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Ontario Division Newsletter

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Changes in the Wind

It has certainly become a challenging year for NLC in Ontario at the Division level and for all our Branches. On the brink of having our Annual General Meeting in Woodstock in early April, all our regular activities came to a halt when the world was gripped by the COVID-19 pandemic. In the midst of shutdowns and major adjustments in our programs and our lives, and with Interim Executive (ITE) steering the ship, we had our first virtual AGM in May, followed by the Division reinstatement. We now have a new Board of Directors which, in spite of the pandemic-related challenges, is moving forward with current and new projects. Some of these projects relate directly to COVID-19.

- ❖ **Virtual Training** –Cadets are meeting virtually and continue their training; NL on Google Classroom and SC on DND platform. Innovative options for continued cadet engagement and training have been implemented by Branches and Corps with great results and summer training shifted to online with high levels of participation. It has been a paradigm shift but the cadets have persevered with the new format. Bravo Zulu!
- ❖ **Office 365**—Ontario Division has switched to the Office 365 software and Karen has been instrumental in getting it off the ground and introducing it to the Division. Thank you for all your cooperation in adopting new emails within this program and getting familiar with the new system. We look forward to exploring and using other programs that are available including MS Teams.
- ❖ **QuickBooks Online (QBO)** - On August 8th the first group of Treasurers received their training and sessions are continuing. The complete conversion of the accounting to QBO is projected to be completed by December 2020! Don't forget to check your new Treasurer email regularly for information about the next training opportunity.
- ❖ **Website**—Thanks to Jamie Clute we have a more current website and you will notice that for the first time we have a donate button! Please take the time to become familiar with the site's contents at <https://navyleagueon.ca/>
- ❖ **Micharity**— Our DONATE button on the Ontario Division website is connected to a donor platform called Micharity. A donor can choose to donate to Ontario Division or any Branch of their choice.
- ❖ **Fundraising** is going through a metamorphosis with social distancing and no cadet participation. More to come as we prepare for more comprehensive online fundraising.
- ❖ **Marine Careers**— Check out the back page for some employment possibilities for careers in the marine industry. Please share with your cadets.

Medal of Excellence Recipients 2019-2020

CPO1 William Bramwell from RCSCC Trillium is a hardworking and dedicated Sea Cadet who leads by example. He works individually with cadets to further develop their self-confidence and to build a strong team. He is active with local sports teams and is on his school's Ultimate Frisbee team. His volunteer community service is exemplary. Bravo Zulu!



CPO2 Desmond Williams from NLCC Drillia is an active member of the drill team and first aid team. He loves sailing. As an active member of the Chippewas of Rama First Nation he has lead Christmas parades, Remembrance Day, and Veteran's services. He is a true leader who promotes the Navy League wherever he goes. Congratulations!

Music Award Recipients 2019-2020

CPO2 Annabel Ahu from RCSCC Centurion is an exceptional leader. She sets high standards and expects the same of her cadet peers. She is a fantastic saxophone player and exceeds standards in drill, always helping her peers with techniques and other ways to improve their overall musicianship. She has led a sectional, taught a music lesson, taught band drill, provided private instruction and played within an ensemble at HMCS Ontario.



CPO2 Graham Rowland from RCSCC Centurion is an advanced musician who demonstrates high standards in leadership, deportment and skill. He continuously uses his in-depth knowledge of music to aid the younger cadets, compose music and lead the band off and on the parade square. He presents himself with professionalism and maturity in front of the cadets. CPO2 Rowland is hardworking, not only focusing on his studies, but also his musical abilities. He often arranges pieces for the band to play, focuses on his royal conservatory pieces, helps arrange the school band and plays at various other competitions around the region.

Good News Stories Amidst a Pandemic

Woodstock Branch

As a result of the city closing the ship, the Branch Executive decided that the food purchased for their on-board activities would be donated to the community given the challenges of the pandemic. In discussions with United Way, a huge supporter of our program, it was determined that the food would be taken to Trumpet of Truth Ministry. ASlt (NL) Jones delivered the food items to a very appreciative volunteer group helping out those in the community.

North York NL Branch

An industrious Branch member secured grocery gift cards from a local food bank to be given to families affiliated with the Navy League who were in need. The offer was extended to other local Navy League Branches and approximately \$1,000 worth of gift cards were distributed.

Belleville Branch

When Covid-19 shut down all cadet activities, one of our officers realized with an empty building with great storage potential we could do a significant community bottle drive. Once the Beer Store finally allowed the return of empties, we received \$7,395.60. Please refer to

<https://inquire.ca/story/navy-league-gets-more-than-7000>



RCSCC Quinte-Belleville is extremely proud to be the first Corp in the country offering Amateur Radio Communication. Eight cadets will write their Basic Amateur Radio License. Slt Matthew Batten introduced the Corp to this. When COVID-19 shut down face-to-face training they enrolled at www.rac.ca/basic-radio-course to do it on-line with his constant support. It is getting international recognition.



Ottawa Branch

After much planning, approvals, social distancing and without cadets this year, we berthed the Howard at Dow's Lake and cruised along the Rideau Canal promoting the 125th Anniversary of the Navy League of Canada, encouraging cadets to return in the Fall, promoting Navy League programs and boosting visibility in the community.

More Good News Stories...

Mississauga Branch

We have an amazing and dedicated group of officers and senior cadets who were determined not to let COVID-19 stop them from celebrating and recognizing the cadets' accomplishments this year. Below is a link to what we think is a very unique and fun way to celebrate the end of the cadet year.

<https://www.facebook.com/mississaugaseacadets/live/>



Belleville Branch

Through the generous donation of \$40,000 from a local family foundation, along with some socially-distanced fundraising, the Belleville cadet building was able to complete some much-needed repairs. For full story visit

<https://www.quintenews.com/2020/09/12/244417/>

More Online Links for Your Viewing Enjoyment...

HMCS Fredericton's Change of Command Ceremony from Cdr Blair Brown to Cdr Andrew Graham. Outgoing Commander, Blair Brown, incoming Commander, Andrew Graham (Drew) formerly a cadet from RCSCC Quinte. Click the link to view [Belleville](#)

Battle of the Atlantic 75th Anniversary Commemorations

Fort Erie Branch

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A7clrD6E7HjDdmRZYr7GCrCNOXw8KYVN/view?ts=5eaf6919>

Guelph Branch

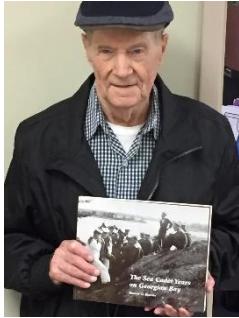
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIGKKy93sww>

Trenton Branch—Sons of the Waves Part 1 & 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtxWBpcvpEw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSposmolrRI>

Navy League Happenings Around the Province



Last Fall Victor Thompson dropped into the office to give us a signed copy of "The Sea Cadet Years on Georgian Bay." Mr. Thompson is a Past President of Navy League-Ontario Division; he served in this capacity from 1971-1973. It was a pleasure to meet him and hear some of the stories of days gone by.

Watch the video: Discover the ship



<https://hmcssackville.ca/the-ship/discover-the-ship/>



Scarborough Branch attending the International Boat Show.



In June **Bowmanville Branch** received two \$5,000 cheques from the Bowmanville Legion Poppy fund. They are faithful supporters of our local Navy League. The photo shows John Greenfield presenting the cheque to President Marg Boustead.



Ryan Goddard (right) of **Manitoulin Branch** was enjoying a day of fishing when an emergency compelled him into action to help save a drowning woman.

Click here to [read the full story](#).



NLCC Prince of Wales celebrates their 60th Anniversary. Congratulations!



Kahoots Contest

Using the platform 'Kahoots', creative staff members at National office developed an interactive fun quiz game for the NL Cadets. Successful Ontario cadets are listed below. Fun was had by all.

2nd Place—**Cadet Desai** from Vice Admiral Kingsmill

Other Participants:

Cadet Braund and **PO2 Raper** from NLCC Carinthia and **Cadet Robinson** from NLCC Glorious



Appreciation for more than three decades of support by Hastings & Prince Edward County School boards is recognized by the Regional Cadet Support Unit. Click on this [link](#) for more.

Sean Monteith, Director of Education (third from left) was presented with a commendation certificate by Barry Leonard, Lieutenant-Colonel, Commanding Officer of the Regional Cadet Support Unit. Spencer Hutchinson, Trustee for Trenton/CFB Trenton (third from right) was also at the presentation

Remembering...

Ann Keeley-Meloche was a passionate supporter of Navy League youth. She was an integral part of the Brantford Branch, an avid fundraiser, an Ontario Division Board member and more. She will be remembered for her unflinching dedication to the Navy League program.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford paid tribute to her exemplary service. View the video in the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/navyleagueca>



Employment ideas if you are looking to work in the

Marine Industry...



<https://www.cslships.com/en/canada-steamship-lines>

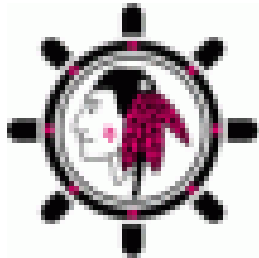


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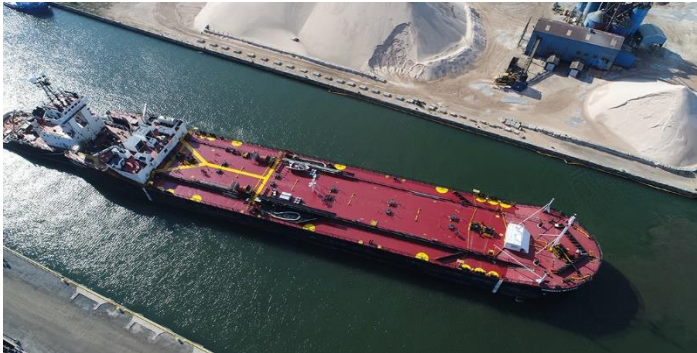


<https://www.algonet.com/careers>



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