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1ST JULY 2017

CANADA DAY PARADE - SIDNEY BC

UPCOMING MEETINGS AT THE WARDROOM

GENERAL MEETING 19TH SEPT
GENERAL MEETING 17TH OCT
GENERAL MEETING 21ST NOV

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Comrades,

This report will be quite long as we do not publish as often. We held a well attended Unit 27 Meeting on 16 May and 20 June. Unfortunately, we lost one of our members, Jean-Noel Bond, who passed away on the 13th July. A Fall Memorial will be held for John (RCN).

The Victoria Day Parade was successful on Monday 22nd May. A few friends attended from the U.S.A. A reasonable number from our Unit rode in vehicles and a small number were able to march. The thousands of spectators were most receptive with hand clapping and impressive cheering to show their recognition for Korea War Veterans.

The Canada Parade on July 1st, held in Sidney was also successful. A few Members marched and a larger number rode in vehicles. The spectators sincerely recognized the Korea War Veterans. At the conclusion of the parade, most of our attending Members went to the ANAF where refreshments were provided.

The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, invited Korea War Veterans to attend a Tea at Government House on the 14th July. The Honourable Yonah Martin, Deputy Leader of the Federal Senate and Gunn Kim, Consul General of the Republic of Korea also attended. This function was a great honour for Korea War Veterans to attend. We were recognized for our major contribution which commenced 67 years ago in 1950. Consul General Gunn Kim also hosted an impressive lunch in the afternoon of July 14th. It was held in Victoria at a Sushi Restaurant with significant support from the Honourable Yonah Martin. Your President was surprised to be asked to make a speech thanking our hosts for the outstanding lunch. Approximately fifteen Unit 27 Members were able to attend, along with others from the Vancouver area, Korean Community and President Art Lefever and his wife Marlene and the Beamans from Nanaimo. This event will be remembered for many years. Thank you.

Judy Moss, my wife, attends almost all of the functions that I attend, including my membership on the Executive of four veterans organizations. Judy is President of Rockhounds of Vancouver Island and the Cowichan Valley, so I was absent with her when we attended her commitment in Port McNeil from July 17th to July 24th. So we were sorry to miss the KVA Picnic.

KVA Unit 27 held their Annual Picnic at the Victoria Horseshoe Club on the 22nd July. Each year Marge MacIntosh and Ted Adye organize this well attended event including a significant meal and games. We thank them for taking on this task every year. As you

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know from the previous paragraph, I was not able to attend this important event without expecting a reaction from my Wife.

A ceremony was held on July 27th in Langford, at the Zin Suchi Restaurant, which commemorated the Anniversary of the Cease-Fire in Korea 64years ago.

This paragraph includes an event on behalf of the Korean War Commemorative Alliance. It is the 4th annual Korean War Veterans Day Ceremony marking the 64th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice on Thursday July 27th, held in Burnaby at the Korean War Memorial. It included a Wreath laying Ceremony and a light lunch. The host was Senator Yonay Martin, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate. Yours truly was honoured to attend this important Ceremony.

In closing, as President of Unit 27 for a number of years, I would like to make a proposal. I am sure many Members have had enough of me. May I suggest that this Fall we consider having an election for a new President. I'm sure there is someone that is willing to step forward to fill this important position of President of Unit 27.

Respectfully

John

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Comrades

Finally, here we are, enjoying those Hazy Lazy Crazy days of summer. But for Unit 27, these days seem to be anything but lazy. In reality the unit has entered a very busy time of social events. All very enjoyable, but busy. For example, we just completed our annual KVA Picnic at the Horseshoe Club. Thank you to all who organized and contributed to make this event so successful. Also, many members attended the get together with the Consul General in Vancouver and the Lt. Governor here in Victoria. The reports I have heard, were that both these events were great occasions and enjoyed by all. Today 27 July, was the annual lunch held at the Zin Sushi & Noodle Restaurant in Langford, which was organized by Fred MacDonald. Fred is organizing this event every July 27th to mark the anniversary of the cease-fire at the end of the Korean War. I counted 12 comrades present and the Korean cuisine was enjoyable. On the horizon is the Korean Community Picnic, which will be held at the Gorge Park on Saturday 12 August, starting at 11:am. Hope to see you all there.

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I have the sad duty to report the passing of a popular and well known Comrade and friend. John Noel Bond who served for many years on the Executive looking after Kit Stores. He will be remembered from his days as a player on the "Laden RCN Hockey Team". Our thoughts and condolences go out to his family.

WE WILL REMEMBER HIM

In comradeship, Bob Stewart

Membership Chair

CANADA DAY PARADE



The Canada Day Parade was held in Sidney again this year. We had about 8 members attend the 150th anniversary of Canada with 3 vehicles to accommodate those who could not march the complete route. This was one of the largest crowds to witness the parade and the veterans were well received by all. Thanks to those who could make the parade.

INVITATION TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE



18 KVA Members (wives) attended the invitation by The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, to attend a Tea in honour of Korean War Veterans which was held on Friday July 14th at Government House in Victoria. The Tea was followed by a luncheon arranged by Senator Yonah Martin.



KVA PICNIC 22 JULY 2017

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Our thanks to Marge MacIntosh and Ted Adye for setting up this years annual KVA picnic which was a great success this year. We had 41 in attendance this year, and all enjoyed themselves very much. Thanks also to those who brought salads and desserts which went along with the very delicious lunch provided by the staff at the Horseshoe Club.



Marge presenting the Horseshoe Trophy
to Bob Stewart and Joanne Leigh



Runner Up in Horseshoes
Edie Clark and Phil Leigh

64th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CEASE FIRE

27 JULY 2017



On the 27th July, twelve members of Unit 27 KVA attended a luncheon at the Zin Sushi & Noodle Restaurant in Langford. This get-together was in remembrance of the cease-fire 64 years ago today. We all enjoyed the delicious lunch and the company of our comrades.

Next year, Fred MacDonald expects a much larger crowd for the 65th anniversary, lets not disappoint him.

Korea Community Picnic

The next event for this summer is the Victoria Korean Community Picnic which will be held at Gorge Park on 12 Aug 2017. This will be started at 11:00 a.m. and the KVA Unit 27 and wives are invited to join in for the festivities .

General Meeting

Our next General Meeting will be Tuesday 19th Sept. 2017. Hope to see you all there.