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President's Report



Well, another year is almost done. We have been very successful

We have given \$90,000 to charities in Sidney this year, thanks to all the hard work the executive has done and our members. This would not have been possible without all of you.

So a big thank you to our members for your generosity.

We have many new bands for your enjoyment and Bingo Sundays have been very well attended.

Thanks to Debbie and her crew for the lunches.

Unfortunately, we have had some repairs to do as well. The floor should be done early next year. It will be expensive but we have the money. I am asking for your patience while the work is being done.

Thank you all

President

Johanna Emerick

Finance Report



Comrades

Bar sales are steady with the daily sales for October being \$1,326.17. As of October 31st, our bank balance was \$124,595.82. Gaming account was \$113,699.11 and the G.I.C.'s are \$111,890.31

As this is the last Clarion for 2025, I would like to thank the 2025 executive, it was great working with

you. Our awesome staff and Wendy and Chantel, the best office helpers going. I wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season The very best for 2026.

Respectfully,
Sally Nalleweg
Finance



Finance Chair Sally Nalleweg and Unit President Johanna Emerick present a \$1500 Bursary check at the September 21st 2025 General Meeting to Jamica Delicano to further her medical career.

Meat Draw Report



Good day Comrades.

Our meat draws are going very well.

We have noticed a great up tick in sales, since the start of the fall season.

I am very proud to be a part of our donation from the meat draws, towards the \$90,000.00 to our charities this year, with a total of \$250,000.00 over the past 3

years. Once again, a great shout out to all the volunteers who have made this happen.

Our unit is great because of all the people who work together to make it all happen.

Yours in Service.

Ray Moore

Meat Draw Executive

Special Events Report



We had a great few months. Halloween was a great success, with so many great costumes, and the dance floor was packed all night.

Remembrance Day was a huge success as well. We served 201 people food in just over an hour. Many great comments were heard and everyone was happy. Thanks so much for those who donated that day, as it really helps the club offset the costs for these free events.

I want to take the time to thank all our volunteers who help with these events, we could not do it without you.

Our Sunday food bank donations will be handed out this Saturday, after all the other donations. Thanks so much to all that support this, it is very much needed. Myself and Terry will be giving them another \$6,175.50 this year. on top of the clubs donation. For all those people who have donated meat that they won, to this cause, thank you so much, as it helps us donate more to the food bank. You are so appreciated.

Respectfully,

Debbie Moore,

Special Events Chair

The saying "One of the great disadvantages of hurry is that it takes such a long time" is a quote attributed to G.K. Chesterton, a British author and philosopher. It highlights a paradoxical situation where the desire to be quick or rushed actually slows things down because the effort to rush often consumes more time than if one took a more relaxed approach.

"The beginning of wisdom, as they say. When you're seventeen you know everything. When you're twenty-seven if you still know everything you're still seventeen." - Ray Bradbury

Sidney Unit 302 Donations 2025



Group photo of 20 recipients of more than \$90,000 worth of donations by Sidney ANAF Unit 302 on behalf of its members who participated in BCLC licenced lotteries viz-a-viz meat draws three times a week, Bingo most Sundays, Thursday poker and other fundraising events throughout the past year. Recipients included Alzheimer's Society of BC, Angel Flight, Air Cadets 676 Sidney Squadron, Broadmead Care, BC Cancer Foundation, Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island, Civil Air Search & Rescue, Citadel Therapy Canine Society, Mount Newton Centre, North Saanich Middle School P.A.C. President, Orrca Dental Clinic Society, Parklands Secondary School P.A.C. President, Saanich Peninsula Hospital Foundation, Saanich Peninsula Pipe Band, Sidney Elementary School P.A.C. President, Sidney Guides & Scouts, Sidney Peninsula Lions Food Bank, SPCA Victoria, The Navy League of Canada Sidney Unit and Wounded Warriors.

Addressing the recipients, from BC Command, President Nicolas Newell flanked l to r by Ray Moore (2nd VP/ Meat Draw Chair), Sally Nalleweg (Finance), Johanna Emerick (President Unit 302) and two members from ANAF Ucluelet including President Bronwyn Kellcher. In attendance



were Sidney Councillors, Steve Duck, Scott Garnett, Terri O'Keefe and Sara Duncan along with members of Sidney Unit 302. Don Fisher

House and Grounds



Good morning, Comrades

Over the past month or so the men's washroom got painted out, thanks to Ray Moore.

Had a good turnout for the fall clean up, it was miserable out, but I'd like the 17 people that showed up. I won't mention all the names but you know who you

are. Thank you all.

Next will be the cleaning of the carpet.

I would like to wish everyone a merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year.

Don Hinse
House & Grounds

Sports

Pool Tournament October 18th



Winners:

Another great pool tournament. Bob Peters 2nd,
Peter Wood 1st and Ron Phillips 3rd

Gaye Phillips

Pool Tournament November 15th



Winners: Brad Samond 3rd, Cas Barcellona 1st
and Peter Wood 2nd.

Gaye Phillips

Membership Report



I am pleased to announce that we finished year 2025 with an outstanding 1159 members. The highest number in more than 25 years. Thanks to you all.

The Early Bird membership for 2026 is going well however, we are still waiting for the new 2026 membership cards to come

from Command. I was hoping to get them before the end of October but we must wait for Command. Thank you all for renewing your membership and a big 302 welcome to our new members.

Have a Merry Christmas and an exceptionally happy New Year. Cheers!

Don Fisher
Membership

Initiations



Don Fisher Membership Chair presented Brenna Litwack, Dani Alldrick, Dani Alldrick, Shirley Onn and William Onn with their Association pins as they are initiated at the General Meeting September 21st, 2025.

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.

Halloween 2025



1st Place
Single

Bridget
Kulbaba

1st Place
Couple

Russell
and Cindy
Tripp

Halloween pictures submitted
Sally Nalleweg



When Veterans Retire

When a good Veteran leaves the 'job' and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased and yet others, who may have already retired, wonder. We wonder if he knows what they are leaving behind, because we already know. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times.

We know in the Military life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the Uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and, in his heart, still is.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore and always will look at the rest of the Military world with a respect for what they do; only grown in a lifetime of knowing. Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life. You are only escaping the 'job' and merely being allowed to leave 'active' duty.

So, what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment that 'Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called children of God,' and you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

Civilian Friends vs. Veteran Friends

Civilian Friends: Are for a while.

Veteran Friends: Are for life.

Civilian Friends: Have shared a few experiences...

Veteran Friends: Have shared a lifetime of experiences No citizen could ever dream of...

Civilian Friends: Will take your drink away when they think you've had enough.

Veteran Friends: Will look at you stumbling all over the place and say, "you better drink the rest of that before you spill it!!" Then carry you home safely and put you to bed...

Every Civilian cannot be military/Veteran but every Veteran is a Civilian.