



History of the Army, Navy & Airforce Veterans Unit 290, Kamloops

It all started in 1947, when the Army, Navy & Airforce Veterans in Canada, Unit #290 (ANAVets 290) managed to get to the stage where they obtained their Charter, but here in Kamloops the fledgling Unit had problems getting off the ground and were compelled to return their Charter. It wasn't until 1975 that another effort was made to bring Unit 290 back to life.

This time thanks to the diligent efforts of two men, Edwin Granger and Peter Allan, success was in the offing. The first meeting was held in Ed Granger's basement. Ed himself was elected to be the Unit's first President. They had nothing! Furniture was either contributed or borrowed. All the work was done by the Executive and members who volunteered their services. Many of these people deserve recognition, but there are just too many to mention here.

The first fund raising effort was a dance held at McArthur Park School. The music was donated by the Cave Brothers. It was a success to the tune of \$1,300 – a lot of money when you have nothing. This bit of financing enabled us to rent

the Kamloops Elks Hall for meetings at \$50 a week. We had earned the right of a Charter and it was presented on the 13th of March 1976 at The Canadian Inn.

The next move was to a building on Briar Avenue -- again all volunteer work. Our next move was to what was the Royal Bank building on Tranquille Road. The Briar Avenue building was bought by us and donated to the Cadet Corps of Kamloops. We purchased a bus for the Salvation Army. We have made all sorts of donations and bursaries to many, many groups and organizations. We are currently located at #9 – 177 Tranquille Road – a great view right along the river.

Anyone with preconceived notions of Veterans Organizations will be enlightened to know that you do not have to be a Veteran to become a member of ANAVets. Anyone interested in becoming a member should make inquiries at the club or phone 250-554-2455 for further information.

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Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada

Drop-In to ANAVETS by the River. We Welcome Everyone!



Meat draws Sat & Sun 3:00 - 5:00

55+ Drop-in Darts Wed afternoon 12:30 - 4:00

Karaoke Fri & Sun 6:00 - 10:00

9-177 Tranquille Road, Kamloops

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Lounge Hours:

Mon 10:00 - 7:00	Fri 10:00 - 10:00
Tues 10:00 - 7:00	Sat 10:00 - 7:00
Wed 10:00 - 10:00	Sun 10:00 - 10:00
Thurs 10:00 - 7:00	