The Year of the Korean War Veteran

As time passes and first-hand stories of the horrors of the Korean War fade, the importance of remembering the sacrifices and achievements made during that time by Canadians in the cause of peace and freedom increases.

Canada’s military contribution to the Korean War was larger, based on its population, than most other UN participants. More than 26,000 Canadians served in the Korean War and another 7,000 served in the theatre between the cease-fire in July 1953 and the end of the war in 1955. The Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force all participated.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War. On June 25, 1950, the forces of North Korea crossed the 38th Parallel into the Republic of Korea. This was the beginning of hostilities in this country known as the Land of the Morning Calm. Hostilities ended with the Korean Armistice Agreement, which was signed at Panmunjeom on July 27, 1953.

The Korean War was one of Canada’s most significant military engagements of the 20th century. Those who fought there, many giving their lives, must not be forgotten.

Canada suffered more than 1,500 casualties during the war, including the deaths of 516 Canadians who had volunteered to serve in Korea as part of the United Nations effort. Of this number, 378 are buried or memorialized in the Busan United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Korea and 23 are buried in Hodogaya Cemetery in Yokohama, Japan. The rest lie in various cemeteries throughout Canada.

Canada’s significant contribution in the Korean War marked a new stage in the country’s development as a nation. Canadian action in Korea was followed by peacekeeping operations which have since seen Canadian troops deployed around the world in new efforts to promote international freedom and maintain world peace.

To commemorate Canada’s efforts in the Korean War and the sacrifices of our Veterans, a ceremony of remembrance was held at the National War Memorial in Ottawa on June 20. The ceremony was followed by a reception hosted by the Korean Embassy at the National Arts Centre, including a performance by the Little Angels travelling song and dance group from South Korea.

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Left to right– Korea Medal, Volunteer Service Medal for Korea, United nations Service Medal
PRESIDENT's REPORT
Fred Kirke

Well we have rung in a New Year! Welcome to 2013. I guess the poor fellow that designed that Mayan calendar fell ill prematurely or came to an early demise under other circumstances and was unable to complete his project....

There was no meeting or Bulletin in January, but here are a few tidbits from around the office….on Christmas Day there was a gathering of mates to enjoy some drinks and snacks in the back room, as well as another on New Years Day. The boys in the back also hosted a smoked meat sandwich day at the beginning of Feb. Notices for these days are usually posted on the board in the office with sign-up sheets in the back.

A bus has been arranged to take personnel to Qualicum for Navy Days on the 24th. Please pay Don Cook if you haven’t already, and there may be a few more seats on the bus if you are interested. Should be a good trip.

I would again like to thank all that filled the Executive positions for 2013. The work you are doing is appreciated by all.

The Annual General Meeting held this month had a great turnout, more than usual including many, many guests. I had the great honour of presenting 16 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medals and certificates to very deserving nominees. Our members have received 27 medals to date. Well done to all.

Have a good month and Happy St. Patrick’s day.
More next month.....

ASSOCIATION INCOME 2012
$31,260

ASSOCIATION EXPENSES 2012
$32,640
Happy Birthday

To those members who are 80 years or older celebrating birthdays this February!!

Eldon Ash (31)
Phillip Bissell (26)
Royce Boomer (33)
Fred Cook (26)
Robert Czop (32)
William Dopson (19)
Arnold Eaton (33)
William T. Evans (33)
Robert Hawkey (27)
Joseph Innarelli (22)
Yoji Inouye (25)
Raymond Marginet (33)
John McKnight (33)
Forbes McLean (27)
Joseph Perdue (21)
Robert Pfister (30)
John Poole (25)
Mrs Margaret Rushton
Earl Wareham (22)
William White (30)

February birth flower—Violet

Meaning—Faithfulness, Humility, Chastity

Sign—Aquarius—Jan 21—Feb 19

Birthstone—Amethyst

Characteristics—Independent, Creative, Entertaining, Stimulating, Progressive

COMING EVENTS

BC CADET 2013 HONOUR BAND
Performances as follows: Nanaimo BC at the Port Theatre, Tues Mar 19, 7:30pm/ Burnaby BC at the Michael J. Fox Theatre, Weds Mar 20, 7:30pm/ Vernon BC at the Vernon and District Performing Arts Centre, Thurs Mar 21, 7:30pm/ Victoria BC at the Royal Theatre, Mar 16-24, 1:30pm. Complimented by Pipes and Drums, to perform popular concert music highlighted by military pomp and ceremony. No charge to attend.

6 Apr 13—TERRA NOVA ‘Westploy 73’ Reunion
RCL 292 411 Gorge Rd East
1300h
Cost $25 (Spouses welcome)
Contact: Paul Legacy 250-245-9907

5 May 13—BATTLE OF ATLANTIC Parade
Muster at 1015 Tourist Info Office
Dress: Association with medals (and weather appropriate)
Chairs are available at cenotaph

30 May 13—CANDLE LIGHT CEREMONY
God’s Acre

15 Sep 13—RADAR PLOTTER REUNION
Malahat Legion
2 pm
Contact: Wilf Bauer 250-743-5288 or joawil@gmail.com

26-29 Sep 13—ATLANTIC C&POS’ REUNION
Burlington ON
More info in future Bulletins
Bob Sears– Sick and Visiting

102 visits made by Bob Sears and Charlie Moser.

**BROADMEAD LODGE:** George Kinch, Rick Blaikie, Romeo Desjardins, Cy Mann and wife, R. Lavallee, Ernie Jackson, Doug Laurie, Ed Percival, Bert Watts and George Mannix

**VG HOSPITAL:** Mike Whelan, Percy Boyd, Mark Draibye

**OAK BAY LODGE:** Herb Bemister.

**PRIORY:** J. DeBoice

**ROSS PLACE:** Richard Lister, Gary Canning, Wilf Sauder

**GLEN WARREN:** George Kilvington

**LOCALLY AT HOME:** Jack Hennis, Betty Goodwin, Harry Silvester, Harvey Moir, Norm Tapping, Don McCulloch and Frank Pearson.

**OUT OF TOWN:**
- Garnet King, Honeymoon Bay, BC
- Roger Twiss, Duncan, BC
- Con Nast, Nanaimo BC
- W. (Red) Kellerman, Surrey BC
- Melvin Hiles, Kiwanis Lodge Nanaimo

**Membership– George Robinson**

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**New Members**

- **Bouillier**, Lloyd, serving PO1 NESOP, Victoria BC
- **Dill**, Donna, Mrs., Associate, Victoria BC
- **Hargrove**, Nicholas, serving PO2 NavComm, Vic BC
- **MacNeill**, Duane, serving PO1 RMS, Victoria BC
- **Ramsay**, Kenneth, Ret PO2 Clearance Diver, Vic BC
- **Wainwright**, Ronald, Ret CPO2 MarEng, Saanich BC
- **Olson**, Mel, Ret P1 ERA, Victoria BC

**Re-Entry**

- **Martin**, Glenn, Ret CPO ERA, Prince Albert SK

**LOOKING AROUND**

By Ed Chadwick

Now for a bit of potpourri. I like that word as it gives one the opportunity of throwing a bunch of odds and sods together and then passing it off as a finished piece. In desperation, I’ve searched around for something useful to squawk about and found most of it in recent media offerings and most of it deals with the way our money (the good old taxpayer’s) is misused.

Maclean’s magazine, in a recent issue, listed 99 stupid things that the government has done with our money. DND was cited for a couple of examples. First, the department over the past five years has spent $176,000 purchasing hockey pucks. I checked with a local hardware store and pucks there sell for $0.99. If my math is correct, it seems that the department bought one hell of a lot of pucks. Of course, DND may have bought the gold-plated type. Maybe our warriors have discovered a new weapon. I know they can hurt. Second, Minister Peter MacKay spent $47,000 on photos of him posing with a fake model of the new fighter aircraft that the air force generals are drooling over and the government might buy.

When I first started writing this piece, Chief Theresa Spence was conducting her hunger strike and at the time I stated to anyone who would listen that she wouldn’t go all the way. True enough, she packed the fast in and apparently is heading home. Back there she can resume her $70,000 tax free salary and take up again with her partner who gets a $800.00 per day salary from the reserve. Also, perhaps she can assist the auditors in tracking some of the million dollars that apparently we the taxpayers have poured into the reserve and have not been accounted for. At least this affair gave some politicians a chance to get their photos in the media.

There is no doubt in my mind that the aboriginals in this country have often received the dirty end of the stick. However, I don’t think that beating drums in shopping malls and blockading roads, bridges, and railways is going to help their case. In fact, all they are doing is p--------g a whole lot of people off. I also think that when they selected “idle no more” as their motto they made a bad choice. There is a remedy. If you don’t want to be idle anymore, then go out and get yourselves educated and find employment. If you want to remain idle then just keep lying around and whining. There will be a time when the taxpayers of this country will say “enough already”.

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Congratulations to R. “Doc” Halliday, Ret C2ST, recipient of the *Queen’s Diamond Jubilee* Medal. Doc also received a Veteran’s Affairs Commendation.

The following members of the C&POs’ Assn also received the *Queen’s Diamond Jubilee* Medal at the Annual General Meeting held February 17, 2013:

Moe Arnston  
Jim Cockrill  
Don Cook  
Eric Fisher  
Melissa Hockey  
Keith Hunter  
Les Lesiuk  
David Logie  
Charlie Moser  
Lou Peressini  
George Robinson  
Anne Scott  
Jim Scott  
Bob Sears  
Bill Smith  
Martin Tomiczek

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There are many examples where our natives and métis have performed well and with pride. I have served with some of them in the navy where they were great ship and mess mates. There are a number of native bands that have gone into business and have done extremely well. They are a great example for those who just don’t seem to get the message.

Yesterday while sitting in my doctor’s waiting room, a first-nations lady came in with two cute and well-behaved children both under the age of six. As I watched them, I realized that although I was born in this province and have lived here for more than 80 years, these two little gaffers have more rights and privileges than I have right now and can probably buy duty-free smokes. Something’s wrong!
Feb 01, 1911 - The first recruiting posters for the Royal Canadian Naval Service issued to the Post Offices across Canada.

Feb 01, 1968 - The Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force unify into the Canadian Armed Forces. The Royal Canadian Navy becomes ‘Maritime Command’ and Vice-Admiral J.C. ‘Scruffy’ O’Brien is its first Commander.

Feb 04, 1941 - The Flower Class corvette HMCS Alberni (K103) commissions into the RCN. She is lost in action 21 Aug 44.

Feb 11, 1957 - The aircraft carrier HMCS Magnificent (21) arrives in Port Said, Egypt carrying Canadian personnel, vehicles and stores to aid United Nations in controlling the Israeli and Egyptian border conflicts.

Feb 15, 1965 - At noon, the White and Blue Ensigns are lowered for the last time in HMC Ships and shore establishments and officially retired. They are replaced by the new Canadian Flag which is used both as Ensign and Jack. The new Maritime Command Jack is introduced in 1968.

Feb 17, 1937 - The ‘C’ Class destroyers HMCS Fraser (H48) and St. Laurent (H83) commission into the RCN. HMCS Fraser is lost in collision 25 Jun 40 and HMCS St. Laurent is paid off 10 Oct 45.

Feb 22, 1943 - The Flower Class corvette HMCS Weyburn (K173) is sunk by mine off Gibraltar while taking part in Operation Torch, the allied landing in North Africa. Her Commanding Officer and six other officers and ratings are lost.

Feb 22, 1945 - The Flower Class corvette HMCS Trentonian (K368) is torpedoed and sunk by the submarine U-1004 in the English Channel with a loss of 6 of the crew.

Feb 25, 1942 - The Royal Mail Ship (RMS) Queen Elizabeth refits in Esquimalt, BC, so as to carry 15000 troops per trip.

Feb 27, 1940 - Building of Corvettes and Minesweepers is well underway. So far the battle in the approaches to Britain is going well. British domination over the other seas, for the moment, is unbroken; merchant ship casualties, though serious, are replaced with new construction; the magnetic mine is mastered and ASDIC (named for the Allied Submarine Detecting Investigation Committee), the forerunner of SONAR (which is started as an acronym for Sound Navigation and Ranging) is now on the scene to detect submerged submarines.

Feb 27, 1954 - After being converted into a Prestonian Class escort, the frigate HMCS Stettler (311) re-commissions into the Royal Canadian Navy. She is paid off 31 Aug 66.
Namesake communities

While the Canadian Navy largely works to protect the country from external threats, it also strives to tie the country together internally through its tradition of naming ships after communities in Canada. But a large number of Canadians, from both coastal and inland communities, may not be aware that there is, or once was, a Canadian naval vessel named after their hometown.

Range of communities

From Resolute, Nunavut, in the North, to Windsor, Ont., in the South, about 300 towns, cities and First Nations have had ships named after them. Ontario has the most and Nunavut the fewest, but population is not the deciding factor when the name of a town or city is chosen to appear on a ship.

The hamlet of Quatsino, B.C., near the northern tip of Vancouver Island, has fewer than 100 people, yet there was a minesweeper called HMCS Quatsino. Even small landlocked prairie communities such as Drumheller, Alta., have had ships named for them. As well, more than a dozen First Nations and notable chiefs are included in the tradition, such as HMCS Micmac and HMCS Donnacona.

History of naming ships

The first ships in the Canadian Navy, which came from Britain’s Royal Navy, kept their original names, Rainbow and Niobe. A pair of Canadian Navy destroyers in the 1920s took on the names of explorers. From the 1930s until the 1950s, these types of ships were often named after rivers.

During the Second World War, however, ships began being named after towns and cities. Eventually, these names came from a list, in order of population, from the 1931 Census. The first ships to be named after communities were the small and manoeuvrable corvettes. The custom continued with minesweepers and frigates.

When a community name was already being used by the British or other Commonwealth navies or by the United States Navy, an alternative name was sought that was somehow still tied to the place. The British Navy had HMS Verdun, so the Canadian Navy could not use the name. The mayor of Verdun, Que., suggested “Dunver,” a simple switching of the first and second syllables, and HMCS Dunver was christened.

Although informal committees to name ships existed in the past, a formal one wasn’t created until the 1980s. Keeping to tradition, much of the Navy’s current fleet is named after Canadian communities. Some places, such as Winnipeg, have had several vessels named after them throughout the Navy’s existence.

Note: We are seeking someone to assist with Sick and Visiting. Even if you are able to do a few visits a week it would be appreciated!
Many people count on these visits!!

SUPPORT THE ASSN BY PURCHASING YOUR LOTTERY TICKETS AT THE OFFICE. THE MONEY HELPS IN A BIG WAY! LOTTERY TERMINAL HOURS
MON-SAT 8-12, WEDS 8-1:30

This talented group is touring all the nations who supported their country as allies during the war. This event was co-organized by Veterans Affairs Canada and the local chapter of the Korea Veterans Association.

At the request of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, a brief wreath-laying ceremony was held at the Monument to the Canadian Fallen, on July 23. The ceremony included Yang Kim, Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs, Republic of Korea, Greg Kerr, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Veterans Affairs, Deputy Minister Suzanne Tining, Veterans Affairs Canada and Bill Black, President, Korea Veterans Association Ottawa Chapter, Unit 7.

On July 27, the Honourable Jean-Pierre Blackburn, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Minister of State (Agriculture), attended the Korea Veterans Association of Canada’s national service at the Korean Veterans Wall of Remembrance in Brampton, Ontario. This event was held to recognize the anniversary of the day the Korean War Armistice was signed in 1953. Minister Blackburn laid a wreath, took part in the poppy placing ceremony and spoke at the reception following the ceremony.

Also, to mark the 60th anniversary of the Liberation of Seoul, Minister Blackburn has accepted an invitation from Mr. Yang Kim, Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs, to attend a number of events in South Korea.

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Hello Fred;

Do you remember the limited edition sword (made by Wilkinson sword in England)? It had all of the military insignia engraved down the length of the blade. I think it was produced for the 75th in 1985 but I'm not sure. Anyway, I'd sure like to be able to find one for sale. Got any ideas?

Don White

ATTENTION KOREAN WAR VETS and Families

An attractive and memorable Certificate of Appreciation is available for Korean War Veterans (or family members) from the Korean War 60th Anniversary Commemoration Committee. To request form click below:

http://www.koreanwar60.com/webform/official-dod-certificate-appreciation-form

We can assist if you have no access to a computer.

Don't forget to “spring” your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on 9 Mar 2013!!

From the Editor-

To all those who send me letters, notes, anecdotes, stories, cartoons and other interesting tidbits: I would like to let you know that I read and hold on to everything I receive in consideration for publication in the Bulletin. At times, due to layout and format, I am unable to print a lot of the stuff that I receive, at any one time. Also, I try to put in relevant stories and information for any one month i.e. The Year of the Korean War Vet input and tax break info this month. Please continue to send me your thoughts and letters and keep a lookout for them in future Bulletins.

Yours Aye, Melissa

Dues: Please have a good look at your mailing label. If it does not read “Expires Dec. 2013” you are in arrears. E-Mail recipients please check your cheque books to make sure that you have paid up for 2013. A little extra for postage goes a long way to keeping dues at $25.00. If you have paid up and an error has been made at our end, please call so we can rectify the mistake.

Last year we had 19 people sign up! These numbers coupled with our last post numbers, indicate that we are going in the wrong direction. This is not so good. Please if you are in arrears, sign for 2013 and bring a new member into the fold. They don’t know what they are missing!!

ARE YOU GETTING YOUR TAX BREAKS?

During discussions on financial problems with veterans (and yes they do exist) we were surprised to find that many of us are unaware of a tax break worth literally thousands of dollars.

Disability Tax Credit is available to all Canadians who suffer from any physical or mental condition that hampers their ability to enjoy a normal life. This includes limited ability in walking, dressing, feeding, hearing, speaking, vision or even mental problems such as Alzheimer’s. In short, anything that prevents you from a normal every-day.

For veterans, I would point out that you are eligible even though you may be in receipt of a disability pension from Veterans Affairs for the same condition.

The procedure is simple. First you must obtain an application (Form T2201) from Revenue Canada. Don’t be deterred by the size of the document. You only need to complete the first two pages – the rest is completed by a doctor or medical specialist or can be ruled out as “non applicable”

It’s worth a try! You may be surprised that Revenue Canada’s definition of a “disability” is much more generous than you think!

(Thanks to Esprit de Corps)

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Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal