

# THE ROCKY

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***BATTLE OF KAPYONG VETERANS ATTENDING THE  
KAPYONG COMMEMORATION AT RADAR HILL  
ON APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>***

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS AT THE WARDROOM**

GENERAL MEETING 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
GENERAL MEETING 19<sup>TH</sup> SEP  
GENERAL MEETING 17<sup>TH</sup> OCT  
GENERAL MEETING 21<sup>ST</sup> NOV

**NO MEETINGS IN JULY AUG OR DEC**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dear Comrades;

I believe it would be most appropriate to emphasize that I attended, on 4 April, an important meeting at the Commonwealth Rec Centre on Elk Lake Dr. The subject was establishing a Memorial Centre for the Korean War.

Attendees included Susan Brice, Saanich Councillor, Kelli-Ann Armstrong who is Saanich Manager of Recreation, who supports the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee, Kyu-Chang Jo, Director of the Korean Community Association, and Alex Kim, President of the Victoria Korean Community Association. The Honourable Yonah Martin, Conservative Senator from BC, supports building a Community Centre that can also be a Memorial Centre for the Korean War.

I also attended the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kapyong Commemoration at Radar Hill in the Tofino area of the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. The main ceremony was held April 21<sup>st</sup> at 1300 hours at Kwistis Visitors Centre and included a visit to the Memorial at Radar Hill at 1400 hrs. My wife, Judith Moss, and Unit 27 Member, Ted Adye, attended with me. The Honourable Yonah Martin and the Consul General, Gunn Kim, also attended, Crystal Bovic (Parks Canada) and President Art Lefever (KVA Nanaimo) organized this important event.

Stephanie Leivity, Canadian Press Ottawa, wrote an article on April 17<sup>th</sup> 2017, that was published in the Huffington Post. A limited part of this article is included in the following paragraphs:

Sixty- six years ago this month, John Bishop was one of the hundreds of Canadians who fought to keep the South Korean City of Seoul from falling back into North Korean hands. The Battle of Kapyong was a turning point in the Korean War but as tensions escalate anew in the Korean Peninsula, Bishop isn't so sure Canadians could play such a pivotal role in the region again. "I don't think Canada, no matter what we did or could do, would change the situation at all", he said. "US President, Donald Trump, only listens to himself and he keeps changing his mind". But so too has Canada, one former Canadian diplomat suggests. Marius Grinius served as Canada's ambassador to both North and South Korea between 2005 and 2007. He said he would travel back and forth and share the information and observations he gathered in Pyongyang with Canadian diplomats as well as those from other countries

Respectfully

John

# KAPYONG COMMEMORATION AT RADAR HILL 2017



Ted Adye

John Bishop

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT MAY 2017

Hello Comrades

This year Canada is celebrating 150 years as the Country of Canada

50 years ago I was lucky to be stationed in Ottawa when we celebrated our Centennial Year. The Nation's capital was a great place to be that year. I got to visit the Military Tattoo, which was probably the best show of that kind that I have ever had the pleasure to be present at. As well as many of the other events which were truly great, the centennial Train, Parties etc. So far this year it has been pretty subdued but still enjoyable. (Guess we will have to wait another 50 years for the 200 year celebration).

This year is also the centennial of the WW1 Battle at Vimy. KVA Unit 27 have been invited to several events over the past few weeks, to mark this event. Several Comrades have attended ceremonies at Fort Rodd Hill, Bay Street Armory and at the Langford Legion. I was only able to make the ceremony (passing the Torch from Veterans to the Youth, who placed the Candles on named stones etc. at the Langford Memorial Park). There were about 12 Comrades present to parade to the Memorial for the Candle Light Ceremony, along with other Veterans groups, cadets and youth organizations. Thanks to all who showed up to show the KVA presence at all of these events.

To change the subject, there are about a dozen people who have not renewed their membership for 2017. As you are aware, many of the Executive are in ill health or have other problems which makes it harder for them to be chasing after unpaid dues etc. If you want to be a member of KVA, please help by sending in your dues (\$26.00 for Regular Members, \$12.00 for Supporting Members) to our mailing address. Our mailing address is:

Korea Veterans Association of Canada Unit 27  
Box 44182 -2947 Tillicum Rd  
Victoria B.C. V9A 7K1

Or phone the Membership Chair (Bob Stewart 250-477-4270) if you require assistance etc.

Unit 27 Stats Regular Members (including ROK Supporters 70) Supporting Ladies 11

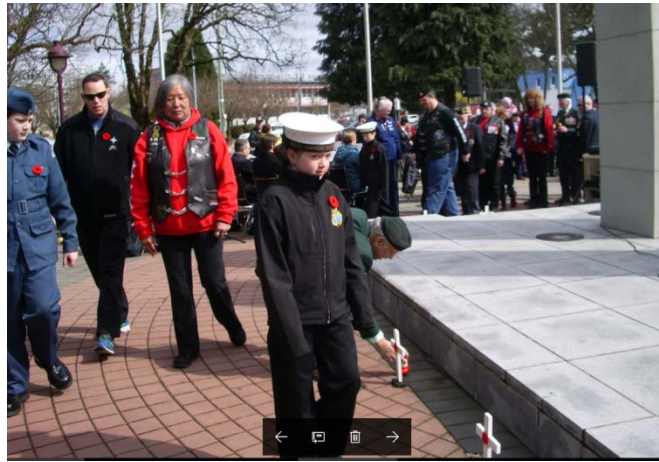
Congratulations to anyone celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary or any significant event this month

In Comradship

Bob Stewart

# 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF VIMY

Photos of the Candlelight Tribute held at Veterans Memorial Park on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### VE DAY/BATTLE OF ATLANTIC

The RCL Br #54, in Sooke, have invited us to attend the VE Day/Battle of the Atlantic to be held on **Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> 2017**. It would be easiest to arrive early to get a parking spot near the Legion. Form up will be at **1015 hrs.** at the Evergreen Plaza. It is a short march to the Legion where there will be a short service followed by a Luncheon in the Legion. A breakfast will be available from 0830 – 1000 hrs in the Legion for a nominal fee of \$7.00. Dress is KVA with large medals.

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### HONOUR AND AWARDS LUNCHEON

Our annual Honour and Awards Luncheon will be held at RCL #91 (Prince Edward Branch) in Langford on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017**. Tickets will be \$30.00 per person and may be obtained by calling Ray Renaud at 250-656-3654. Mark the details on your calendar

Place: RCL Br 91 (Langford)      Cost: \$30.00 per person

Date: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May      Dress: KVA with large or miniature medals

Time: Cocktails 11:00 am      Luncheon 12:00 noon

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### VICTORIA DAY PARADE

We will have a marching contingent for this years Victoria Day Parade. The colour party this year will be Ray Renaud and Ed Cooper. There will be vehicles available for those who cannot march the entire route. Victoria Day Parade this year will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017. The Form Up is normally on the corner of Finlayson and Douglas (adjacent to Denny's), starting at 0830 hrs. Any changes or further details in times, our Phone Committee will notify the members.

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### ANNUAL KVA PICNIC

Just got a call from Marg MacIntosh to say that she has arranged a date for our annual picnic. This year the picnic will be at the Horseshoe Club **on Saturday 22 July 2017**. This is always a fun day with Comrades and friends, playing Bocci Ball or Horseshoes. If you can bring a dessert or salad, please give Marg or Ted Adye a call

## CANADA DAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY

This year, Canada Day (July 1<sup>st</sup>) falls on a Saturday. As usual, we attend the parade in Sidney. We normally form up at James White Blvd and Resthaven.at 0945 hrs. Dress for this parade is **Summer Dress**, white short sleeve shirts and ribbons. This is not a very long parade, and most of us should be able to march. After the parade, we will meet up at the ANAF for refreshments.

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27 JULY 2017



27 July 2016 Zin Sushi Restaurant 766 Goldstream in Langford

Once again, Fred MacDonald has arranged for the members to meet at the Zin Sushi Restaurant to commemorate the 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the cease-fire. Fred would like to meet at Zin Sushi at 12:30. Dress: Summer Dress.