

ANAVETS ASSINIBOIA 283

February 2015

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Len Cook

As this is my first report to you as your newly elected President, I would like to start by saying thank you to all those Members who came out to the Elections and supported me. I was somewhat amazed but very pleased to see so many of our Members take an interest in this year's Elections by taking the time to attend and to vote. I know that there were quite a few Associate Members that came out found that they were not eligible to vote. I am hoping to have an initiation of new Members at a General Meeting in the near future. All Members will be notified of this meeting through this format and on the Bulletin Boards.

The Membership has voted for change. As it turned out the change was more than was expected but a change none the less. As I said, the Membership voted for change and change will come but I would ask all Members to be patient as change will not occur overnight.

I believe that I will be able to work with the Executive and Officers Elected but, at this time we are short three Executive Members. This will mean double duty for some of the Executive.

To fill the gaps in the Executive there will be a by-election at the March General Meeting to fill the three vacant positions. I urge all Members, who are eligible, to seriously consider letting their name stand. The Unit needs a strong Executive but also one that is willing to work together to ensure the continued success of Unit 283. Please consider being a part of it.

Once again thank you all for your support. I will try my very best to work for you and our Unit to the best of my ability.

ANAVETS 175th Anniversary

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Coins on sale now at the bar for \$20 each. Proceeds going to the Manitoba & N.W. Ontario Provincial Command for the 2016 Biennial Convention held here in Winnipeg



OVER 55 & RETIRED

Marg Rixen

We are off to another busy year. At our first General Meeting, held on January 13th, we had 88 members in attendance.

Elections were held for a 1 year term for Secretary, a 2 year term for Sick and Visiting and a Vice President. Secretary is Diane Magrel, Sick and Visiting is Doug Lloyd and Vice is Roger Briand. Welcome to our new Executive Members. Scrutineers were MaryAnn McGibney and Jim Simm from #4 Legion. Thank you to Nick Dudar for doing Sick and Visiting for 4 years and to Deb Orton for her one year term.

Our Over 80's Birthday will be held on March 17th and invitations will be given out at our February and March General Meetings.

UPCOMING AND REGULAR EVENTS

February 3rd Executive Meeting 1:30pm
February 6th Over 55 Meat Draw 6:30pm
February 10th General Meeting 2:00pm
March 23rd - 25th Warroad Casino \$119.00
Darts every Wednesday at 12:45pm
Bingo every Thursday at 1:15pm. Bring a friend. Chips provided.
Bowling every Friday at 9:30am (spares always needed)

Please check board for upcoming events and Casino trips.

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Elvia Furutani

Our newsletter report was not in the January newsletter and we apologize for that. We want to wish everyone a belated Happy New Year with good health and happiness to all our members.

The Ladies had a very good 2014 and are looking ahead to 2015. Our elections saw all our chairs remaining the same. We wish the Unit and those running for executive and president much success and camaraderie in 2015.

Our Ladies made their January and February donations. Due to the lack of catering and slowing down, our executive has rescaled the amounts to be allotted to our charities and this seems to be working. The Ladies will still be doing small functions such as socials, Celebrations of Life, birthday and retirement parties. Our Ladies Auxiliary has a total of nine members and, as usual, are in need of new members. If you are interested please call President Elvia at 204-895-2275 or pick up an application from the bar.

The 283 Ladies hosted the Ladies Command Shuffleboard Sports day on Saturday January 17th. It was a lot of fun with five teams taking part in the day. The tournament was won by Selkirk Unit 151. Our Ladies did a lovely lunch and it was a day of sport,

laughter and camaraderie. Everyone enjoyed it.

The Quarterly Meeting on Sunday January 18th went well. The topics covered by the Ladies included Membership, Finances and L.A. Unit Business and reports were given by attending Ladies Presidents.

The next topic was convention in May. The Ladies decided to attend the convention on a regular agenda so we will be booking rooms and looking forward to the camaraderie these conventions always bring out in members.

Our next Ladies General Meeting will be February 9th at 7:00pm. The Ladies Meat draw is January 31st and we hope to see all our Ladies out. We may also need volunteer help from our members.

This year remember our motto, Shoulder to Shoulder. It has served us well in past years. If you love your Freedom, and your Rights as a Canadian, remember to "Thank a Veteran" and our current Service Men and Women. God Bless.

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MEMBERSHIP

Leo Barron

The total membership for Unit 283 in 2014 was 1147
The breakdown of the membership is as follows:

Active	327
Affiliate	93
Associate	683
Honorary Associate	13
Honorary	3
Life Member	23
Total	<hr/> 1147

The Unit celebrated its sixty-eighth anniversary in July 2014. The following long service pins were bestowed:

65 year pin	1
50 year pin	4
45 year pin	4
40 year pin	4
35 year pin	15
30 year pin	9
25 year pin	10
20 year pin	19
15 year pin	15
10 year pin	25

We congratulate all recipients and thank all members

for your continued support of this unit.

I especially want to thank my committee of Don Sutherland and Elsie Fraser for their outstanding service for twenty plus years on the membership committee. They certainly made it easy for me to be chairman.

The renewals for 2015 have come in very well. We have reached the 775 mark. We urge those that haven't renewed, as yet, to please consider doing so. We would like to reach our goal of 1147 by the end of June, 2015, so we can relax for the summer. We would appreciate your cooperation.



We welcome our new members and urge them to come in to the unit at any time to enjoy the camaraderie and take advantage of the games room.

On January 17th, the unit held the President's Dinner. It was well attended by invited members, employees and guests. President Kent will not be seeking re-election. The Dominion President, Brian Phoenix, was in attendance and presented President Kent with a Past President medal and certificate. The Dominion President also presented Gord Kent with his Life Membership medal and certificate. Congratulations.



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TRI-SERVICE VETERANS

R.G. Hemlow

First of all we would like to congratulate Len Cook, Gord Kent and Leo Barron. Also, The Tri Service Military Veterans Association Inc would like to thank Comrades Hayden Kent for all the great support along with Sheldon Clupp and Syd Stamper.

The Tri Service Veterans Association will be holding a fund raiser in the John Thompson Room on February 21st from 19:00 hrs to 24:00 hrs. The fund raising event would be Donkey Races to support veterans and veterans' charities. The cost of tickets will be \$10.00. Your ticket gets you in the door and your name is written on the back of your ticket and put in for draws of door prizes. There are some very nice door prizes available and hoping for lots.

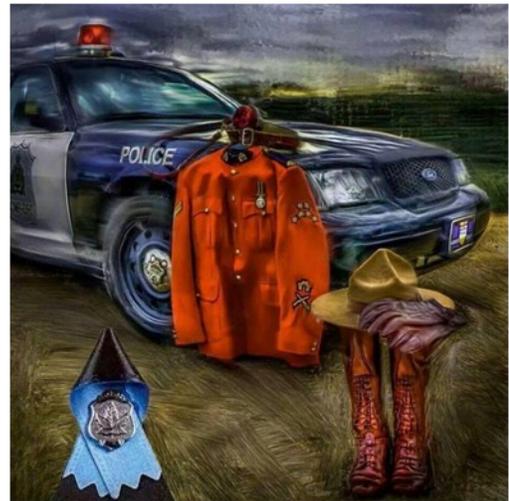
Seven Stars Lodge #180, Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M will be providing all the equipment, jockeys and donkeys. There will be an elevated track which the tiny donkeys race around. There will be a betting booth to bet on the donkeys and you bet and play with funny money and cash in when racing is finished. REMEMBER, it is a fund raiser to help support veterans and veteran charities and we certainly hope to see you all out to this event.

With the new executive coming on board the Tri Service Military Vets will continue to support our veteran associations and charities with the Tuesday Night Meat/ Baking Draws and the Donkey Races on February 21st and certainly hope to see you all out at these events.

The Tri Service Military Veterans Association of Canada is a group of Canadian Veterans who gather

together to renew the bonds of Military Service and promote camaraderie between all Veterans and Veteran Groups of the Canadian Forces, past, present and future. We are a Not-for Profit group whose goal is to aid and assist Veterans by raising awareness through Events and Fundraisers in support of Canadian Military/Veteran Charities. If you have any questions or would like information feel free to ask anyone of us.

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Wizard

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FEBRUARY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Wizard Cards 1:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	3 Over 55 & Retired Exec. Meeting 1:30pm Tri Vet Meat Draw & Chase The Queen 6-8pm	4 Bingo 7:00pm	5 Bingo 1:15pm Cribbage 7:30pm	6 Bingo 7:00pm Pipe Band 50/50 Sports Meat Draw 6:30 (Over 55 & Retired) Rockets	7 Meat Draw & 50/50 3pm Rockets
8	9 Wizard Cards 1:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	10 Over 55 & Retired General Meeting 2pm Ladies Aux Meeting 7pm Tri Vet Meat Draw & Chase The Queen 6-8pm	11 Bingo 7:00pm	12 Bingo 1:15pm Cribbage 7:30pm	13 Bingo 7:00pm Pipe Band 50/50 Sports Meat Draw 6:30 (Darts) Almost angels	14 Meat Draw & 50/50 3pm Almost angels
15	16 Wizard Cards 1:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	17 Tri Vet Meat Draw & Chase The Queen 6-8pm	18 Bingo 7:00pm	19 Bingo 1:15pm Cribbage 7:30pm	20 Bingo 7:00pm Pipe Band 50/50 Sports Meat Draw 6:30 (Shuffleboard) Ricki Redbone	21 Meat Draw & 50/50 3pm Ricki Redbone
22	23 Wizard Cards 1:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	24 Tri Vet Meat Draw & Chase The Queen 6-8pm	25 Bingo 7:00pm	26 Bingo 1:15pm Cribbage 7:30pm	27 Bingo 7:00pm Pipe Band 50/50 Sports Meat Draw 6:30 (Ladies Snooker) Vintage Groove	28 Meat Draw & 50/50 3pm Vintage Groove

Saturday Meat Draw Starts at 3:00pm

February 7	February 14	Date	February 21	February 28
Len Cook	Bill Sadler	MC	Susan Paggett	Rae Roberts
Elvia Furutani	Barb Sadler	Main Lounge	Marg Rixen	Aline Sutherland
Carol Reid	Kandia Sarides	Table	Maxine Beatty	Ken Scarff
Jackie McDowell	Ann Korniat	Runner	Chuck Black	Linda Alberts
Marg Pokornik	Stella Pedersen	Games Room	Gail McDonald	Ted Chapman
Steinie Jonasson	Wilmer Antonio	Table	Donna Megarry	Harriet Chapman
Elly St Pierre	Elly St Pierre	50/50 Sales	Elly St Pierre	Elly St Pierre
Linda Alberts	Del Sadler	Cake	Terry Abrahamson	Joe Dooley
Kandia Sarides	Marilyn Brown	Table	Janet Vickery	Jenny Dooley
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SPORTS

Sylvia Shaler

On January 3rd we had Command Senior Curling at Brandon Unit #10

1st place went to Brandon Unit #10 giving them 4 points for the Shield

2nd place went to Assiniboia Unit #283 giving us 3 points for the Shield

On January 17th we had Command Shuffleboard at Portage La Prairie Unit #13

1st place went to Club 60 giving them 4 points for the Shield

2nd place went to Rockwood Unit #303 giving them 3 points for the Shield

3rd place went to John Osborn Unit #1 giving them 2 points for the Shield

4th place went to Assiniboia Unit #283 giving us 1 point for the Shield

The Thanks for Coming Out went to Selkirk Unit #151

I would like to thank Portage Unit #13 for the great day of fun and lunch .

The next event is Senior Snooker hosted by Assiniboia Unit #283 on February 7th at 10:00am, so come on out and cheer on our team.

The Command Curling Bonspiel is March 13th, 14th & 15th at Canad Inns Curling Club in Portage La Prairie. Sign-up sheets are in the games room.

Our next Sports meeting is March 25th at 6:45pm.

I would like to say welcome to the new executive. Hayden, Syd, Sheldon & Bill, you will be sadly missed.



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CURLING

Judie Brown

During the Christmas and New Year holiday we took a break from curling. We returned to curling refreshed and eager to play!

All teams were given a short questionnaire to fill out for the Calcutta being held February 15th after we finish our games on that Sunday. In the past, I personally have had so much fun delivering the Bio for each player, and Syd Stamper does the auction or bidding for each team. It can prove to be hilarious. Feel free to come out and have some laughs.

We have had three loyal spectators come join us every Sunday, Jackie Yeo, Harry Yeo and George Andrews. I for one appreciate you coming out and joining in on the fun. I am extending a pre-invite to the new president and executives, whomever they may be, to join us at Deer Lodge Curling Club February 15th at 9:00am and introduce yourself to the curling league and have a few or a lot of laughs. See you there!



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LADIES SNOOKER

Carol Reid

On behalf of the Ladies Snooker League, we would like to offer our congratulations to our new President, Len Cook, 1st Vice President, Gord Kent, and 2nd Vice President, Leo Barron.

I missed the last edition of the newsletter – the time just got away from me, so my apologies. I can tell you that our Christmas party was full of great food, fun and laughter. We exchanged gifts and collected some goodies for the Christmas Cheer Board. The winners of the Food Fare gift certificates were Sue Maxwell and me. Thank you from both of us.

We are half way through our second round and things are getting very interesting. We have Lynne S. leading the high run with three gals just one point behind her. They are Diane L., Sue M. and Linda G. Personally, I think there should be some recognition for those of us who occasionally sink two balls in a row.

Our next meat draw is February 27th and the teams working that night are Kerry and Margaret, Janice and Bonnie, Lynn and Carole D.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Louis Riel Day. Hmmm! I was just thinking, both of these holidays could probably be celebrated by shooting some arrows. Your choice, love or war. Here's mine!



SHUFFLEBOARD

Ken Cade

We ended our first complete round just before Christmas and celebrated with a Christmas Party on December 15th. On December 12th our volunteers for the Friday Night Meat Draw were Shirley Lyon, Don Gillon, Gladys Arnal, Marg Pokornik, Judie Brown and myself. On January 5th we began our 2nd round with the most wins to date being Bob & Kim Hekl 32, Ralph Pielt & Fran O'Neil 25, Joanne Clupp & Darryl Yeo 22, closely followed by Stan Jorowski & Sandra Penner with 21. On the "hangers" competition, Faye Davidson leads the Ladies with 16, followed by Elly St. Pierre and Kim Hekl with 14 each and Shirley Lyon with 10. Don Gillon leads the Men with 16, close by with 15 is Alain Dumoneaux, Darryl Yeo with 12, Stan Jorowski at 11 and Rae Roberts with 10.

On February 20th mark your calendars for the Friday Night Meat Draw – as hosts for that evening we are hoping for a very large turnout.

Jim Rondeau
MLA for Assiniboia



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SOCIAL SERVICES

Rae Roberts

2014, unlike previous years, brought some interesting, surprising and sometimes confusing happenings at the Unit. However, life at 'The Friendly Club' was again very busy and fulfilling what with all the events and functions presented by your Executive and their committees, the Over 55 and Retired Club and all the various sports leagues. Add to this, the dedication and involvement of the Tri-Service Veterans to Unit 283 and to their widespread fund raising ventures. We thank you all and we will always be 'Shoulder to Shoulder'.

To our Comrades in hospital, care facilities or recovering at home, we pray for your good health and speedy recovery in the hopes that we will soon see you back at 'the club' very, very soon. I will continually bring to your attention Social Services has forms available at the front entrance to the clubrooms that can be filled in with relevant information regarding the status of a Unit member. With this information we can then contact that person or one of their family members to discuss how we may be able to help. Please note that not all Unit members wish to have their names or condition posted or advertised. We respect and acknowledge their choice and right of privacy. At this time of writing, Unit members in Hospital/Care Facilities or at Home are:

Oakview
Tom Muirhead
W.C. Anderson
Jim Johnson
Fred Stevens

Grace
Mervin Pilkey

Golden West
Alma Brett

Deer Lodge
Ron Davison
Betty Boyce

Grace Hospice
Art Mayer

Home
Gord Turland

One of the more difficult areas organizations such as ours has to deal with is the loss of a comrade. This unfortunately occurs all too often in a Unit with a membership the size of 283. Social Services and the Unit are always available to support and guide a comrade or their family member who lost a loved one. Again, if you are in need of assistance or advice

during this difficult time, please do not hesitate to contact Service Officer Rae W. Roberts at the Unit.

I attended and participated at 15 Unit member and 4 non-member funerals this past year

IN REMEMBRANCE JANUARY 2014-JANUARY 2015

JOSEPHINE (JOAN) DANIELS
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STEVE BREZDEN
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MERVYN (MERV) HERMAN WALLIN
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LESLIE ALLAN EDGE

"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"

During the past year I attended and participated in a number of events and parades both in-house and away.

Just to mention a few: in September at the RCSSC Crusader graduation and awards ceremony parade I presented a trophy and certificate to a deserving cadet. On behalf of Unit 283 I accepted a Community Service Award from the Crusaders in thanks for our continued involvement in community events. Throughout Remembrance Week I first held a small Cenotaph Assembly Service in front of the Unit honouring two service personnel killed: WO Patrice Vincent and CPL Nathan Cirillo. Along with the colour party and a speaker I attended and presented a Veterans Service at four (4) local schools and two (2) churches. As Command Deputy Sgt-at-Arms I paraded at the opening ceremonies of the annual High School Football ANAVETS Bowl. On November 11th

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I paraded at the Convention Centre and following those services I attended a private service by Premier Selinger at the Memorial Boulevard Cenotaph. During this 'Week of Remembrance' I also attended and spoke to a number of veterans and senior citizens at various care homes and facilities and presented them with a poppy. It is difficult to mention by name each and every Association member that I paraded with during 2014, but from the bottom of my heart, I thank you one and all. You all did ANAVETS proud.

As a member of Joint Veterans Association planning committee, I was able to input ANAVETS involvement of veteran events and functions in city and provincial sectors. As I mentioned, the above items are just a portion of my involvement with ANAVETS and other Veteran Organizations. It was an interesting year.

In conclusion, I hope you were able to attend our Unit elections of January 22nd and used your own voice and vote as a member of 283. I sincerely appreciate your participation in Unit business and that you will continue to attend upcoming General Meetings thus enabling you to fully understand the actual running of an organization such as this and what your elected executive actually do on a daily basis. Just hearing rumour and innuendo does not give you the full perspective or truth of service. For the betterment of the Unit, it is important for you to become a more informed and involved member of this wonderful organization. It is, after all, your club, we on the executive are only temporary, you are permanent.

Thank you for your continued support and input. Donna and I sincerely wish this new year of change will be positive and will bring each and every one of you health, happiness and prosperity.

Remember, we are called the 'Friendly Club' for a reason.

Chase the Queen



of Spades



&

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Meat Draw

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In Remembrance



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