

HKVCA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TREASURER'S REPORT
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Greetings:

Copies of the audited financial statements for the Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association for the year ending December 31, 2017 are available. The following comments are taken from that document.

Each month a statement is prepared for the national executive which shows the status of our finances---where the money came from and where the money went-- which gives us an opportunity to discuss our financial situation overall or perhaps review specific items or projects.

The audited statement referred to is prepared each year by the Winnipeg accounting firm of Heisinger & Montgomery, and they do so for a very small fee. We truly appreciate the service provided by Jim Montgomery as we value the opportunity to have our books examined from the outside.

During the year under review, our association did not have any major projects underway that required funding from the national account so our financial statements are not dramatic at all and reflect only the regular operational and administrative

requirements of the HKVCA. The financial statements of an organization can often reflect the activity or lack of it over the period of time under review.

First, on the Balance Sheet:

- **Under Current Assets, we have the bank account of \$27,251 which is a considerable increase over the same time last year. An aggressive approach by the regions brought in \$1,000 more in dues while a significant increase in generous donations accounts for the rest of this increase.**
- **Next we show \$4,568 in Inventory which includes books that we have for sale but also videos, crests and gravestone markers. This amount of inventory is larger than last year as we now have a supply of HKVCA flags for sale to all members who are interested.**
- **The balance sheet shows our Current Assets on December 31, 2017 as \$31,819, much better than at the end of the previous year.**
- **We have no Current Liabilities as we almost always pay cash for all our expenditures.**
- **Over on the Statement of Income, our numbers have increased significantly due to the factors mentioned earlier, namely a growth in both dues and donations. A generous grant from Veterans Affairs Canada accounts for this**

positive outcome as well. Our income is derived almost entirely from the collection of dues and donations with the dues \$4,980 and donations now at \$5,878. The sale of merchandise was just a few hundred dollars.

- **Under Expenses, a major item is our newsletter which we publish 4 times a year. This is a significant aspect of our communications as we have one national newsletter whereas previously we had various Regional newsletters. Each Region supplies the Editor with news and information and we are able to print and mail about 600 copies to our members four times a year at a total cost of just over \$2,000. A growing number of our members now receive the newsletter online and that saves us considerably in both printing costs and postage.**
- **A significant one- time expense the previous year was the purchase of a new HKVCA flag but this year a few of those flags have been sold with the balance in inventory and available to the membership.**
- **Once again, the Income Statement reflects the generosity of our members and friends as donations were even more than dues, \$5,878 to \$4,980. Income in total, was more than 2016 while our expenses were down significantly. This combination leaves us with a much improved financial situation leading into 2018.**

In summary, the Commemorative Association has had a good year financially from the standpoint that we have been able to meet all our obligations and pay our bills in a timely fashion. We submit a report to the Canada Revenue Agency each year as a Registered Charity and each year we have met our expenditure requirements.

I think that when our organization has a focus on a major project such as the Memorial Wall we have tremendous energy, ingenuity and generosity to make meaningful things happen. Our financial statements show that we are more or less in a “caretaker” mode and I look forward to working with all of you to make bigger and better things happen to honour our veterans.

Mr. Secretary, I present to you the December 31, 2017 audited statement for the HKVCA, to be entered into the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting.

Barry C. Mitchell

National Treasurer