



CLUB 344 NEWS

Fall 2016

ANAF Elections Nov 27th – 2:00 PM

Sunday November 27th @ 2:00 pm – the bi annual meeting of ANAF Unit 344 will be held to elect a new executive. If you wish to stand for election let us know.

Update of club activities, finances and membership will be provided.

Prior to elections there will also be a vote amending the current operating by-laws. There is a notice of motion to update sections 6 through 9, which include require meetings and structure of the Clubs executive. Notice of motion has been emailed, can viewed online, or at the Club.

Join Us – Get Involved

BILLY LEE - F/SGT R.A.F. - Remembered

Billy Lee was a charter member of the Army, Navy, & Air Force Veterans Club 344 in Guelph and until recent years was one of the most popular members of the Club. He was both witty and well liked.

After spending several years in England, I returned to Canada in 1970 and joined the Army & Navy Club. That is when I first met Billy. We both liked to sing as did other members in those days. I became secretary about that time.

Billy told me that he was born in South Africa, in 1923, the son of a British soldier. His family moved to Belfast, Ireland shortly after he was born, and it was there that Billy was raised and married. The family came to Canada and settled in Guelph in 1953, whereupon he joined the Canadian Legion branch 234. At that point in time the Legion was located in the downtown area.

A disagreement amongst members of the Legion and its executive members resulted in suspension of several members in 1960. The suspended members formed the Imperial and Allied Veterans Club in 1960 under the leadership of Edward Dodds who died a few months later.

After Edward Dodds, Ken Hogarth was the first president of the new Imperial and Allied Veterans Club in 1960 and was responsible for

the merger with the Army, Navy, & Air Force Association of Canada. The group became unit 334.

This club was a great place to spend your leisure hours. Membership grew and so did the activities of the group which included dart tournaments, euchre, pool, snooker and dominos. The Club celebrated New Year's parties, Christmas parties, St Patrick's Day, and Robbie Burn's birthday. The group organized occasional outings to Mohawk race track. Billy Lee was prominent in most of these activities.

Saturday night dances were well attended and after closing hours a few members and their wives remained to sing in the main bar-room. They sang Irish, English, Scottish, and Wales songs. Sometimes these sessions lasted past 2 am and always were thoroughly enjoyable.

Being a social club that serves alcoholic beverages, the occasional member would go home at night in state of drunkenness (Most of them drove cars but were able to get home safely).

The popularity of the Army, Navy and Air Force Club dwindled dramatically after the Provincial government passed legislation limiting alcohol consumption of those who would be driving. Since that time, most charter members have passed away. Billy Lee and John Rigby survived until recently. There may be other former members still living in nursing homes.

The good old days of the Guelph Army and Navy Club have passed into history but still may be remembered by the children of those original charter members. We bid them all a fond farewell.

- Henry Law

ANAF MONTHLY DINNER CLUB

A number of members are getting together the last Thursday of the month, to make and share dinner. These are usually three or four course homemade meals, priced at between \$15 and \$20. Funds go to kitchen fund

Join us send your email address to Don Kaufman d_kaufman@rogers.com

MEMBER EVENTS

Oct 20th Thurs. 5:30

ANAF Ham and Scallop potatoes by Jessie Marshall dinner. \$15.00 reserve by Oct 18th

Oct 21-22nd - Fri-Sat

Comedy Festival

Nov 6th. Sunday – 3:00 to 5:00

Old Time Music –free

Nov 11th, Friday – all day

Open 9:30 am Remembrance Day parade & service TV broadcast

1:00 Guelph Pipe Band

8:00 John McGlone disc jockey

Food all day long

Nov 24th, Thursday 5:30

ANAF Diner – Trish Lowry meat pies \$15.00 – reserve by Nov 21st

Nov 27th, Sunday 2:00

ANAF 344 Executive Elections (Annual Reports)

Dec 4th. Sunday – 3:00 to 5:00

Old Time Music –free

Dec 24th – Saturday

Xmas Eve Pot Luck

SONG CIRCLE ACOUSTIC JAM
2nd & 4th Wed of every month

BLUEGRASS JAM
3rd Wed of every month

don't forget
The fun and fantastic
Golden Throats Karaoke
The FIRST and THIRD Friday

KITCHEN FUND REACHES -

\$4,000.00

Got a fund raising suggest let us now contact anafevents@gmail.com