



SEAVIEW CENTENIAL ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

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To: Branch 257 Membership

YEAR IN REVIEW

We have to admit that 2021 was a much more manageable year for your Legion. With the advent of vaccinations and passports we have almost returned to an acceptable normal.

We, as your Executive, have worked hard this year to build a "safe place" for you, our members. So many of you have returned, coming in for cribbage, pool, shuffleboard and the meat draw, knowing you are feeling safe and comfortable here and amongst fellow comrades. This reflects your confidence in all that has been done and continues to be done to keep one and all healthy in mind and body. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation and for following all the Covid-19 regulations.

As I will be retiring as your President at the end of December, I want to take this time to thank all those who have made my job very rewarding these past two years. I have had the privilege of meeting and working with many of you and will take those memories with me.

ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE

All positions for the 2022 Branch Executive were filled by acclamation. I want to thank those who put their names forward to keep our Branch in business. They say it is only a couple of hours a week, however, the dedication required will certainly take up many more hours. A list of your 2022 Executive will be posted on the board in the Lounge and on the Website.

POPPY CAMPAIGN

This years Poppy Campaign was very successful, topping over \$60,000! We must thank our Poppy Chairman, Barry French for all his hard work in coordinating such a Herculean task. However, Barry couldn't have done any of it without the many

volunteers who manned the tables in the stores, kept up with the money counts, donated generously and collected all the boxes and cans afterwards. A big thanks to everyone.

DONATIONS

Branch 257 has passed motions for the following donations from the Gaming Account to end 2021. We are donating \$500 each to: Loaves & Fishes; The Great Nanaimo Toy Drive; the 7-10 Club; and the Military Museum. A donation of \$1000 was authorized to go to the College for the Letters & Images, whose job it is to copy and preserve historical letters.

OPENING HOURS

Our Lounge is currently open Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 3pm - 8pm and as our members feel safer with their outings, we are experiencing larger attendances. The turkey dinner for example was sold out.

During the Festive Season, we will be closing our doors from 22 December to 3 January 2022 giving the executive and volunteers a much needed break. Our phones and e-mails will still be monitored, so if anyone is in need of assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out. Please leave messages on the Office phone only: 250-390-2108.

SPORTS

Crib - Tuesday afternoons 1-4pm
Crib - Tuesday evening 7-9pm
Pool - Tuesday evening 7-9pm
Shuffleboard - Friday afternoons
Meat Draws every Saturday 3:00 - 5:30pm

NEW YEARS DINNER – CANCELLED

Unfortunately, our New Years Dinner has had to be cancelled as ticket sales did not reach quota by the cut-off date. Those few who have purchased tickets will be reimbursed.

WELCOME TO 2022

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

6 January 2022 – (tentative) Installation of Officers will take place in the Legion Hall on Thursday, 6 January 2022. The Zone Commander, Comrade Achim Sen will be visiting to swear in the new Branch 257 Executive. The new executive will have their first meeting on Tuesday, 11 January 2022.

GENERAL MEETINGS ARE BACK

Branch 257 will be holding it's first GENERAL MEETING on Monday, 24 January 2022. This meeting will coincide with the Annual Visit of the Central Vancouver Island Zone Commander, Comrade Achim Sen. COVID-19 protocols for attendance will be in place and proof of vaccination will be required.

Comrade Frank Mezzatesta
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