

ARMY NAVY AND AIR FORCE VETERANS IN CANADA

UNIT 376, KELOWNA B.C.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

President Steve Walters called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. 2nd Vice Pat Calado read the Land Acknowledgement, Followed by the Singing of O Canada. A Silent Tribute was observed, remembering 50 year member Jean Bigler. As well as Sgt-At-Arms Darrell Unrau's mother who passed at the age of 97.

ROLL CALL:

Present: President Steve Walters, First VP Dave Pich, 2nd Vice President, Pat Calado, Past President Kathy Barber, Directors: Helene Fitzgerald, Bill Edwards.

Excused:- Karen Ziegler, Darrell Unrau

MINUTES

Kathy Barber moved that the Minutes of May 17th 2025 General Meeting be adopted as read. Seconded by Phyllis Walters. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter by e-mail was receive from Dominion Command regarding the JUDGE FOLEY ANAVETS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, which is available to direct descendants, children, great grandchildren of members of ANAVETS, attending any year of University or College courses leading to a degree of diploma. The poster will go up in the Club. The value is \$1500. U.S. Dollars is awarded annually in Judge Foley's name. The recipient is chosen by ANAVETS Dominion Command

Kathy moved to adopt the Correspondence Report. Seconded by Cheri Jackson.

MOTION CARRIED

MEMBERSHIP:

HELENE FITZGERALD

Helene Moved to accept the following for Memberships: - Liz Isley, Jean Bebbington, Darren Fulcher, Greg Taylor, Karen d'Aoust, Bill Blakis.

There were to present to be initiated.

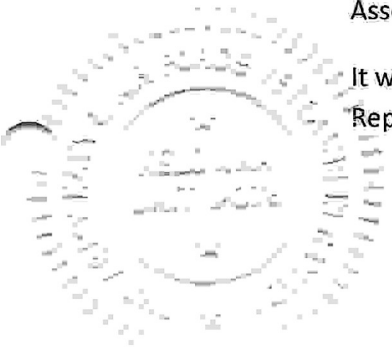
Acting Sgt.-At-Arms, Bill Edwards marched Liz Isley and Jean Bebbington up to be initiated by President Walters. Once initiated they were escorted to the sign-in book and were then seated.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT:

Helene Fitzgerald then reported on the Member Count as follows:- Active 27, Affiliate 16, Associate 17, Initiates 85, and Life Members 6, for a total of 151 Members to-date

It was moved by Helene Fitzgerald, Seconded by Burpee Aitken, to adopt the Membership Report. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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FINANCE REPORT:

Kathy Barber presented the Finance Report for the Month of May 2025 as well as the year-to-date January thru May 31st/25, and the Welfare & Charity Account to-date.

Kathy moved the adoption of the Finance Report as read. Seconded by Mike Gagne.

Mike Gagne inquired if the Shaw Cable bill is monthly. It was advised that it is monthly but includes all the inside and outside cameras which were installed for security after our break-in, as well as the internet.

MOTION CARRIED.

A copy of the Financials will be filed with the minutes should any member wish to view the statements.

SGT AT ARMS:

DARRELL UNRAU – NO REPORT (Excused from Meeting)

President Steve Walters reported that soon arrangements will start regarding November 11th Which Mike Gagne will still be taking care of. Steve Walters will still be Parade Marshall.

SPORTS:

DAVE PICH

Dave reported that seasonal sports (darts) are finished for the summer but will commence again in the Fall. It was confirmed that the Legion Darts will not be continuing through the summer. We will be replacing the Pool Table. When the time comes we will need volunteers to assist with the removal of the one in Unit now and replace with the new one. Volunteers are to contact President Walters. The pool table is coming from Vernon. Steve Walter advised that it is a snooker table. It was listed on Market Place. He was asking \$500.00 for the table. The Wednesday Pool League. After he researched the Army, Navy & Airforce he ended up Donating it to our Unit. It has to be picked up by the end of October. Would like to get it before the Monday night league starts up.

Dave reported that Wednesday drop in 8-ball pool will continue through the summer.

Drop in Cards are held on Tuesdays starting at 1:00 P.M.

We hosted the Provincial Crib Tournament on May 31st/25. Seven Teams participated. Two from Kamloops, one from Vernon, one from Sydney and three from Kelowna. Kamloops team took first place and Steve Walters and Pat Calado from Kelowna Unit coming in second.

There are Crib tournament singles held in the Unit every Friday commencing at 10:00 a.m. This will continue through the summer.

A question was asked if there was any Crib players on Tuesdays coming in. It was reported that no Crib players have been coming on Tuesdays. Fridays only.

Dave moved the adoption of the Sports Report, Seconded by Burpee Aitken.

MOTION CARRIED.

HOUSE REPORT:

President Walters reported that Dave has nothing to report. Volunteers are still needed to help clean the club on Mondays after 10:00 a.m.

Steve reported to the new members present at the meeting that the L.A. are also looking for volunteers. Do not have to have Food Safe as long as one member in the kitchen has their Food Safe. It is a good opportunity to meet many members of the Unit.

Dave Pich moved to have report adopted. Seconded by Bernice Carby.

MOTION CARRIED

ENTERTAINMENT:

KAREN ZIEGLER – Excused from Meeting.

Steve Walters reported on Karen's behalf. Friday Karaoke is doing very well. The Thursday afternoon Jam sessions are picking up. Last Thursday's Jam session brought in two visitors one from A.N.A.F. in Prince Albert Saskatchewan and one from Vernon Unit #5. One took pictures and a Vide to take back to her Unit in Prince Albert. Next Saturday June 28th a dinner and dance is scheduled. Supper is at 6 p.m. Dance at 7 p.m. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Dave Pich moved the adoption of the Entertainment report, seconded by Wendy _____.

MOTION CARRIED.

WAYS & MEANS

PAT CALADO

Pat reported that Meat Draws for the Month brought in a total of \$5,631.50. Cost of Meat was \$2,712.07. After costs a profit of \$2,919.42 going into Welfare & Charity Account.

She reported that Bingo for the month of May totaled \$435.00 which goes into the Units Savings Account.

Pat is still looking for volunteers to help on the Meat Draw Table.

Pat moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Burpee Aitken.

MOTION CARRIED.

DVA/SICK & VISITING

BILL EDWARDS – No Report

Steve Walters mentioned the passing of 50 year member Jean Bigler. As well as member Jeff Andres not doing well.

Kathy Berber reported on the Funeral Arrangements for Jean's Service of Life at Valley View Funeral Home.

PUBLICITY REPORT: DACE PICH – No Report

President Steve Walters reported that he has an IT person coming in to help with the Website however at this time he tending to Jeff Andres who just got released from the hospital. Steve advised that he is posting the weekly calendar on Facebook.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT:

President Wendy Finlayson was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report that was read by Phyllis Walters.

L.A. held their meeting June 18th, 2025. Current Membership stands at 30. 27 regular members and 3 Life. They have new members to initiate but will do when they reconvene in September. The June meeting was an informal wind down meeting. Chinese Food was brought in. Doable from tips received in kitchen. The tips show how much the members appreciate the L.A.

Lee`s Florist donated flowers in honor of Jean Bigler`s passing. Lee has mentioned that anyone who has unused vases to donate to her would be very much appreciated. They can be taken to her store or bought into the Unit Kitchen and they will be delivered to her.

The L.A. received a request from the Unit for a donation to pay the yearly property tax bill in the amount of \$5,916.64. A vote was take and they approved the donation.

It was reported that the existence of the Ladies Auxiliaries is in jeopardy. Right now this Auxiliary is currently writing testimonials that will be sent to Provincial Command so they can compile with other Auxiliaries to forward to Dominion Command as to why the L.A.`s future should be kept alive and their importance to their Units. This is to be discussed at the 2026 Dominion Convention.

Fund raising ideas were discussed and tabled for further discussion in September. A discussion was held in regards to dear friend and Life Member Jean Bigler. Wendy will contact the family to find out what support they can provide and to find out whether they will allow the L.A. performing the BROKEN LINK CEREMONDY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Transfer of Title

President Walters reported that he and Dave Pich have been at the Lawyers papers have been served for the Roof Repairs. The Title transfer has been paid. Our cost was \$3,000. This should happen in July or early August.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Unit Business

Kathy Barber moved that the Executive be empowered to conduct the Business of the Unit during the summer recess months of July and August until reconvening in September. Motion Seconded by Mike Gagne. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Steve Walters reported that it came to our attention that under Section 13.99 of Bingo Gaming Licence that anyone working the table is not allowed to participate in the game. Upon further investigating he made a phone call to the gaming commission who confirmed that is correct. It also includes anyone working on the table for Meat Draws. This means you cannot give your money to another person to purchase your tickets for you.

It was clarified that if you are volunteering to work the bar you are able to participate as well as if you are working in the kitchen

GOOD & WELFARE

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Next General Meeting scheduled for September 20, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

All rose to acknowledge King Charles III.