

Greetings and welcome to a new year of ARMA Vancouver Island!

I am the not-so-newly minted President of the Chapter (since the AGM in May 2019). We have some programming and other things in various stages of planning and I thought I would take this opportunity to preview some and solicit your participation in others.

We will be having two day long conferences – one in the fall in the North Island and in the spring in Victoria. We will also be having some evening sessions throughout the year both educational and purely social (read: networking). Stay glued to your email for details.

The Programming Committee is at work on the events mentioned above and will be happy to have both your input and your participation. This year we would like to encourage members to come forward with presentations – most of us have to do presentations as part of our work, so our evening sessions can provide a chance to rehearse or try out material in front of a receptive audience who have all “been there”. And we are all interested to hear how each other addresses the concerns we all face. So if you have a topic to share or have a topic you would like to hear about, let us know! Christine Fedoruk at [armavi\\_christine@outlook.com](mailto:armavi_christine@outlook.com) and Jessica Nichol at [Jessica.nichol@esquimalt.ca](mailto:Jessica.nichol@esquimalt.ca) are helming that work, so contact them directly.

Yes, we know the website is out of date both in terms of content and our platform, but fear not: we have struck a committee, so problem solved. Actually the Website Review Committee has some talented and motivated people attached so I am optimistic we’ll see some real progress before long. In the meantime, if you have an itchy mouse finger and want to exercise or develop your web skills contact Alysha Joo at [alysha.m.joo@gmail.com](mailto:alysha.m.joo@gmail.com).

Have you met our Mascot? We have adopted a Vancouver Island Marmot named Hooper through the [Marmot Recovery Foundation](#) and our stuffed version is available for photo shoots, either in your office environment or some fabulous Vancouver Island vista.

A reminder that members are welcome at our monthly Board meetings - typically the third Wednesday at 5:30 at the Public Library, but you should confirm that on the website - feel free to satisfy your curiosity – let us know you are coming and we’ll save you a chair.

Finally, if you have a beef or a bouquet or a question or a concern, my virtual door is open: [president@armavi.org](mailto:president@armavi.org)

All the best, enjoy your summer.

Dave Young, President [ARMA Vancouver Island](#)

