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President's Report



Comrades all.

Thank you to our amazing executive for all the work done by all of you to make this year so successful.

Our members and executive were the reason we were able to raise \$90,000 for charities.

I wish the new executive good

luck with all the projects we will be working together on.

Johanna Emerick

President

Finance Report



Comrades,

I would like to start by wishing everyone a happy and prosperous 2026. It has been an amazing 2025 for this Unit. AS of December 31st, our daily bar sales are \$1,305.88.

General Account was \$178,928.97, up \$44,752.54 from 2024. Gaming was \$31,488.23, up \$5,516.45 from 2024. The G.I.C's are \$111,890.31.

We had a great executive this past year. Many thanks to Wendy, Chantel, and Jim for office help. February is elections of the executive for the coming year. Welcome to the new executive.

In comradeship,
Sally Nalleweg
Finance Chair

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." - Nelson Mandela

"Live your life. Be happy as you can be, let go of the things that don't matter, and fight."— Kiera Cass

"How to win in life: 1. Work hard. 2. Complain less. 3. Listen more. 4. Try, learn, grow. 5. Don't let people tell you it can't be done. 6. Make no excuses." This quote emphasizes the importance of perseverance, positive attitude, and continuous self-improvement.

It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things.

Jim Rohn Quotes Success is neither magical nor mysterious. Success is the natural consequence of consistently applying the basic fundamentals

The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves, that we are underlings. William Shakespeare

"You are unique. You have different talents and abilities. You don't have to always follow in the footsteps of others. And most importantly, you should always remind yourself that you don't have to do what everyone else is doing and have a responsibility to develop the talents you have been given."

Membership Report



Comrades All

It has been a great year as your Membership Chair. We finished 2025 with 1159 members last September and, so far, for 2026, we have 857 renewal and new members, far surpassing last years 654 total at the end of January. Well done everyone.

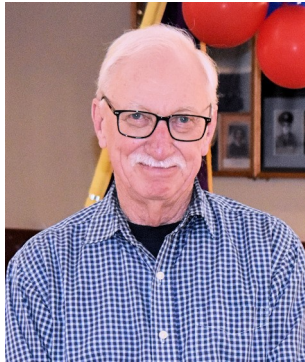
The Early Bird program was also a success with Merv Smith winning the \$50.00 gift certificate

for October, Don Cameron winning the \$50.00 gift certificate for November and Jason Thorne winning the free membership for 2026 in the December draw. Congratulations everyone for your dedicated support.

Looking forward to a most prosperous 2026 and wishing all a healthy, rewarding and fulfilling new year ahead.

Don Fisher
Membership Chair

Awards



Life Member Pat Baxter receives his 30 year ANAVETS Association pin at the General Meeting in November 2025.

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

The test of success is not what you do when you are on top. Success is how high you bounce when you hit the bottom. Gen. George S. Patton

“We only know a tiny proportion about the complexity of the natural world. Wherever you look, there are still things we don’t know about and don’t understand. There are always new things to find out if you go looking for them.”— David Attenborough

I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed. Booker T. Washington

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle," is attributed to Albert Einstein

.“Some of the most beautiful things we have in life comes from our mistakes.” - Surgeo Bell

“Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.” - Thomas A.

“Great goals make great people. People cannot hit what they do not aim for.” - Roy T. Bennett

“There is no tomorrow and there was no yesterday; if you truly want to accomplish your goals you must engulf yourself in today.” - Noel DeJesus

Legends

According to an old Native American legend, one day there was a big fire in the forest. All the animals fled in terror in all directions because it was a very violent fire.

Suddenly, the jaguar saw a hummingbird pass over his head, but in the opposite direction. The hummingbird flew towards the fire!
Whatever happened, he wouldn't stop.

Moments later, the jaguar saw him pass again, this time in the same direction as the jaguar was walking.

He could observe this coming and going, until he decided to ask the bird about it, because it seemed very bizarre behavior.

"What are you doing, hummingbird?" he asked.

"I am going to the lake," he answered.

"I drink water with my beak and throw it on the fire to extinguish it."

The jaguar laughed.

"Are you crazy?"

Do you really think that you can put out that big fire on your own with your very small beak?"

"No," said the hummingbird, "I know I can't.

But the forest is my home.

It feeds me, it shelters me and my family.

I am very grateful for that.

And I help the forest grow by pollinating its flowers.

I am part of her and the forest is part of me.

I know I can't put out the fire, but I must do my part."

At that moment, the forest spirits, who listened to the hummingbird, were moved by the bird and its devotion to the forest & they miraculously sent a torrential downpour which put an end to the great fire.

The Native American grandmothers would occasionally tell this story to their grandchildren & conclude with, "If you want to attract miracles into your life, do your part."

"You have no responsibility to save the world or find the solutions to all problems—but to attend to your particular personal corner of the universe.

As each person does that, the world saves itself."

A.A.A.D.D. - KNOW THE SYMPTOMS! Age-Activated Attention Deficit Disorder.

This is how it manifests:

I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing.

As I start toward the garage, I notice mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mail box earlier.

I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car. I lay my car keys on the table, Put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first...

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox When I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first. I take my check book off the table, and see that there is only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Diet Coke I'd been drinking.

I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Diet Coke aside So that I don't accidentally knock it over. The Diet Coke is getting warm, And I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the Diet Coke, A vase of flowers on the counter Catches my eye--they need water. I put the Diet Coke on the counter and Discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table. I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote, But I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, So I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs.

But first I'll water the flowers. I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.

Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day: The car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm can of Diet Coke sitting on the counter, the flowers don't have enough water, there is still only 1 check in my check book, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, And I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day, And I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem, And I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail...

Don't laugh -- if this isn't you yet, your day is coming!