



**Legion**   
*There is Strength and  
Power in numbers*

## ***Seaview Centennial Branch 257 Presidents Message March 2022***

Hello everyone and we are pleased to say things are beginning to rev back up in our Legion after two years of intermittent closures due to those dreaded words “Corona Virus”.

The recent lifting of restrictions has brought many of our valued members back, and with further restrictions being lifted in early April we will be getting back to an “as we were” normality.

### **Welcoming News:**

March has brought some great news to our Legion. Your new executive has been busy applying for funding to assist our Legion and reduce the acquired deficit over the past two years of battling with COVID. This effort has paid off as we were awarded \$10,000.00 dollars from BC/Yukon via our British Columbia government to compensate our branch for some of the losses incurred during the previously required closure. Although this sounds like a lot of money; we are still ***below the line***, due to the impact COVID had on our Legion.

Further to this, we have also been successful with our application for \$25000.00 dollars from the New Horizons Grant. This money is slated for upgrading our aging kitchen equipment.

### **Upcoming Events:**

In addition to your weekly announcements from your ***ways and means*** I have some big events to announce for you to mark on your calendar:

There will be a Special General Meeting held on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Masks are optional but there will still be a requirement to show proof of vaccination. Looking forward to finally seeing all of you at our first meeting in over two years.

June 2-5<sup>th</sup> is Convention week with our Central Island Zone hosting the BC/Yukon Provincial Convention here in Nanaimo. For those wishing to participate at the Convention as Delegates or observers please contact me directly. Branch 257 will also be hosting a salmon dinner on

Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> for Convention delegates, Officers and our members. Tickets will be for sale a few weeks before the Convention dates. Stay tuned for more details to follow.

This year July 1<sup>st</sup> will be celebrated along with the Platinum Jubilee for her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II celebration for her 70 years of reign. Branch 257 will be hosting an open house with food and entertainment. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements.

**Vacancies:**

Branch 257 has the following positions that require to be filled as soon as possible:

We are looking for a member in good standing who wishes to join our executive team. Nominations will be accepted and voted upon at our next General Meeting scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. For those who wish to come forward and be placed on the nominating list please contact me directly at [president257@shaw.ca](mailto:president257@shaw.ca) or call me at 250 713 5487.

Ways and Means is searching for a volunteer to fill the position for a Meat Draw co-ordinator. For those interested in offering a few hours a week and help maintain our weekly meat draw event please contact Colleen at [waysandmeans257@shaw.ca](mailto:waysandmeans257@shaw.ca).

**In Closing:**

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers. They are doing their best to provide our Legion with their time and services required in order to properly serve our veterans and members. As we are all aware, Branch 257 presently holds a liquor primary club license that provides us with a unique member only - 100% volunteer Legion. As members of this association, we are dedicated to participate not only with our mission but also to partake in the activities and to volunteer our services within our organization to ensure we are able to sustain the financial requirement needed to operate. Your support is greatly appreciated and we simply could not continue to function without your assistance.

***There is always something that needs someone's willingness to take care of.***

*Respectfully yours,*

***Gary Hawk***

President

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