

THE ROCKY

NEWSLETTER FOR KVA UNIT 27

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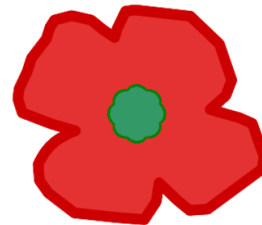
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If you know of anyone who is ill at home or in the hospital, please let our Sick & Visiting members know - Bill Gabel - 250-655-0904

THE NEXT EDITION OF THE ROCKY
WILL BE FEB 2016



Lest We Forget.

11th NOVEMBER 2015

**UPCOMING MEETINGS 1330 HRS
IN THE WARDROOM**

Executive Meeting	3 Nov 2015
General Meeting	17 Nov 2015
Executive Meeting	05 Jan 2016
General Meeting	19 Jan 2016

NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

UPCOMING EVENTS

TURKEY BINGO Sunday 6th Dec 2015

Details included in this Rocky

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Comrades

Our most important item that should be discussed regularly is the inevitable reduction of our total membership and supporting ladies due to death and medical problems. As we get older, loss of membership will only get more severe. At each Executive and General Meeting we must review the latest situation and openly determine the situation and immediately determine the solution to the shortfall.

I respectfully request that all Members who are past Unit 27 Committee Members or have not previously served on a Standing Committee Chairman, please advise The President that you are willing to serve to prevent the decline and fall of Unit 27. I can assure you that many KVA Units across Canada have disappeared or are not functioning too effectively.

As time passes, we must be aware that some activities must be scaled down, or even cancelled due to this reality. Some Members are already doing too many duties. We need volunteers to share some of these duties!

During the past few weeks we have lost a number of Members. Your President has attended four funerals with a number of our Membership. In addition, a number of our Membership have not been able to continue serving for valid health reasons. We will all miss the six who passed away

Ernest Brimblecombe	RCASC	12 July 2015
Anna Semenowich	Supporting Lady	01 August 2015
Doug Maclean	PPCLI	21 August 2015
Keith "Duke" Sherritt	RCHA	08 September 2015
Roy Edward Taylor	RCN	14 September 2015
Bonita (Bonnie) Howard	(Wife of Gordon Howard)	26 September 2015

In closing, we have discussed, on a number of occasions, the significance of wives, children and grand children participating in KVA activities, both at International and National level. It will be of interest to our Members to know that the Republic of Korea has placed, on a future agenda in Korea, the following

ROK Meeting: Number One

1. (Common theme) How to strengthen cooperative ties among UN allied nations and to help maintain the ties for the next generation.

Respectfully

John

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

On a person's tombstone the following information is usually posted, the Date of Birth and the Date of Death. These significant events are usually separated by a DASH.

To all the family and friends, this dash is what and how each one of us remember that person. The times (good and bad) and things shared. Often each of us have different memories of the same event.

Comrades, it seems like some time has passed since I sat down to pen an article for the ROCKY. I don't know if this is true or not, as there has been so many events taking place over the last few months. It seems like we are attending Memorial services every week. Recently we have said farewell to the following Comrades, Supporting Ladies, Wives. **Comrade Ernest Brimblecombe** in Victoria, Supporting Lady, **Anna Semenowich** in Victoria, **Doug MacLean** PPCLI, in Sooke, **Keith Sherritt** RCHA, in Victoria, Comrade **Roy Taylor** RCN, in Victoria and **Bonnie Howard** (wife of Gordon Howard), in Victoria.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families.

And to our Comrades and friends - Thanks for the memories

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Unit 27 Stats

Regular Members (including ROK Supporters) = 79

Supporting Ladies 11 **For a total of 90**

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

In Comradeship

Bob Stewart

Membership Chair

2016 DUES

2016 Dues are coming up quickly, so get your cheques ready. Those who pay their dues before the end of November will have their name in the hat for a prize. The name will be drawn at our Turkey Bingo which will be held on the 6th Dec 2015.

Dues are the same as last year. Regular Members \$26.00 Supporting Members \$12.00

ROYAL ROADS HONOURS ALUMNI

CONGRATULATIONS TO HERB PITTS



Royal Roads University was honoured to celebrate the achievements of Alumni Leadership Award recipient, Retired Major General Herb Pitts, recently. The following was written in the Times Colonist recently.

Royal Roads University's 2015 Alumni Awards will go to a man who had a distinguished military career. Retired Major General Herb Pitts will received the Royal Roads Alumni Leadership Award in recognition of his outstanding military leadership and his volunteer activities with such groups as Scouts Canada and the Royal Canadian Legion.

Pitts started his career at Royal Roads in 1948 when it was a military college, serving during the Korean War and the Suez Crisis.

The award was presented on Sept 10th in a private event at the university's Hatley Castle.

Our congratulations to you Herb, on this well deserved award.

From your Comrades in Unit 27 KVA

EVENTS DURING THE SUMMER OF 2015

The Victoria Korean Community Picnic 15th Aug 2015



We were invited to attend the Victoria Korean Community Picnic, on the 15th Aug 2015. Several Unit 27 members and wives attended a lovely day at Gorge Park with our friends of the Korean Community. We shared some very delicious food and were entertained by a talented group of young people. A special day which was enjoyed by our members. A big thank you to the Victoria Korean Community.

The KVA Annual Picnic on the 16th Aug 2015



A big THANK YOU to Marge MacIntosh and Ted Adye for setting this up for us. Also thank you to all who brought desserts, salads etc. It was very much appreciated by the members who attended. Ted reported that there were 25 people in attendance.



Ray Renaud presenting the trophy to the
BOCHI BALL WINNERS
Judy Moss and John Bishop

Marge MacIntosh presenting the trophy to the
HORSESHOE PITCHING WINNERS
Phil Leigh and Gordie Hie

11th NOV 2015



Lest We Forget.

Try to attend one of the ceremonies on the 11th. We know that it a little more difficult for some of us to attend these events now, but if you can, please attend. Dress - KVA with large medals. Our Sgt-at-Arms, Vic Mumford, will be laying the wreath for us at the main cenotaph at the Legislature, and Ken Kelbough will be laying a wreath in Langford.

The Langford Legion RCL #91 are looking for volunteers to speak to the students in their classrooms. If you would like to help out as a volunteer speaker, please give the Legion a call at 250-478-1828. They would appreciate it very much.

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

The Military Family Resource Centre has a program to help support the military families in our community through the purchase of a Commemorative Brick at the "Homecoming Statue". This is the statue which celebrates the father returning to greet his child.. The cost of these bricks are \$200.00 for a regular brick which has 3 lines - 19 characters per line or a large brick \$350.00 - 4 lines - 19 characters per line. If interested phone 250-478-9478

AND FINALLY OUR LAST FUNCTION OF THE YEAR



OUR ANNUAL TURKEY BINGO

Mark on your calendars now, the final function for Unit 27 will be on **Sunday 6th Dec 2015**. The bar will be open at 12:30 pm with the calling shortly after that. As usual, the bingo will take place in the lower lounge. Cost is \$10.00 per person with extra cards 25 cents each.

Ted would appreciate any help in setting up before so please give him a call at 250-598-8345. Thanks to all who can give a hand.

A very Merry Christmas and all the very best to you and yours for 2016.

