at Zin Sushi, a Korean owned restaurant in Langford, on the 27th July 2016, to commemorate the 63rd anniversary of the cease-fire. Veterans of the Korean War may have had their efforts go largely unnoticed by Canadians, compared to veterans of other 20th century combats, but that doesn't mean that they haven't felt a tremendous level of appreciation from others. That level of respect extends to Koreans around the world, including in Langford where Zin Sushi owner Helen Park said that she and her staff regularly treat veterans to meals and take photos with them when they are in uniform. "I always appreciate them for their suffering. They devoted their youth and even their life, so we are very respectful of them and very thankful," Park said.

THE FINAL UNIT 27 FUNCTION FOR 2016



Our final KVA function for 2016 is our windup Turkey Bingo which will be held in the lower lounge of the Wardroom, **on Sunday 4th December 2016.**

The bar will be open at 12:30 pm with the first bingo call approximately 1 pm. Cost will be \$10.00 per person with extra cards at 25 cents each. Ted Adye would appreciate a hand in setting up for the Bingo. If you can give Ted a hand, please contact him at 250-598-8345.

CHUCKLE OF THE MONTH

Drive-Thru Confessional

The elderly priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, "It was a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theatre seats. It worked like a charm. The front of the church always fills first now.

The young priest nodded, and the old priest continued, "And you told me adding a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock'n roll gospel choir. Now our services are consistently packed to the balcony."

"Thank you, Father," answered the young priest. "I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth."

"All these ideas have been well and good," said the elderly priest, "but I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional."

"But Father," protested the young priest, "my confessions and the donations have nearly doubled since I began that".

"Yes," replied the elderly priest, "and I appreciate that. But the flashing neon sign, "Toot'n Tell or go to Hell" cannot stay on the church roof.

