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Seated L to R: Johanna Emerick 1st Vice - Entertainment, Don Love - President, Ed Cernius 2nd Vice - Sports

Standing: Don Fisher - Membership, Dale McPherson - Secretary/ByLaws, Dave Gibbons - Canteen, Sally Nalleweg - Finance, Holly McKay - Publicity, Debbie Moore - Special Events, Ray Moore - Meat Draw

In the back: BC Command President and Installation Officer - Ed Emerick

President's Message



Comrades

This is my first month of being the President of Unit 302 Sidney. I am learning this job as I go along. Something new crops up every day.

A few of the executives are new to their positions and are learning as they go along. Also, I would like to thank the veteran executive for their help and support.

We now have in excess of 770 members which is great. We definitely need more volunteers. New faces would be greatly appreciated.

In February we hosted a luncheon for the 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron marking the squadrons 80 anniversary and 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force. Approximately 150 personnel turned up and all had a good time.

Don Love
Unit President 302

Valentine's Day



Valentine's Day meat draw saw some of the Executive traditionally dressed in bow tie and white shirt. L to R: Dave Gibbons, Don Love and Don Hinse as ticket sellers and who can forget Al Cooper ® who does the calling of the numbers. A fun night and congrats to all the winners of meats.

Ed.



Membership Report

Thank you all who voted for me on your 2024 Executive. I've been given the Membership Chair which is a easy transition for me as I've been doing it for more than 20 years. It comes with a price however, as I've had to retire from the Board Of Trustees as well as retire from the Sgt-At-Arms. I'll be there for each of my replacements to make sure it is an easy transition for them.

To the membership. The numbers are exceptional as we, as an ANAVETS Unit continue to grow. I can remember back in the '90s where the numbers reached over 1300 members however circumstances beyond our control contributed to falling numbers, but that's another story spurred by the CRD smoking rules.

Your Sidney Unit 302 finished the 2023 year at a whopping 885 members. So far this year 2024, we are sitting at 783 as of this writing. Thank you to all who have renewed their membership and a hearty welcome to the new members. Maybe this year we can reach that magic four digit number. To help with that goal, I'm working with the Entertainment and Meat Draw chairs to

bring a Special Saturday members only meat draw in April or May. That means you have to show your membership card at the door. Memberships will also be taken at the door. This is one of the reasons to become or be a member of the oldest Veteran's Organization in Canada. Special privileges, awards, pricing, use of the facilities, controlled access and the camaraderie of belonging.

Volunteers are always appreciated, so for the membership, if you have computer input skills, I can always use some help.

I look forward to serving you in my membership capacity and, if you have any issues or suggestions simply leave me a note at the bar.

Don Fisher
Membership Chair

P.S. Thank you for bearing with me as door cards need to be re-assigned due to a hard drive failure. It will take some time to catch up on everybody so, if your card is not working, leave it at the bar. The bar staff have a pen to write your name on the card. I'm there almost daily so check with the bar staff often.

Meat Draw

I would like to express my thanks to all who voted for me again to be on the Executive Committee. President Love has given me the Meat Draw chair for another year.

It has been a very excellent start to 2024 with our meat draws. January was what we expected it to be for sales/profit. But being as we just had Christmas & New Years, profit was exceptional. We ended up with a profit of \$4209.52 for the month.

Special thanks to all our volunteers, Feb. sign up sheet was full by Feb 4th. for Meat Draw & 50/50 sales.

March brings St. Patrick's Day regular meat draws on Friday & Saturday & a Special St. Patrick's Day Meat Draw on Sunday March 17th from 3pm to 5 pm.

The following week will be Hams & Turkeys both meat draw days.

Thank you to all the volunteers who make this happen.

Yours in service
Ray Moore
Meat Draw Chairman

Special Events

My first event will be St. Patrick's Day dinner. On Sunday March 17th from 4pm to 6 pm. Corned Beef & Cabbage or Beef Stew. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Debbie Moore
Special Events Chairperson

Finance Report



Comrades,

This year has started off fairly well. Bar is doing great with more activities and new members.

As of February 29th. 2024, our general account is \$122,629.59. Gaming is \$32,066.74 and our G.I.C.'s are at \$103,465.58

Sally Nalleweg
Finance Chair.

Entertainment Report



Good morning, Comrades,

Well, a new year has begun with a new executive. My chair this year is entertainment, I am looking forward to bringing in some new bands and special entertainment for your enjoyment

If there is something special you would like to have as entertainment please come and see me or send an email and I will try to accommodate your request.

Thank you
Johanna Emerick
Entertainment Chair

At the February 2024 Meeting

Initiations



Johanna Emerick (l) presents in no specific order Christine Wight, Chris Robinson, Gary Hamilton, James McNutt, Elaine Gallagher, Terry Patten, Patricia Smart, Gordon Smart, Carol Swannell, Robert Eldred, Denise Coward, Diane St. Hilair, Wyatt Buffington, Susan Peel, Leah Verishine, Bob Kemshaw and Stuart MacKinnon with their Association pins as they are initiated at the General Meeting February 4th, 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.

Life Membership



President Elect Don Love presents Life memberships to Johanna Emerick and Sally Nalleweg.

In consideration of outstanding service, a unit may recommend for Life Membership, an active member or affiliate member who has been in good standing in the Association for a period of not less than fifteen (15) consecutive years from the date of initiation.

Dominion Bylaw 2.11

Member of the Year

Comrade Debbie Moore is presented her Member of the Year scroll and trophy for her outstanding contributions of volunteer time and energy to the Unit over the past year 2023.

The Member of the Year is chosen by his/her peers and validated by the selection committee to have done the most outstanding work for the unit in the previous year. The award is presented at the following February meeting.

