The President welcomes Paul O’Boyle to the Executive as Administrator and George Stark as Association Treasurer.

From the President
J. Gaylord Kingston

We have had a great start to this year with an excellent response to our request for immediate submission of dues for 2017. I am more than pleased that so many members are also submitting their dues for 2018 as well, as a show of faith for our final two years. There is a notice herein concerning our 2018 Reunion. We hope to ‘do it up big’, so your response is very essential to our planning.

The attendance and support for our Camp Hill Veterans social afternoon is well appreciated, as an increase in personnel and goodies helps with the ever-growing number of vets attending each month. Please keep up the great effort.

As our monthly general meetings are further enhanced by a guest speaker, I would appeal to the membership for your cooperation in suggesting ideas for future speakers. Please contact me with your ideas.
ALBERT BISHOP
On Saturday February 17, we lost a good friend and a valuable member of our Association when Albert Bishop Crossed the Bar. Albert was our Sick & Visiting Chairman for many, many years and his loyal, dedicated service to our veterans and infirmed members and their families will be long remembered. Our sincere condolences go to his loving friend Margaret and his family.

SAM GRAHAM
On Sunday February 12, Sam Graham Crossed the Bar. He was a founding member of ACPOA, long-serving member of the Executive and a dear friend. Sam was a 1st Vice President and carried on as our communications officer for many years. His dedication and loyalty will not soon be forgotten. Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to his wonderful lady Marion and their family.
Upcoming General Meetings

Mark Sunday, March 12 and Sunday, April 9 on your calendars as the dates of our next two meetings. They will begin at 10 a.m. in the Oberon Room at the Mess.

Office News

We are settling in nicely in our new quarters in the old Ad building (S18), south side. You can park in the parade square and obtain a visitor’s pass from the office. We are staffed on Monday and Friday mornings (9:00–12:00).

Camphill Veterans Socials

The next two monthly socials will be on Saturday, March 25 and April 22 at 2 p.m. We look forward to your contributions of desserts/treats for these special afternoons for veterans at the hospital.

Membership Report

Membership Chair: Ray Harvie (902) 462-7633
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| Charter, Ordinary, Affiliate and Life Members | 488 |
| Honorary Members | 11 |
| Miscellaneous Members | 12 |
| Total Membership | 511 |

We welcome new member, P1 (Weapons Engineering) Ben Gibbons of Shearwater, N.S. to the Association. As of early February, there remain 105 members who still have not paid their 2017 dues. To receive the Crown & Anchor by email, please send a note to Ray.

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Last Post

The following shipmates recently crossed the bar ...

Bob Haddow, 78 P2AF
Dartmouth, NS • January 15, 2017

Madeline McCue, 97
Halifax, NS • January 16, 2017

Larry ‘Lou’ Costello, 72
Halifax, NS • January 16, 2017

John King, 87 C2ER
Halifax, NS • February 6, 2017

Sam Graham, 91 C1SN
Dartmouth, NS • February 12, 2017

Albert Bishop, 90 C2ER
Dartmouth, NS • February 17, 2017

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A Lump of Coal Again for Vets

This article is reprinted with the kind permission of Craig Hill, Editor of the Chilliwack Fraser Valley News. It first appeared on January 6, 2016 and has been edited for space, but the pertinent points remain.

On September 10, 1939, more than a million Canadian men and women went off to fight in World War II. They served in the army, navy, air force and allied forces. Each fully prepared to die for their country. Sadly, 47,000 did. Since 1911, Canada has lost over 100,000 troops.

Most war vets are in their 70s and 80s now. Some older. Even though they’re from different branches of the military, RCMP and public service, all have one thing in common; they want the claw back of funds terminated. It’s money they say is owed to them.

Veterans can’t wait forever for the government to help.

What we’ve got here is a failure to communicate. Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead. Veterans have had enough. For decades they’ve been embroiled in a pitched battle with the government over claw backs from their CPP super annuity payments. Retired RCMP officers are also affected by Bill C-201.

John Labelle, veterans advocate, living in Nova Scotia, says the claw back is “unfair and unjust” and government has a moral imperative to address their concerns in a more meaningful ways. Simply put, they want the CPP benefit reductions to their pensions at age 65 - or sooner if disabled or terminated. The vets feel they’ve paid for their benefits in more ways than one. The Bill affects former retired RCMP members as well.

Over the holiday season, PM Trudeau and GG David Johnson thanked current troops and veterans for their efforts. “I ask you take a moment to remember the brave women and men of the Canadian Armed Forces – and their families – who make incredible sacrifices to protect our country,” said Trudeau in a Christmas Eve statement.

Trudeau does seem to sympathize with veterans. In his statement he added: “Veterans and their families have earned our respect and gratitude. Veterans should not have to fight our Government for the support and compensation they have earned and paid for in so many different ways.”

“If one believes what Trudeau is saying, and the marching orders he gave Minister Hehr, I think our chances have improved greatly for many issues affecting veterans,” John Labelle commented, “In regard to the claw back, Bill C-320 may be our last chance for it to pass. The liberals seem to be more inclined to understand, but it’s yet to be seen if they will walk the talk of their leader.”

The issue began in the House of Commons February 21, 2005, when NDP MP Peter Stoffer, Veteran Affairs Critic in Opposition, introduced Bill C-201 in the House of Commons, which was designed to eliminate the pension claw back. The vote was 149 yays to 134 nays making it successful. But how could that be an issue?

Former Prime Minister Stephen Harper refused the Royal Recommendation allowing Bill C-201 to stand, and as a result it died on the order table. This is what’s created the current toxic environment between the government and veterans.
Vets say that during Stoffer’s 18.4 year political reign, he served Military/RCMP veterans and Canada well, and they’d like to see him with a seat in the senate. “He is a most respected individual and his record indicates that he was an honest, knowledgeable, dedicated, and tireless Member of Parliament. Peter Stoffer has earned the respect and dignity of all Military/RCMP veterans and Canadians and will serve Canada very well as a Senator,” says Labelle.

“With a recorded CPP surplus of over $219 billion dollars and a forecasted CPP surplus of one trillion dollars by 2050, why not give the CPP recipients a bonus; why not terminate the CPP claw back to Veterans Annuities?” he continued.

Vets point to how the previous Conservative government’s approach was — and still is, out of step by ignoring the complex issues associated the CPP enactment. Chilliwack-Hope MP Mark Strahl shrugs off criticism, echoing his party’s line by indicating that there isn’t going to be any pretty little package with a bow on it for anyone.

According to the former member of Canada’s Standing Committee on National Defense, Strahl says veterans actually have fewer deductions for the Canada Pension Plan.

“Military pensions like many other pensions, including those for the RCMP, federal public servants and now Members of Parliament, are reduced by the amount of CPP an individual receives,” said Strahl in an email from his Chilliwack office to The Voice last week. “Since the cost of the pension deduction is lower the soldier, sailor, police officer or civil servant has less deducted from their pay cheque to pay for their pension and is left with more take home pay every month.”

Strahl added: “‘Stacking’ military pensions on top of CPP payments would hurt existing military personnel who would receive smaller pay cheques and taxpayers across the country would have to make up the difference for the unfunded benefit out of general tax revenues.”

Movements of resistance have been happening in communities across the country, with vets incensed at what the Harper reign did. In 2011, local vets held a demonstration in the Cottonwood Mall parking lot. In July 2014, they marched en masse to MP Mark Strahl’s office where they stood shoulder to shoulder and sang the national anthem.

Read Veterans Annuity Campaign Coordinator John Labelle’s rebuttal to MP Mark Strahl’s letter to the Valley Voice:

Your letter to Craig Hill, Publisher of the Valley Voice is offensive. Your statement “Veterans are not entitled to benefits that they were never promised and never paid for” is disgusting. Veterans have never asked for pension benefits that they have not paid for. We live in a free country today because over 1,000,000 Canadian members died on the fields of battle since 1914. Some Veterans shed some blood, some did not return, all were prepared to give the ultimate sacrifice and some families gave it all. Read our Campaign paper before you engage in unacceptable comments. The former Prime Minister Harper did not honour his election promise and the successful Bill C-201 died on the order table.

Prior to the establishment of the CPP plan, Forces personnel over contributed in our pension plan. Our contribution was 8.3% of our basic rate of pay and 1% towards our indexing adjustments. Our over contributions resulted in our pension plan reaching over an $80 billion surplus prior to the $20 billion the Government used to pay down the national debt. Now the politicians never contributed in their pension plan and were entitled to a pension after 6 years of service. Politicians’ uncontributed pension was so generous that it was the equivalent of a Chief Warrant Officer with over 35 years of service. Now that’s what we call a generous pension plan.

Your misleading, confusing statements make no sense. The Continued on next page
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The CPP plan is available to all Canadians at age 60 with a lifetime 30% penalty. At age 65 your so-called ‘bridge benefit’ starts. Politicians, Judge Advocates and MPs with their generous pension plan are exempt from the CPP claw back to their pension at age 65. Why contribute into a pension plan if you can’t receive any benefits?

The Government of Canada has broken our enrolment contract. We were promised to receive a pension calculated at 2% of our then best six years of basic rate of pay after completing 25 years of service. Over the years the CPP contributions from our members have increased to 4.95%. The CPP plan was falsely introduced to supplement the Old Age Security plan for all Canadians. The over contributions will reach one trillion dollars in year 2050.

Again you attempt to mislead the issue (all taxpayers who would have to pay for this huge unfunded benefit out of general tax revenues). Veterans believe that every pensioner must pay for their benefits and not the taxpayers. Veterans have over a $62 billion surplus accumulated in their pension plan.

To date, over 112,500 military, RCMP/veterans have pronounced their support of the issue. Our Veterans petition includes the signatures of 121 former colonels and generals, and 54 former officers of the rank of General and/or former RCMP Superintendents.

The Dominion Command of the Royal Canadian Legion, the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans (ANAVETS) of Canada and the Air Forces Association have adopted resolutions at their Annual General meetings in 2006 in full support of our campaign. Support has also been received from Lilian Morgenthau, founder and President of CARP (Canadian Association of Retired Persons). RCMP Deputy Commissioner Larry R. Proke, Executive Director of RCMP Veterans Bill Gildley, and National Secretary of RCMP/Veterans Association Alex Geddes have unanimously supported us. Numerous other Military Associations have also declared their support.

In 2008, Jack Frost, Dominion Command President of the Royal Canadian Legion, sent a letter to the Minister of National Defense with copies to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Minister of Veterans Affairs expressing his grave concerns regarding the issue of fairness pertaining to the CPP reduction to the CFSA. In 2011, the Yukon and Nova Scotia Provincial Standing Committees on Veterans Affairs unanimously passed motions in support of the Military/RCMP Veterans Annuity issue.

- John Labelle

Labelle feels as well that there should be a National Remembrance Day for disabled veterans. They and their families have given so very much for our country. He believes that disabled veterans and their families must wait and see if more funds will be available for their needs in the 2017 budget.

Veterans won’t live forever. All they want is just a little comfort in the last segment of their lives.

Reunion

2018

It is our intention to hold our final Reunion on August 23, 24, 25 and 26, 2018 in Halifax. Even though it is a year plus to that date, our plans need to be arranged as soon as possible in order to have the best celebration we have ever held. Our goal is to make the event as inexpensive for, and accessible to as many members as we can. To that end, we will be asking you in the near future for an indication on whether you would attend. Hopefully, costs, availability of accommodation and an event list will be supplied to you in the near future.

Word of the Month

Don’t tell me the sky’s the limit when there are footprints on the moon.
~ Golden Memories ~

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*Our apologies to Ralph Faulkner, who celebrated his 91st birthday on January 24, 2017*

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This has to be one of the best singles ads ever printed. It is reported to have been listed in the Atlanta Journal.

Subject: Men

Title: SINGLE BLACK FEMALE

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I’m a very good girl who LOVES to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping and fishing trips, cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. I’ll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me. Call (404) 875-6420 and ask for Annie. I’ll be waiting ....

Over 150 men found themselves talking to the Atlanta Humane Society.
March 26, 1941  HMCS Otter fire, 19 lost
March 17, 1945  HMCS Guysborough, torpedoed, 51 lost
March 17, 1765  St. Patty’s Day celebrated 1st Quebec City
March 6, 1834  Toronto incorporated (Leafs losing streak starts)
March 16, 1843  Victoria founded
March 31, 1949  Canada joins Newfoundland in Confederation
April 29, 1944  HMCS Athabaskan torpedoed, 128 lost, 83 POWs taken
April 16, 1945  HMCS Esquimalt torpedoed, 44 lost
April 21, 1789  Mutiny aboard HMS Bounty
April 21, 1918  Canadian Roy Brown shoots down the Red Baron
April 7, 1948  HMCS Magnificent commissioned
April 4, 1949  Canada joins NATO

True Love

A group of women were at a seminar on how to live in a loving relationship with their husbands. The women were asked "How many of you love your husband?" All the women raised their hands.

Then they were asked "When was the last time you told your husband you loved him?" Some women answered today, a few yesterday, and some couldn’t remember.

The women were then told to take out their cell phones and text their husband: "I LOVE YOU, SWEETHEART." Next the women were instructed to exchange phones with another woman and read aloud the text message she received in response to her message.

If you have been married for quite a while, you understand that these replies are a sign of true love.

Who else would reply in such a succinct and honest way?
Here are the 12 hilarious replies:

1. Who the hell is this?
2. Eh, mother of my children, are you sick or what?
3. Yeah, and I love you too. What's wrong?
4. What now? Did you wreck the car again?
5. I don't understand what you mean?
6. What the hell did you do now?
7. You sure you're calling the correct number?
8. Don't beat about the bush, just tell me how much you need!
9. Am I dreaming?
10. If you don't tell me who this message is actually for, someone will die.
11. I thought we agreed you wouldn't drink during the day.
12. Your mother is coming to stay with us, isn't she?

Kinda tugs at the heartstrings, doesn't it?!