

ANNEX K – MEMBER SUPPORT

NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF CANADA - OTTAWA BRANCH MEMBER SUPPORT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 6 JUNE 2016

This has been a relatively quiet year with only one of our members requesting my assistance to coordinate disability compensation from Veterans Affairs Canada. However, I did attend several funerals, sent out the appropriate condolence cards, coordinated the initial visitation criteria for Jim Spalding, and on a final note, provided assistance with the setup for the BOA Gala including escorting some of our disabled Veterans to their seats in the Lebreton Gallery.

In addition, I have continued to represent NAC-O in an observer capacity only on the Canadian Coalition for Retirement Security which in turn provides NAC-O with considerable advanced notice regarding any Federal Government potential changes from our current Directed Pension Plan System to what is referred to as a Targeted Pension Plan. This still remains a hot topic even with the new government!

I have also been invited by the Minister of Veterans Affairs, Kent Hehr, to attend the May 9/10th Stakeholder Summit which will give me the opportunity to acquire and report back on any potential changes in policy with-respect-to the New Veterans Charter.

And on a final note, I have been working with Mr Stephen Quick, Director General of the CWM and Mr James Whitham, Director of Collections, CWM for several years now in an attempt to have the original contractor's scale model of HMCS Bonaventure put on display in the Lebreton Gallery of the Canadian War Museum. These negotiations are nearing fruition as the model was recently repatriated from Gagetown to the Canadian Aviation and Space Museum where it currently resides awaiting transfer to the CWM. Recent conversations with the aforementioned have indicated that our goal is close at hand, however, given the current condition of the model it will require some minor repairs and repainting before it can be put on display. It's my belief that once refurbished the Bonnie model, complete with model aircraft to adorn her flight deck, will provide a much needed historical naval presence in what is now predominately an "ARMY" environment!

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