

THE ROCKY

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THE NEXT EDITION OF THE ROCKY WILL BE MAY 2017



*The Victoria Korean Community Association
Year End Party 10 Dec 2016*

UPCOMING MEETINGS AT THE WARDROOM

GENERAL MEETING 21ST MARCH
GENERAL MEETING 18TH APRIL
GENERAL MEETING 16TH MAY

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Comrades;

This report will be a bit longer, as you will confirm, when you read it. First of all, Judy and I will depart in our Pleasure Way Van, for a visit to the USA approximately 15 Jan to visit a number of Canadian and American friends. We will return to Canada approximately 20 Feb so I will be able to attend the Unit 27 General Meeting on the 21st of Feb. Thanks to all Members for your support as it appears we are now the second largest KVA Unit in Canada.

On the 29th of Nov at 1130 hrs, Judy and I had lunch with the Consul General, Gunn Kim, and a number of significant dignitaries at his residence in Vancouver. I was most honoured to be presented with the Republic of Korea Order of Civil Merit. During our visit to Vancouver, Judy had a final operation to remove cancer from her head. It was reported to Judy that the operation was completely successful. Enclosed in this ROCKY is a photograph of the presentation ceremony including a Citation signed by The President of the Republic of Korea, Park Geun-hye. The Order of Civil Merit is shown in the photograph, around my upper neck.

I will take this opportunity to list a number of events attended since the last ROCKY:

_ I attended a Memorial Service for Col. Bob Peacock, a KVA Member of Unit 27, at 1500 hrs. on Nov 17th at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Sidney.

– Our annual turkey bingo was held on Dec 4th at 1230 hrs until 1630 hrs at the lower lounge of the Wardroom. It was well attended including many ladies. The organizers, including Ted Adye, Phil Leigh, Vic Mumford, Ray Renaud, Bob Stewart, and Gordon Howard. The prizes were appreciated by the winners.

_The RCN Esquimalt Base held a most impressive lunch at the Nelles Block at 1330 hrs on the 8th of Dec. A most diverse group of serving and retired members attended. The Base Commander of Esquimalt attended and Bob Stewart, of our Unit, was selected to assist with the carving of a turkey. Without question, it was a first class function. Our Fred MacDonald arranged for an impressive group from Unit 27, to attend.

_A considerable number of our KVA Unit attended the VKAC Year End Party at the Sacred Heart Church in Victoria at 1800 hrs. Dec 10th. The Consul General, Gunn Kim, attended from Vancouver. A large number of VKAC Members from Victoria attended included their wives and children.

In closing, I would be remiss not to thank Members of our Unit Executive and Standing Committees, for all their dedicated assistance organizing, supporting and attending activities. My best regards to all and I look forward to the continued support of all during the next year.

Respectfully

John

CONGRATULATIONS JOHN



On the 29th of Nov 2016, Consul General, Gunn Kim, presented John Bishop with the

Republic of Korea Order of Civil Merit

PASSING

Unfortunately as we bid farewell to 2016, we also lost another member of Unit 27. **David Campbell** left us on the 15th Dec 2016. David had been a member of our Unit for 12 years, and will be missed by his family and many friends. David served in HMCS Sioux during the Korean War. There was a Memorial Service for David at the Sequoia Centre at McCall Gardens on Tuesday 3rd Jan 2017. Ten members of Unit 27 were in attendance.

Our condolences go out David's family and friends. He was the 9th member of Unit 27 to pass away in 2016.



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 2017.

The Comrades of KVA Unit 27, along with the Chiefs & PO's Association, gathered to say goodbye to Comrade David Campbell at a Memorial Service on January 3rd, organized by Vic Mumford. The family was very appreciative of the support demonstrated by all who attended the Celebration for David.

Unfortunately we learned of the passing of another Comrade today. Comrade **Bohdan Kostiuk**, who also served in the RCN, (HMCS Sioux), during the Korean War. A celebration of Bohdan's life will be held at **the Chief and Petty Officers Mess, CFB Esquimalt, on February 4th, 2017. This celebration will be held from 1-4 p.m.**

Our thoughts and condolences go to all the friends and families of our two Comrades, in this time of sorrow.

The Unit is pleased to welcome our newest Supporting Member. Miran Kim Michaela.

Thank you for your interest and support in the Unit.

Unit 27 Stats

Regular Members including ROK Marines 70

Supporting Ladies 12

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

In Comradeship

Bob Stewart

Membership Chair

KVA CHRISTMAS BINGO



Ted Adye and his work crew set up another successful bingo for us in December. Those attending had a great time and our congratulations go to all the winners.

Winners (\$25.00 Gift Certificates)

Runner Up Winners (\$5.00)

Game #

1. Ken Hardy
2. Ken Hardy
3. Sherri Kain
4. Sherri Kain
5. Marge MacIntosh
6. Russ Murphy
7. Monique Renaud
8. Judy Moss
9. Eddy Hadel
10. D.M. Hardy
11. Isobel Mumford

Mary Adye, Vic Mumford

Free Certificate Vic Mumford

50/50 Winner – D.M. Hardy

Winner of the Draw

At Half time, during the Bingo, we had a draw for those who had paid their 2017 dues before the end of November 2016.. The names of those members who dues that we received before 30 Nov 2016 were placed in a hat and Marge MacIntosh drew the name for this year. The winner was **Tom Green**. Congratulations Tom, you are now paid up for 2018.