



## *Clarion February 2025 Clarion*

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# Finance Report



Happy New Year everyone.

December has closed with the bar averaging \$1,235.36 daily. Our general account at \$121,009.35. And G.I.Cs are \$108,785.87.

It has been a wonderful year working with an excellent executive group.

I also want to thank our new office lady Wendy, and Chantel for keeping things running smoothly.

Mr. Jim Davison for keeping us on the right path.

Good luck to the incoming executive. I hope you enjoy your time on this executive as much as I have.

In Comradeship,  
Sally Nalleweg  
Finance

## Donations



On the 30th of November 2024 Your Unit 302 gave more than \$81,000 to 18 local charities all from the proceeds of meat draws three times a week on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, Sunday Bingos and special fundraising events throughout the year. Please bear in mind that these particular events are licensed through BC Lotteries and proceeds must go to charities. Thank you all for your support.

Don Fisher Editor



# Special Events Report



Hello Comrades,  
Let me begin by wishing you all a healthy and happy New Year.

Our Dec. Bake sale brought in \$416.00. Thank you to all who donated.

Breakfast with Santa went very well. It was so nice to see the happy faces on the kids and parents. I hope to continue this tradition, if elected again this year.

Our Christmas ham and turkey meat draws were exceptional. We broke records this year, so let's keep up the good work.

New Years eve was a huge success with all the tickets being sold. Everyone was having a great time and all went well.

New Years Day was not as good as last year, but all that attended were happy. Special thanks Dave Gibbons for his help with the pig this year and taking a load off my plate.

Also, a special thanks to all the volunteers who came to help with these events. I could not do it without you, so just know you are all greatly appreciated. Great job done by all involved.

Debbie Moore  
Special Events Chair



Preparation of the pig



Piping in the pig



# Publicity Report



Here we are at the start of a new year and let's all work together to make it a great one.

Elections for your 2025 Executive are on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and if this Club matters to you I encourage people to take an active part in deciding what goes on at this Unit and who is run-

ning the show.

Losing our President, Don Love, was a terribly sad time for all of us, and our hearts go out to Tess and

family. Don impressed me with his fair-mindedness and willingness to listen. He would hear all sides and did not show any signs of bias. He stressed the importance of **teamwork** and **sharing information**. He set an excellent example to the rest of us, always wanting what was best for the Club, and is sorely missed by all.

Holly McKay  
Publicity.

## Alzheimer's Poem

Do not ask me to remember  
Do not try to make me understand.  
Let me rest and know you're with me.  
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.

I'm confused beyond your concept  
I am sad and sick and lost.  
All I know is that I need you  
to be with me at all cost.

Do not lose your patience with me.  
Do not scold or curse my cry.  
I can't help the way I'm acting,  
Can't be different though I try.

Just remember that I need you,  
That the best of me is gone.  
Please don't fail to stand beside me,  
Love me till my life is done.

# Membership Report



Wow! What a year 2024. The year was highlighted by the Unit's 75th anniversary with a full four page recognition in the Peninsula News Review (PNR). In September, Don (that's me) attended the 55th Biennial Dominion Convention in Sherbrook Quebec with others and (he) received the King Charles III Coronation Medal. Much surprised as this had to be written from Dominion Command.

In December, ANAF Sidney Unit 302 gave more that \$81,000 to local charities on behalf of Unit meat draws three times a week, bingo Sundays and special fundraising occasions. More recognition in the PNR. Why do we do this? It is all part of the objects of ANAVETS to provide for our Veterans and foster good relations with the Community. It also got us a break in our town taxes. Thank you Sidney town council.

Our Publicity Chair Holly McKay worked with

the local movie theatre to create a 15 second ad to be shown at all movies. The rest of the Executive has been hard at work serving the members as Special Events, Meat Draw Chair, Sports, House and Grounds, Finance, Secretary & Bylaws, Canteen and Entertainment. As this February 2nd is election day for a new Executive, I want to thank those that are putting their names back on the board for another term and thanks to those that are moving on. It's been a delight..

On a sad note, we lost our President, Don Love. RIP my friend.

Overall, the membership year ended with a total of 1038 members. That is the highest number of members since the mid 1990s. Congratulations to all those that renewed their members and a big hearty 302 welcome to the new members.

To date for 2025 we are excelling at 635 members. Well Done everyone.

Don Fisher—Membership Chair

## Awards

Membership chair Don Fisher receives his 60 year Associate pin along with Ron Bradford receiving his 25 year pin at the November 17th general meeting. Don is now the longest serving member of ANAF Sidney Unit 302.

ANAVET's pins are awarded at a general meeting to those members in good standing starting at five years and in increments of five years thereafter.



## Initiations



Don Fisher Membership Chair presented Sara Gregg, Faith Gregg and Judith Sargent with their Association pins as they are initiated at the General Meeting November 17th, 2024.

Once initiated at ANAVETS Sidney Unit 302 at the general meeting, members receive their Association pin and, have a voice and a vote at general and special meetings.