

BEZANSON VETERANS HONOURED

With the AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE MEDAL



A local law office, **Carter, Lock and Horrigan**, hosted a prestigious gathering on September 4th, to honour three Bezanson Veterans – Gunner George Burrows, Private John (Jack) Dryer and Master Warrant Officer Stanley Hanson. A very special medal, the **Ambassador for Peace Medal**, is awarded to Veterans of the Korean War should they meet certain requirements. Not only did the “medal case” include the aforementioned award but also included a document addressed to each Veteran, thanking them for their service and stamped by a representative of the Republic of Korea. The proclamation reads as follows:

Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs

“AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE”

Official Proclamation

John Edward Dryer

It is a great honor and pleasure to express the everlasting gratitude of the Republic of Korea and our people for the service you and your countrymen have performed in restoring and preserving our Freedom and democracy.

We cherish in our hearts the memory of your boundless sacrifices in helping us reestablish our Free Nation.

In grateful recognition of your dedicated contributions, it is our privilege to proclaim you an ‘AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE’ with every good wish of people of the Republic of Korea. Let each of us reaffirm our mutual respect and friendship that they may endure for generations to come.

Minister
Patriots and Veterans Affairs
Republic of Korea



As the presentation was held in the Firm’s stylish boardroom, it also provided an opportunity to honour one of the partners, Ron Horrigan, who had recently passed away. Ron’s uncle was Gunner George Burrows.

Gayla, Ron’s wife was in attendance along with their son, Michael and was presented with a beautiful bouquet of white roses. Her appreciative smile said it all.

Wanda Zenner emceed the event and opened the afternoon's presentation by calling on Roy Carter. He recalled having many conversations with Ron regarding the Burrows family and relayed how Ron was so appreciative of the work done to ensure his relatives and others received the awards that they were entitled to. Roy finished his remarks with one of Martin Luther King Junior's famous quotes, "We are not the makers of history, we are made by history".

Wanda then provided an abridged version of each Veteran's biography and added personal anecdotes as recited to her by family members. MP for Grande Prairie McKenzie, Chris Warkentin, presented family members with the beautiful Ambassador for Peace Medal.



Gunner George Burrows' niece Gloria (Horrigan) Gillis accepted the award on his behalf. Gloria's husband and her sister Dianne, along with her husband were in attendance.



Private John (Jack) Dryer's Ambassador for Peace Medal was accepted by his niece Dorothy (Lange) Doll. Anne (Dryer) and Bill Shumard were also in attendance. Anne is the daughter of Jack's brother Arnold.



Master Warrant Officer Stanley Hanson's Ambassador for Peace Medal was accepted by his niece Brenda Sandboe. Brenda is the daughter of of Stan's wife's sister.

The formal portion of the presentation was concluded by Amanda Frayn, County of GP Counselor for Division I, who stated that it was an honour to be invited to such an event. Carter, Lock & Horrigan provided refreshments and a large charcuterie board with various choices to temp your taste buds. Many thanks to Nicola Heaney & her team of organizers.

It was such an enjoyable, commemorative afternoon steeped in Military History. There was also sense of reverence as everyone took a moment to reflect on the sacrifices made by their family members as well as thoughts of the families of the 516 servicemen who did not return home.

