

The Log



NOVEMBER 2011

Royal Canadian Legion
Comox Branch No. 160
1825 Comox Avenue
Comox, BC V9M 3M3

BRANCH & LA OFFICERS

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Rod Verchere	Dave Willington

BRANCH COMMITTEE CHAIRS & APPOINTMENTS

Sick & Visiting	Bill Beaudin	Entertainment	Rod Verchere
Building	Stu McKinnon	Finance	Ernie Mills
Honors/Awards	Val Greenlaw	Special Events	Ruth Perron
Sports	Dave Willington	Bar & Gaming	Lloyd Lohnes
Poppy/Bursary	Don Sinnema	Membership &	
Meat Draw	Chris Ross	Youth	Dave Parkin
Service Officer	Victoria Coffey	Publicity	John Paulin
Sgt-at-Arms	Zack Donovan	Log	Terry Smith
Photographer	Al Cameron	Chaplain	Rev Neil Parker
		Curator	Dave Kelly

BRANCH STAFF

Cyndy Knodel	Sec/Manager	Barb Godin	Bar Manager
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EDITOR'S NOTES:

All articles for **The Log** should be with the Editor by the 20th of the month. Photos must include a short description of the event c/w the names of the persons in the photograph. Send submissions in word, excel, outlook, pdf, odt or jpeg format to the Editor by email at twsmith49@telus.net. If you need assistance with your submission or do not have access to a computer please call the Editor at 250 339-1706.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well October has come and is almost gone and the executive has been busy with the preparation for Remembrance Day with the parade prep and organization of the ceremony. There are still some flags for members to carry on the parade. Please sign up to carry, one if you are able. There are still spaces available on the Poppy Sales list. If you have a couple of hours to put to good use please give us a hand.

The Elvis/Roy Orbison Show was a sell out and I heard that everyone had a great time. Thanks go out to Rod and his crew for a great meal prior to the show.

Just a reminder that the election of the New Executive is coming up at the Nov. General Meeting on the 17th at 7:30 PM or 1930 hrs as you prefer. Remember to bring your membership cards, as you will not be allowed to vote without it. Watch for nominee listings to be posted in the lounge prior to the meeting. Come out and support your candidates or put your name forward to chair one of the committees. To make our Branch solvent requires all our members pitching in. The old saying Many hands make for light work really does apply in the Fund Raising we do to support our goals and keep our branch solvent.

Remember that the Branch belongs to its members!

G.E. Maillet, President Br. 160 Comox

WHAT'S COMING UP?

November

- Membership Drive
- Poppy Drive (sign up sheets in the Lounge)
- Candlelight Service & Members' Night
- Remembrance Day (sign up sheets in the Lounge)

VETERANS DINNER

Saturday November 5th

Meet And Greet – 12:00 To 1:00 PM

Dinner – 1:00 PM

Guest Speaker – Colonel Jim Benninger, 19 Wing Commander

Dessert and Coffee To Follow

Sign up on the sheet located on the Lounge Notice Board.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL BENEVOLENT FUND

The fund, established on November 23rd, 1942, is to relieve distress and promote the well being of members and former members of the Naval Forces of Canada and their dependants.

The Fund provides grants or loans, in time of need, to regular and reserve personnel who have served in the Royal Canadian Navy prior to 1968, or subsequently in the Maritime Branch of the Canadian Forces, to Canadian Merchant Navy War Veterans, and to their dependants. Serving Maritime Command regular and reserve personnel may be eligible for assistance under certain circumstances.

If you or your spouse have ever had Canadian naval service or served in the wartime Canadian Merchant Marine, and you are facing some difficulty in maintaining the necessities of life, we may be able to help.

For more information call toll free at 1-888-557-8777 or on-line at www.rcnbf.ca . Or in writing to:

Western Committee RCNBF,
PO Box 17000, Station Forces,
CFB Esquimalt,
Victoria BC, V9A 7N2

BRANCH 160 CRIB PLAYOFF.



Sunday December 11th
Register up to 10:30 AM
Play to commence
11:00 AM Sharp
In the lounge

Zones/Provincial and Dominion Playoffs are to be confirmed.

***IF YOU HAVE NO INTENTION OF GOING
FURTHER, PLEASE DO NOT PARTICIPATE***

THE CURATOR'S CORNER By Dave Kelly

The branch's memorabilia etc. inventory has been increased by the following donations.

From Comrade Nancy Field, a framed coloured plate of a Lancaster and also a black and white picture of a Lancaster. These have been placed on the north wall of the Air Force room.

Additions to our library:

From Comrade Darrell Hillier, Hardcover titled
"That we are Left, Remember New Brunswickers in the
Air Force".

From Comrade Jim Halldorson, 6 books titled:
Jane's Historic Military Aircraft,
Jane's Warship Recognition Guide (2006),
Aircraft of WW2,
Fighting Aircraft of World War 2,
Canada's Fighting Ships,
Jane's Warship Recognition Guide (1996).

From Comrade P. J. Smith, Titled
"Naval Aircraft"

Also Donated by Comrade P. J. Smith 5 unframed coloured pictures of 1 RCAF Insignia and Badges. This one, I will try to frame and mount in the Air Force room.

Others include, CP140 Aurura, EA6B Prowler (US Navy), EF-111A (USAF), Forward Swept Demonstrator (USAF).

Donated by Comrade Stan Hawkes of Nanaimo 4 pictures that I will mount in the Navy room;

HMCS Uganda, HMCS Summerside Ship's Company (WW2), HMCS Prince Robert, and a print of "The Naval Prayer". He also donated an unframed print of "CF18 Formation".

Our collection of RCL ribbons has been increased by 8 an unknown donator. Two are new; Branch 429 Wawa, Ont. and Branch 7 Blairmore, Alberta. Comrade Ray Robert also donated a ribbon from Coburgh Branch welcoming Afghanistan vets homecoming.

The Branch gives Thanks to all for the above donations, they are much appreciated.

Fairwinds.....Dave

COMPUTER CORNER By Jacques Belanger

In this month's edition, many asked how to delete unnecessary files from their computer. Those files add up after a while and can slow down your machine. So, find below some tips on how and where to delete files. This will work with Windows 7, Windows XP and Vista Operating Systems except where indicated.

General File Cleanup

These are the following common locations where you can delete unnecessary files. This can speed up the operating system and help reduce the time it takes to run virus scans as well as other applications.

The *TEMP* directory

1. An easy way to get there is to click on Start, click on Run and type in `%temp%`
2. Press Ctrl-A to highlight everything in the right hand panel and press Shift-Delete.
3. This deletes them permanently and doesn't send them to the Recycle Bin

The *Software Distribution / Download* Directory (Windows 7 Only)

- 1 This contains the files that are downloaded when you update the Microsoft files. Once they are updated, you don't need the files any longer.
- 2 Start the Windows Explorer
- 3 Go to C:\Windows\SoftwareDistribution\Download
- 4 Press Ctrl-A to highlight everything in the right hand panel and press Shift-Delete.

Internet Cache Files

For IE 8

- 1 Tools
- 2 Internet Options
- 3 Under *Browsing History* - *Delete* button
- 4 Typically only delete Temporary Internet files and History. I usually leave Cookies since they often contain information for web sites I frequent that don't want to enter in every time.

Firefox

- 1 Tools
- 2 Clear Recent History (Ctrl-Shift-Del)
- 3 Click on *Details*
- 4 Select the *Time range to clear*
- 5 Check only those items you want to clear
- 6 Click on the *Clear Now* button

Google Chrome

- 1 Click on the tools icon on the upper right hand corner
- 2 Select *Clear Browsing Data* (Ctrl-Shift-Del)
- 3 Check what you want to clear
- 4 Select the period of time you want to clear the data
- 5 Click on the *Clear Browsing Data* button

Windows TEMP Directory

- 1 Start the Windows Explorer
- 2 Go to C:\Windows\Temp
- 3 Press Ctrl-A to highlight everything in the right hand panel and press Shift-Delete.
- 4 This deletes them permanently and doesn't send them to the Recycle Bin

The Recycle Bin

- 1 Right click on the Recycle bin
- 2 Select *Empty Recycle Bin*

You can E-mail your comments and questions at bccomox@gmail.com
Jacques

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The Thrift Shop accepts donations of household goods, clothing, pocket books, etc. Proceeds from all money raised goes towards purchase of equipment for our local hospital. The Auxiliary is currently working towards the purchase of a new bus for extended care residents. Please keep the Auxiliary in mind when "cleaning out your closets or cupboards". Thanks.

RETIRED VETERAN PENS POEM FOR MEMORY REMEMBRANCE

The bugler played the last post
Once more we remembered our dead
To the Veterans standing around
What we think is seldom what's said
We remember the individuals
Not the hundreds on honour scrolls
For the moment we think of another day
We remember our moods and our goals
We recall our aim was the common good
What was best for country and King
Die if you must in a distant land
But to do your part was the thing
How far have we gone from the noble aim
Become introverted, selfish with greed
Where our goal is our own desires
Never country or the other guys need
Where ten men strike for a dollar more
And it ties up half the land
Businessmen fail, companies go broke
Where is the "Help your fellow man"
Lost is the common good
The bugle stopped, the silence came
And everyone quietly stood
Somehow I felt I ought to pray
But hate to make a fuss
And anyway I don't know whether
To pray for them or us

This poem is by Warrant Officer Cameron (Frank) Coffey (Ret'd) who wrote poems throughout his life, many times with the Irish humour that was his whole personality. But this poem was of remembering his own experiences of the Second World War, and of his 29 years in the RCAF and his observations of himself of the years of attending Remembrance Days. WO Cameron (Frank) Coffey died in 1997 He wrote this poem the day he attended his last service of remembrance, November 11, 1996

BARBIE'S BBQS & REFRESHMENTS

WEDNESDAYS 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Burgers - \$10.00/Plate c/w side dish & refreshment of choice

November 2nd

November 9th

November 16th

November 23rd

November 30th

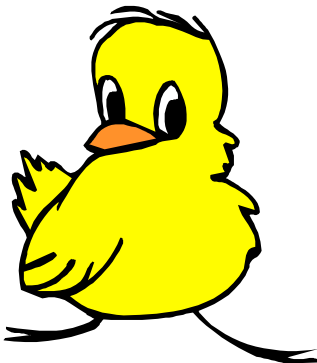


HELP WANTED

Required immediately, a volunteer to participate in the Branches Pub Nighter event held the last Thursday of the month in the ECU, The Views, of the Hospital. For more information, call Lloyd Lohnes at: Phone (250) 339-0901 or e-mail at babycomfort@shaw.ca.

BE A BRANCH 160 EARLY BIRD

Your 2012 membership cards are on sale now. Be an early bird from September 1st – November 30th and have a chance to win your money back at our draw to be held at the General meeting on December 15th.



Dues are \$50.00/member

We accept cash or cheques only.

For further information please phone

Cyndy @ 250 339-2022.

LAST POST

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

We will remember them.



COMRADES: C. MACLEOD

RAFFLE - FLAT SCREEN TV

The TV located in the lounge [Army Room] is up for raffle at the Grey Cup game, half time.

Tickets are available at the Bar for **\$2.00 apiece or 3 for \$5.00.**

L.A. SOUP & SANDWICH

Upper Hall - Thursday November 17th

11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

Soups

Beef Barley
Turkey Vegetable

Clam Chowder

Sandwiches on White or Brown

Egg Salad
Turkey Salad
Salmon Salad

Roast Beef
Ham and Cheese
Cheese and Onion

Desserts

Assorted Pies; etc

	Price
Full Lunch	\$7.00
Individual Entrees	\$2.50



Turkey Shoot

COMOX LEGION Br 160
1825 Comox Avenue, Comox, BC
(Upper Hall)

Saturday December 3rd 2011

**Registration 9.00 to 9.45 a.m. **

Toe line 10.30 a.m.

Blind Draw Mixed Doubles

Men's and Ladies high score and high takeout.

Turkeys – Hams

Entry fee \$7.00 per person

Light lunch available.

Lounge 339-2112, FMI 339-9592



L.A. MUSINGS By Judy Davis

Octobers meeting had 20 ladies in attendance. The flags were posted as our Sgt. At Arms was under the weather, and the usual flag bearers were not able to carry the flags that night.

1st Vice President Eileen Paulin filled in for Rose as Secretary and yours truly looked after the mike on the floor.

As usual, the ladies have been busy with their duties, plus all the extras they do.

Branch has asked the ladies to provide the lunch for the Branch Zone meeting to be held in Comox on November 20th, to cater to the Vets luncheon, and the hot chocolate, hot dogs and sandwiches, for November 10th's Candlelight Service, and Remembrance Day.

Sandwiches will be made on the 10th at 10:00 am. in the hall. As usual, November is going to be a very busy month.

As you all know, Sept. Soup and sandwich luncheon was cancelled on its usual day, due to dishwasher troubles, but was still very successfully held on the 29th. Octobers will be held on the 20th, and we hope you will all be there. It will be the last one for this year, next one will be on January 19th 2012.

Tickets are available for the L.A. Banquet, to be held on Dec. 10th.

Members are free and guests will be \$10.00 per person. Please contact Stella @ 250-339-0901 if you require tickets.

Madame President will attend the Telethon to present a cheque, and man the phones. Four ladies have volunteered to canvass the base on Oct. 31st with the poppies.

NOVEMBERS GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY NOV. 16TH AT 7:30 Please mark this on your calendar. This is because our regular evening is the 10th, which is the Candlelight service and Members Night.

The report from the Nominating Committee was not to favourable, there are still a lot of positions that need filling. Please ladies, consider running for your Executive, without an Executive, there is no L.A.

Next Exec. Meeting: Nov. 3rd @ 7:00 pm

Next Gen. Meeting: Nov. 16th @ 7:30 pm

HAPPY HALLOWEEN TO ALL !!!

FIXED EVENTS WITHIN THE BRANCH

SUNDAY ➤ Last Sunday Dine/Dance - Upper Hall/Lounge 2:00 to 6:00 PM

➤ Crib - 1st Sunday (Sep to Apr) Upper Hall 1:00 PM

MONDAY ➤ Ladies Euchre - Upper Hall 1:30 PM

➤ L.A. Drop-in Bingo - Upper Hall 7:00 PM

➤ Line Dancing - Lounge 7:00 PM

➤ Men's Darts League - Lounge 7:30 PM

TUESDAY ➤ Mixed Dart League - Upper Hall at 7:30 PM

➤ Ladies Crib League - Lounge 7:30 PM

➤ Mixed Pub League Darts – Lounge 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY ➤ 2nd Wednesday Branch Executive Meeting – Upper Hall 7:00 PM

➤ Ladies Dart League - Lounge at 7:30 PM

➤ Drop-in Darts – Lounge (May to Aug) 7:00 PM

➤ NVI Cribbage League - Lounge 7:30 PM

THURSDAY ➤ 3rd Thursday L.A. Soup/Sandwich Lunch - Upper Hall 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

➤ 1st Thursday L.A. Executive Meeting - Upper Hall 7:00 PM

➤ 2nd Thursday L.A. General Meeting - Upper Hall 7:30 PM

➤ 3rd Thursday Branch General Meeting - Upper Hall 7:30 PM

➤ Men's Pub League Darts - Lounge 7:30 PM

FRIDAY ➤ Meat Draw - Lounge 3:00 PM

➤ Drop-in Darts – Lounge (Sep to Apr) 7:00 PM

SATURDAY ➤ Meat Draw - Lounge 3:00 PM

➤ Ace of Spades Draw - Lounge 6:00 PM

➤ 3rd Saturday Euchre - Lounge 7:00 PM

➤ Gucci Cards - Lounge 7:00 PM

A Message by George Carlin

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years..

E N T E R T A I N M E N T

Saturday November 5th - Upper Hall

Veterans' Luncheon

Thursday November 10th

7:00 PM Cenotaph - Candlelight Service

7:30 PM Upper Hall - Hot dogs and hot chocolate

8:00 PM Lower Lounge - Members' night

Friday November 11th

Remembrance Day Celebrations

Friday November 25th – Lower Lounge

7:30 PM Dance to Gord Kruger and the Amigos

Sunday November 27th - Dance and Dine

2:00 - 6:00 PM Lower Lounge - Dance to Charlie Wells Band

6:00 PM Dine Upper Hall - Roast Beef

Tickets on sale at the bar - \$8.50/Person

****Please check @ the Bar for cancellations/time changes, etc**

Contact Cyndy Knodel for Hall Rentals/Special Events

Office Hrs: Monday – Friday - 9:00 -12:00 AM & 12:30 - 3:30 PM

Telephone/Fax: 250 339-2022;

Email: rcl.comox.branch160@shaw.ca;

Website: www.comoxlegion.ca

Ladies Auxiliary Catering – Pat Verchere 250 339-5829

ADVANTAGES OF LIVING AFTER 50!

Perks of reaching 50 or being over 60 and heading towards 70!

- Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.

SICK & VISITING

Bill Beaudin, Chair of the Sick & Visiting Committee, quite often is the last person to be told of one of our members that is under the weather, in the hospital or homebound. If you know of any member who needs assistance or would appreciate a visit please contact Bill at: **250 339-1624**

LOUNGE HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY TO SATURDAY - 11:00 AM TO 12:00 AM

SUNDAY - 12:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

Telephone: 250 339-2112

[Unless non-usage requires that the bartender closes early]